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The Gift of the Spirit

General Superintendent Benner

THE EMPHASIS which Christ gave to the importance of the Holy Spirit toward the close of His earthly ministry is very significant. He made it clear that the fullness of the Spirit was fundamental and essential to the life and achievement of the Church. In spite of the attempts of the disciples to satisfy their curiosity regarding the details of the Kingdom and of matters prophetic, Jesus continued to turn their minds again and again to "the promise of the Father" as the one thing needful in their thought and experience.

Today the situation is quite the same. Relatively it is much easier to stir enthusiasm over prophecy, divine healing, or "the gifts of the Spirit" than to arouse interest in seeking and obtaining "*the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" There is a legitimate place for prophecy, for divine healing, and for spiritual gifts, but these must always be secondary and subordinate to the great gift of the Holy Spirit himself, coming to the believer's heart in cleansing and empowerment.

Furthermore, it is much easier to

hold to the theory of Pentecostal power than to consistently maintain this experience as a glowing, radiant reality. We must not be content with a mere doctrinal correctness, but pay the price of actualizing this truth in our hearts and lives. Herein is the secret of a victorious personal life and of effectiveness in Christian achievement.

Let us thank God for the privilege that is ours in a church that gives full recognition to the personality and ministry of the Holy Spirit; that proclaims the glorious message of full salvation with deliverance from all sin through the atoning power of the blood of Jesus Christ, wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit.

Let there be no apologies for the Church of the Nazarene as a "holiness church," but rather a more aggressive promotion of this truth and experience, and a more fervent thankfulness for the good providence of God that has led us into this "way of holiness," and into such an opportunity for freedom in spiritual life and service as is ours in our beloved Zion.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

TELEGRAMS

Lakeland, Florida—Easter Sunday climaxed intensive Sunday-school attendance contest between San Antonio and the Florida districts. San Antonio, previous victor over the three other Texas districts, lost to Florida in the five-Sunday combat. All-time high was set Easter by both districts—San Antonio, 5,371 or 152 per cent; Florida stacked up 10,620 or 165 per cent. Grand total for the five Sundays: Texas, 20,943 or 119 per cent; and Florida, 40,645 or 126 per cent. The Texans, led by Superintendent W. H. Davis, and Gordon Wickersham, chairman, put up a stiff battle. Florida, led by Superintendent John L. Knight, came out in the lead.—DON NEWELL, *Chairman, Florida District Church School Board.*

Nampa, Idaho—Idaho-Oregon District church schools exceeds the 8,000 mark for Easter with 8,175 present. This is 553 more than last year, and a real record for our 53 churches. The 5 Nampa churches had 2,124 people present. We thank God for every evidence of progress.—RAYMOND C. KRATZER, *District Chairman.*

Harlingen, Texas—San Antonio District congratulates Florida on fine 126 per cent attendance in five-week Sunday-school contest. Texans glad to spur them to highest attendance on record: 10,620 Easter Sunday (165 per cent). San Antonio had 119 per cent of last year's average; had 5,371 record attendance Easter (152 per cent). Praise God for both increases!—GORDON C. WICKERSHAM, *Church Schools Chairman.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor Robert D. Hempel sends word from Roseburg, Oregon: "First Church praising God for day of outstanding victory on Easter. All records shattered; more than \$1,000.00 for missions; 357 in attendance; 5 seekers Sunday evening, no preaching."

Pastor W. A. Strong sends word from Dayton, Ohio: "Maryland Avenue Church matches 'dollar for scholar' for Easter rally, with 1,005 present and \$1,005.00 in missionary offering."

After more than eleven years in the evangelistic field, Rev. L. B. Mathews has accepted a call to pastor the church at Fulton, Kentucky, on the Tennessee District.

Pastor Ralph Schurman sends word from Nashville, Tennessee: "Grace Church enjoying good days. Recently extended a generous, second three-year call to their pastor, gave \$1,267.00 for missions at Easter, and with overflowing Sunday-school classes must soon build additional educational unit. Now in the beginning of a twelve-day revival with the Hoot Evangelistic Party."

Secretary Gladys Kelly sends word: "Roxana, Illinois, church, with Pastor G. P. Psaute, reports over one thousand dollars raised in Easter offering, for which we give God all the praise."

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee (Isa. 41:13).

THY WILL BE DONE

By Nona Keen Duffy

*Thy will be done, O Lord,
Whatever it may be;
I'll place my hand in Thine
And I will follow Thee.
And tho' it be so smooth or rough,
Choose Thou the path I trod:
My work, my friends, my life—
Direct my steps, O God.*

*I would not have my way
Unless it be Thy will;
Fill Thou my cup of life,
For Thou couldst not choose ill.
I'd have Thee for my Guide
In energy and health,
My harmony and peace,
Prosperity and wealth.*

*Thy will be done, O Lord,
In large things and in small;
In wisdom and in strength,
Be Thou my All in All!*

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Four Districts Begin

"Herald of Holiness" Drives

In MAY

FOUR districts are on their marks, ready for the starter's signal. They're off! Over the hurdles and down the stretch to the finish line. If records aren't smashed in the 1955 contests, we shall be greatly amazed. BUT, these four have been preceded by thirty-six other district campaigns during 1955.

This has been the HERALD campaign picture—district superintendents coaching from the side lines; district chairmen busy writing letters, mailing promotion material, checking quotas, and praying for success. Yes, we said praying, and we hope not one has forgotten to pray for God's blessing on this effort. While the obvious objective is subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS, the compelling motive is co-operation in the work of the church, its doctrines, standards, program, and aims. No individual can be fully informed without the HERALD OF HOLINESS. And, during these campaigns, thousands of persons—not members—will subscribe. We must pray that through the church paper many of them will be touched by the Spirit of God and many others helped and inspired spiritually.

Blessings on all of you—district superintendents, campaign managers, pastors, local HERALD secretaries, and loyal lay members on whom we depend to do the actual work of soliciting subscriptions.

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Living Means Giving

By Haldor Lillenas*

SOMEONE has truly declared, "Life is like breath; if we hold it we suffocate." This truth is given ample illustration in nature. The law of *living and giving* is one of commanding importance.

One of the lovely lines from Gray's "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard" reads as follows:

*Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.*

Be that as it may, the flower could not live if it did not send forth its fragrance. That delicately formed rose in your garden breathes its fragrance as long as it lives. It cannot do otherwise. When it dies it soon ceases to give. Those who have been the most prodigal in their giving have had the most fragrant lives.

The glistening snows that glorify yonder mountain ranges are a sight beautiful to behold, but below them may lie a lonely, desolate, and unfruitful desert, thirsting for the life-giving waters held in their cold embrace. But when the sun gives of its heat in sufficient measure to melt these snows, we soon find that they give of their imprisoned waters and the desert begins to "rejoice, and blossom as the rose" (Isa. 35:1-6).

Have you seen the young, rosy-cheeked mother with her lovely baby girl in her arms? Is there a more beautiful picture in this world! That mother gives of her time, her strength; her very life is offered daily, in order that the baby may live and grow. A few years pass and the mother's hair is tinged with gray, her form is a bit stooped, and the roses in her cheeks have been transferred to her attractive daughter. She has given of her best that another might live.

Rev. Geo. A. Buttrick in his book *Jesus Came Preaching* has truly said, "The prophet's office is more than a throne; it should be an altar upon which he must sacrifice himself, in order that his words may become a living message." The minister must give his very life if he is to succeed in his God-given calling.

From yonder world came One who had life in its fullest measure. He not only had life, but He declared, "I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25); and yet He gave as none other has given—gave of His time, of His rest hours, of His comfort, of His healing power, of His wisdom, and of life itself, that we might live. It is true that we cannot give our life vicariously as He did, but we may give of our best in loyalty, in service, in loving devotion to Him and His cause and to His needy children. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren,

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ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:40). *Living and giving must go hand in hand.*

To the Church of the Nazarene has been given a sacred trust, that of holding aloft the torch of truth in the midst of a world of error and darkness. Its remarkable and consistent growth should be a cause for thanksgiving, but this growth is not the result of an easygoing and pleasure-loving membership. The pioneers of our movement suffered many hardships, toiled incessantly, and gave, to the limit of their means, their time and talents in order that the sacred cause of full salvation might be furthered and the work of God prosper.

We have yet among us a host of men and women who are willing to give of their best in order that the work of God may be advanced. Many of them uncomplainingly toil and carry on at a very great personal sacrifice. They are indeed giving that others may live, and great will be their reward in heaven. The fact that the spirit of the early pioneers is still strong and vigorous in our personnel of today leads me to believe that the future of our beloved church is indeed promising.



It is my judgment that the current plan for a major increase in Church Extension funds marks a most significant point in our denominational progress.

Adequate Church Extension resources, making possible assistance on more than a short-term emergency basis, will enable scores of our younger churches to secure adequate property and facilities much sooner than in the past. This in turn will mean greater spiritual influence and more rapid numerical growth.

As a revolving fund, these resources will be conserved and will be available through all the years to come. Our people can be sure that this will be an investment that will produce high spiritual dividends until Jesus comes.

It is of supreme importance that all Nazarenes contribute generously to the Special Church Extension Offering on June 5.—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT HUGH C. BENNER.

A TESTIMONY—

MAY I testify through the pages of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** that fifty years ago, on the fifth day of April, 1905, Jesus sanctified me wholly by the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire? It would take too long to tell all the details of the wonderful event, but I wish to state that I was a sincere Christian at the time and walking in the light of God as He led along in the narrow way. I did not get converted over again. I did not get reclaimed from a backslidden condition. The blessing of entire sanctification as a second work of grace, separate from regeneration, was what I needed and what the dear Lord accomplished for me. I do not believe I would ever have gotten through to the blessing if I had not had godly human help who labored with me in prayer, though I hardly knew they were praying for me. Others as well as myself prayed through at the altar that night. It was a night of awful power in a revival meeting conducted by the late Rev. L. Milton Williams.

It has been fifty years since that night, and never have I doubted that Jesus sanctified me wholly that night. There have been times when I did not measure up very high, but I am sure that the work of grace that God did for me that night was entire sanctification as taught by the Bible. After fifty years of Bible study, religious study, and ministry, I do now and here affirm that this work of grace is both scriptural and takes its place in religious experience as a second work of grace subsequent to regeneration. It dealt with inward sin and made growth in grace more natural and rapid. Unhesitatingly I recommend it and urge every sincere Christian to seek and obtain it by the good, old-fashioned way of consecration and faith.—**PAUL S. HILL, New Berlin, N.Y.**

Learn to Say, "No"

By John E. Stadler

*Modern behaviorists this premise submit:
We conquer temptation by yielding to it.
Good sense and God's Word prove the opposite true:
To yield to temptation—we sin when we do.*

*To say, "No," will seldom be easy to learn,
But it usually will be a safe place to turn.
Say, "No," to the "Kingdom" short cuts that abound;
Remember God leads by the long way around.*

*We sooner or later must choose and make known
Concession or conquest, God's way or our own.
We prosper above and prevail here below
In just the proportion we learn to say, "No."*

SANCTIFICATION

By Evangelist Cloyce Elsea*

ON THE Day of Pentecost only those who were followers of Christ received the Holy Ghost. Following this they began to preach Christ crucified, and to tell others they could receive the promise of the Holy Spirit if they would repent and accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Under the power of the Holy Ghost preaching, men were pricked to the heart and cried out, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" And Peter replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:37-38).

