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Infinitely mysterious but wondrously real is the love of Christ. The Word declares, "God is love," and as truly it may be said, "Christ is love," for even in the more stern and rigorous moments of His ministry the compassionate tears and urgent yearnings of divine love were just beneath the surface.

The quality of this love was manifested in its most profound depths on Calvary, where life itself was given sacrificially and vicariously to provide complete redemption from sin for a lost race. It was

The Love of Christ

General Superintendent Benner

a love that reached out to the unlovely and rebellious, offering full pardon for the past and glorious cleansing for the continuing present.

But some of the more eminent and appealing aspects of the love of Christ are disclosed in the realm of His practical personal relations. His love was based in no wise on social standing, wealth, or influence. It was constant and warm, regardless of the criticisms and pressures directed toward Him or those He loved. The love of our Lord was understanding, charitable, tender, kind, and was poured out without regard to the past or to what the beloved might be able to give in return. It was a love that was as strong in absence as in presence, and that knew no diminution or limitation of time, for we read, "He loved them unto the end."

It is significant that Christ made His love the pattern for His disciples when He said, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12). The same quality and characteristics of the love of Christ are to be maintained in the love of our hearts. All of life can be touched and transfigured by this divine love, and we can know the joy promised for the keeping of this commandment.

Nor should we forget that in this quality of love is a major motivation for service, as Paul testified, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

As never before, may we live in the radiance and joy of another Pauline declaration, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

*God so loved the world,
that he gave his only be-
gotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting
life.*

John 3:16

LATE NEWS

Cablegram

Helen, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Johnston, missionary to Argentina, ill with meningitis. Please pray for her recovery.

Telegrams

Pasadena, California—Organized San Dimas Church with eighteen charter members December 30; Jack Messer, pastor; Glendora church, minister—Ansel Gunter, co-operating.—W. Shelburne Brown, Superintendent of Los Angeles District.

Honolulu—Record Sunday-school attendance of 1,037 on Hawaii District today (December 23).—Cecil Knippers, District Superintendent.

Pastor John E. Maybury sends word from Jonesboro, Arkansas: Rev. J. E. Linza, Nazarene elder, died December 28 at his home in Jonesboro. Prayer is requested for the family.

Don't Borrow Your Convictions . . .

BUILD THEM

By **LEONARD C. JOHNSON**
Pastor, Napa, California

To be without convictions is to be poverty-stricken morally. To assume another's untested, unloved, unbelieving convictions is to take on an unnatural weight—one God never intended a soul to bear. To be convinced an issue is right only to find it is wrong is bad—but not nearly so bad as to borrow the conviction from someone else.

Loyalty sometimes causes one to assume a friend's convictions, actually never really shared nor really desired. How difficult to defend a conviction not your own! God wants us to have convictions; mistake it not, but He desires us to base those convictions on His Word and on our God-directed consciences. Joshua in his final words to Israel before his death said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:15). He was stating his unborrowed, fully tested, and irrefragable conviction. He died soon after and in death bore this statement with him.

Borrowed convictions, on the other hand, are hard to live with and become weighted millstones upon our souls. "Know what you believe and believe what you know," is a maxim worthy of careful consideration. Have convictions.

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Don't borrow them—lay hold of them yourself—possess your own.

The Apostle Paul says, "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (1 Tim. 1:12). I like the part that says, "I . . . am persuaded." He possessed convictions which held him steady; his persuasion was from within. He lived for his convictions—and willingly died for them. *We need that kind of convictions!*

THE VICTOR'S CROWN

By **CHRISTINE WHITE**

*The way of the Cross is a lonely way,
Upward through toilsome years;
The way of the Cross is a rugged way,
Marked with blood and tears.*

*Why should I choose the rough old trail,
Stony and narrow and steep?
Others may travel the smooth highway,
While Christians must watch and weep.*

*Ah, but my Master walked that road,
Nor sought the world's renown;
The way of the cradle, the way of the
Cross,
Is the way of the victor's crown!*

Things I Am Grateful to Remember:

As a child, sitting by the fireside looking at the pictures in *The Story of the Bible*.

Mother saying on a cold, stormy night, "Children, be thankful you have a good, warm bed to sleep in tonight."

Father saying, "Marriage is until death do us part."

The dear minister's wife in whom I saw Christ.

The day I sought and found Him precious to my soul.

The busy businessman who invited us to the Church of the Nazarene, and to holiness of heart and life.

