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THE INTEGRITY AND WISDOM OF GOD ARE FIRST QUESTIONED by the tempter in the story of man's fall. "Yea, hath God said?" was the subtle word. When faith wavered, then sin entered.

Abraham believed God in his day. He was chosen to head a new spiritual race. Faith became its foundation. Abraham dared to take the long journey to the mount of God and met the supreme test. God had asked for his dearest treasure—the child of his old age, Isaac. At the journey's end the patriarch bound the lad and with trembling hands raised his knife in agonizing obedience. Suddenly the angel

Altogether Reliable

By General Superintendent Young



Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, . . . he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

—Heb. 11:1-6

speaking from heaven restrained the hand of Abraham. Raising his eyes he saw a ram, caught in a thicket nearby. God had provided himself a sacrifice after all. Abraham's obedient faith had demonstrated the priority of his love.

A widow woman and her only son struggled against death in the land of famine. They were down to the bottom of the meal barrel, and their meager cruse of oil was nearly empty. Then came the man of God and requested bread first for himself. But he also offered a promise of divine replenishment. After a brief struggle, the woman obeyed, and Elijah's promise was fulfilled. The withering days could not destroy such a woman of faith.

The story of redemption is also the record of the restoration of faith. In "the fulness of the time" Jesus came, according to the promise. Born of woman, but obedient to the Father's will, even to the death upon a cruel cross, He demonstrated His abiding faith.

How often our unwillingness to take God at His word is but a measure of our own untrustworthiness! Our sins cast a shadow upon His face. We measure God by our personal failures and then doubt Him.

The way of abundant life in our day is still the way of faith; a simple way, but not an easy one to take. In actual experience, faith is more than "an emotional appreciation of value"; it is the risk of personal commitment upon the integrity of God—the One altogether reliable. *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him* (Heb. 11:6).

God cannot lie, for that is against His nature. He will not fail, for His power is commensurate with His promise. *I will trust Him today for my every need!*



Pastor J. W. Roach sends word from Roseville, California: "Great revival in Church of the Nazarene here in which 104 were converted, reclaimed, or sanctified. God used Evangelist Leila Dell Miller in a marvelous way. She was theologically sound, her arguments were convincing, her spirit was tender, and her persuasion was almost irresistible. Church greatly encouraged."

TAPE-RECORDING

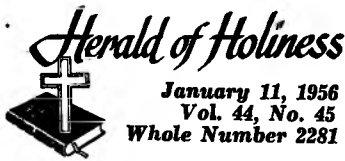
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MY SON HAD INVITED ME TO spend Thanksgiving week end with him at the air base where he is stationed, and had engaged a hotel room for my use, as I could not stay right on the base. When I entered the room I saw that he had his tape-recorder connected to an ordinary record player. He was taking advantage of the quietness and privacy to "tape" some favorite records. In order to get as many records as possible transferred to tapes, my son kept the two machines going all the time that he spent with me in the room.

One day we were playing our favorite game of Scrabble while, as I thought, a record was being transferred to a tape. Naturally we talked quite a bit, discussing the spelling of certain words and joking about the way the words on the board seemed to match to make phrases. Imagine my surprise when the recording was played back to hear, not a record, but our own voices. Every remark had been recorded. It was very interesting and amusing to "hear ourselves as others hear us," to paraphrase Robert Burns.

Today, nearly a week later, upon recalling this incident, the thought came: "God is making a recording of everything you think as well as every word you speak. When the 'tape' is played back, will you be glad to have Him hear it? It will be interesting. There is no doubt of that. But in what way?"

My son was able to "erase" our words, our voices; and God is able and willing to "erase" our foolish and sinful words and actions by sponging them with the cleansing blood of His crucified Son—but not unless we come to Him before our lives here come to an end. After



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death the recording will be permanent.

This little article is more a "talking to myself" than anything else. The lesson taught in that hotel room is one I hope I will always remember.

GLEANINGS

From the
Office Editor's
Desk

"The HERALD OF HOLINESS was sent to me as a birthday present one year ago in January and I believe it is the best birthday present I ever have received."
—Tennessee.

"I would not and could not do without my HERALD OF HOLINESS. I watch for its coming every week and love each writer, with his rich interpretations. They are a blessing to my soul."—Retired Nazarene Minister, Indiana.

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"I want to say thanks to the editorial staff and the entire Church of the Nazarene for the best paper ever printed. I have taken it now for about four years and would not do without it. I am a local licensed minister in the — church. I get so much help and inspiration from your [editor's] writings on entire sanctification. I say, Praise the name of Jesus for a paper like the HERALD OF HOLINESS, which refuses to lower the standard of the Bible and preaches second-blessing holiness."—Ohio.

"We have been regular subscribers to the HERALD OF HOLINESS and the *Other Sheep* from their inception, and have received from both untold blessing and inspiration. May they long continue to bear good fruit unto holiness and truth, both near and far!"—Massachusetts.

By **FRED M. WEATHERFORD**

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A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE THESSALONIAN Epistles leads to an inevitable conclusion. The light revealed therein is to direct the church, or Christian believer, into the experience of sanctification.

Let us read as a sample, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thess. 5:23-24).

This scripture emphatically makes sanctification an act of God. The fact of being sanctified lies

For the believer, sanctification is a divinely authorized must. "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

The burden of Paul for the Corinthians, the Ephesians, the Thessalonians, and all subsequent believers was to the end that all might be sanctified. His burden could not by any stretch of the imagination be construed as optional by born-again Christians, seeking to qualify for celestial credentials.

In the light of Paul's affirmation in the Thessalonian text cited above, the necessity for a sinning religion cannot be defended, for the sanctifying Cleanser is also stated to be the Conservator (Keeper from sinning), "preserved blameless." This cleansing and preservation are declared to be sufficient

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Sanctification... an act of God

with God, because provision for it originated with Him. "... God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit..." (II Thess. 2:13).

Sanctification, a doctrine as revealed in the Word, is to be accepted and experienced by faith. It is essentially a second work of grace, because sin is twofold (by act and by nature). For the reason that sin is twofold, grace is also twofold. Men, because of their crime of sin, must be pardoned and justified before God, who in the same process grants them a re-creation in spiritual birth—a regeneration (the Spirit witnessing to their spirits, effecting the work by faith).

The collective teaching of the New Testament sets forth the born-again believer as a Christian, but not as one who has yet become established in the grace of God. On the other hand, a believer sanctified is a soul suddenly empowered. A church filled with the Holy Ghost is organized power.

While men must find pardon for their condemning guilt imposed by sin, through confession and faith, to get the peace of God, there remains yet a carnal nature to be dealt with before they get the power of God.

To be wholly qualified for service and heaven, the sin-nature must go. Christ's ministry cut through the veneer of religious whitewash, to expose the viperous seat of a sinful nature. He had no part or parcel in a positional relationship which leaves the polluted heart untouched. He insisted that there must be an interior cleansing by the thrust of sanctifying power, to explode, blast out, or utterly destroy the carnal nature, when He prayed the prayer recorded in John, chapter seventeen.

for the duration—unto "the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Only God can make a saint. The design of human effort may make a Pharisee, but saints are forged in the crucible. After Paul's sanctification he said, "I am crucified with Christ [dead]: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:..." (Gal. 2:20). The carnal ego is burned out and Christ becomes the all-absorbing factor in life. When the sinful self is lost, then the process leading to genuine humility is accelerated.

If you have any disquieting anxiety as to the reliability and certainty of the experience, please be assured that the very integrity of God is involved in the process. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." Indeed, He calls to sanctification through the atoning merits of Christ. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). Not only are God the Father and God the Son involved in the promise to you, but Jesus said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14:16). In verse 26 Jesus says, "The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,..."

Having called the believer to sanctification constitutes a pledge of co-operation and a guarantee of success by the triune God in the adventure.

Sanctification is experienced by the believer as a divine act of cleansing, in response to a human act of consecration. The latter conditions the heart; the former emits the power of performance. Consecration is represented in a complete dedication of life to God without reservation.

Broken Rainbows

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WHO HAS NOT THRILLED AT THE breath-taking beauty of a gorgeous rainbow? The magnificent reach of its circling arch seems to touch the very heavens, and yet one end of the arch appears to terminate in the neighbor's field. What a display of extravagant color! Only a divine hand could paint such a picture. No wonder, long ago God selected the rainbow as a symbol of His un-failing promise—a symbol of hope.

But we never see all of a rainbow. Our rainbows are broken, the horizon cuts them off. John, on the Isle of Patmos, was given a vision of heaven. He has shared a little of his glorious experience. "There was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald" (Rev. 4:3). John saw the full rainbow. It was a perfect circle. They tell us that a rainbow is formed from the refraction of light rays passing through raindrops. So if we could see it all we would see a circle. At best our rainbows are broken. Whoever started that legend about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was perfectly safe. A rainbow has no end, but it appears to end because we see only half.

A dear old man was dying. He was a good man. He had worked hard all his life, and had raised a large family but he had never been very successful. He knew that the end was near and he was in a reminiscent mood as he talked with me, his pastor. He said: "I have some wonderful children. They are all good to me. I am glad they are all in the church. I know heaven is real, and I will be there before long. I suppose I ought to be the happiest man in the world, but . . ."—and his voice broke—"I always wanted to own a good farm without a mortgage, and have a good span of mules to work it. Several times it looked like I was going to make it, then another baby would arrive, or the crops would fail, or the bottom would drop out of prices

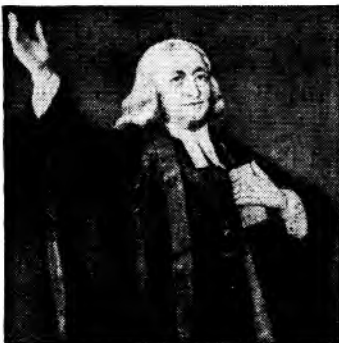
and we would have to use up all we had saved. Now I know I will never own a farm without a mortgage." *Broken rainbows!*

A mother called for me to come to her home. She poured out a story of disappointment and heart-break. Her young daughter, upon whom all her hopes and dreams had been placed, and for whom she had prayed earnestly from childhood, had run away and married. She was a widow and she said, "Now I seem to have nothing to live for." *Broken rainbows!*

A young pastor was serving his second church. He had worked hard and God had blessed his efforts. Souls were being saved and the church was making progress but an issue developed between two factions in the church. Inevitably he was drawn into it because each side demanded that he take a stand. He prayed over it and made his decision in the fear of God, but it was recall time. He was voted out. Later he was vindicated in the stand he took but the damage was done. *Broken rainbows!*

A lovely young woman passed away. She had a beautiful faith and repeatedly had believed that God had healed her of the dread disease that at last took her. What could a pastor say that would give much help? I told about the lovely buds that are gathered and crushed to make the rarest perfumes, but I know it did not help much. The parents had lost another lovely daughter in an auto accident just a few years before. The mother said to me through her tears: "Someway it is all right. I am not complaining, but when I see Jesus I am going to ask Him, 'Why did it have to be both my girls?'" *Broken rainbows!*

Heaven is being reserved as a rare and glorious surprise but the Bible gives us a few hints about the hidden part of the rainbow.