For all who are crying out, "What must I do?" the answer is, "Repent and accept Christ as your personal Saviour."

You do not repent by water baptism, or by joining some church, or by other form of ritual, but by confessing your sins and quitting the sin business. If, after your confession, you sin a little here and there, you have not really repented to the depths of your heart; for when Jesus saves a man he quits the sin business.

There is no use for you to ask God to sanctify you and fill you with His Spirit until you have genuinely repented and quit the sin business. This is one of the great troubles of the day with many who seek to be sanctified. They want to hold on to some sin and at the same time be powerful Christians—and it cannot be done.

If and when God saved you, and asked you to give up your immodest dress, your worldly associations, and other non-Christian practices, such as habits and attitudes, you still insisted on holding to these things, you need not expect God to sanctify you. *You are not on sanctifying ground.* When God saves a man He does a complete job of it, if that man really repents. Then when God sanctifies a man, He also does a complete work, if there is an unreserved consecration.

You never need worry about enjoying the fullness of the Spirit's presence in your heart if you do not want Him there. Many know full well that we need the Holy Spirit in the individual life, and in the church; but many refuse to give Him admittance. They are willing to give Him a place in creeds and confessions, and may occasionally refer to Him in songs and sermons, but shut Him out of their hearts.

They object to His demonstrations, and His revelations, also His manifestations. The lives of many church members are full of worldly desires, full of jealousy and envy, just because the Holy Spirit has not been accepted in their lives.

Surely it is dangerous for anyone to undertake the work of Christ without first going to Him for the promised purity and power. It is surely sad

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to see an organization claiming to be the Church of God undertake to do with entertainment and socials the work that can be done only by the enduement of power which comes with the sanctified, empowered life. No natural gifts or scholastic training can possibly take the place of the divine energy and unction that comes by the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost.

I personally appreciate the activities of the church, yet I cannot help feeling that our spiritual power is at a low ebb. We need a spiritual uplift, we need fire, and the power of the Holy Ghost to do His office work in the hearts of those who are professing—those who seem to have so little of the presence of God.

It is not too hard to get a crowd for a church picnic, or an ice cream social; but how about the midweek prayer meeting, or the really spiritual progress of the church? Some are as much interested in the prayer meeting and the spiritual uplift of the church as *a dead man is in eating a good dinner with all the trimmings.*

Instead of the Church evangelizing the world, the world is secularizing the Church.

Prior to Pentecost, the disciples gave evidence of a further need in their hearts. James and John wanted to be the "big shots" in the coming Kingdom. They manifested a spirit of revenge when the wicked Samaritans would not accept Christ. Fire was needed all right, not to burn the Samaritans, but to burn the spirit of carnality out of the hearts of these disciples.

On various occasions they were too materialistically minded. Their behavior during the apprehension, trial, and crucifixion of Jesus, their lack of unity—all this and more revealed a lack in their lives. Had these disciples failed to obey the command of Jesus in waiting for the promise of the Father, we would never have heard of them. Either the cause of Christ would have been defeated or God would have had to call others who would have been obedient to His commands.

Acts 1:8 tells us, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Friends, let us not attempt to battle against the foes of sin and Satan in our own strength. But in humble, faithful prayer, let us trust in God and receive the cleansing and the power He has provided for His children. If we wait in humble prayer until we receive Him, then it will be said of us, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4).

Since we must go forth to war against evil spirits, and battle the prince of the power of the air, let us do it in the power of the Holy Ghost and be assured of victory.



THE ANCHOR HOLDS

By Dolores S. Douglas*

THANK God for the anchor that we have in Christ Jesus! We could not know the value of such a steadying force if there were no storms to test us.

The storms and winds of life blow with intense fury at times and threaten to set us adrift. The invisible chain that links us to our Anchor grows taut as the storm batters our souls to tear them loose.

But then we pray and we look to God in our distress. Soon then, the turbulent waters diminish. The line is secure—the anchor holds!

Today I lift up my voice and thank God for victory over the storms of life. There are joy and assurance that He is truly an Anchor that keeps us steadfast. Praise His holy name!

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CONQUERED SINNERS—THE VICTOR SAVIOUR

By E. Wayne Stahl

In life's bright regions where there is no shadow
My mind beholds great Paul and Peter stand
Together, talking in some golden meadow
Just bordering the Crystal River's strand.

It seems that I am hearing Peter saying:
"O Paul, to think that there were times when I
My promised word to Christ was disobeying,
Would Him forsake, with cursing Him deny;
To think that I by Him should be forgiven,
And in this shining country have a place!
Wonder of wonders, that I am in heaven,
And knowing Christ's infinitude of grace!"

In thought I then am hearing Paul replying:
"But, my beloved Peter, think of me,
Who killed God's saints, and helped at Stephen's
dying,
That I am pardoned, and this land should see!"
Then soon I hear them sing this song together,
The persecutor, the denying one,
In the calm radiance of celestial weather,
Bending with humble joy before the throne:
"Glory, all glory to the Victor Saviour,
Who hath forgiven through His grace's might
Our murderous and cowardly behavior,
And gives a place among the saints in light."



The Easter-to-Pentecost emphases are more than a program for the church—they are a challenge to every layman. Have I joined a prayer group in my church? Have I endeavored to help a new convert and encourage him to join the church? Have I witnessed to the power and fruit of the Holy Spirit in my life?

We are now halfway between Easter and Pentecost. Let us not allow this season to pass by before we have enriched and deepened our own lives. It is more than merely aligning ourselves with the suggestions of the church—it is taking advantage of an opportunity for growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.—THE GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

STORY IN THE SEA

By Dorothy Boone Kidney*

THE SEA weeps in and the sea weeps out—and loneliness stalks the shore. A single sea gull is perched on a high rock—and the sky is gray. For winter has come to this little fishing village; the boats are tied up for the winter. And the wind has the shore to itself. I walk the desolate, deserted shore and I think of loneliness, desolation—the loneliness and desolation of a soul which does not know the peace and contentment of having Jesus as Saviour, with sins forgiven; who does know Jesus as Sanctifier, and a pure heart.

I walk the shore. And my heart cries as it hears the story in the wind and sea—a story about the unsaved.

For . . .

*The sea weeps in and the sea weeps out,
Loneliness stalks the shore,
And the lean waves moan
The long night through . . .*

"Lost . . . lost forevermore!"

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" (Matt. 16:26.)

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Does Personal Work Pay Off?

By Don Coonrod*

SOME time ago a lady said to me, "Do you actually think that talking to people about their souls really pays off?" Of course my answer to her was, "Yes." I know that it is God's number-one way of reaching people for the Kingdom.

I began to enumerate a few of the actual cases in which an individual had taken a particular interest in someone and by tactful, yet persistent, methods eventually won him to God.

I thought of one man in particular, a member of my church, who makes a habit of talking to people about their souls whenever the opportunity arises. In the past two years he has personally been responsible for bringing thirteen of the men he works with and their families to our church services. Five families of this number have bowed at our altar and given their hearts to Jesus. Some of these couples were on the verge of divorce. Others were deeply entangled in the various webs of sin, but we were thrilled one more time to see that, behold, "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17). This man is continuing his personal work and I am certain that the seed he is sowing will pay off in big dividends.

In checking to see just what methods our subject used in reaching these people, I found these predominate. He *lived* his testimony on the job day by day, and it became apparent that a good Christian life cannot go by without being noticed and envied. One by one the men our friend worked with began to confide in him, and would ask questions about God, the church, and Christian living. This provided an excellent opportunity for him to "fire both barrels" in the form of personal testimony, which wasn't hard for him to do, as he had had his finger on the trigger from the beginning. His life, testimony, and prayers began to take hold in the hearts of some of these men, and an invitation to join him in a church service proved fruitful. If his first invitation failed, he would keep trying, and eventually I would see some new persons sitting beside him in church.

The day the people of my church stop doing personal work will be the day we start on the downgrade financially, numerically, and spiritually. God help us to keep our own hearts so on fire that we have to tell others about Christ or we will feel condemned in our own souls! I heard a man say one time, "You can't keep Jesus bottled up in your heart. You will either give Him out, or you will give Him up." If every Nazarene would set out to win at least one person to Jesus in 1955, wouldn't the angels have a time playing their harps and watching the new names being written down in glory?

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THE LABORATORY

Of the Upper Room

By Rob L. Staples*

BEHOLD the laboratory! It is a place of vast importance in our scientific society. It has such scientific sacredness that when modern man enters it he feels like removing his shoes, for the place wherein he stands is holy ground. What wonders, what miracles, what discoveries have come from the laboratory!

Someone has defined a laboratory as "a little room where new worlds are made." We have only to look at the record to see that this is true. From the laboratory have come such "new worlds" as electricity—a new world of light; radio—a new world of sound; television—a new world of sight; atomic energy—a new world of power; wonder drugs—a new world of health.

But what is the world's greatest laboratory? Beyond any doubt it is the little room in old Jerusalem known as the "Upper Room." Thought to be an upstairs room in the home of John Mark's mother, this was certainly a "little room where new worlds were made." Consider the new worlds that came from the Upper Room, God's laboratory on earth:

A New World of Love. The first event to transpire in this laboratory was the Last Supper. As our Lord gave to the disciples the bread and wine, symbols of His body and His blood, He gave them their hitherto clearest glimpse of Calvary—and Calvary was history's greatest display of love!

A New World of Hope. After the Resurrection the disciples were assembled, it is thought, in this same room, gloomy and depressed over the death of Jesus and the unexplained disappearance of His body. Suddenly Mary Magdalene rushed in and announced that she had seen Him! Out of the despair and anxiety of uncertainty, the disciples discovered a new world of hope.

A New World of Peace. At evening time on the same day Jesus appeared in the room and said: "Peace be unto you" (John 20:19). The Master had often spoken to them about peace. Shortly before His death He said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). But the disciples never understood fully the meaning of peace until Christ appeared to them in the midst of their inner turmoil and anxiety and said, "Peace be unto you." As the peace of God which passes all understanding flooded their souls as they stood in the presence of the risen Christ, they discovered a new world of peace!

A New World of Faith. There was one disciple, named Thomas, who said: "Except I shall see . . . I will not believe" (John 20:25). In this Upper Room, Thomas discovered a new world of

faith. Jesus appeared and said to the doubting disciple: "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing" (John 20:27). Thomas had held to the materialistic philosophy that *seeing is believing*; but Jesus taught him that in spiritual things *believing is seeing*. Jesus showed him that faith must come before sight. He said to Thomas: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29).

A New World of Power. The climactic discovery in the Upper Room was on the Day of Pentecost, when the disciples were assembled awaiting the promise of the Father. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:1-4). Here is a new world of power—greater even than atomic power! Atomic power can blast a whole city from off the earth; this is great power. But *the power of Pentecost can blast all sin from the heart*; this is greater power!

The Upper Room—God's laboratory on earth! Have you been to it? There are new worlds to be discovered by him who will tarry in God's laboratory.

What Debt I Owe!

By Frances B. Erickson

I could have walked in blindness down the years—

*Insatiable hunger gnawing at my soul—
And never seen God's rainbow through my tears,
Nor found the only Anchor that will hold.*

*I could have drunk sin's cup 'til it destroyed me,
Or simply clung to bleak morality;*

*I might have placed my trust in empty creed,
Or rested in some vain philosophy;*

*I could have faced death's valley all alone—
Gone out to meet a sinner's endless woe;
Lived, and died, and never even known*

My blessed Saviour, who has loved me so.