The night Husband was converted, and later called to the ministry.

The many parsonages we have lived in.

The HERALD OF HOLINESS articles by Dr. J. B. Chapman, "He Is the God of the Drafts" and "I Prayed for Your Boy Last Night."

The wee morning hour our son came home safely after three years in the service of his country.

The Sunday night at old Suwanee Camp when he gave his heart to God.

The Sunday morning we saw him in his own pulpit with hand raised to heaven singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!"

The eight pastors now serving we were privileged to guide into the ministry, and others still studying for Christian service.

Our many friends and loved ones in the Lord.

The beginning of 1957, which found us upon our knees, pledging greater faith in the God who is "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

—NORA L. SPEAR, Tampa, Florida

All troubles come to an end at death for born-again and sanctified Christians; but for sinners, real trouble is just beginning—and the fires of hell will never cool off.—EDGAR K. ZOOK.

Except a Corn of Wheat Die!

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit (John 12:24).

Very different were the thoughts of Christ from those which, most probably, filled the minds of His disciples on this occasion. He looked, no doubt, into the distant future, but He also contemplated the near future. Death lay in His path, and this engaged His attention at the very time when His disciples were most jubilant and hopeful. There must be the suffering before the glory, the cross before the crown. Outwardly all was ready for His earthly glory. The multitudes had proclaimed Him king; the Romans were silent, offering no opposition; the Greeks sought Him. But the Saviour knew that before He could set up His royal kingdom He must first accomplish the work of God: none could be with Him in glory except He die.

"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Nature is summoned here to show the law of increase which is stamped upon her; and that creative law is made an argument for the necessity of death that is before Him. What an exaltation of the analogies in nature to exhibit and use them in such a way as this! And what a means of interpreting nature itself is here given us! How it shows that Christ, ignored by the so-called natural theology, is the true key to the interpretation of nature, and that the Cross is stamped everywhere upon it! Nature is thus invested with the robe of a primeval prophet; and the Word, who is God, the Creator of all things, becomes not merely the announcement of scripture, but a plainly demonstrated fact before our eyes today.

The grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies. It has life in it and carries life with it through death itself. The death which it undergoes is in the interest even of the life, which it sets free from its encasement—from the limitations which hedge it in—to lay hold of and assimilate the surround-

ing material. Thus it expands into the plant which is its resurrection, and at last into the many grains which are its resurrection fruit. How plain it is that this is no accidental likeness which the Lord here seizes for illustration of His point! It is as real a prediction as ever came from the lips of an Old Testament prophet; every seed sown in the ground to produce a harvest is a positive prediction that the Giver of life must die.

The union of Christ with men is not in incarnation, though that, of course, was a necessary step toward it. But the blessed Man, who came into the world, was a new, a second Man, who could not unite with the old race, and the life was the Light of men. If that were all, the history would be summed up in the words that follow: "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. . . . He was in the world, . . . and the world knew him not" (John 1:5-10). To the dead, life must be communicated, that there may be eyes to see it. Men can be born again only into the family of God, of which the Son of God as man is the beginning.

Yet the life cannot simply communicate the life. Around Him are the bands of eternal righteousness, which has pronounced condemnation upon the guilty, and only by the satisfaction of righteousness in the penalty incurred can these bands be removed. Death—death, as He endured it—alone can set Him free from these limitations; He is straitened until it be accomplished. In resurrection He is enlarged and becomes the Head of a new creation; and "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5:17). In those redeemed by His blood the tree of life has come to its precious fruitage. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

By ROY A. BETTCHER, Pastor, First Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Love's Monopoly

By Evangelist CLAYTON D. BAILEY

Nature hates monopolies, and the government does more than frown upon the growing pains of business corporations. Laws have been formulated and enforced to keep the giant "Monopoly" from crushing underfoot "Mr. Small Business." But in spiritual realms love must hold a monopoly over all other graces, virtues, gifts, and fruits. Love has not forced these other Christian characteristics into an undesirable affiliation; rather, without love they would have no power of expression, and would lack the strength to exist.

Love, with regard to the gifts of the Spirit, is the heart. Without love the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians would become a coffin housing the corpse . . . the other gifts of the Spirit. Loveless speaking, knowledge, or doing "profiteth nothing" (c. 13).

The role played by love in relationship to the Christian graces is as king. Love stands "head and shoulders taller" than the other graces. It is the first and last king. Love is not a dictator—love defends, delights in, and directs the other graces.