As soon as any [penitents] find peace, exhort them to go on to perfection. Preach full salvation now receivable by faith. This is the word which the devil particularly hates and stirs up his children against, but it is the word which God will always bless.

—John Wesley

"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." The Great Designer needs some dark threads to bring out the full beauty of the pattern. We see only the back side of the tapestry.

Paul, who had once been "caught up to the third heaven," says, "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed."

John not only saw heaven; he saw the redeemed

in heaven and he said, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." We see only the sorrow and bereavement side of death. John saw the other side. He saw the rest of the rainbow. He said it is "blessed."

The Psalmist also seems to have had the "long look" into eternity. He said, "I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." There will be no complaint department in heaven.

The rainbow is a perfect circle and it has no end.

I Took the Shivers

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WHEN A PERSON PASSES suddenly from a warm to a cold area, the body attempts to adjust itself to the sudden change of temperature by shivering. Authorities tell us that one-half minute of shivering is equal to several hours of work.

The mind and heart may shiver in the face of a crisis. We all gather at the district assembly and under the inspiration of the hour we resolve to go back to our work and do big things for God and the church. Challenged by our wonderful general superintendent? Sure! He can count on us to come through on every plan and program. Our hearts are strangely warmed as we think of the task and the opportunities we have to do big things. On our return from the *mount* of blessing and inspiration to the *valley* of opportunity, we are met with an atmosphere that is damp and cold; the sudden change in temperature causes us to start shivering. The cause of God drags heavily, our divided energies become depleted, and the enterprise of building God's kingdom is hindered.

If only we would take proper precautions to keep up the temperature by reading God's Word, praying over the cause until we become identified with it, and keep our own hearts "strangely warmed" by the presence of God, we would see miracles performed every week.

We take the shivers when we give ourselves excuses for our failures.

Our own constitutional weaknesses cause us to shiver. We are constitutionally "obstacle men" who see in every opportunity the obstacles.

We contract the shivers when we think of ourselves instead of the team.

A thirst for power will cause us to shiver.

Disappointed ambitions will cause us to shiver.

We take the shivers when we face our *circumstances*.

Self-pity, anxiety, and self-interest will give us the shivers.

We shiver when we rebel against our *handicaps*.

Crises give us the shivers. The Chinese word for crises has two characters, one meaning danger and the other meaning opportunity. To see the opportunity takes the shivers out of the crisis.

We shiver at *obstacles* when we ought to be looking to God. Shivering will make success impossible. When we shiver we cannot bring up the temperature in our local churches. We will shiver and fail or we will go in His strength with a sustained vision and faith to the practical work of building the Kingdom.

I took the shivers. I suppose the burdens were heavy, and I was tired in body when I arrived at the parsonage late in the evening. The next day I was to take an offering for the construction of a local parsonage, but that was the same date for a district-wide offering. "What shall we do?" asked the pastor, "take both offerings?" We both shivered. I went to my room still shivering. There was a book on the bedside table, *Think and Grow Rich*. I picked up the book and it seemed to say to me, "Get an idea or plan, and then have the will to persevere in pushing the plan." I prayed and God bolstered my faith, and my heart felt the warm presence of God. The next day both offerings were taken and both were a success. The pastor and the laymen were encouraged and blessed over the achievements of the day.

Shivers are contagious. One layman can produce a shivering atmosphere in a congregation. One minister can give the shivers to a whole district. I thought, How can a church do anything with a pastor who has the shivers? I thought, How can a district be rich in spiritual achievements with a district superintendent with the shivers? And again I was made to thank God; He lifted me up into a spiritual realm where the shivers are overpowered by the warmth of God's presence. As I went on my way, I thanked God for His special help in the time of need, and that new victories were recorded in heaven.

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*Studies in
the Epistle to
the Colossians*



VIII HOLINESS as the Supreme Purpose of Redemption

THE APOSTLE, HAVING stated his creed concerning Christ, closes by saying that He will reconcile all things to himself, both in heaven and on earth, having made peace through the Blood of the cross. He now turns to the purpose of this reconciliation, or what is to be accomplished by it.

1. *The reconciliation.* "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death" (I:21-22a). This reconciliation is known in experience as justification, and is accomplished by the atoning blood of Jesus, our Propitiation. There is and can be no reconciliation without Blood; nor can there be any justification without faith in that shed Blood. Why then so little preaching on the Blood of the atonement? Modernism rejects it, and Satan hates it, because it is the only solution to the sin problem.

2. *The purpose of the reconciliation.* While the immediate purpose of this reconciliation is justification, which in the evangelical sense is the forgiveness of sins, the more remote purpose is holiness of heart and life. In St. Paul's words, it is to "present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight." Thus St. Paul says that we are reconciled that we may be made holy; or as Mr. Wesley centuries later expressed it, "We are justified that we may be sanctified." Sanctification is the act by which we are made holy; holiness is the state or condition following this act. The words "unblameable and unproveable" refer to the daily walk of the holy people. These terms indicate a freedom from blame or reproof, either of which would incur guilt. There seems to linger in the minds of many the idea that Christ does not quite finish the work of grace in the heart; and that through growth and development, we must add to it by our own works. To be presented to the Father, we must be justified, or freed from our actual sins; we must be holy in heart through the sanctification of the Spirit; and

we must walk in this life without the guilt of blame or reproof.

3. *If ye continue in the faith.* The Apostle makes it clear that it is possible to fall from this high estate by being turned aside from the faith. Everything we receive from God is by faith. We are justified by faith, sanctified by faith, and live the life of holiness by faith. However, the word "if" in our English translation seems to carry a doubt that is not expressed in the Greek, which may well be rendered, "If indeed ye continue, as I take it for granted you will do." Yet the possibility of falling away remains, for the Apostle urges them to be grounded and settled, and not to be moved away from the hope of the gospel.

a. *Grounded and settled.* The word "grounded" (perfect participle) conveys the idea of a firm structure on a solid foundation. The thought is not primarily the security of the foundation, but the firmness of the structure resting upon it. The word "settled" may also be translated "firm" or "steadfast," and has reference to the building rather than the foundation. Christ is the firm Foundation, and that which is built upon this foundation must be its counterpart and consequence in security.

b. *Be not moved away.* This means "not constantly shifting," and may also be translated, "not yielding to movements," thus indicating a chronic liability to disturbance. We must hold to the old faith and not shift to every new thing which presents itself. "The hope of the gospel," concerning which we are warned not to be moved away, evidently refers to the second coming of Christ.

4. *To every creature which is under heaven.* Dr. Adam Clarke says that this is a Hebraism for the whole human race, and particularly refers to the two great divisions—the Jews and the Gentiles. As none had been excluded from the offers of mercy, and Christ had tasted death for every man, the Apostle concludes that the gospel had been preached to every creature under heaven, since it had been offered without restrictions to these two grand divisions as including the whole human race.

A Gospel Meeting . . .

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THERE WAS CHARACTER IN HIS MUSIC. I mean his playing of the organ was not just mediocre or even good, but indicated intensive training and the quality of a real artist. Great swells were followed by faint whispers, both accompanied by precision keyboard manipulation. I saw the organist grimace slightly as the doors of the chapel opened and two guards, revolvers in hand, entered. Following them were two lines of men clad in blue denim, each having a number printed over his left shirt pocket. The two guards walked to the front and turned facing the open doors as these inmates filed into the room and quietly stood as each row of pews was filled. When the last prisoner was in, two more guards closed the doors and stationed themselves on either side. The two guards standing at the front walked to opposite sides of the room, holstered their revolvers, and one of them nodded to me, indicating that it was time to begin another Sunday afternoon chapel service in the McAlester State Penitentiary.

The chapel at the penitentiary is a neat, simple structure built on the order of the military chapels seen on many army installations. It nestled in the yard of the prison overshadowed on one side by the huge cell-block structures. In front of it is the Administration Building, while on the other side rise the high, massive walls which surround the prison, topped with charged barbed wire and guard towers, which emphasize the hopelessness of any who would contemplate scaling its height to freedom.

The inmates are not forced to attend chapel. Many of them do not. However, more than two hundred fifty were present in the meeting which I attended. There were young men present, obviously not over twenty-five years of age. It was on the faces of these young men that I could read expressions of both disappointment and cynicism. Some of them found things to distract their minds from the service, although none of them made any disturbance. But in spite of some outward show of arrogance one could sense their hunger for something better than they had known. After all, they didn't have to attend this service.

Older men were there as well. In a moment of imagination I could visualize them relaxing in a comfortable living room with their own families after returning from church on a Sunday afternoon such as this. But while that is as it should have

Prison Style

been, the cold reality of the setting at hand forced a quick termination of such thoughts.

"Will they sing?" This question troubled me as I announced the number of the opening song. I knew well enough that to stand and speak to such a group was one thing, but to enlist their interest and participation was quite another. The question was soon answered as deep basses, rich baritones, and tenors were blended in old, familiar gospel songs. Even the more hesitant attempted to join in "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

Following a quartet number by a group of Christian inmates, I read Heb. 13:8 and started the sermon. There were clouds on the countenances of many as I dwelt on the word "yesterday." It was not a pleasant word for many of these men. I could not know the memories it recalled to their minds. For many it was, no doubt, an unpleasant word. But they must know that Christ is sufficient for their yesterdays.

The small cell of Christian prisoners responded to the proposition that the Lord Jesus was able to help them meet the problems which must be faced today. Finally, I tried to emphasize that our Saviour can be relied upon for the future. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

At the prison there is no opportunity for altar services, as is common in the Church of the Nazarene. It is difficult to accomplish personal work. Consequently much is left to be desired as far as the invitation is concerned. But this does not mean that there are no Christian experiences precipitated in these services. I first asked all the men who were Christians to stand. About thirty of the congregation responded. Then I invited all who would then and now renounce sin and accept Christ as their own Saviour to stand and join those already standing. Immediately about twenty-five stood—some seriously, with no show of emotion; others reached for their handkerchiefs to brush away falling tears.

We prayed for those men and dismissed the service. Two guards stepped back toward the center of the room while we witnessed the reverse of what had taken place at the beginning.

Beside My Ironing Board

By
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THE HOUSE WAS STRANGELY QUIET. ONLY THE SOUND OF THE wind could be heard as it blew through the trees and whistled around the corners of the house. The children were in school. My husband was away, too. I was home by myself—yet not alone.

It was ironing day. I was busily engaged, doing the most dreaded of all my household tasks—and I was praying, too.

A special burden lay heavily upon my heart. I talked earnestly to my Heavenly Father, who always hears us if we willingly and obediently walk in all the light that the Holy Spirit sheds upon our pathway.

Yes, I prayed. Tears blurred my vision, but I prayed on.

Suddenly, an indescribably precious Presence filled the area where I was working. I knew without a doubt that Jesus was there beside my ironing board with me.