*But someone caught a vision of my lostness;
Someone agonized, and wept, and prayed;*

*Someone clutched the horns of the altar,
Refusing to let go 'til I was saved!*

Someone in that interim of struggle

*With that subtle foe within—carnality—
Encouraged me by faithful intercession*

Until at last the Blood had set me free!

*What debt I owe to others! O my Saviour,
Smite my soul afresh with love this day;*

Melt my heart 'til streams of supplication

Bring saving grace to those for whom I pray!

*Pastor, Brentwood Church, Bakersfield, Calif.

Meet the Population and Beat the Year

BUSINESSMEN and church leaders of Brownstown, Indiana, recently launched a "Population Church Attendance Day" program. Its object—to get everyone in town to church on Sunday, April 17. Easter Sunday usually sees the biggest turnout at church—people make this the one day during the year they do attend—but the Sunday following, church attendance drops away down.

The program, which is believed to be a "first," was set for April 17, because it was felt that if the churches could get these "once a year" members back the second Sunday a "church-attendance habit" could be more easily formed. The town is served by eight churches, one of which is a Church of the Nazarene. All of the eight churches are well attended regularly by approximately twelve hundred of the town's citizens. However, it is felt that this figure can be raised considerably.

A committee formed to promote the occasion adopted the slogan "Meet the population (2,002) and beat the year (1955)." This committee, which represents all the churches, elected two laymen—Joe Robertson, chairman; and Joe Nierman, vice-chairman—to lead the program. Besides the churches, many local organizations assisted with the drive.

The purpose of the day as adopted by the committee was to: (1) emphasize Christianity in the community; (2) increase church attendance; (3) uplift the community, individuals, and churches spiritually, and (4) bring Christianity and the churches into direct contact with every segment of community life, and establish Brownstown in the minds of its own citizenry and those of the surrounding population as being a good place to worship and live.

Window cards, pledge cards, car stickers, hymnal bands, and buttons were used to urge all the citizens of Brownstown to attend church on that date.

MARGARET ANN BRODHECKER, *publicity chairman*
Brownstown, Indiana

PROVIDENCE

By Christine White

*One day I thought I heard God say,
"Your heart's desire is on the way."
I praised Him through the morning hours,
And praised Him in the noontime showers.
When evening fell my faith was strong;
I thanked Him with a burst of song.
I went to rest safe in His care.
When morning came—my gift was there.
O friends! Our God DOES answer prayer!*

I HAD A DREAM

By Clinton J. Bushey*

IHAD a dream. Others have had dreams, and why not I? Many dreams have been recorded down through the ages. Some of them with proper interpretations changed the course of world events. They were revelations from God. Others were simply results of too much indulgence in the field of the gustatory the night before. But, all in all, dreams have been studied, and interpreted, and believed ever since man was turned loose on this earth.

And I had one, but I'm not an interpreter of dreams; so perhaps what I experienced in my dream does not have any psychological connections with other activities of life. But I enjoyed having it.

The scene was in a sort of arena where some cattle were roaming around the lot, white-faced Herefords; and I recall seeing but one other man there. Among the cattle was one huge bull with short horns—but sharp. As a lad I lived on a ranch in Colorado and one of the things I learned young was to stay away from such animals unless one was on a good horse. This animal seemed gentle and I found myself alongside him, even patting him on the shoulders. The other man in the arena told me to grab the horns, and without delay I did just that, leaning against the left side of the huge neck. At a word from this man the bull stepped off by himself and I felt lifted from the ground. Another command and the huge beast reared up on his hind legs and I was lifted up even above his head with my hands still holding to his horns. He walked thus for some time. Strangely enough, I felt no fear but an exhilarated sensation as I was lifted up and felt the power surging in those muscles in the animal below me. In a little while he dropped to his forefeet and I released my hold on his horns. The pulsating exhilaration still remained, and the animal seemed to take on an attachment to me similar to some shepherd dog—the reputed friend of man. He followed me around, and I felt as if I had a new and powerful friend.

Ridiculous! you say—perhaps. But I recalled how four horns were fastened to the altar which was in the old Tabernacle. I have tried to find out the meaning and purpose of those horns, and it seems that they were for the purpose of fastening the sacrifice to the altar. Also, there were men who, when they wanted mercy, clung to the horns of the altar. The horn was a symbol of power. There may be other meanings, but I've heard that when one wants power from God he must "cling to the horns of the altar."

Now, in my dream, I was clinging to the horns of the bull, and I felt the surge of power pass through me until I had new, tangible strength. I felt renewed; the fountain of youth, if you

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please. And it didn't pass away after I came back to earth, and more strangely, after I woke up!

Is there any meaning to it? When I am tired and weary of the ups and downs of life, can't I go to the altar, take hold of the horns, and stay there until I am lifted up and feel that power from God surge through my soul? Life takes on a new meaning then. God has come closer, and after I leave the altar He stays by me. Is there a closer attachment than before, or is it just imagination? I don't think it is imagination. I've tried it more than once and it works every time. Peace floods my soul and I have gotten closer to God.

Yes, I had a dream!

For we walk by faith, not by sight (II Cor. 5:7).

Victorious Christians do not survive by what they see or feel, but by what they know and experience.—EARLE F. WILDE.

MY Rules of Behavior in Atomic Attack—

I really enjoy life! But I shall not be here forever, and I might as well face that fact. These thoughts put down with a smile may help you a little—they may not; but I enjoyed putting them down, anyway. Here are the rules:

1. In case of atomic attack, be prayed up, ready to go up—or out, or both! You may find also that your practice of kneeling to pray may help you get under a table easier, or kneel in a doorway. If you have been a frequent visitor to the closet of prayer, you may have cured yourself of claustrophobia—a great blessing in a crowded shelter. And prayer will ease the troubled heart.

2. If an atom bomb hits you, you have nothing to worry about—just lie still, so that you will not contaminate others. Actually, however, there will be much a calm heart can do when the world is on fire; and the “manner of persons” we are will determine what we will do.

3. Do not be so religious that you neglect or purposefully ignore the plans made by your Civilian Defense authorities. So many of us believe it can't happen here! But men of experience, students of international affairs, experts, scientists, and technical advisers are feverishly preparing for the worst. Let us stop, look, and listen to these men of our city, state, and nation. Let us volunteer for service as we are able.

4. Keep a sharp lookout for the coming Lord! Praise God! “Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved [a five-hundred-foot tower, here, then gone!], what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening unto the coming of the day of God . . .?” (II Pet. 3:11-12.)

I intend to be ready—waiting, working, watching, reaping the field for Him!

—EVANGELIST PAUL MARTIN



The need for a General Church Building Loan Fund has been apparent to all, but especially to the many churches of our denomination who have hoped and prayed for such a fund. Surely, all have realized that, as we continue to render the same level of effective Christian service to our local churches that has been our tradition as a denomination, such a General Church Building Loan Fund is a *must*.

Wide participation will be the secret of success for the General Church Building Loan Fund. If *everyone* will give in the *June 5* offering and *everyone* who can will loan as much as he can—the task *can* be completed.

Opportunities for Christ and the church such as this are a part of Christian heritage. The commission appointed covets your prayers and financial assistance. *Do not fail us or your church.*—EDWARD LAWLOR, *Canada West District superintendent and member of Church Extension Special Commission.*

Life CAN Be Beautiful

By Katherine Bevis*

THE sign at Lyons says that the distance to Estes Park is twenty-two miles by Highway 40. The scenic route, through the river canyon, is seventeen miles longer. Most people, during the summer, take the long road. It's down-to-earth evidence that people feel the sights and experiences along the way are important.

And this is true, for scattered up the canyon are fishermen wading knee-deep in the tumbling waters of the river, seeking out elusive trout. Here it is that the works of nature display religion to mankind in characters so large and visible that those who are not quite blind may in them see and read the great treasures of God found along this scenic route.

We could well afford to ponder the simple wisdom of this lesson taught us by the tourists who take this longer route—the scenic route as we travel down the highway of life. The dynamic

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power of the universe is always available—let's not limit ourselves—nature is a great healer, and as someone has said: "Whoever looks for beauty shall find it everywhere."

We may not have the privilege of making the trip from Lyons to Estes Park along the scenic route, but remember, "Life can be beautiful" right where you are.

It has been said that interpretation gives life its color, and what is truly beautiful to some may be far different from that which is beauty to another; but the same fundamental truth is there for everyone. In its essence, it is found in direct proportion to your feeling for it.

Do you remember the enchantment, when you were a child, of waking in a strange, muffled world to find snow blanketing everything? The beginnings of a journey, standing by the ocean, watching the waves beat against the shore line, thinking of all the mystery and the strength that great, vast body of water out before you held? The smell of the woods after a shower? Tiny things, yes, but one of the many things just such as these mentioned can light up and change an entire day!

The story is told of how one day a man riding toward the cabin where blind Helen Keller was living at the time—in the Canadian Rockies—stopped for a few moments and watched as this blind woman made her way along the wagon trail that ran through the lovely wood. A wire had been stretched along the trail to guide her as she walked alone.

Stepping out into an open space, the man watching saw her gather a handful of clump willows. Then as she breathed their strange fragrance, he heard her say this word as she gazed squarely into the bright morning sun with her sightless eyes, "Beautiful!" Then smiling she went on her way, unmindful of any living soul about.

Later this man said: "It took the sightless eyes and sealed ears of this extraordinary woman to show me beauty."

If life seems dark, if problems confront you, the challenge of *living today* still offers much. There would be no beautiful flowers, no green carpets of grass, no green boughs on which the singing birds can build their nests, were it not for the "refreshing rains" mixed with the sunshine.

The "shortest" way down life's highway is not always the most scenic. Let's be like the many cars going miles out of the way to take the curves in Boulder Canyon and the sportsmen whipping the tumbling waters of the St. Vrain River—and remember there are many opinions as to what is beautiful, but there is one point of *complete agreement—life can be beautiful!*

If you train yourself to look you will find beauty everywhere; and the more you look, the more you will see—beauty in all its spiritual magnificence—for you will find the *beauty of God!*

Of the Spirit of God

By Lyle Prescott

*How can I write of the Spirit of God,
A subject so vast, a Person so pure?
I, with a mind so finite and crude?
I, with a pen so dull and unsure?*

*What can I add to the Bible, that Beacon
That blazes its truth through darkened ages?
I humbly confess, "I know it is true,
The blest revelation found in its pages!"*

*He takes of the things pertaining to Christ
And proves them luminous, desirable, real;
Though I have not seen Him with human eye,
In my heart the Spirit of God I feel!*

THE TRAIN IS COMING!

By Erden R. Craven*

*Prove all things; hold fast that which is good
(I Thess. 5:21).*

OUR HOUSE is located about one good block or so from the tracks of the fast-moving "K., O., & G." railroad. About six times a day, a train comes or goes. An equal number of times, my boy and girl break all speed records in getting out of the house to watch the "K., O., & G." go through. Sometimes they "urge" their daddy to observe this "unusual observance" also (however, it does not take too much urging on their part).

On one of these "urging" times, I obliged and went with them. As the caboose came rolling by, this thought came to me: Suppose I jump on board and ride to the destination! What a fool to think this! What an awful chance to take! The destination might be a nice little town with things pleasant! But yet, the destination is not known. It could be a "dump yard," and dispose of its cargo. The cargo sometimes on this railroad is "junk." Would I care to be "junked"?