I'd Love to See Inside of Heaven

Rev. 21:1

*Many times thro' life I've wondered
What lies beyond the pale blue sky,
Of the glories for God's children,
In that sweet land, by and by.
In the dear old precious Bible,
There's a city we are told,
Where the walls are made of jasper
And the streets are paved with gold.*

*Eyes have never seen its glory,
And our ears have never heard
All the wonders of that city
That we read of in His Word.
Our finite minds, tho' comprehensive,
Cannot fathom such a place;
But I long to see that city,
And our Saviour face to face!*

By F. W. Davis

"The tree is known by his fruit." Here is the way to evaluate religious profession according to Jesus. The flesh is known by its works. Love is the seed fruit that sets the pattern for the other fruit in the cluster of the fruit of the Spirit. Without love the other fruit would resemble dried fruit such as raisins.

Before Paul became a follower of Christ he felt the dividing edge of sin reducing his life to fragmentary deeds. When he became a Christian and was united by the Spirit, he realized that each fruit of the Spirit was love in another form. Around this discovery we center our thoughts in this message. When once we get this basic thought in mind we will see in the fruit of the Spirit the essence of holiness, and the expressions of the holy life. Consider how each fruit of the Spirit is love in another form.

Joy is love blessing. Joy is a fuller term than pleasure or happiness. Here is energetic gladness produced by relationship and not circumstances. Joy is the step of delight even in the midst of trials and sorrows, the keeping in step with heavenly music. True mirth is the result of the new birth, and is preserved and promoted through the sanctified life.

Peace is love blending. While joy is energetic gladness, peace is calm restfulness. Joy and peace are constant companions in the Bible. Joy ripples and peace is the supporting, constant flow. This peace "passeth all understanding." Love blends man's will with God's will to produce a harmonious relationship. Friction is removed, fellowship is relished, and favor is restored.

Long-suffering is love bending. "Love suffereth long." The greatest commentary on this term centers around Christ when He was mistreated. "Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." Love does not strike back with revenge, but overcomes evil with good.

Gentleness is love behaving. Long-suffering is love in a passive role to a large extent in the face of pressure, but kindness is positive action and reaction of love. Following the letter of the law alone a man works with the blunt, hard, harsh hand of duty; but fulfilling the spirit of the law, the Christian extends the warm, strong, gentle hand of love. Duty says, "I must," but love declares, "I want to." There is no room for rudeness and crudeness in the Spirit-filled life.

Goodness is love befriending. Goodness is the broader term. It includes long-suffering and gentleness, but its scope reaches in every direction and to all people. Goodness seeks to help those who appear to want no help, and endeavors to help those who come for help. It is more than a mo-

Will you be ready for God's . . .

INSPECTION TOUR?

By BETH M. NELSON

The desks were littered—a coffee cup on one, a Coke bottle on another, a newspaper and half a peach on still another; assorted papers were scattered on every desk; the floor was cluttered with paper; ash trays were overflowing—an appearance of general confusion reigned. Unaware of the debris around them, the office employees were deeply occupied with the work of the day.

Suddenly the door burst open and one of the airmen assigned to our office rushed into the room.

“Quick! The General is coming!” That’s all that was necessary. Without a moment’s hesitation every person in that office was on his feet. Drawers were jerked open, coffee cups and Coke bottles went into them, and the drawers were slammed shut. The paper on the floor was hurriedly swept from view. Peach seeds were tossed into the trash; ash trays were quickly dumped into the proper receptacle. In one big sweep all foreign objects were put out of sight. And—the General stood in the door.

After the inspection was made, the General had gone to write his report, and things had settled back to normal, I began to think. One of these days we’ll look up from our busy lives and see

the Lord standing on our threshold. We won’t have a moment’s warning in which to get rid of the clutter in our hearts and lives. There’ll be no time then to hide the seeds of bitterness and greed, the ashes of unforgiven sins, the dirty cups from which we’ve drunk the wine of slothfulness—the evidence of the way we’ve spent our lives here on earth. *He’ll see us as we are.*

I wonder what He’s writing in the book today. Are we being “written up” for carelessness of attitude, slovenliness of character, lassitude in witnessing? Oh, that we today might be as much concerned over the unannounced, inevitable coming of the General of the Skies as we are in preparing for a visit from earthly dignitaries! When He comes it won’t be enough to grab all our trashy past and try to hide it. Every sin that we think is hidden from mankind will boldly repose in all its ugliness at the foot of our General.