I poured out my heart to Him. He listened to every word. He heard and gave me the assurance "that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (I John 5:14-15).

The burden lifted. Freedom and joy took its place. Heavenly sunlight flooded my soul. *Prayer changes things.*

How wonderful it is to enjoy His presence, to be able to pray through the burdens, to know He hears and that He will answer!

Time passed swiftly. The dreaded chore was soon finished and the burden I had carried was gone. Why? Jesus stood with me today, "beside my ironing board."

After the last of the prisoners were gone we started toward the Administration Building. Only one person remained behind; I could see his hands as they moved deftly up and down the keyboard, swiftly from one manual to another and skillfully as they opened this stop and closed that one. I re-

membered how his lips tightened as guards holding revolvers entered the doors.

That night I preached in my own church and prayed that the lives and talents of those young people that I faced in such different surroundings would never be enclosed in the confines of a prison.

God Bless the Scholars!

WE SHOULD THANK GOD FOR CONSECRATED men of learning—from Moses to Millikan; from Moses the man of God, who "was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians," to Robert Millikan, a highly trained, devout scientist. Such men are true servants of God.

While God can—and often does—employ humble instruments in His service, we know from history that, when available, He uses those of the best talent and training, as Moses, Isaiah, and Paul, for the most important tasks. We have but to turn to the Bible to see how the Scriptures have been enriched by the contributions of such men as Moses, the lawgiver; Isaiah, the prophet; and Paul, the apostle—not to mention others.

Our debt to devout men of learning is very great. Bible translators, makers of Bible dictionaries and concordances—not to mention authors of books, periodicals, and other writings—have brought us invaluable aid. Because of differences of opinion, these servants of God sometimes receive brickbats when they deserve bouquets.

We sometimes meet with those odd people who speak disparagingly of higher education. You may



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hear them say, "If God calls a man to preach, he doesn't need a college education; all he needs is faith in an all-powerful God." They seem to be proud of their lack of education. When a man of this stripe went to John Wesley, an Oxford graduate, to inform him that "the Lord doesn't need all your learning," Wesley replied: "Neither does He need your ignorance."

William Carey's linguistic gifts contributed enormously to his success as a pioneer missionary in India. "Carey and his associates in India translated the Bible into several scores of tongues and put it within the reach of three hundred millions of people. It is said that whenever a volume was completed they laid it on the communion table and dedicated it to Christ."

It should be borne in mind that it was through devout scholars, used by the Holy Spirit, that we got our Bible in the first place. Among the great-

est of these consecrated scholars who helped to put the Bible into the hands of English-speaking people was William Tyndale. Born in England the latter part of the fifteenth century, he was a distinguished Oxford graduate, a man of deep piety, "a good Greek scholar, and conversant with the Scriptures." The excellencies of Tyndale's translation have been the subject of comment down to the present day. It was his translation "so far as he had finished it, that became the basis of every subsequent revision."

Tyndale was only one among the consecrated scholars of the past who gave his life for the cause of truth. His work of Bible translation led to his martyrdom. The only fault to be found with this man of God was that he was earnestly endeavoring to give the Bible to the people in their own language. But in the eyes of his misguided persecutors, this was considered a dangerous thing to do and a crime worthy of death.

How much the people of that day missed because their misguided leaders saw in Tyndale a dangerous heretic, instead of a devout servant of God capable of guiding them in the footsteps of the Master!

Because of undue fear of heresy, are some of God's children depriving themselves of valuable spiritual help today? Several years ago a young minister was heard to say, in the presence of a veteran minister, when a new book was being discussed: "The author is said to be a very smart

NEWS in PICTURE



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Words of FIRE

*Engraved by fire, the Holy Word
Waits here for those who read
(From ancient pens, from treasured scrolls)
To fill the heart's deep need.*

*How long ago some words were penned
We only can surmise,
And yet these bright lines have remained,
An ever-deathless prize.*

*For He who rules the earth and us
Ordained these words should stay
As fiery brands along the path
To show us all the way!*

By MARY ALICE HOLDEN

man, but not a safe leader; it is said that there is heresy in his book and I don't expect to read it." The old preacher spoke up: "Go ahead and read it, and do as you would when eating fish—let the meat go one way and the bones another. You might find something helpful in that man's book."

While, as spiritual guides, we carefully endeavor to guard against false teaching, let us not needlessly deprive ourselves of the help that may come to us from those whom God has generously endowed with the gift of interpreting the truths of His revealed Word. The case of Dwight L. Moody and Henry Drummond comes to mind. Drummond was an eminent scientist, some of whose theories Moody could not endorse, but Moody saw in this great scientist a man of lofty Christian character, who was marvelously gifted in presenting Christian truth to students. When "fires of criticism were kindled about Drummond," because of some of his theories or conclusions, Moody stood by him and invited him to deliver addresses and lectures to the students at the Moody schools at Northfield, Massachusetts.

Had Moody feared Drummond as an unsafe guide, those students would have missed some very edifying talks and lectures on Christianity, from the lips of a man of charming personality, who became the author of the fine little book *The Greatest Thing in the World*.

Years later, when Drummond passed on, Moody, who was a man of emotion, wept on hearing of his death and said: "He was the most Christlike man I ever met. I never saw a fault in him."

Attorney for the Defense



By Mont Hurst

Dallas, Texas

THE MOST IMPORTANT HUMAN BEING in the life of a person who is on trial for his life is his attorney. Upon the shoulders of the defense attorney lies the fate of the accused. The pleas and arguments of the attorney shape the future life of the one on trial. The attorney is the intercessor and his conduct is the most important thing in the life of the accused at that time. And, to a far greater extent, Christ is the Attorney of all who love Him, who have yielded all to Him, and who have hung their future upon His vicarious sacrifice on the cross.

Jesus as our Intercessor has far greater grounds for our defense than any human being ever had in a man-made court. His case is never lost. He is the only Intercessor who has never lost a case and who cannot lose one! What an Attorney! He listens to our prayers, then stands before God and pleads our cause. God already knows that His Son has all of the facts, and that He will represent no person who has not first yielded his life to Christ. Jesus, as our matchless Intercessor, is the only One who can represent us before God, the supreme Judge. And when this most tremendous fact is fully realized, we begin to understand the vital importance of having Him as our Intercessor. If we can't have it thus, we can have no one.

It will provide us with a new degree of humility when we think of Christ taking our side and speaking to God about us. How ashamed it should make us to think of the many times we have failed the One who defends us before God! What a sense of unworthiness should fill us as we think of our Saviour as He intercedes with God in our behalf, pleading our case and asking God to forgive us and give us another chance! He is the only One

The U.S. Government estimates that one and a half million Americans have quit smoking cigarettes within the last 18 months. About 38 million others are regular cigarette smokers, 25,000,000 men and 13,000,000 women.— Selected.

who can cause God to place us on probation and let us live out a suspended sentence. Oh, how we should give Christ every measure of love we possess!

An intercessor is variously defined as one who is a mediator, one who sympathizes with another, intercedes, and one who is a peacemaker. Christ is the only One who can make peace with God for us. Yet, how many nominal members of churches seldom think of Christ as an Intercessor! Man cannot intercede with God for man, the saints in heaven cannot do it, the angels can't do it. The Son of God is the only One who can intercede with God for us. As our Attorney, not only is He the only One who can secure our freedom, but He is the only One who can succeed in having the record of sin completely removed from our individual page in God's book of records.

As our Attorney, Christ demands no fee. He does require a simple honorarium made up of love, loyalty, and testimony. He doesn't ask anything more of anyone. In fact, He wants nothing else. But we do have to recognize Him as our only Intercessor and realize that there can be no other. He is the only practicing Attorney in the court of heaven. He is the only One needed. All spiritual legal practice is with Him; and in Him is a persuasive love which knows no barrier and which is the only line of communications to God's heart.

Today, more and more people in all stations in life are running to and fro, searching out ways of escape from the tribulations of a sin-cursed world and the dire conditions that could prevail as a result of the firing of a single, well-placed shot. And that is why we need a defense Attorney who has never lost a case and who will never lose one. The old hymn "I Must Tell Jesus" has a parallel as He hears us and says, "I must tell God." And when He tells God for us, we are not guilty and, best of all, we *never were guilty*. That is because God is the only One who can restore "the years that the locust hath eaten" and repair the past. In Heb. 9:24, we read, "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."

In the Sunshine

*Much is written of the shadows,
And the presence of the Lord,
How His grace can light the darkness,
When we walk in sweet accord.
But too often in the sunshine,
When the day is bright and clear,
Other things seem more important;
Praying seems a bit too drear.*

*When our hearts are full of gladness
And the air is gay with song,
When the day is made for pleasures,
Why not take the Lord along?
With the Master, joy is lasting;
So when walking pleasant ways,
Speak a word of Christian witness,
And don't forget to whisper praise!*

By PEARL B. MCKINNEY

Don't Be a

CLOCK- GAZER



By
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THERE'S A LOT OF difference between folks when you come to think about it seriously; there are folks who work be-

cause they love work; there are folks who work because they realize that through work they can make life more comfortable and happy for others; and then there are others who work just because they have to do it.

The latter class are the kind that usually go through life working. They never get anywhere, and the reason is clear enough when you think about it. Men who do only what they are hired to do usually are hired to do commonplace things. They may swing along through the same old rut for years, doing just what they are paid to do, and no more.

Haven't you seen the *clock-gazing variety*? They enter their place of business every morning with their eyes on the clock, always careful not to get there one minute before time for business; and no matter what they may happen to be doing when the gong sounds for closing, they stop! That person will never move upward one peg, so long as he remains a clock-gazer. But the fellow who works for soul-satisfaction, the fellow who gives service regardless of clock or time, the fellow who continually looks about and tries out his hand for more than he is hired to do, is the fellow that goes up the ladder.

No matter how little your job may be, somebody is going to notice how you do it; and just as sure as you show signs of rendering good service, just so sure are you going to be paid for it.

No matter what your task may be in life, make it something bigger than you are, and then work up to it. Don't let your task be too little and trivial to interest you, and don't be afraid to work. *Work is good for anybody.* It strengthens our muscles and broadens our views. It makes us kin in general to every other laboring human—but the idler has a class of his own that only other idlers can appreciate. He may be a paid idler; he may be a waster of time altogether, but an idler just the same. Unless you have some definite purpose in life you are a waster of time, and unless you make of your job something bigger than you are yourself, you will forever be a clock-gazer and will never amount to anything.

Service is the real thing in the world, and the sooner we learn to make each minute of the day count, the sooner we get out of the clock-gazer class. Therefore, be a worker, whether for the love of work or for necessity's sake. Whatever is behind the motive, make your job worth-while and don't be a clock-gazer.

The Crown of Life

(This article by Dr. McConnell was in our files, and I thought it fitting to use it in this issue.—EDITOR)

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life (Rev. 2:10).