Yet spiritually speaking, some people are like the thought I had. They "jump aboard" anything that passes by. Anything that comes along that seems to be different, they are ready to ride along with it. But what of their destination? "There is a way which seemeth right . . . but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). We had better jump on board the "good gospel train." The Eternal Conductor is on board. His name is Jesus. The eternal destination is the city of God. The cargo is precious ones redeemed by His blood. "The train is coming"—the gospel train! Better get on board, and "hold fast that which is good." Heaven is the destination!

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by

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Q. Do the Jews believe in God?

A. Yes, they do. However, they do not make any place in their view of God for the doctrine of the Trinity. They believe that God is one, and not one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Q. What is meant by Maundy Thursday? During Passion Week I heard some speak of this day.

A. Authorities do not exactly agree in their definitions of Maundy Thursday, but they give us a fairly common idea of it. First, it is the Thursday before Good Friday, the Thursday of Passion Week. Second, the word Maundy probably comes from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means "a command." Third, it is likely connected with the "new commandment" referred to in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Fourth, some connect this "new commandment" and Maundy Thursday with John 13:5, where we are told about Jesus' washing the disciples' feet. Fifth, in harmony with the fourth claim, some hold that Maundy Thursday got its name from "the ancient custom of washing the feet of the poor on this day, which was taken to be the fulfillment of the 'new commandment.'"

Q. The question has arisen in our Sunday-school class as follows: Is there a difference in believing on God and having faith in God? To me this has really been a strong part of my personal belief. I contend that anyone can believe on God to the extent that he recognizes Him as the first Person of the Godhead. He might also believe that He is the Supreme Being without having faith in Him and His Son, Jesus Christ. Thus, one could believe on God without having faith for salvation.

A. Often belief in Jesus Christ is taken to mean nothing more nor less than mental assent to His existence and deity. Then it is something very different from having faith in Him for salvation. This is evidently what you have in mind by believing on Jesus Christ. Nevertheless, believing on Jesus Christ is sometimes used as being synonymous with having faith in Him for salvation. Certainly, even in the Bible, believing on Jesus is sometimes, if not often, synonymous

with having saving faith in Him. In fact, one writer declares that the Greek word for believe appears ninety-eight times in the Gospel of John, and not once does it mean mere mental assent. Further, he points out that the Greek word for faith does not occur a single time in the Gospel of John. It is clear, then, that believing on Jesus Christ cannot always be thought of as being different from having faith in Jesus Christ, as you seem to indicate.

Q. Please explain these words: "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not sin: but now they have no cloak [excuse] for their sin" (John 15:22). and, "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father" (John 15:24).

A. Both of these verses have to do with what I believe to be the most serious truth that the Bible brings to man—the responsibility which comes with added light, or truth which has been apprehended. Sinful acts must be conscious, deliberate, or chosen before we become guilty of them. When we find out that an act is wrong and do not quit it, we heap up judgment on ourselves. Jesus pointed out men's wrong deeds to them, but they still did not change their ways. Think of the light we have today! How many of us are failing to walk in it, as the people of Jesus' day did?

Q. A certain writer makes the statement that "Moses used the Schamir to engrave the Ten Commandments on the Tables of Stone on Mt. Sinai." I cannot accept this statement. According to Exod. 31:18 and Deut. 9:10, God himself wrote these commandments on the Tables of Stone with His finger and delivered them to Moses. But, then, I am also somewhat confused about the word "finger." Should we accept this in a literal sense?

A. I agree with you in your explanation. I believe God wrote the Ten Commandments, and I think that the reference to the finger of God which you call to our attention is what the theologians call an "anthropomorphism." That is, God is spoken of as

having the form of a man, and the statements are not to be taken literally. We are to understand, as you indicate, that God did these things by His own power.

DEEPENING
The **CHURCH**
Through Prayer Groups
"Prayer Changes Things"

THROUGH the Crusade for Souls, the importance of visitation evangelism has been stressed—going out and bringing in the people whom we can win to God and the church. The fact is that unless we "put feet to our prayers," we tend to go around in a circle without seeing the things accomplished for God that we desire. However, let us never think of visitation evangelism as a substitute or successor to prayer. If we are to go out and find and win sinners, we need prayer more than ever.

In one church, ladies meet together once a week for a prayer and fasting meeting. Recently they have gone out from that meeting in pairs for two hours of calling, with very excellent results.

If there is a friendship band or callers' group in your church, there will be some older folk who are unable to go along with the callers. They can play a vital part in the calling program and results by meeting together and praying while the others are out.

Where several housewives meet together for prayer from week to week, they can invite some of their neighbors to attend these meetings. There will be some who will not come to church, but will attend a prayer meeting in the home of a friend. There may also be some neighbors who are church members, but have never known a definite experience of conversion. These prayer meetings may help them to find Christ as personal Saviour.

These are but a few suggestions on the important connection between prayer and visitation evangelism. Prayer will produce the power to make our visitation effective.—ALPIN P. BOWES.

"Fortunate is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Ps. 1:1-2).

No doubt some of you will object to this use of the word "fortunate." You associate it with being lucky, with having something good come to us unexpectedly, and without any effort on our part. That is the way the word is usually defined.

But I am not wanting to think now of what has to be done in order to get the good; I am concerned only with the good that comes to this individual who is described in this first psalm. I am ready to admit that man doesn't just happen to walk "not in the counsel of the ungodly," nor stand "in the way of sinners," nor sit "in the seat of the scornful." He doesn't by accident delight "in the law of the Lord," or meditate in His law "day and night." Man is born in sin, and if we turn our backs on the wrong and face the right, we do it because we choose to. Nevertheless, I don't think the Psalmist is especially interested here in that part of the story. He is more concerned about what comes to the person who chooses the right, and what comes to the person who doesn't decide for the right, than in anything else. That's why I insist that it is all right to start off with the word "fortunate." "Fortunate is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

In the next verse we have a vivid description of the good that will come to this man. The Psalmist tells us how fortunate he will be, "And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Ps. 1:3). I can't conceive of any good that might come to a person which would surpass this. I can't imagine how anyone could have anything come to him which is so good that it would make him "luckier" than this man. "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water"—not a tree that has been planted in the desert; not a tree in the dust bowl; not a tree that is beset by drought, but like a tree that is bounded, we'll say, on the north by the Mississippi, on the south by the Amazon, on the east by the Nile, and on the west by the Missouri River; a tree that never lacks for the refreshing waters. It is no surprise that it "bringeth forth his fruit in his season"; it is no wonder that its "leaf . . . shall not wither," and that all this individual who has been planted by the rivers of water does "shall prosper."

We notice that the dictionary gives four synonyms for this word fortunate. They do not point to a chance method by which the good might

come; they emphasize the good that does come, however it may come. These four synonyms are "prosperous, successful, favored, happy." "Blessed is the man," "Fortunate is the man," "Prosperous is the man," "Successful is the man," "Favored is the man," "Happy is the man," who "walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Are you living by "the rivers of water"? If you are, you are fortunate. The ungodly are unfortunate; they are not blessed, prosperous, successful, favored, or happy. They are not surrounded by the good, but "are like the chaff which the wind driveth away" (Ps. 1:4). Thus the Psalmist promises in this first psalm that the man who takes the way with God will dwell in a good world. He will have a "heaven to go to heaven in." He will be fortunate from the standpoint of his atmosphere, or environment, while the opposite will be true of the ungodly.

Then there is the closing verse, which is so very reassuring, "For the Lord knoweth [cares for, or is interested in] the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Ps. 1:6). You are fortunate, my friend, if God knows your way. He will oversee and guide your life and bring it at last into an eternal blessedness which far surpasses anything we can now comprehend. For the ungodly it is not so; he walks alone, and in his own strength, on a road that leads at last to everlasting destruction. It is wonderful to be "fortunate" in God's sight!

What's an "Overboarder"?

THAT'S a word that you can't find in the dictionary. Somebody has used it with this meaning—an "overboarder" is a person who is ready to fall in line with any and every thing that comes his way. This idea was obtained from the word "overboard"—if a man deliberately jumps off the ship he goes overboard, or we might speak of him as going overboard even if he fell off the ship into the water. One who goes overboard in society becomes an "overboarder." He's ready, as I have already indicated, to go along with whatever the crowd he's in may suggest;

he doesn't believe in taking issue with anybody. He's afraid that if he should take any stand he might lose his social position, his friends. He's a person who has no convictions, he doesn't stand for anything—you can't have convictions and not stand for them. I don't mean that we have to express our differences with people every time we have a chance; we do not have to be discourteous. But with all of us, if we have convictions, there will come times when we'll have to part company with those about us.

Jesus gives us some interesting light on this discussion. He says, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13-14). An "overboarder" is one who goes with the crowd, and, in so doing, he sells his soul.

Someone might say that I am arguing for self-righteousness, or snobbishness. Not at all. I am simply insisting that the way which leads to character isn't the way of the "overboarder," or taking the line of least resistance. Young people, as well as old people, if they are going the way of the Cross, will have to determine that they are not going to be "overboarders."

Hold Steady, Pray, Keep Quiet!

PEOPLE write me about all kinds of difficult situations; some of them have to do with local church conditions. I realize when I receive these letters they are written from the writer's viewpoint. I know, from long experience, that it is difficult for anyone to see a condition in which he is involved in an unprejudiced way. For this reason I am sure that oftentimes the facts which are bemoaned are exaggerated. No doubt there are people who will not accept this analysis. They are sure that whatever they write about is described exactly as it is; but I say again, in most instances this is not the case.

I do not mean that anybody who writes concerning troubled waters is intentionally prevaricating—not at all. I simply mean that it is all but impossible for a person to extricate himself completely from a situation of which he is a part and see it just as it is. This being the case, I'm afraid that my answers to such letters are not very helpful. Nevertheless, I nearly always emphasize three things, and believe that I am safe in doing

this. I urge the writer to *hold steady, pray, and keep quiet.*

By telling the individual to hold steady, I mean he should not make any change unless he is absolutely sure that something is to be gained by it. Sometimes he will say, "Should I leave the church under these circumstances?" Always I say, "No." Hold steady, keep on the job. If the church is really in trouble, if things are not going as they should, certainly it is no time to change your membership. It's a poor member who can't stand by his church when it is facing problems. Anybody can quit! If you can support your church only when everything is going smoothly, if you can pay your tithe and attend the services only when there is absolutely nothing that anybody could complain about, then you're not much of a church member. We want church members who can be loyal when the church is really facing problems, who can hold steady when it seems that things are not going to come out for the glory of God. Stand by then, keep your faith in God, in the good in the church, and in the final triumph of the good. Don't "rock the boat" any more than it is already rocking. Don't be overcome with fear! Hold steady! Time and time again across the years I have found that God has worked out difficult situations far better than I thought for a time He could. Remember, God has all power in heaven and in earth.

Another thing I always tell them, and I know I'm safe in giving this advice, is to *pray*. You can never go wrong in praying. You can never make a mistake in talking to God about a difficult situation. Double up on your praying while you hold steady, while you refuse to make any move until you are sure that God wants you to make a move. Hold steady, then, and pray.

Third, *keep quiet*. You can't go wrong in talking to God, and, in most instances, you can't go wrong in refusing to talk to people about the problems which you may think are in the church. More people have "rocked the boat" by talking to others than by anything else that could have been done. Talk, talk, talk soon becomes gossip, gossip, gossip. Hold steady, pray, talk to God, but don't talk to men; keep quiet. God and the church should know that you can be depended upon even when difficulties arise. Blessed is the man who can face what seems to him to be a very difficult or even hopeless situation without going to pieces; he'll dare to hold steady, pray, and keep quiet.

But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition (1 Tim. 6:9).

Why should any one of us be so foolish as to embark on the ocean of worldly success when he knows that every other such voyager has met with disaster?—EARLE F. WILDE.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

News from Della Boggs

Miss Della Boggs, our missionary to Africa, who recently returned home because of illness, has just had her third operation in a little over three months. She writes that she is feeling much better, and the doctors are optimistic, but will make no promises this early. It was a pernicious infection, and it will take time before they can know that it is completely cleared up. Miss Boggs will appreciate your continued prayers for her.

Among the Bapedis, Africa

The past two months have been unusually busy for this time of the year. We have had some malaria and a very bad epidemic of measles, besides the usual ailments. The measles epidemic has left its mark on a good number of the already malnourished children and infants of this area.

Just now we are preparing for and looking forward to our camp meeting, which starts on the Thursday before Easter. We do long to see a real awakening amongst this people and are earnestly praying that God will visit us in an unusual way. The Bapedi people seem to be very backward and slow to seek God, but our faith is in Him who has called us to work in this corner of the vineyard.

Personally, I am happy in the work and want to be faithful in sowing the seed that surely will bring forth in due time. Our faith is in God. He is answering prayer, for which we praise Him.—KATHYREN L. DIXON, *Transvaal, Africa.*

Dedicating the New Church

We have just recently closed a week of dedication services for our new church in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with a success that far exceeded our expectations. The importance of the occasion was not just that we were dedicating a church—though that was important, to be sure—but that it was our first real opportunity to present the Church of the Nazarene before the Haitian public in general.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt's presence was a wonderful help, both for the dedication services and also for the inspiration and blessing that he brought to the hearts of each of us missionaries.

There were over 600 in attendance (both inside and outside the church) at the two Sunday services, and the crowds continued at about 500 for each of the week-night services, Monday through Friday. Sunday our visitors went to their own churches and we had 210 by actual count in our morning service and a few more than that at night. This will probably be

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

our regular group until we build up the congregation. We are thrilled with the possibilities.

We greatly appreciate our beautiful church building and Brother Alstott, who literally worked night and day to give us the best building possible for our money.—PAUL ORJALA, *Haiti.*

Retiring After Thirty-four Years


We are planning to leave here on May 4 for our new home. It surely seems strange after thirty-four years as a missionary, to now be retired, yet there is much we can do, especially through prayer. Just lately we have been receiving much blessing in the work.

We are reminded of the necessity of sending our new address, which we would appreciate having published, as we value the good letters that are sent from time to time. After May 4, we shall be at:

"Dawnings"

Umtwalumi, South Coast,
Natal, South Africa.

Thank you for all you have meant to us.—REV. AND MRS. C. H. STRICKLAND, *South Africa.*



Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

Foreign Mission Schools Close

An A.P. report, headlined Johannesburg, states that 5,000 Protestant mission schools will close. They were for black African children. Roman Catholics refused to turn over their more than 600 schools to the government, "under a new law assailed by its critics as a step to strengthen segregation (apartheid)." The Protestant Church of the Nazarene also refused to turn over its four schools. The government has given generous support to these mission schools in the past and says in the past these schools have been highly appreciated, but now "are beginning to retard education." Twenty-three Anglican schools have shut down. In all, 5,000 schools, owned and operated by 40 Protestant denominations, will be

"reluctantly" handed over to the government. Generally British areas have been very outstanding in their support of Protestant missionary work.

Religion and Business

It was February 8, at the Chicago Boat Show in the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago: a hundred boat dealers, their wives, and guests, at the first annual Chicago breakfast of the Correct Craft Inc., Titusville and Pine Castle, Florida, boating firm. A brief business session was conducted by the vice-president of the firm, Walt Meloon. His brother Ralph welcomed the guests. Then came George Beverly Shea to sing "Roll, Jordan, Roll" and other favorites. Then Cliff Bar-

rows gave an account of the London Crusade to the very reverent boatmen, their wives, and guests. Shea capped the event with his version of "I'd Rather Have Jesus than Anything" (*Christian Life*). It must have been a stirring occasion, indeed. Some people pooh-pooh at this religious awakening and revival and shout, "Hypocrite!" Many, many deeply spiritual Christians will thank God for this awakening and will endeavor to capitalize on it in order to advance the kingdom of Christ.

Salk Vaccine

In the Nashville *Tennessean* a headline reads: "U.S. Licenses Salk Vaccine." An earlier headline read: "Polio Fund Seeks New Field." Papers

and magazines, together with this licensing, proclaim that the vaccine is harmless and "definitely immunizes all three types of polio." For as much as three days the vaccine was second to no topic in the nation's conversation. The story is full of human interest. Dr. Salk, said to be a Jew, was the successful research scientist. He shared credit for success with his former professor, Dr. Thomas Francis, Jr. Dr. Salk's three sons, long before the mass tests were made, volunteered to take the inoculation, while the mother of these sons stood by with her consent. Dr. Salk included in his praise more than fifty team-workers in the research. Then, too, the fifteen

million or so children who will be immunized! Now, can the nation stand by and see immunization forbidden to another 15 million or so of innocents? Misfortune and poverty will doom many of these to be lifelong sufferers. Suffer these innocent children, and forbid them not, to have healthy bodies. It will be to the nation's everlasting honor if we include them in this great benefit.

BRIEFS:

"Ding dong. Come to church." So sing out 349 salvaged locomotive bells given by the Louisville and Nashville

Railway Company to the same number of small churches along their right of way from Illinois to Alabama, during the last four years (*Christian Life*).

Birthday anniversary. Syngman Rhee, president of the Republic of Korea, celebrated his eightieth birthday in Seoul recently. While a political prisoner, many years ago, he was converted to Christianity. He came to the United States in 1904 and earned degrees from three American universities. He became a friend of President Woodrow Wilson, who was his teacher in Princeton University. From the beginning, Korean freedom has been his passion.

HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

Church of the Nazarene, St. Helens, Lancashire, England

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

FAMILY WEEK

This issue of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* is dated during Family Week. The church may at different times emphasize mass evangelism, personal evangelism, or visitation evangelism, but there is one type of evangelism we must never get away from—*family evangelism*. Never before have there been more appeals to engage the attention of each member of the family and separate the family from a oneness of spirit and life, but the greatest task any parent has is the saving of his children. As mothers and fathers, we should pray daily for wisdom and strength, in order that we may both set an example of holiness in action in our own lives and guide our children in the way they should go.

Is the family altar a daily institution in every Nazarene home? Is it more than a perfunctory duty? It should be a place where God's presence and guidance are felt in the home, where tears are shed, in joy, burden, or repentance, and where children learn to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Let us think seriously and prayerfully about the evangelism of homes during Family Week this year.

Let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man (II Sam. 24:14).

The seeking of God and His proffered mercy should be the sinner's one and only desire.—EARLE F. WILDE.



NEW CHURCH

ON MARCH 13, District Superintendent J. B. Maclagan organized a new church in St. Helens, Lancashire. There were 20 charter members on that Sunday, with a number of others coming in later. This was an independent holiness organization founded by Pastor William Hardy. He has united with the church and will devote his time to evangelism. The church building is one of the best on the British Isles South District, and it has been given to the Church of the Nazarene. A parsonage has been purchased for 4,000 pounds, with the help of the district and the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. There were 200 present for the opening services. St. Helens is not far from Liverpool.

News from Portuguese East Africa

"The revival with Mr. Freire turned out to be very profitable and blessed of God. Our work fifty miles out from Lourenco Marques is growing. There were twenty-seven present last Sunday. We are trusting God to help us to open another mission in a town closer in. The door is open and there are quite a few people interested. If we have the finances, we plan to open there in May. We greatly need your prayers.

"The Sunday-school average for Lourenco Marques for the month of March was eighty-two. This was the highest we have had of Portuguese. God has never failed us yet, and we praise Him for His goodness."—REV. FLOYD J. PERKINS.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 15: Reverence for Sacred Things

Scripture: II Chronicles 25—26 (Printed: II Chron. 26:3-5, 16-21)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him* (Hab. 2:20).

The fifty-two years of Uzziah's reign was generally vigorous and blessed by God. A man of unusual ambition, he left no stone unturned in promoting the interests of his kingdom. His enemies were defeated, fortifications were strengthened, trade relations were enlarged, and his agricultural program brought new life to the nation. He was one of the wisest leaders of his time and during the first years of his administration maintained a humble spirit, seeking God's wisdom in all his dealings.

We all need to be continually on our guard against the temptations that are common to prosperity. Self-esteem is a deadly menace; and here the capable leader, forgetting that love and humility are the chief requirements of greatness, becomes first self-sufficient, then haughty and dictatorial. The man who was conqueror of the Philistines was to be conquered by his own self. The man who led his people to unprecedented peace and prosperity forgot his Maker and

exchanged his glory and crown for the stain of the leper upon his forehead.

It is indeed tragic to witness the downfall of a good king by the road of irreverence. Sufficient to himself, he quickly usurped the functions of the priesthood. He profaned the sanctity of the Temple and abused the office of the priest. History has spoken no louder nor clearer on any point than that the practice of irreverence quickly invokes the judgment of God.

Neither time nor space will permit a lengthy discussion of the sin of irreverence. Sufficient to state that God has set aside His priesthood and His temple and no man can profane these with immunity. How we need to accord reverence to the house of God and to those called by Him to minister to us in His name!

Something for which we can be truly thankful in our generation is a steadily increasing yearning for a religious experience that will satisfy the deep quest of the soul. Along with this heart cry for an inner

spiritual dynamic has come a fresh awareness of the value of worship. It has been personally refreshing to receive the heart-warming request of young people for services that will draw them into the presence of God. There is a definite turn toward a spirit of deeper reverence and humility in our regular service. Whatever distracts our thought from the holiness of God is irreverent, whether it is a slovenly prepared service or an ill-kept, run-down sanctuary. Our souls are hungry, our minds are tired of the razzle-dazzle of life's work; we come to the house of God to be still and know that God is there. We must strive to keep our services free from the unnecessary inadequacies, the cheap improvisations, the deadly substitutes, so that our search may be rewarded as we see God high and lifted up and our lips are touched with divine coals. Then we have been to the house of God.

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A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

THE TEMPLE OF GOD (Ephesians 2)

Monday:

"Having no hope, and without God in the world"—it is a terrifying, sobering thought that there are derelicts, crowds of them, mingling with us every day, yet lost, "wandering stars," adrift in a moral universe. God give us deep compassion and constraining love for these scattered ones, lonely at the core, yet only dimly realizing their aloneness.

Tuesday:

We also were "afar off," but we have been "brought nigh." Tremendous promise: "a pillar in the temple of my God"! What, exactly, is that temple? God is rearing in time a living edifice of moral beauty and true holiness in which throughout eternity

His character and His purposes shall be expressed, in fellowship and mutual understanding. "Ye are God's building."