By Charles A. McConnell THE GIBE IS OFTEN MADE OF Christians that they are "other worldly," with the intimation that the religion of Jesus is something not practical for this present world. The truth of the matter is that the real Christian has an enlightened sense of values. It is probably true that every purpose of life has for its object some kind of reward. It is said of Jesus, ". . . who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." It was the joy, through the eternities, of having redeemed the race that caused Him to hold all His labors and sufferings as a little thing. He understood values.

The rewards which this world had to offer in the way of ease, of pleasure, or honor, or wealth, were to Him as dead leaves scattered by the wind. He was other-worldly minded. He shrank from no toil, no hardship, no suffering here on this earth in order that His life might bless men—but He did not look to receive His reward on this earth. In this the real Christian has the mind of Christ. His soul is absorbed in service here but, like his Master, he is indifferent as to what shall be his reward in this world. As does his Lord, he seeks a reward, but it is to be rendered unto him in the day of his Lord's own crowning.

To become a follower of Jesus means to have a complete reversal of life attitudes. The man of the world seeks for the good, the blessings, of this world. The man of Christ seeks to bless, seeks to bring good to others, asking not what shall be the return in reward from others. The man of the world is more than often disappointed—few come to the close of life acknowledging that their labors have received their full recompense.

The Christian man can never be disappointed in the rewards of this life, for what he seeks is labor and the giving of himself—and those he may find in full. And, having been faithful, he is assured of his reward by God himself—a crown of life and the joy of his Lord.

Charles Allen McConnell

I HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING THE SON-in-law of Charles Allen McConnell. As a young man in college, I began going to his home more than forty-five years ago. Of course I could say many good things about him, for he was a very

unusual man. However, there are only three facts about him that I shall mention in this article.

First, he was a versatile man. He achieved distinction in our church as a writer, a teacher, and as an exponent of foreign missions. He was a gifted public speaker. At the age of eighty-six I heard him make one of the best speeches to which I have ever listened; it was short, witty, and to the point. It was delivered with ease and extraordinary excellence; it would have commanded attention in the Senate or the House of Representa-

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tives. He had a taste for poetry, good music, and good literature of all types. He indulged in a very wide range of reading. He was a versatile man!

In the second place, Dr. McConnell was systematic. He knew how to order his life and keep ahead of his work. He was for many years a district treasurer in our church, and never did the auditors find the least mistake in his work. The reason for this was that he took care immediately of all funds that were received; he didn't put it off or wait—he did it at once and he knew how to do it. The late Dr. E. S. Brightman, famous professor of philosophy at Boston University, is the only man I've ever met who could equal Dr. McConnell when it comes to organizing one's life and living it carefully and systematically. In spite of this gift, he was never mechanical or stereotyped. He combined life and order in a superior way.

Third, Dr. McConnell was a man of consecration. One reason he lived so long, I believe, was because he learned to sacrifice for the kingdom of God. When I began going into the McConnell home, I remember that they didn't just talk about sacrificing; they limited themselves on what they spent for food and clothes in order to be able to give more to God's work. This was done for years. Dr. McConnell so disciplined himself in his eating that he never—even when that was not done as systematically as perhaps it had been done—ate very much. He didn't know much about dieting. But this doesn't mean that he was given to overeating. I believe that the chief reason for his habit of moderate eating was his desire to be able to give more to the kingdom of God. His consecration was complete; it entered into every detail of his life. I doubt if there have been many who have ever given more than he gave to the church and the holiness movement in comparison with what he made. It is one thing to talk about

consecration, or talk about making sacrifices in order to help along the cause of Christ, but it is quite another actually to do it day by day, week by week, month by month, and year by year. Dr. McConnell refrained from buying many things, not because he didn't want or even need them, but rather because he had something more important for which to use his money.

This, then, is the tribute that I would pay to this great and good man, Dr. Charles Allen McConnell, my loved and esteemed father-in-law. He was

STEPHEN S. WHITE

versatile, systematic, and wholly devoted to God and the cause of holiness.

Making a Good Soldier

SOMEONE IS REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED General Patton of World War II fame how he made such good soldiers out of his men. He replied that he trained them until they were sure of themselves, then dressed them up until they were proud of themselves, and last got behind them and gave them a kick. Patton was a rough, hard-driving military man, and of course his philosophy is stated in somewhat uncouth language. Still, he gives us something to think about in this threefold answer. General Maxwell Taylor, our present chief-of-staff, interpreted the third part of General Patton's answer thus: "By getting behind the soldier and giving him a kick, he meant to make him feel the urgency of the situation." With this change which General Taylor gives we have a wonderful recipe for making good soldiers for Jesus Christ:

First, train those who plan to work for Him until they are sure of themselves. The schools, colleges, and seminary surely have the major part of this task in their hands, and, along with them, the church with its Sunday school and worship services has a place. We must see to it that our soldiers "put on the whole armour of God"; that they are not only saved from sin, but also that they are baptized with the Holy Ghost unto sanctification. This last experience gives them power for witnessing, power to go on the battlefield and strike hard at the enemy. Along with this baptism with the Holy Ghost they need to be acquainted with the Word of God; it is the Sword of the Spirit. If they are to be in the battle and be sure of themselves, they must have the Sword of the Spirit. They must also know how to pray, to really

take their needs to God and get His support on the battlefield. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (Jas. 5:16). Without prayer, the Christian soldier cannot be sure of himself. Further, he must not be entangled with the affairs of this world, which will set him free to stand for Christ regardless of what the cost may be. Thus we make good soldiers only as we train them until they are sure of themselves.

What application can we make of the second point in this outline, "Dress them up until they are proud of themselves"? I think the spiritual application here would be that the Christian soldier must come to realize that he is a part of a great fellowship, an organization, which he can respect and look upon as worth-while. He must come to feel that he can fight the battle against sin through this instrumentality as he should fight it. Along with this we might emphasize the fact of careful living. The Christian soldier can be taught and helped so to live that he is not ashamed of himself as a representative of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He must not be ashamed of his Christ, of the God whom he serves, of the church to which he belongs, of the life which he is living, if he would be a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

The third suggestion in the outline certainly has a place in the spiritual application of these statements by General Patton, especially when you think of it as interpreted by General Taylor. The Christian soldier must not only be well trained, and proud of himself in the sense that he is not ashamed of his regiment, or his life, but also he must feel the tremendous urgency of the battle that is on, the need for winning in this fight. I would say that nothing is more urgent than saving a soul, rescuing a soul from the power of sin. No one can look at the Cross and all that Christ endured in leading up to it, the sacrifice of Him and of the Father in connection with redemption, without realizing that the salvation of souls is very urgent indeed. Often Jesus impresses this fact upon us, as well as all of the writers of the New Testament.

To rescue men from the awful fate that will surely befall them unless they get to God takes precedence over everything else, even life itself. If it were urgent that our soldiers win in World War II against enemies who seemed to have lost all ideas of the standards of right, how much more is it urgent for the soldiers of Jesus Christ to press the battle to the very gates of hell in order to "rescue the perishing; care for the dying; snatch them in pity from sin and the grave"! Nothing that men can conceive of is more important than for those who love the Christ to "throw out the lifeline across the dark wave," in order to lend help to those who may be sinking beneath the waves of sin.

The Sunday-School Lesson

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Topic for
January 22:

Requirements for Discipleship

SCRIPTURE: Luke 14 (Printed: Luke 14:7-11, 16-24).

GOLDEN TEXT: *Whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted* (Luke 14:11).

IF A PERSON SETS HIS WATCH BY other people's clocks, he will always be setting it, and he will never know for sure what time it is. But if he has a sextant and knows how to take his readings from the sun, no one can successfully challenge him. Christianity is Christ-anity; it is discipleship, following Jesus and fulfilling His purposes. Religion tends to get cluttered up with provincial interpretations, personal prejudices, and traditions of men. The only

way we can know whether or not our convictions are true is to go directly to the Author and Finisher of our faith. He makes the issues crystal-clear. In Luke 14 we have recorded the seven fundamentals of discipleship as they fell from the Master's lips:

1. The disciple of Jesus Christ has one central and supreme purpose, that is to help people. Even rules and regulations were made for man's welfare. They are never to be thought of as an end in themselves. This chapter records one of several instances in which Jesus came into conflict with the Pharisees over their legalistic traditions about the observance of the Sabbath. "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath."

2. The spirit of a disciple must be unselfish. Our great Example is Jesus. Nothing is more fundamental for the success of God's kingdom, and Kingdom interests. Wherever there is disunity among otherwise sincere followers of Jesus Christ, you will find at its root a lack of humility. Someone has said, "You can do a great deal of good if you are not too much concerned about who gets the credit."

3. The sympathy and concern of a true disciple are as broad as human need. He knows no classifications of the race except two: those who are inside the fold and those who are outside. When he invites people to dinner he

does not limit these invitations to his own social stratum.

4. The true disciple has what Dr. G. B. Williamson calls "the technique of an inoffensive persistence." He is realistic enough to know that he will meet many excuses, but he is resourceful and is never satisfied until the "house is filled."

5. The disciple must give his Lord first place in his affections—even subjecting natural human ties of love and loyalty.

6. The Cross is not only a symbol of salvation; it is also a symbol of the hatred of this world toward Jesus. A true disciple counts the cost and casts his lot. Lenin is said to have coined the phrase "dead men on furlough." The implication is that a man to become a Communist must dedicate himself to death for the cause. Anything less is just so much to the good. Can one be called a Christian who would make a lesser consecration?

7. The saving "salt" of a follower of Jesus is the spirit he manifests. The fountain from which this spirit flows is divine life imparted through the new birth, and a sanctified heart empowered by the indwelling Spirit.

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Foreign Missions

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Swaziland—Dr. and Mrs. David Hynd left the United States for Britain, December 12. They will return to Africa from Britain on January 12, 1956.

Prayer Request

There has been trial and test along the physical line for many of our missionaries. Scarcely any family has escaped serious illness this last two or three months. Mrs. Lee has been ill for a month now, and the road ahead seems to be one in which patience and endurance will be called for. We know that God is able to heal miraculously and we would call on the praying people of our church to join us in this request. Nevertheless we want God's will.—EARL LEE, *India*.

Brother Lee adds: "The touring season is now on. This year we are finding a splendid response to the gospel and several baptisms have already taken place."

As you pray for our India missionaries who are ill, will you also take this second request for our Indian nationals upon your hearts? Brother Lee has indicated that the wonderful revival that came to India a few months ago slowed to a halt when the national Christians failed to walk in the light of tithing. Many of them have not seen how this could possibly be done on their meager incomes. But in every field, regardless of how poor the people are, God has mightily blessed those converts who obeyed His command to bring their tithes into the storehouse. Pray for our Indian Christians. Until they see and obey this basic Christian teaching, they will never become a strong, indigenous church.