Wednesday:

No longer "aliens," but "fellowcitizens," "of the household of God." Which means lives conformed to God's holy government, natures bearing His family likeness—at-homeness in His moral universe. The way in is by finding a *right relation to God*; the heart of the new order is person-to-Person adjustment. This is essential value; it is life-in-essence. "This is life eternal," to "know thee."

Thursday:

A part of God's living temple, you will find its basic principles become a part of you. Of these the first is the *truth* of sincerity and essential rightness. Trusting the truth that is eternal, you can face every fact honestly, and with patience find there

consistent answer. That truth will prove itself; pretenses and lies and subterfuges and substitutes will beat themselves to pieces on the truth that has become you.

Friday:

The second principle is *love*. Not sentimental, but strong to save. In this temple you are in the sphere of the blessing of God which changes evil to good, and you desire that blessing spread. It is of the essence of God's moral building that love is victorious and love is law—the only accepted mode and motive. And love is you; it has become your second nature.

Saturday:

All of God's moral creation is *productive*; that is, it fills the place and performs the function for which it is created. Thank God that I can choose a life which is geared to utmost re-
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Vallejo, California—The Floyd Terrace Church recently had a missionary revival with Dr. A. O. Hendricks speaking and showing picture slides of Barbados and Trinidad. We used the parsonage for week-night services (averaged fifty-five in attendance), as we haven't a building. Our hearts were warmed and challenged with each service. The altar was lined with seekers on the last night. On Saturday night Dr. Hendricks helped us organize an N.F.M.S. with sixteen active members and five associate members.—Earle Brewer, Pastor.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—Holten Heights Church is going forward under God's leadership and His manifold blessings. On March 13 our church inaugurated the first Sunday evening religious broadcast in the west Alabama area. For a full hour, every Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., directly from the church auditorium, we broadcast our regular evangelistic service over WNPT, a 1,000-watt station of Northport, Alabama. It is being very well received, and we thank God for the opportunity of giving out the message of full salvation in sermon and song to a wider audience. We feel this is only another step forward in the progress God has so graciously helped us to make in the two years we have been with this good people. All departments of our church are being blessed. Our Sunday school, currently competing against Birmingham First Church in a district-sponsored contest, is averaging 310.—Donald K. Ballard, Pastor.

Crothersville, Indiana—Coming to the church here last October, we found a faithful and responsive people who were willing and anxious to go forward for God. We had a good revival the last of October with Evangelists William and June Schmidt as workers. We also had a good revival in February with Rev. James Robbins as evangelist, and the Wilkinson Trio as singers and musicians. These faithful preachers proclaimed the gospel truth under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and God honored His Word by giving us a number of seekers. It was a pleasure to work with these consecrated workers. Several members have been received into the membership of the church. The interior of the parsonage has been redecorated, and plans are being made for basement classrooms, which are needed very much. We have more than doubled our quota for the HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions. The pastor's salary has been increased and a three-year unanimous recall extended. Our people are united, and we are happy to serve this fine people.—L. E. Wells, Pastor.

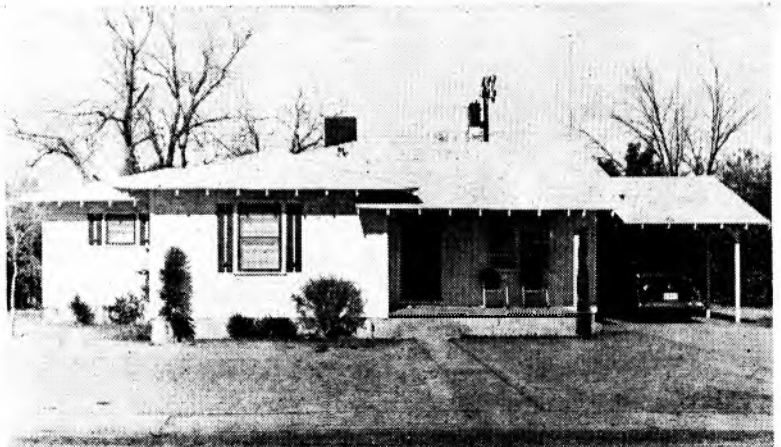
Broadview, New Mexico—We had a revival in March with Rev. J. L. Woolman as the evangelist; God moved upon the services night after night with seekers praying through to victory. The church has moved closer to the heart of God under the Bible preaching of Brother Woolman, and many friends were won to the church. The folks say this was the best revival they have had for some time. Our people prayed for over a month and made preparation for the revival before the opening dates—it has paid with good interest.—J. Kenneth Adams, Pastor.

Pastor John Lambert reports from Minneapolis, Kansas: "The fine people of this church have given us a unanimous vote to pastor the church for another year. No finer people could be found anywhere than the members and friends of the church here. We have a '10 per cent church,' with a visitation program going which is showing results. The church has a youth night on Tuesday—providing good, clean entertainment for the young people. The spirit of unity prevails. Members believe that praying, calling, and tithing make the church grow, and by doing so we have people praying their way through at our altar. These are good days for the church, and we are having revivals. In January we had Rev. J. V. Langford and Bob Mickey as our workers in a two-week revival, and twenty-seven people received definite help at the altar. The days of revivals are not over for people who are alive and believe in God."

Belton, Texas—These are good days in our church here. Some weeks ago we had a very helpful campaign with Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter in which there were some twenty professions and we received a class of five new members into the church, all on profession of faith. Since the meeting we have had several professions in our regular services and have received three more new members on profession of faith. The church has extended to us a call to continue as pastor for our fourth year. We are coming to the close of the assembly year with our district and general budgets paid in full, and the best all-round report of our church work since we have been here. We have a very fine people with whom to labor.—L. Lee Gaines, Pastor.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—The Alberta Church of Tuscaloosa recently closed a very profitable revival with Rev. Joe Jones, a junior of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee. The meeting, scheduled to go for one week, was extended into the second week. Both weeks were characterized by wonderful crowds, prayer and fasting, and the altar lined with seekers after God. The closing Sunday night the meeting climaxed with twenty people seeking and finding God. Many new prospects for the church were reached during the meeting. Brother Jones was at his best; he certainly is a man of prayer. Pastor and people deeply appreciated his ministry. All departments of the church are advancing and a spirit of unity prevails.—John C. Price, Pastor.

Nazarene Parsonage, Peoria, Arizona

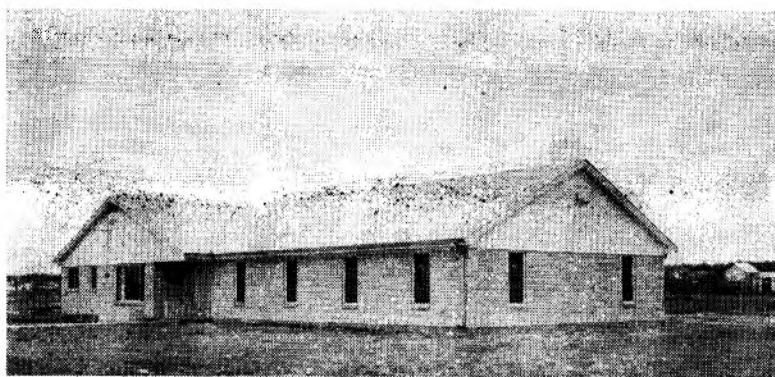


Nearly three years ago the Peoria church purchased the parsonage pictured here, located in a very nice neighborhood. The property has been completely paid for during this time and provides a comfortable home for

the pastor and his family. The old parsonage, which was located next to the church, has been converted into Sunday-school classrooms and is also used for Caravan work. The local church provides very well for their pastor.—Harold Buckner, Pastor.

Glen Park Church, Fort Worth, Texas

Glen Park Church of the Nazarene, Fort Worth, was organized last January 9, with 29 charter members. Through the wonderful vision and faith of our district superintendent, Rev. Orville J. Jenkins, the home-mission board, and the faithful labors of Pastor H. D. Williams, this beautiful church was erected. It is on a beautiful corner lot, 105 by 380 feet. We are in southeast Fort Worth, in a nearly new neighborhood. The parsonage is built on the back of the church. There remains enough space on the lot to build a separate parsonage on the back and a larger auditorium in front and still leave ample parking space. The present building will then be used for a much-needed Sunday-school plant. The property has been appraised at \$30,000.00, and the total indebtedness is the small sum of \$8,500.00. God has graciously supplied our financial needs. All help from the district home missions was immediately stopped the



day we were organized, by action of the church board. We have been a 10 per cent church from the beginning; also we are a 100 per cent

tithing church of 13 families. Our offerings have averaged more than \$100.00 each Sunday. Our church membership is now 37.—Reporter.

Gospport, Indiana—Our church recently closed a very good revival meeting with Rev. Irving Farnsworth, evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Callon, singers and musicians. Brother Farnsworth is a very able Bible preacher. Prayers were answered, souls prayed through, and the church was greatly helped. On Sunday, February 27, the church celebrated its fourth anniversary with appropriate services. The church was organized in 1951 in a home; and under the splendid leadership of Rev. Clyde Sciscoe, in 1952, they held their first service in their new building. In September of 1953 they acquired a commodious parsonage valued at \$7,000.00. Indebtedness, on the fine church building valued at \$20,000.00 and the parsonage, is now well under \$9,000.00. These are fine people who want to do things for God and His kingdom.—Richard H. Whelan, Pastor.

Union City, Pennsylvania—We recently had a very good revival with Evangelist Robert M. Banning and Song Evangelists George and Kay Carrico as the special workers. We appreciated the good preaching of Brother Banning, and we believe we shall continue to reap good results from this meeting. The Carricos showed a wonderful spirit, and sang the old songs of Zion in such a way as to bring blessing and conviction upon hearts.—William C. Summers, Pastor.

Evangelist D. D. Mackey reports: "Since moving our headquarters to Bethany, Oklahoma, more than one year ago, we have had some very fruitful revivals in Oklahoma and Texas and have traveled intermittently to adjoining states, also to Florida and California for a couple of meetings. We give praise and glory to God for the demonstration of His power in revivals. We appreciate very much the fellowship and association with the many pastors and churches with which we have labored. In re-

cent months we have been at First Church Houston, Texas; Grace Church San Antonio; with Pastor Crews at Denison, Texas; Tulsa, Sapulpa, and Hominy, Oklahoma. In California we were at Hollydale and Downey in Los Angeles, and in Florida we were at Jacksonville. We recently conducted a good youth revival at the Trinity Church at Oklahoma City, where Rev. Joe Bean is pastoring in such an efficient and aggressive manner; and at present we are at Elk City, Oklahoma, with Rev. Otto Perry. Here we have been having unusually good attendance, which characterizes most of our revivals; and more than fifty have prayed through at the altar by the middle of the second week. Brother Perry has this church on the forward *Crusade* march with a Sunday-school average pointing toward the 200 mark. We still travel with our trailer as a party and continue with our musical array of fifteen instruments, singing duets, trios, quartets, etc. We have an open date this summer and one this fall. Write us, P.O. Box 113, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Corona, Alabama—In March, Salem Church had a ten-day revival with Brother H. B. Huffman doing the preaching. It was one of the best revivals in the history of the church. People came for seventy-five miles, went to the altar, and prayed through in the old-fashioned way to old-fashioned victory. The church was helped, also those in surrounding churches. Brother Huffman preached with the anointing of the Spirit.—Elijah Smith, Reporter.

Rev. Earl G. Lusk writes: "I have recovered from my serious illness of the past few months and have accepted the pastorate of our church at Harrisonburg, Virginia. The Lord has very graciously touched me. I was very sorry to have to cancel my evangelistic slate."

Crawfordsville, Indiana—Last October we were privileged to have Rev. Lawrence W. Conway as evangelist and Miss Marjorie Granger as singer with us in a ten-day campaign. God blessed and a number of souls prayed through to victory. In March we were privileged to have Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, our district superintendent, as the evangelist and his good wife as singer for ten days. Again, the Lord blessed, and souls found their way to God and victory. Our Sunday school has made gains thus far this year of over 16 per cent, with good possibilities of reaching a 20 per cent by the end of the church year. We have a boys' class, ages nine to twelve, which has increased from an average of eight and ten to a peak of sixty and an average of thirty-five to forty the last few weeks. One of the teachers of this class has been reclaimed recently and is showing his interest by bringing in these many boys to the Sunday school. We are giving God all of the praise for the gains and victories. We are finishing the second year of a three-year call.—L. D. Lockwood, Pastor.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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sults possible, because directed by His will. The moral universe is *dependent* because every planet in its orbit keeps God's schedule time. So will my life be.

Sunday:

God's temple has the beauty of harmonious *co-operation*. Those of old time heard the spheres making music as they moved in concentric orbits, touching but never interfering, communicating one to the other the impulses originating in God himself. So we, working together and working with God, fashion the temple that will last throughout eternity. No lonely isolation here!

Evangelist H. G. Purkhiser reports: "Closing out the last summer with the Virginia District camp, I began my fall series with a meeting at the Oakland Church in Topeka, Kansas. Following this I was privileged to hold meetings with our Calvary Church in Arlington and our Newport News church, both in Virginia; and with our churches at Ashtabula, Ohio; Britt, Iowa; Lawrence, Kansas; and Richmond, Missouri. Following the holidays I have labored with our Marshall, Missouri; Roanoke, Virginia, East Gate; Ravenna and Shady-side, Ohio; and Manchester, Connecticut, churches. At present, I am in the beginning of what looks like a profitable campaign at our South Portland, Maine, church. In all of these meetings God has blessed with souls at the altar. In some of them we have witnessed outstanding revivals. Seven of them were either second or third meetings with the pastors involved. In seven of them we were pleased to schedule return engagements. I have just received an unexpected cancellation of a June date for this year. In case someone should be interested in it, I can be reached at 4531 Marcellus Street, N.W., Canton 8, Ohio. It has been my privilege to work with some of our outstanding singers as collaborators, as well as the fine pastors of the above-mentioned churches. I feel my own soul enriched through their fellowship. God has been good and the people have been kind. The future is bright."

Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "Recently we closed one of the finest revivals in years, with Rev. Marvin Harrison and our First Church in Brownwood, Texas. We are now in Peoria, Illinois, and God is blessing. We have some time open in June, also some open dates late in '56. We will go anywhere God leads for freewill offerings. Write us, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Evangelist Joel Danner reports: "The Lord blessed in our revival at Moultrie, Georgia, March 3 to 13, where Rev. Harold Mills is the fine pastor. The people really love Brother Mills and his good family. The church gave him a love offering of \$102.00 and a raise in salary of \$5.00 per week. We received eight members on profession of faith."

Pastor J. G. Wells of First Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, writes: "We recently closed what was perhaps the largest-volume revival of our life at Lafayette Park Church in St. Louis, Missouri, with that splendid pastor, Rev. B. G. Wiggs. It would be impossible to give an accurate account of what God hath wrought in that splendid church, whose Sunday school is running over 800 with amazing regularity these days. The singing was in charge of Mr. Richard J. Ed-

wards, minister of music for the church. His choir, the specials, the solos and duets of him and his wife really get the 'glory down.' People prayed all over the place. Altars filled; then over the auditorium people prayed, and even in the balcony a goodly number prayed through to victory. We think it was more the splendid work of pastor and collaborators in the church locally who had things ready for revival that precipitated such an outpouring than any sermons or preaching by the evangelist. It thrilled our heart to see people at work for souls. The Crusade is on!"

Song Evangelist Curtis R. Brown writes: "Due to pastor's illness I must rearrange my slate, so have the following dates open: May 11 to 22, and May 25 to June 5. Write me, 912 Fifth Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio."

Evangelist Fred W. Fetters writes: "I will be in Piqua, Ohio, this fall for a meeting, October 5 through 16, and have the date of September 21 through October 2 open, which I'd like to slate somewhere in that area. Also, I will be in Salem, Ohio, for a meeting, January 4 to 15, and have the date immediately following open (January 18 to 29), which I'd like to slate near there. Write me, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Jamestown, North Dakota—Our church recently had a revival with Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Ova as the special workers. We praise God for the wonderful spirit, the anointed preaching, and the burden of prayer which these folks carried for our revival. The Lord used their ministry in our midst and a good number of seekers found victory at the altar while the Christians received new inspiration and vision. Brother and Sister Ova are well known on the North Dakota District, having pastored here for thirty-two years. They are both ministers and alternate in the preaching from night to night. Mrs. Ova gives interesting readings each service. We thank God for these godly, consecrated workers.—Edwin Zimbelman, Pastor.

Evangelist G. W. Henriksen writes: "I will be in the central section of the country and have July 5 to 10 to give to some church for a week-end convention, also July 27 through August 3. Write me, 16025 S.E. Pacific Highway 99-E., Portland 22, Oregon."

Lombard, Illinois—Rev. Mark R. Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District, preached in an Easter revival in Lombard. There was a good attendance, with many people from the community coming to the services. On Easter Sunday the Lombard Church of the Nazarene was organized with eleven members. We have a new chapel-type building, which will be dedicated on May 8.—A. D. Gould, Pastor.

Rev. Hugh Slater writes: "I came to Savannah last November with plans to enter the full-time evangelistic field. However, my oldest son took ill immediately thereafter with a deadly type of cancer, and I had to stay close by him. He died on March 15, and I am now devoting my full time to the work of evangelism. I have been a Nazarene all my life, doing pastoral and home-mission work for the past eighteen years. I shall be glad to go anywhere; write me, Route 1, Box 221-H, Savannah, Georgia."

Rev. Dorthy Helderman, commissioned evangelist of the Michigan District, writes: "I served as pastor of a mission for more than three years and saw many souls pray through to God for regeneration and entire sanctification. During the past few months I have given a message to the two convalescent homes here for our church, and have seen five of the aged people seek and find God. Also, I have preached in nearby churches and in Missouri among my own people. I love the church and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead for freewill offerings. Write me, Route 1, Eaton Rapids, Michigan."

Poplar, Montana—Our church recently had a fifteen-day revival with Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Richards as the workers. There were several seekers during the campaign, with definite victories gained. Brother Richards is a very capable evangelist, and preaches in the Spirit. This is the second meeting we have enjoyed with the Richardses in the past six months. The church in general was greatly helped and strengthened in God. The future year has prospects of being our best in thirteen years.—William Bateman, Pastor.

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Evangelist Mackey J. Brown writes: "We are now closing our fourth month of evangelism in our native state of Tennessee. We spent over a month in Nashville with our beloved collaborer, Rev. R. A. Sullivan. We preached in a number of Nazarene churches and in Morris Hill Chapel. What a privilege also of doing personal evangelistic work in distributing about five thousand gospel tracts on the street, in the homes and places of business, including the State Supreme Court and the Capitol! Prayer and personal testimony, which were eagerly received by the public, were a part of the work. First Church Nashville—

Dr. Cecil Ewell, pastor—and other Nazarene churches were co-operative in this evangelism. Then we spent some time at Beersheba Springs, where the Lord saved me in a Cumberland Presbyterian revival, and sanctified me under the ministry of Rev. W. M. Tidwell many years ago. Then it was indeed a great opportunity to spend a month with First Church, Chattanooga, and Rev. Roy A. Bettcher, the much-loved pastor, in personal evangelism, including giving out special issues of the *HERALD* and advertising, leading up to and including a revival campaign with Rev. Glenn Griffith. We plan to return to our home in Twin Falls, Idaho, in time to attend the Idaho-Oregon District assembly in May."

Evangelist J. M. Gleason writes: "We have had cancellation of a date because of a conflict of activities in the local program, therefore have open time, May 11 to 22. Would be glad to slate this as the Lord may lead. Write us, 935 N. Mueller, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Northeastern Indiana District Preachers' Meeting

The Northeastern Indiana District preachers' meeting convened March 8 to 10 at our First Church in Anderson, Indiana. Dr. Hugh C. Benner was at his best in every session. The clarion call of the church came to challenge every preacher to the Crusade for Souls Now program by our beloved General Superintendent Benner.

Under the able leadership of our district superintendent, Dr. Paul Updike, the theme of the convention, "John Wesley, His Life and Works," was carried through. A number of papers were given by various pastors upon the many phases of the Wesleyan way.

The preachers' wives were also in session at the same time under the direction of the district N.F.M.S. president, Mrs. Paul Updike. From all reports, these were most interesting and helpful sessions for the preachers' wives.

First Church and its pastor, Rev. Myron Morford, along with the help of the other churches of the community, made the convention very comfortable in every way.

God's signal blessing fell upon these preachers and their wives at the closing session as all gathered to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Our own Nazarene Publishing House was well represented by Rev. Walter Eichenberger.

S. J. ROBERTS, Reporter

N.Y.P.S. & Church Schools All-Canada Conference

The second week of March was the time of a history-making event when a delegation of ministers from Eastern Canada arrived in Red Deer, Alberta, for the second all-Canada conference on the N.Y.P.S. and on the Nazarene Church Schools. Representing the general N.Y.P.S. for the Youth Conference was Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois, general secretary of the N.Y.P.S., who presided with admirable efficiency; Rev. Arnold Airhart, member of the General N.Y.P.S. Council, representing the districts in the British Commonwealth; and Rev. Charles Muxworthy, teen-age representative on the General Council. Problems pertaining to the Canadian pattern of youth work where the young people's services are held on a week night were discussed. Dr. Erwin G. Benson ably represented the general department of education in the second day of the conference, which featured the work of the church schools. The program of other zone conferences was followed both days.

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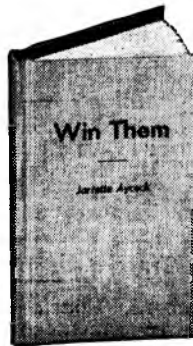
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Saturday. Rev. Ted Martin, superintendent of the Canada Central District, spoke Wednesday; Dr. Du Bois spoke Thursday; Dr. Benson, Friday; and Rev. Wm. Eckel, of Toronto St. Clair Church, spoke Saturday. Over the week end the Eastern Canada ministers were guest speakers in surrounding Alberta Nazarene churches.

Delegates from Ontario were Rev. Ted Martin, Rev. Robert Coghill, Rev. Wm. Eckel, Rev. Charles Muxworthy, Rev. Roland Stanford, Rev. Layton Tatrie, and Rev. Robert Woods.

Many ministers and laymen from Alberta and some from Saskatchewan and British Columbia were present.

Plans are being considered to conduct the next all-Canada Conference in the Maritimes District in the spring of 1957.