From India

We have just completed a very profitable convention for college students, high school students, and student nurses. This group of sixty-five young people

came from our own Nazarene churches, homes, and hospitals. There were four college students, nineteen nurses, and forty-two high school students. A few years ago it would have been impossible to assemble a choice group of this kind. Thank God for the progress that has been made and for the possibilities wrapped up in these young lives. The presence of the Lord was felt in the services and many of our youth received definite help. It is from this group that we must draw our preachers, their wives, and other leaders for the future. Changing India requires a God-called, Spirit-filled, educated ministry. We believe we have youth that can meet the requirements. Continue to pray for our church and the needs of this land. For months the enemy has been working desperately, but God is on the throne and we know that He hears and answers prayer.—JOHN MCKAY, *India*.

Change of Address

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Stanfield, Nicaragua, have moved to San Jorge. Their address:

Rev. & Mrs. Harold Stanfield
San Jorge, Rivas
Nicaragua, Central America

From the Philippines

The students have been out holding revival meetings for one week between semesters. God blessed their efforts and one church begged them to continue for another week, which they did. We hear good reports from that church. Now they are begging for another week during the Christmas vacation. It is good for our students to get out like that. It helps them much. Pray for these young people.—FRANCES VINE, *Philippine Islands*.

Peru

The Douglasses flew into their station about a week ago in a Translator plane which was going that way. They are now at home in Yama Yakat with all their supplies and equipment. They surely were happy to get back to the work they love so much.

The Bible school closing exercises were held the second week in December. Two students graduated. There has been an enrollment of seventeen this past year.—TAYLOR.

Persian boys gathered around the bookstand. Soon after I found a seat, our son called to one of the boys.

"Come over here, Fred." (Fred was short for Fredona.) "I want you to meet my mother." And Fred came over. After an introduction our son added, "Fred is almost a Christian."

"I was a whole Christian until I came here," Fred quickly informed me. "I was going to school in Oklahoma where the people liked me. I went to church every Sunday and on Wednesday nights; I sang in the choir and spoke in many of the churches in town. The church people were so nice to me."

"Well, aren't the church people nice to you here?" I asked, knowing that this little college town was noted for its religious endeavors.

"Why, I don't so much as know if there are any churches. Nobody has invited me to go to church. Your son is the only Christian I know," he added.

"What do you do on Sunday?" I insisted upon knowing.

"Oh, nothing; just busy, is all. I would like to go to church, but you have to be asked."

"You must come to Kansas City on a week end with our son. Our church will be glad to have you come." With these words I tried to cover the sadness I felt in my heart.

"I would like to, but it is so far!" and he threw out his hands to show me how much too far Kansas City was.

Soon Fred had to go to dinner. He excused himself and went along with the group, who knew it was time for the bell to ring.

Youness had not spoken during all this time. Now he turned to me and quietly said, "I am most fortunate to have your son as my roommate. My excellent roommate!" And then the boys were all gone.

These Persian boys are the "cream of the crop" from the country. They must all pass difficult tests before they are allowed to come to this country for their education. They will be returning to their homeland in two, four, and six years. Three of these boys were in our home last night and I couldn't help but wonder if they will return to Persia as Christians.

In checking around I have found that most of our colleges and universities have foreign students. I wonder if the church people are too often saying "Oh, they are Moslems, or Hindus, or Shintoists, so we will not bother them. We will not invite them to our churches." Maybe all the time these students are hungry for friendship, and through friendship with Christians they might be led to the Lord.

How near they are to us! *Right at our door!*

the HOME CIRCLE



Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

Right at Our Door . . .

BRIGHT AND EARLY ON THE first day of registration for college this year, our son drove the fifty miles which lay between our city and the small village where he was to attend school. He took his suitcases, his typewriter, and everything he thought he would need in fixing up his room. That same evening about six o'clock he returned home and, much to my surprise, brought his suitcases and his typewriter and carefully placed them on the floor of the living room.

"Well," I said, "couldn't you get into the room assigned you?"

"Oh, yes," was his reply, "but when I went to my room, I found I had a Persian for a roommate. I didn't even unpack, just turned around and brought my stuff back home. I'll go day after tomorrow when classes start and have my room changed."

"Oh, I see," I said and went on about my work.

On Wednesday our son returned to the college and we heard no more from him until the end of the week, when he returned for the week end. As soon as he entered the house, I called to him.

"Did you get your room changed?"

"No," was the simple reply.

"You didn't? Why—did you try?" I asked.

"I decided not to. I was reading in James and came across that verse of scripture which says, 'But if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin.' I really didn't have anything against the Persian fellow; I guess I didn't want to

stay with him because of his race. That didn't seem right for a Christian, so I decided to stay."

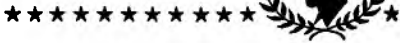
Each week end our son told us a little more about his roommate. Then one day he returned with quite a bit of information.

"My roommate's name is Youness. I found out that he is a Mohammedan. He has been in America for only a few months and has a great deal of difficulty learning to understand our talk. When he found out that I was going to treat him as an equal, he became very friendly with me. I have talked to him about Jesus and he listens carefully. The other Persian boys who visit our room always say, 'God be with you,' when they leave the room. They say it to me now and I to them. They all like to have an American friend."

That was back in September. About the middle of November, I had an opportunity to go to the college town with my husband. It was religious-emphasis week at the school. A religious publishing house had been asked to set up a bookstand in the student lounge. Our publishing house supplied a few books, so my husband and I drove down to take them.

Not long after we arrived in town, our son and Youness found us. I sat in the car and visited with them for a few moments; then they went into the lounge where my husband was setting up his books. After fifteen or twenty minutes, I decided to see how the books were coming along. As I entered the lounge, I saw a group of about twelve

Servicemen's Corner



"As I will be leaving the Far East Command soon, I wish to inform you to discontinue sending the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Other Sheep*, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart*. During the past several months, these periodicals have truly been a blessing to me. I've enjoyed them immensely. They proved themselves in Korea, where I was stationed in a desolate part of the country, seven miles from the DMZ zone, and later in Japan.

"When I left the States, I didn't know what my future held in the Far East. Looking back now, I can truly see and know where God kept His hand upon me in the way that I should go. Praise God for keeping me from the many sins a serviceman encounters.

"Here in Japan, God opened many doors where we could enjoy the things of God with others. Each week, we have a Bible study class, also a combined Bible study and English class at a Japanese church with the students of high school and college age, which has helped us and broadened our knowledge on God's Word. Each Saturday night, we attend the G.I. (God-inspired) Gospel Hour in Tokyo.

"It was my privilege to attend most of our District Assembly this past May with our missionaries and Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt; also the dedication of the Florence Eckel Church. It's wonderful to be with the missionaries in helping to spread the gospel to these people who have been worshiping idols for centuries. The 'born again' Japanese people are happy people and are sincere Christian brothers in Christ. God bless the Church of the Nazarene in the great work which is being accomplished in all of its branches.—CPL. GLEN R. JACKSON."

"Since I have just a short time left in the service I would like to take the time to tell you how glad I was to receive the church papers. It was like getting letters from home.

"The missionaries here are wonderful and doing a fine job. I have been in Sunday-school work for six months here in a home with Japanese with an average number of twenty-five each Sunday. I love the Lord and He saves and keeps me day by day. I plan to attend Pasadena College in two years from now.—MAX SPICER."

NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION
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HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



Roy F. Smee, Secretary

District Superintendent C. D. Taylor has organized a new church at Boardman, Ohio, a suburb of Youngstown. The congregation is worshipping in a school auditorium, but had sixty-five in Sunday school the first Sunday. An excellent lot has been purchased and a building will be erected in the spring. This is the tenth new church on the Akron District this quadrennium.

Two new churches have been organized in South Africa by District Superintendent Charles H. Strickland. They are at Kimberley and the Central Church in Johannesburg. There are four new churches on the South African District this quadrennium.

558 Churches

AT THE TIME OF THE WRITING of these paragraphs, it is less than six months until the General Assembly. We have passed the 550 mark in total number of churches organized since the 1952 General Assembly, with a present total of 558. We anticipate another 100 organizations in these six months. This will yield a smaller number of churches organized than last quadrennium. However, because there have been fewer churches disorganized and because of the gain reflected from the merger of our churches and the International Holiness Mission in the British Isles in 1953, our net gain is more than last quadrennium. For this we are genuinely grateful.



President Eisenhower

Our president has given to his country all but unparalleled devotion and service. At this writing the doctors have ordered a "slow-down" in his work program. He should be allowed to obey them without interference of high pressure from selfishly interested persons and groups. Such pressure, at times, becomes heartless and ruthless. Personally ambitious hopefuls and party leaders press for an immediate decision as to his candidacy in the 1956 presidential election. To say that others have had the same trouble and have recovered to give years of service is to overlook two important facts. First, peo-

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ple do not have the same trouble; each case is separate and individual. Second, it fails to mention what happened to countless ones who failed to be cautious. Because of his achievements in behalf of world peace and his emphasis on things spiritual, President Eisenhower would be first in nomination as the indispensable man, if there be such, but whether he runs or not is his own decision under God. He should not be killed by pressure.

Whiskey Allowance

The *Civic Forum*, National Civic League Quarterly, reports that the State Department wants Congress to increase

its whiskey allowance from \$475,000.00 to \$700,000.00 per year. Loy W. Henderson, deputy Under-secretary of State, is quoted as saying, "If we are to perform our work properly, we have to have these pleasant social relations with local government leaders and other leaders of the community." Liquor diplomacy, war, and just plain liquor are tragic testimonials to the moral insanity of men without God. It is said that some Mohammedan countries complain that there is far too much drinking in American embassies. There are particular experiences in the past in which the United States has been involved that have led many to believe that alcohol on the diplomatic brain is responsible for some of the serious troubles that ail the world today.

The Pope's Vision

Some Washington, D.C., clergymen, it is reported, accept the possibility of the pope's having seen a vision of Christ but think that it should have been kept a carefully guarded secret. Perhaps it should have been and perhaps not. If it is a build-up for the pope and for the claim of the church that he is "the vicar of Christ, with supernatural powers," then it should not have been publicized. Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, put it this way: "If the pope did have such a vision, it was because he is a man of God," and not because of the above claims (Washington Religious Report). It is not necessary, however, to refrain from publishing it out of deference to those who think of God as an absentee God and know Him only as "Thou Great Unknown." Nothing is plainer in the New Testament than that God does intervene in human experience to redeem from sin, to enlighten, to chasten, and to bless. The man who cannot, or rather will not, accept the supernatural in Christian experience might as well turn back.

Cyprus in the News

The island of Cyprus, where Barnabas, companion to Paul, was born and probably where he was martyred, is in the focus of world attention at present. In the eastern Mediterranean it has become of supreme importance to Britain, which is now building it into a strong bastion to compensate for the loss of Suez. In the year 1878 Turkey gave it over to Britain for administration, and in 1914 Britain annexed it outright. During World War II, Britain offered it to Greece; Greece refused to accept it. These three nations are now in a three-way struggle for the support of the populace. Five hundred thousand speak Greek. Archbishop Makarios, of the Greek Orthodox church, is actively agitating for a union with Greece. There are one hundred thousand Turkish Mus-

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

I'm not sure about your answer to the first question in the Question Box in the "Herald of Holiness" for December 7. It does not seem to be in accord with what is said in the article by Edward Lee Dowd. In your answer you clearly state that it is possible for a person who has been sanctified as a second definite work of grace to backslide and be lost. On the other hand, Mr. Dowd in one place in his article says, "no return to the old nature nor to selfishness." If a person cannot return to the old nature, how could he then backslide or sin in any way?

I know Mr. Dowd well and know that he would agree with the answer which I gave. His article is A-1 and has some very valuable truth in it. If you will carefully read the article again from the first, and especially notice the part which begins with these words: "Pentecost relates me to world-changing eternal issues," I believe you will get the true meaning of what he said. He means that when a person makes the kind of consecration which it takes

to really get the sanctifying baptism with the Holy Spirit, and continues to live on that level, there will be "no return to the old nature nor to the past selfishness." This holds only so long as he keeps consecrated and sanctified; it does not mean that he could not withdraw his consecration, or back out of it, and thereby lose the blessing, or his standing with God as a sanctified person.

Do you think it is possible for a person to be really saved and yet never get sanctified and still never go back to the sins that he used to do, such as breaking the Sabbath, going to movies, cursing, lying, and what not?

I believe that it would be exceptional for a person to do what you suggest. In order to keep saved, a person must walk in the light, or the truth which he apprehends. After a time, especially if he hangs around a holiness church, he will sooner or later come up to the light on holiness. He will have to walk in that light or else go back to his old life of sin. A man cannot deliberately turn down a higher state of grace and retain the state of grace which he already has. I am more afraid of light than anything else. Once we have light

on a certain thing, we must walk in it or else imperil our standing with God and the hope for the future which goes with it. We are not only responsible for the light we have but also for the light which we have purposely evaded. I am not here to judge anyone. I cannot say when a saved person has reached the place where he has light on holiness, but he knows it and God knows it. God have mercy on a person who gets to that point and refuses to walk in the light.

How long would you say it is before the average person gets sanctified after he has been converted? Don't some people go on for years before this blessed event takes place?

My answer to the preceding question really implies the answer to this one. It all depends on one's light, and, therefore, varies a great deal. This is the case because people who are saved do not all sit under the same preaching, nor have the same background, or the same ability to comprehend the truth which is presented. Also, there are, per-

haps, other factors which enter into the situation. No doubt some get the blessing soon after they are saved, while others might be years making the journey from "Egypt to Canaan." This latter possibility would seldom hold for those who regularly sit under the preaching of second-blessing holiness.

What about winning \$100.00 or \$150.00 in a Bingo game or something like that where a "pool" was set up? Then the person becomes a Christian. Should he, and how could he, make restitution in such a case?

God does not ask us to make restitution when it is impossible. However, if you are bothered about it, why not give

that amount to your church above your regular giving, even if you have to do it little by little?

lims there who say that such a union will be accomplished over their dead bodies. Recently mobs in and around Istanbul, in sympathy with their Cyprian compatriots, have either demolished or damaged beyond use sixty out of a total of eighty Greek Orthodox

churches. According to Raymond E. Maxwell, secretary to the Orthodox Churches of the World Council, it is the greatest calamity to befall any Christian church in our times; estimated damage is \$100,000,000.00 (*Christian Herald*).

NEWS of the Churches



Princeton, Indiana—In November we had a very good revival with Evangelist Mason Lee and Professor D. F. Slack as the special workers. Counting as they came, there were 62 seekers at the altar. In the beginning of our fifth year here, harmony and unity prevail, and for several weeks our Sunday-school attendance has been over the 400-mark. On Sunday, November 27, we had 423 present, with 90 per cent staying for church. Several new members have been added to the church. A wonderful manifestation of God's presence marks the services, with shouts and praises in our midst. We praise God for the privilege of serving this good people.—Roy M. Vaughn, Pastor.

Song Evangelist Curtis R. Brown writes that, due to a change in pastoral arrangements, he has an open date, February 1 to 12. If possible, he'd like to slate this time in the Kansas-Oklahoma area. Write him, 912 Fifth Street, N.W., Canton, Ohio.

Rev. W. E. Cook is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene organized last September in Bisbee, Arizona, and requests prayers for the work in this new field. Also he writes, "If you have friends in this area, or stationed at Fort Huachuca, please write me, Box 390, Bisbee."

Pastor H. E. Oxford reports for Wagoner, Oklahoma: "Last November our church had a good revival with Rev. Floyd Scroggins as the evangelist. Eleven people prayed through to definite victory, and waves of blessing and victory were upon the services, giving us one of the best revivals the church has had. It has been a pleasure to pastor this home-mission church during the past year. God has blessed, and we had 109 in Sunday school on Rally Day. Feeling it to be the will of the Lord, I am now entering the evangelistic field and will be glad to go anywhere as God may lead. Write me, 167 Cherry Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas."

Pueblo, Colorado—The hearts of the people of First Church were saddened when Rev. James S. Barr resigned as pastor in October. During their eight-year pastorate here the Barrs have won a place in the hearts of all who knew them. Beginning his ministry in 1931, Brother Barr has served pastorates in Colorado and Idaho, and also served on many district boards. First Church has had a remarkable growth under his leadership, the Sunday school increasing from an average attendance of 166 to 372, and the church membership from 132 to 258; 165 members have been received on profession of faith. The old church building has been completely remodeled, a new educational building erected, and many items of new equipment added. The Barrs have assumed the pastorate of Westside Church in Decatur, Illinois. At a farewell banquet for the Barr family, about 325 people were present; a new dining room suite (retail value, \$600.00) was given them, also a check for \$650.00.—RICHARD SNOW, Secretary.



by BERTHA MUNRO

"GOD'S PAY"

Monday:

Who does God's work will get God's pay,

However long may seem the day,
However weary be the way.*

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9). "God does not settle all His accounts in October" (J. B. Chapman).

Tuesday:

Though powers and princes thunder,
"Nay!"

No human hand God's work can stay;
Who does His work will get His pay.*

"God is not unrighteous to forget" your "work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope"—if you endure to the end. There is a final Saturday evening payoff: "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" (Rom. 2:7).

Wednesday:

God hurries not, nor makes delay:

Who works for Him will get His pay
Some certain hour, some certain day.*

"Gold, silver, precious stones"—our best—built on the foundation, Jesus Christ—"the day shall declare it, . . . the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide . . . he shall receive a reward" (I Cor. 3:12-14). How large? Heaven's currency weighs heavy. God's best for our best.

Thursday:

He does not pay as others pay

In gold or land or raiment gay,
In goods that perish and decay.*

His good word is, "Thou shalt have treasure in heaven"—safe from moth and rust. But even now, "He that reapeth receiveth wages, . . . unto life eternal" (John 4:36). "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). The biggest pay on earth—to be continued in heaven—is the

joy of gathering in living sheaves won for Christ.

Friday:

" . . . an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life" (Mark 10:30). Wonderful Christian fellowship down here is part of the salary; and whatever we have paid out in His service—all that thou spendest Jesus will repay.

Saturday:

The basic pay yet to come is the Master's personal commendation, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matt. 25:21). And the Master's presence and His personal mark of identification: "They shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads" (Rev. 22:4). For we serve for love of Him.

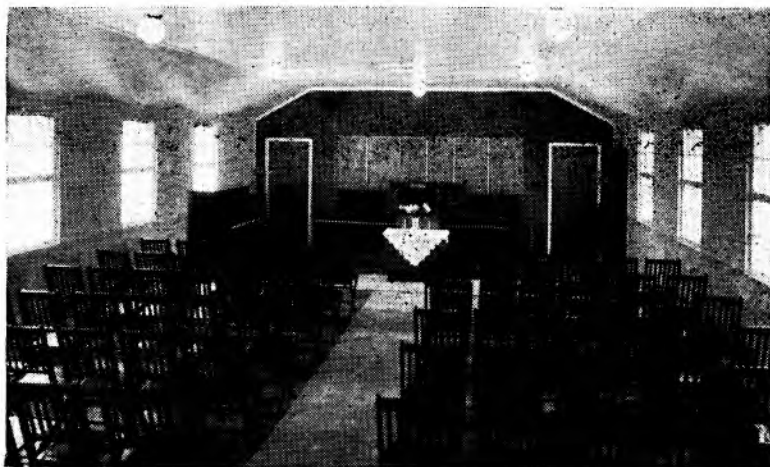
Sunday:

But God's high wisdom knows a way;
And that is sure, let come what may,
Who does God's work will get God's pay.*

For He hath prepared for them "a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." "If we suffer, we shall also reign." "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, . . . the things which God hath prepared . . ."

*"God's Pay." Dennis Macarthy. Used by permission

Branch of Sharpe Memorial Church Parkhead, Glasgow



Two years ago the Sharpe Memorial Church of Parkhead opened a branch Sunday school in a day-school building in Barlanark, a new residential area some two miles distant from the mother church. God helped us, our people

caught the vision, and although the city planning authority had allocated all church sites by 1946 in this rapidly developing area, our application was graciously received and a fine site eventually offered. On Saturday, September

17, the new church was opened and dedicated, the dedicatory address being given by Rev. Hugh Rae, principal of Hurler Nazarene College, due to the unavoidable absence of District Superintendent George Frame. The branch church is a wooden structure, 60 x 22 feet, seating 140 in the main auditorium and 30 in the minor hall, with vestry and other offices provided. The church has been beautifully decorated, and musical instruments, communion set, and various furnishings have been donated by members. In a special project to finance the branch church the fine folks at Parkhead have covenanted to give two thousand pounds, at the same time maintaining "10 per cent" giving to foreign missions. The members in Barlanark are determined to cooperate in financing the new effort; and already an average of 250 are meeting in Sunday school. At the "Harvest Home" festival on October 16, more than one hundred were present. Brother Frank Hawkins, a senior student at Hurler, is pastoring the new flock. They hope soon to organize the church and call a full-time pastor. We covet prayer for this fine effort on the part of a church of some 190 members.—SYDNEY MARTIN, Pastor.

Sunday, September 11, was a red-letter day for the Circleville church. It marked the eleventh anniversary of the organization of the church, and also was the day on which a new, air-conditioned church building was dedicated. Special speaker for the dedication and for a fruitful, five-day revival in the new building was Dr. D. I. Vanderpool. District Superintendent R. F. Heinlein, who presided at organization of the church, read the ritual of dedication on this occasion. Three hundred people gathered for the occasion, including local religious and civic leaders who assisted in the ceremony. The building is of red brick construction, with interior walls of pale green scroll plaster, with fluorescent lighting; the furniture is blond oak, with a deep crimson rug for the aisles and platform. The church has a balcony seating seventy, a choir loft that seats thirty, and is equipped with a Hammond organ and a baby grand piano. Rev. Merl M. Benner became the pastor when the church was organized, and he supervised the construction of the basement in which the congregation worshiped for ten years. Rev. Thomas S. Fowler served for two years, during which time a modern, eight-room, brick parsonage was built. The writer came in October of

Circleville Church, Irwin, Pennsylvania



1953. Last year the church, of 125 members, raised a budget of nearly \$15,000.00, at the same time adding about \$4,000.00 to the building fund. Circleville is a

suburb of Pittsburgh, three miles west of the Irwin entrance to the Pennsylvania Turnpike.—A. ALAN GILMOUR, Pastor.