LEO D. STEININGER, Reporter

DEATHS

REV. H. G. BOHANNON

HENRY GRADY BOHANNON entered this life on December 5, 1903, in Red River County, Texas, and died at his home in Lubbock on January 1, 1955. In 1928 he heard and answered the call of God to preach the gospel, and soon was preaching in schoolhouses and wherever he had opportunity. In 1931 he entered the full-time ministry, pastoring our church at Medford, Oklahoma. Following that he served Nazarene churches in Comanche, Custer City, Alva, and Altus, all in Oklahoma. He then moved to Texas to pastor Nazarene churches at Kilgore, Plainview, and Vernon; and at the time of his death was serving as pastor of the Grace Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock, where he had served since 1953. He leaves as monuments to his sacrificial labors several church buildings, for he erected church buildings at Alva and Altus, Oklahoma; and at Vernon and Lubbock, Texas. He is survived by his wife, and two daughters: Mrs. J. R. Slentz, of Denver City, Texas; and Mrs. Newell Sanford, of Amarillo, Texas. Funeral service was conducted in the First Church of the Nazarene in Lubbock. The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Orville W. Jenkins, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Milton Poole and Rev. Buford Battin. Interment was made in Tech Memorial Park.

REV. MOSES R. ARCHER

MOSES R. ARCHER, retired Nazarene elder of Antlers, Oklahoma, died February 18, 1955. He was born May 30, 1886, at Heber Springs, Arkansas, and was married to Rhoda Francis Rhodes on December 25, 1904. He was called to the ministry in 1917 at Kingston, Oklahoma, where he preached in rural schoolhouses for six years, after he pastored his first church at Platter, Oklahoma; from there he went to Osage, Oklahoma, and back to his home church at Kingston. He later pastored at Hugo and Idabel, before coming to his last church at Antlers, Oklahoma, where he pastored for fifteen years, retired, and made his home before his death. Brother Archer was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost, and highly regarded and deeply appreciated by all who knew him. One of his last requests was that his Bible rest on his breast open at John 17:17, a testimony to the doctrine he both lived and preached. Besides his faithful wife, he left nine children: Mrs. Selma Teague, of Carrizozo, New Mexico; Mrs. Hazel Brown, of Antlers, Oklahoma; Mrs. Lois Haynes, of Denison, Texas; Mrs. Jewel Musick and Mrs. Frances Booth, both of Prineville, Mrs. Ruth Allen, of Myrtle Creek, Oregon; Leonard Archer, of Burkburnett, Texas; Paul Archer, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Mark Archer, of Iowa Park, Texas; one brother and one sister. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church in Antlers, with Rev. Glenn Jones, district superintendent, and Rev. Paul Aldrich, local pastor, in charge. Interment was in Antlers cemetery.

REV. C. K. SPELL

CHARLES KELLIE SPELL was born August 7, 1871, near Beaumont, Texas. He was converted at the age of twenty-three years, and baptized with the Holy Spirit when twenty-four years of age. With this baptism came the call to preach the gospel. On November 24, 1904, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Price. To this union were born three daughters. He began his early years of ministry in the Methodist church and united with the Church of the Nazarene at the Iowa District Assembly in 1911 in the early days of the holiness movement, associating with "Uncle Bud" Robinson, C. W. Ruth, and others. He served pastorates at Chariton and Sioux City, Iowa. Again he entered the evangelistic

field, moving his residence to Bethany, Oklahoma, where his daughters had the privilege of attending Bethany-Peniel College. He served as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Glendale, Arizona, in '28 and again in '30 to '33. Later, in his retirement from the ministry, he filled vacancies in various churches in Arizona and was always present to give his report at the district assembly as long as health permitted. He served fifty-nine years in the ministry in the two denominations—Methodist and

Church of the Nazarene. He was faithful to attend the regular services of the Glendale, Arizona, Church of the Nazarene, of which he was a member, and was assistant teacher of the adult Bible class at the time of his death. He was a willing worker, ready to serve in any capacity as the opportunity was presented, one of which was giving devotional messages in the vacation Bible school. One of his desires was to write a book of sermons, which manuscript was in the preparation in his closing

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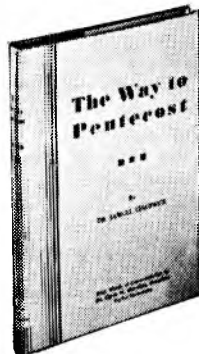
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days. He and Mrs. Spell celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 24 prior to his home-going. He was suddenly taken with a heart attack, on the morning of December 2, at the age of eighty-three years, in his home. Funeral services were conducted at the Church of the Nazarene, Glendale, by the Rev. Glenn A. Roberson, pastor, assisted by Rev. M. L. Mann, district superintendent, Rev. Paul W. MacLearn, Rev. J. B. Gatlin, and Rev. Harold Buckner, with interment in Glendale Memorial Park. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna Spell; three daughters: Mrs. Delbert Gish, of Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Ed Barker, of Orange, Texas; and Mrs. Joe Holly, of Avondale, Arizona; nine grandchildren; a group of half brothers and sisters; and a host of friends.

REV. JAMES SEATON
JAMES THOMAS SEATON was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee, July 9, 1869, and died February 1, 1955, at Bethany, Oklahoma, at the age of eighty-five. He married Edna Leath in 1894. She died in 1895. In 1898 he married Maria Elizabeth Moore. At the age of twenty he was called to preach. He pastored in the Methodist church for eighteen years, including being presiding elder of his conference for one year. Upon hearing of the doctrine of holiness, he sought and obtained it. In 1919 he joined the Church of the Nazarene at Erick, Oklahoma. Ill health forced his moving to Bethany, Oklahoma, in 1922. For a number of years he was municipal judge of Bethany, until bad health forced a retirement. He is survived by his wife,

two brothers, and a host of relatives and friends. He was a member of the Oklahoma City May Avenue Church of the Nazarene at his death. Funeral services were held in the Bethany Eastside Church of the Nazarene, conducted by Rev. Ernest Conrad and Rev. L. H. Dickerson, with interment in the Bethany cemetery.

REV. CHARLES E. SMITH

CHARLES E. SMITH was born November 19, 1882, at Centralia, Kansas, and died on February 11, 1955. Thirty years ago he joined the Eastern Oklahoma District and served the church well in the capacity of pastor at Wann, Collinsville, Okmulgee, Chandler, Cleveland, Ryan, and Muskogee. He also pastored at Peabody, Kansas, and at Phenix City, Alabama. For the past five years he had been unable to speak because of a stroke, but he kept his faith strong and was victorious to the end. He is survived by three sisters and his widow, Rev. Bessie Smith. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Ellis L. Teasdale. Interment was in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Mary Noble and Mr. Obed Watters, both of Leon, Iowa, were united in marriage on April 10, in the Leon Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. L. L. Watters, father of the groom, and pastor, officiating.

Miss Charlotte Hampton of Atlanta, Georgia, and Mr. Paul W. Beals of Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage on March 19, in First Church of the Nazarene, Atlanta, with Rev. Prescott L. Beals, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Mack Anderson, district superintendent of Georgia.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Keith Bottles of Carl Junction, Missouri, a daughter, Debra Sue, on April 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Scharn of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Sandra Lynn, on April 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Field of Keokuk, Iowa, a son, Joel Milton, on April 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James L. Caryer of Farmington, Illinois, a son, Keith Edward, on April 7.

—to Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones of Paris, Texas, a daughter, Thela Sue, on April 5.

—to Sam and Viola Taylor of Tacoma, Washington, a daughter, Carol Lucille, on March 27.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Thompson of Nashville, Tennessee, a daughter, Ruby Claire, on March 24.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Waldron of Arcadia, Florida, a daughter, Kathryn Annette, on March 24.

—to Joseph and Mary Louise Tracy of Des Moines, Washington, a daughter, Daphne Elizabeth, on March 23.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor of Medford, Oregon, a son, Kent Ramick, on March 19.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Don Jernigan of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, Jules Donald, Jr., on March 18.

—to Bob and Leota Murrell of Glendale, California, a son, Terry Robert, on March 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James Tubbs of San Francisco, California, a son, Daryl Preston, on March 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Mason of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, a son, Galen Leon, on March 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. George H. Briggs of Vale, Oregon, a son, Gerald Nathan, on March 5.

—to Ramona and Gilbert Armstrong of Kankakee, Illinois, a daughter, LaVonne Ramona, on February 17.

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by a Christian lady in Ohio for her husband, a bed patient for more than three years, and unsaved; also for a daughter and two sons and their companions, all of whom need the Lord; and for "a pitiful unspoken request";

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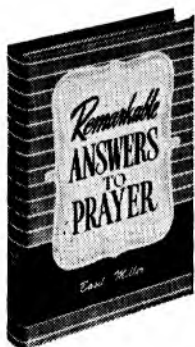
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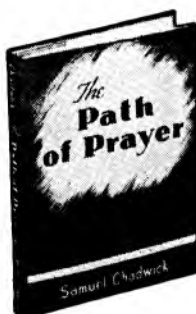
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Chaplain Herbert J. Van Vorce writes:

"In many ways the month of February has been a good month. The chapel attendance has been good and a wonderful spirit prevails in all our services. There were seven professions of faith during the month. My assistant, Cpl. Burnett, a fine Christian young man who came to the unit in recent months, was wonderfully sanctified. He has felt the call to the ministry and intends to enter college as soon as his tour of duty is over in the army. Another great victory was the conversion of a sergeant in a nearby unit, about two weeks ago. He testified in our last meeting that the Lord had completely delivered him from a terrible cigarette habit, and he asked the prayers of the others that he might be used of God to win the men in his platoon to the Lord. God is blessing and giving us some victories. We covet an interest in all your prayers for these precious young men."

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Pot of Gold at Rainbow's End

ACCORDING to the ancient superstition, it was at the *end* of the rainbow that the pot of gold was to be found. One might trace that wonderful phenomenon long miles, but not until he got to the very end was the gold to be had. The legend is being lived in reality in one of the operations now in progress near Fairbanks.

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No one knows the bitter frustrations of these men who had hoped to "strike it rich" and yet failed. There are many such in Alaska, and he saw himself as one of them. He saw a broken, friendless old sourdough, in his lonely cabin with just his dog and the memory of his burned-out dream. It was too much for him, and in his desperation he went once more to his claim, tied a rock around his neck, and ended his life by jumping into a pool of water on the place.

Not long ago I stood aboard a giant dredge slowly clawing the dirt out of its way, taking gold to be sure, but working gradually to the site of the disillusioned prospector. For subsequent testings had reversed the findings of the former ones, and the ground was found to be rich in gold. My guide told me that when they got the earth removed down to *pay dirt*, gold would be as thick as

road gravel. That strip was supposed to have nearly \$100,000,000.00 in gold in it—a project for twenty years of operation.

The original owner, however, was a skeleton in one of the ponds, a victim of his own despair.

My friends, *there is gold in life*, but you've got to dig for it! There may be some glitter to surface objects; but the pleasures of sin, easy of access, are not acceptable currency in the market where life's deep enjoyments are bought. *Pay dirt* is far beneath life's surface, and it will never be yours unless your heart is strong for labor. Despair is killing; only the faithful are rewarded.

This is true in all of life, but in no other life is it so true as in the life of the Christian. The deep life of spiritual discernment and enjoyment is not given to novices—only to those who are schooled in the disciplines of the heart. Rewards in service come only after years of patient toil and tears; and our eternal home comes only after life's long, long day.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2: 10). This is an apparent promise and an implied warning. We shall have the crown—that is the clear promise. The warning is not so obvious, but just as sure. We will have the crown only if we are faithful.

The pot of gold is at the rainbow's very end.

*Pastor, Juneau, Alaska