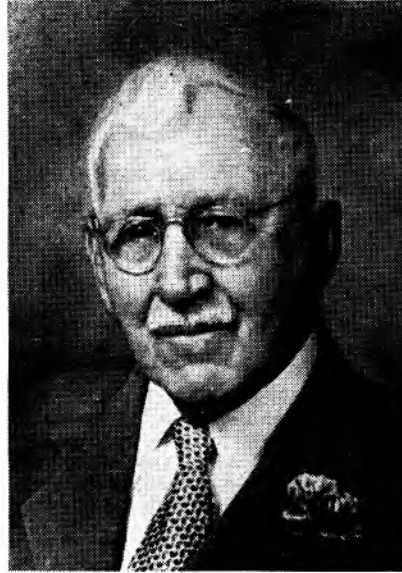
Lisbon, Ohio—Last November we enjoyed one of the greatest revivals in the history of this church. Rev. W. F. Miller was the evangelist, and God marvelously used him in preaching the gospel. Eighty-seven people sought the Lord at the altar, and 22 members were added to the church as a result of this meeting. This gives us 30 new members since our assembly last May. In October we averaged 238 in Sunday school—an increase of 60 over last year. Our

Thanksgiving offering was \$520.00—the highest in the history of the church. We praise God for His blessings, and for the ministry of Brother W. F. Miller.—Frank M. Brickley, Pastor.

Columbia, South Carolina—In November, Grace Church had an old-fashioned revival in which the Lord visited His people in a special way, and a number of souls were saved

and sanctified. The special workers were Revs. Ralph and Connie (Kelly) Swisher. The drawing of beautiful pictures and the special music by Brother Swisher and the stirring messages of Sister Swisher were a great blessing to all who came. We had the best crowds since we came to this church a little more than one year ago. We appreciated the ministry of the Swishers with us.—H. G. Clayton, Pastor.

CHARLES ALLEN McCONNELL, Th.D.



"UNCLE CHARLIE" (AS HE INSISTED on being called) was recognized by all who knew him as a man of unusual abilities—astute, with a keen, vigorous mind and a warm, lovable personality. However, his major contribution to the kingdom of God through the Church of the Nazarene, through the local church, the district, the college, and the general church can be explained only by a personal letter* written to me in 1945, when he was in his eighty-sixth year. His faith explains his life.

"Beloved, today I am entering the 86th year of my life; and also the 49th year of the experience of the blessed cleansing and filling with the Holy Ghost. . . . I had come out of college a hardened atheist, hating Christianity as a stupendous fraud. . . . At the age of 35 I was brought to repentance and salvation. For two and a half years I searched the Scriptures to know how a Christian should live, and I did that. . . . I knew nothing of the doctrine of holiness; was not, during those two and a half years, conscious of the carnal mind. But one day, under sudden and strong provocation, I went to pieces in a rage. When I came to myself, I sank into despair, but the Lord was merciful and restored me. Then I reasoned that if God could recreate a vicious atheist into one who really loved Him, He could do something to that one which would make him clean through and through. . . . On the night of June 18, I was alone in my home. I knelt by my bed, determined to settle the matter once and for all. I felt that God would grant me deliverance, or I must drop back into the blackness of atheism.

"It was a night-long battle, and I was stripped clean. I died. Then, just as the sun was rising on the morning of June 19, there came upon me such a flood of peace and sense of cleanness as I had not known existed. The whole world seemed to be changed."—HARDY C. POWERS, *General Superintendent*.

* (Letter dated June 19, 1945)

IT WAS A HIGH HONOR TO BE "Uncle Charlie" McConnell's pastor for the past six years. He was faithful in his attendance, wholehearted in his support, liberal in his giving, unstinting in his praise, exuberant in his testimony,

fervent in his praying, and consistent in his living. He will be missed by his pastor, his church, his friends, and the community of Bethany.—E. S. PHILLIPS, *Pastor, Bethany Church of the Nazarene*.

God's "Special" Gift

FEW LAYMEN IN THE CHURCH of the Nazarene have had as great an influence in the lives of individuals, in the building of a sector of our denomination, and in the establishing of one of our colleges as Dr. Charles McConnell (better known as "Uncle Charlie" to us who knew, loved, and appreciated him so much). His death at ninety-five years of age ends a noble life which started even before the beginning of the Civil War. As always, when death terminates a career of unusual success, many estimates are offered. In the case of "Uncle Charlie" they need not be involved, for anything that might now be said was said during his life.

Intelligence of a high order, especially as related to his understanding of people and their reactions, should, in the opinion of this writer, be high on the list of reasons for his life of usefulness; and this ability was multiplied many fold by the fact that he had and never lost the common touch. He was a kindly, good man, loyal to his friendships, devoted to his Christ, and faithful to his church, its doctrines, and its standards. He had a genuine love for young people and was always ready to help and to assist them, as hundreds of former B.N.C. students will testify.

In my estimation "Uncle Charlie" was one of those rare persons who could be designated as one of "God's gentlemen." He adorned the doctrine of his Lord. He had a way of imparting to one a sense of personal worth—and that is true courtesy. I loved him for his stimulating personality. He knew how to project it into his contacts with others. I appreciated him for his refreshing optimism and geniality. He was never drab—that Irish wit and keen mind were alert even in the last days of his life. I shall miss his cheery, light-inspiring greetings as I would slip in to see him. I always left feeling I was taking so much more away than I had brought.

He lived a long, yet full, rich, and interesting life, seemingly enjoying himself to the full and wanting others to do likewise. "Uncle Charlie" was never little in attitude or action. Any tribute that I can pay to his memory seems woefully inadequate. But I shall continue to think of him as one of God's "special gifts" to Bethany Nazarene College as well as to the Church of the Nazarene during our first fifty years of history.—ROY H. CANTRELL, *President, Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma*.

"Served with Distinction"

IT HAS BEEN A DISTINCT PRIVILEGE to serve on a district with "Uncle Charlie" McConnell during the closing years of his life. His radiant spirit inspired our district gatherings when he was able to attend, and the mention of his name when he could not be present cast a wholesome influence upon our services and endeavors.

In 1926, Dr. C. A. McConnell was chosen as treasurer for the Western Oklahoma District of the Church of the Nazarene. In this office he served so efficiently for twenty-three years that no audit of his books ever found one small error. The Northwest Oklahoma District Assembly reluctantly acquiesced to his wish to be relieved of this responsibility in August, 1949, shortly after his eighty-ninth birthday. The assembly immediately voted him the status of district treasurer emeritus, which has been renewed by each succeeding annual assembly.

"Uncle Charlie" McConnell was a delegate to each of the thirteen General Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene, and for the last eight of these he represented the Western and the Northwest Oklahoma districts.

We of the Northwest Oklahoma District shall always be thankful for him because of his contribution, his wonderful spirit, and his godly example.—J. T. CASSETT, *Superintendent of Northwest Oklahoma District.*

"Fervent in Spirit"

ONE'S RECOLLECTIONS OF Charles A. McConnell are never uncertain and hazy; they are vivid. He was a positive type of person; he wasn't ordinary in his personality nor in his way of doing things. It has been many years since we were closely associated as fellow workers at the publishing house and as members of the same local church. Since, I have remembered him as a man whose cup was continually running over. He never did anything listlessly or indifferently. He was an enthusiastic participant in the glorious adventure of life. Whatever he did, he gave the task at hand everything he had. When superintending the Sunday school, teaching a Bible class, praying with a seeker at the altar, he was dynamic, wholehearted, "fervent in Spirit."

He served with distinction as editor of the *Youth's Comrade* and also the *Other Sheep*. Although talented, he looked to God for direction. Well do I recall the morning when he assumed his position as managing editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*. In passing the closed door, I heard "Uncle Charlie," as he was affectionately called, in prayer for guidance.

What a full, rich, dedicated, influential life he lived and his Lord fittingly rewarded and honored him with a long one!—M. LUNN, *Manager, Nazarene Publishing House.*

A Faithful Pilgrim

A FAITHFUL PILGRIM HAS GONE home. He was a great friend to me for almost forty years. His prayers, faith, and words of encouragement helped me on many occasions. He was one of the greatest men that I have known. As I came to Bethany Nazarene College in 1934 to take his place as head of the Department of Religion, he not only gracefully took second place, but actively was my strongest booster and was anxious at all times to help make my work more pleasant. I had the privilege of visiting him twice in one week just two weeks before his home-going, and as he prayed for me I felt the divine benediction falling upon me. As I left he said, "Very likely I will not see you again in this world, but I will be waiting for you

on the other side." My friend has gone before and heaven is richer because of my rich heritage from "Uncle Charlie" McConnell.—LEWIS T. CORLETT, *President, Nazarene Theological Seminary.*

A Pioneer Among Us

FOR FIFTY YEARS IT HAS BEEN my pleasure and honor to know Dr. C. A. McConnell. He was truly a pioneer in our Zion. None has been more faithful to God, the church, and the cause of holiness than he. As writer, teacher, friend, soul winner, and as counselor in deliberative and administrative bodies, he distinguished himself through many years. I, personally, along with the church, have suffered a distinct loss in his home-going.—A. K. BRACKEN.

"Uncle Charlie" Is Gone!

FOR FIFTY YEARS I KNEW "UNCLE Charlie." Forty-six years ago I became his pastor, and have had the honor of sustaining that relationship at two different times. The pastoral influence was always reciprocal; for my ministry could not have been more to him than was his to me. I have served with him on boards and committees too numerous to mention, and according to my findings, C. A. McConnell was a Christian gentleman of the first rank. He was never obtrusive, and I never knew him to perform an act or take an attitude but such as should be expected of the greatest of men.

He believed in holiness of heart and his life was a good example of it put into practice. He believed in good citizenship and clean government; and never failed to register in favor of them. He was one of the most brotherly men I have ever met. He could make you feel that you were making a great contribution to his spiritual life, but at the same time he would pass something on to you that would give you strength for the day and the days to come. Therefore, "Uncle Charlie" will continue to live on in the lives of his students and friends to bless the lives of others; for "he being dead yet speaketh." That he was my personal friend was a great honor to me.—B. F. NEELY.

In Grateful Remembrance

CHARLES ALLEN McCONNELL WAS born June 19, 1860, and departed from this life at his home in Bethany, Oklahoma, December 1, 1955.

Left to mourn their loss are five children: Mrs. Eda Tilden, of Santa Monica, California; Mrs. M. O. Childress, of Lone Grove, Oklahoma; Mrs. S. S. White, of Kansas City, Missouri; A. G. McConnell, of Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Eileen White, Pasadena, California (a son, W. T. McConnell, preceded him in death); his devoted companion, Leona

The editor and all of the relatives thank Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, for preparing or arranging for the material which appears on these pages in memory of Dr. C. A. McConnell.

(Belew) McConnell; a sister, Mrs. Maude Smith, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and a brother, T. L. McConnell, of Clarksville, Texas.

After passing through a period of doubt and struggle in his earlier life, Dr. McConnell was wonderfully saved and gloriously sanctified. He affiliated himself with the Texas Holiness Association about 1899 and became editor of the *Texas Holiness Advocate*, later merged with the *Pentecostal Advocate*, which was one of the periodicals joined to form the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* in 1912, the official organ of the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. McConnell joined the Church of the Nazarene at Peniel, Texas, in 1907. He was one of the principal leaders who worked to bring about the union of the Holiness Church of Christ with the newly formed Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. This occurred at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908. He was greatly interested in the cause of missions and became one of its ardent supporters. In 1923, when the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene was formed, Brother McConnell was elected a member of the Department of Foreign Missions. He retained membership on this Board and was its honored chairman for seventeen years.

Having been a newspaperman and publisher of unusual talent, Dr. McConnell was selected to be the office editor for Nazarene publications when the Nazarene Publishing House was moved to Kansas City in 1912. In this capacity he was in charge of the office work for the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Youth's Comrade*, and the *Other Sheep*, missionary periodical which he named. He was the author of several well-known books: *Happy Day*, *Boys of the Old Sea Bed*, *The Book's Own Story* (2 vols.), *The Lost Frontier*, and his autobiography, *The Potter's Vessel*.

Perhaps the greatest contribution which Dr. McConnell made was in the field of Christian education. He taught principally at Peniel College, Peniel, Texas; and at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma. For many years he was dean of religion at the latter institution, where hundreds of ministers and missionaries were trained to proclaim the glorious gospel of Christ.

The memorial service was held in the College Church at Bethany. Some eight

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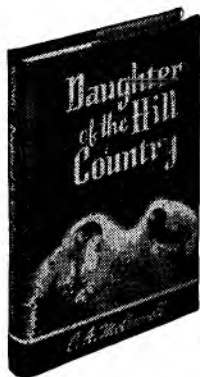
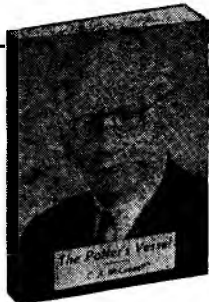
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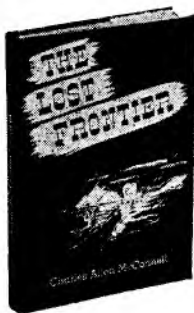
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hundred friends gathered to pay their respects to this valiant warrior of the Cross. Due to the illness of the pastor, Dr. E. S. Phillips, the service was conducted by Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president of Bethany Nazarene College, who gave the memorial address. The scripture was read by the general church secretary; the prayer and tribute for the Church of the Nazarene was given by General Superintendent G. B. Williamson. Dr. Fred Floyd, an early pupil and long-time associate, gave an appropriate personal and community tribute. There was a congregational song, "Living Forever"; a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Otis Peck; Professor Lester Dunn sang "The Valley of the Shadow," a song written many years ago by Dr. McConnell, which had been set to music by Rev. I. G. Martin. The closing song was by the congregation, "A Charge to Keep I Have." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. T. Johnson.

Charles A. McConnell lived his ninety-five years to the full. He lived well and loved much. His pioneer spirit was always eager to accept the challenge of new territory to be possessed. He was always ready to call the forces of righteousness to a charge, but knew not how to beat a retreat. The mantle of his spirit already has fallen on many among us, both lay and ministerial, who will carry the message of holiness to our day and generation.—S. T. LUDWIG, *General Church Secretary*.

Touring West Virginia

It was my happy privilege to tour the West Virginia District in the interest of Sunday schools, in company with Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent, and Rev. Hadley A. Hall, chairman of church schools. During the four days we covered most of the state in ten services. Nowhere have we seen better crowds in attendance at the rallies, and the Sunday-school workers were eager to find ways and means of reaching the unchurched.

Under the chairmanship of Brother Hall, a great booster for Sunday schools, the district Sunday-school enrollment increased 1,019 last year, giving a total enrollment of 17,003. The average attendance last year showed an increase of 868 per Sunday, with a total average attendance of 10,773. These are wonderful gains in anybody's district.

This thriving district now has 10,000 people enrolled in Sunday school who are not Nazarenes—it is conceivable that 7,500 of these are not Christians! Think of the fields that are white already unto harvest. No wonder Dr. Oney, the aggressive district superintendent, and Brother Hall are laying plans for a tremendous ingathering of souls. West Virginia has a very excellent corps of pastors and a wonderful crowd of loyal laymen. God is blessing the work of the Church of the Nazarene in West Virginia.—JOHN L. KNIGHT, *Superintendent of Florida District*.



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Here is an excerpt from a letter written by a busy pastor which shows how he feels about "Showers of Blessing."

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Wausau, Wisconsin—Our church had a wonderful, two-week fall revival with Rev. William A. Menneke as the evangelist. More than twenty seekers found victory in God, and many of our folk said it was the best revival the church has had. Pastor and people feel we are "miles up the road" after sitting under the ministry of this godly man. On the closing night we had a miniature camp meeting. We thank God for His blessings and pray the spirit of the revival to continue with us.—Miles J. Finley, Pastor.

Riverside, California—God gave First Church a wonderful fall revival with Gordon Winchester, our pastor in Pensacola, Florida, as the evangelist. There were several real victories at the altar, and on the closing Sunday we broke our Sunday-school record. We have purchased a new, three-bedroom parsonage, in a good location, and our people are encouraged to go forward. This is completing eleven years of wonderful service with this church and we praise God for His blessings. We are near March Air Force Base, and if you have friends there, write us (3468 Spruce Street) and we'll do our best to contact them.—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada—First Church had a successful week-end series of meetings with Rev. Ralph L. Morris, pastor of our First Church in Toronto. His unique Hopi Indian sand paintings, his bass solos and novelty numbers on the musical saw, as well as his forceful, dynamic preaching, attracted new people to the services. Also, his ministry at the Youth for Christ service was deeply appreciated. We thank God for his ministry with us here. God used Brother Morris to raise over five hundred dollars for our church's need on Sunday morning. He also promoted a birthday love offering for Mrs. Cowherd, the pastor's wife. We feel that First Church has moved up spiritually because of this meeting. We appreciate the fine leadership and ministry of Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Cowherd, pastors. Improvements were made on our church property during the past year.—Reporter.

Laurel, Montana—In October we had a gracious revival with Evangelist Ralph C. Wynkoop. The Spirit honored his ministry so that souls were born into the Kingdom, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified wholly. Many people found the victory they had been seeking for months, and the church as a whole was greatly helped. This meeting had all the marks of a genuine revival, leaving the church encouraged, edified, and increased.—Wilber A. Rogers, Pastor.

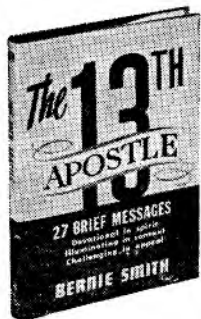
Evangelist B. W. Murphy reports: "God has been giving victory in our work. The meeting with Rev. Noah Sullivan at Grafton, West Virginia, continued a few days longer than scheduled; souls prayed through for pardon and purity and God gave good victory. At New Matamoras, Ohio, with Rev. Pauline Wickham, pastor, God met the need of hearts; then to Powhatan Point, where we closed a meeting on Sunday, November 13, with Pastor Vera Simms. God met with us in a special way and over eighty souls professed to pray through to definite victory. Rev. C. D. Taylor is a fine district superintendent on the Akron District, where these last two meetings were held. Reverence and humility mark the life of this devoted man, and it was a blessing to renew fellowship with him. At this writing I am in Elkins, West Virginia, where Rev. Jack Archer is the new pastor."

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Evangelist Allen H. Wagner writes: "Owing to a change in pastorates, I have an open date in February, and will be glad to slate this time with any church desiring a revival. Write me, 404 N. Kentucky Avenue, De Land, Florida."

Pastor E. K. Bryant reports from Longview, Washington: "Sunday, November 20, was our fourth anniversary as pastor of the new Longview church. On November 6 we moved into the upstairs auditorium, which seats 200; we have 15 classrooms in the new church. We had 228 in Sunday school and nearly 400 for the preaching service. District Superintendent B. V. Seals was ill and could not come, and in the providence of God we had Rev. H. S. Palmquist as the guest speaker. We had a thrilling day. Brother Palmquist was the one who began to lay the foundation for this church while he was pastor in Kelso. Also, we had a wonderful fall revival with Rev. W. H. Deitz as the evangelist, and at his suggestion we launched a 6:00 a.m. men's prayer meeting. We give thanks to our mother church and our godly neighbors, the Kelso Nazarenes, for the great assistance they have been in launching this work. God has been blessing our people in a special way in meeting the financial needs."

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RECOMMENDATION—Rev. and Mrs. Tobe Mackey of Box 76, Lindsey, Ohio, have recently united with the Church of the Nazarene, on our district. They are in the evangelistic field and have recently conducted some good revivals among our people. I take this opportunity to recommend them to the consideration of our pastors and churches.—Harvey S. Gallo-way, Superintendent of Central Ohio District.

WEDDING BELLS—Ernestine Marie Armstrong and James N. Allen were united in marriage on November 10 at First Church of the Nazarene, Modesto, California, with the father of the bride, Rev. Ernest Armstrong, of Clovis, New Mexico, officiating; he was assisted by Rev. Larry Bone, the local pastor.

BORN—to Rev. Roy and Sue Nix of Vicksburg, Mississippi, a daughter, Suzanne, on December 11.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Milburn of Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Carol Lynne, on December 4.

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by a friend who has been quite sick for a long time—not for herself, but an urgent request for the salvation of a son and a daughter, both with their own families, serious illness in their homes and yet they do not know God and never go to church—she is greatly grieved over their condition;

by a reader in Pennsylvania that a good Nazarene brother may be healed of cancer, well advanced, also a special unspoken request;

by a lady in Ohio who needs special help from God along every line;

by a lady in Oklahoma for her husband, a Christian, but in very ill health and threatened with a mental breakdown, that God will heal him; also that the Lord will make an opening for them elsewhere;

by a Nazarene lay person in Idaho that "a seemingly impossible office working relationship may be worked out for the glory of God; for a Chinese man who is under conviction and needs God, but is bound by drink and knows he cannot break the habit—is very intelligent and appreciates the interest of Christians; also for four unspoken but urgent requests.

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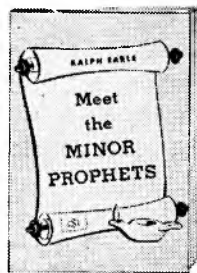
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