How much better to kneel today at the foot of the Cross and lay our burden of sin at the nail-pierced feet of the Christ of Calvary, and in that final day to hear His “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: . . . enter thou into the joy of thy lord”!

mentary service rendered; it is a constant quality of life expressing itself through many channels. Goodness is love befriending by cementing relationships, and by meeting responsibilities with a full measure of assistance from a cheerful heart.

Faithfulness is love backing. Faithfulness is more preferable than the term faith. It has been said that “our greatest ability is dependability.” Love removes divided loyalties. Life is brought into focus, and the individual powers are brought into play to do the thing that is pleasing to God. If the term faith is meant here in this verse then we have *love believing*.

Meekness is love bowing. Here love helps the Christian to have a right estimation of his own worth, and a proper respect for the rights of others. Meekness fosters a deep, humble, serving spirit. A willing self-effacement is the trade-mark of a meek person. It is worthwhile to trace the use of

the term meekness in the New Testament with regard to our actions, testifying, rebuking a brother in fault, and our appearance.

Temperance is love balancing. Love helps the Christian to put curbstones along the path of desires, that say, “This far and no farther.” The mastery of self through self-control helps to insure genuine spiritual happiness. A Spirit-filled life is a well-disciplined life—it is the walking “circumspectly” in all areas of life. Love keeps first things first.

“But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.” Let the fruit of the Spirit be seen in and through your life. Love must monopolize the sum total of your life so it becomes possible to fulfill the commandment to love God with the whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. The fruit of the Spirit is always in season!

The Dual Pursuit of Man

By Evangelist WILBUR BRANNON

The one constant goal of man's searching is peace. "International peace," "world peace," "peaceful coexistence" are all hackneyed phrases to our ears. World peace can be achieved only by the work of those who possess inner peace. This is the Christian responsibility. Logically this means that the ubiquitous tensions among nations issue from violent and troubled men. Yet these men, victims of inner turbulence, are trying to find peace within and among themselves. But how can peace be found on the battleground where the soul is torn by civil strife? The war clouds mushrooming from the soul always spread to threaten the peace of the home, the nation, and the world. Peace can be found only as the "Author of peace" is known.

It may appear on the surface that man is seeking for pleasure. But his search for pleasure reveals a deeper search—for peace. Pleasure acts as an escape mechanism from the frustrating realities of life's knotty problems. Man wants to forget his troubles, and he finds temporary relief in the ecstasies of worldly thrills. But even in that hour of imaginary happiness he is deceived by a *false* peace.

Christians, as a whole, are depriving themselves of the depths of peace because they have not found the value and rewards of withdrawing into solitude and quietude where the soul truly prays. The constant quest of the Christian should be the search for vaster vistas of peace-in-God. It is here that he derives strength for the taxing tasks of everyday

living. He comes from the place of peace enriched and enlivened to do greater things than ever before accomplished.

Great men have found true and lasting peace by a dual pursuit. We must seek for peace only as it is related to purity; tranquillity as it is related to sanctity; happiness as it is related to holiness. This is substantiated in Heb. 12:14—"Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord" (a strengthening paraphrase). David recognized this twofold endeavor when he said, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it" (Ps. 34:14).

"Pursue peace with all men . . . lest any man fail from the grace of God." The marginal reading is, "lest any man fall from the grace," and another rendering is, "lest any fail to obtain the grace." The fact remains that unless God's people constantly pursue peace, some are going to fall from God's grace and others will fail to obtain it. The world is wise enough not to seek for peace in the church that is split or splintered by constant strife. Almost without exception, whenever there has been trouble of any consequence within the church, someone has either fallen from grace or will never obtain it as the result.

"Pursue after the sanctification without which no man shall see the Lord . . . lest any root of bitterness spring up." The writer here is speaking of a specific quality of character made possible by a *specific* work of cleansing. Our pursuit is not for "a" sanctification, but rather it is for "the" sanctification without which none shall see God. This is supported by the original language. If such a definite pursuit is charted, *this* sanctification will act as the killer of any root of bitterness trying to spring up.

"Pursue peace . . . lest such a root springing up trouble you." Inevitably there will be someone even in the church who, like Esau, will cause a root of bitterness to spring up. But if God's people possess "love issuing from a pure heart," peace can reign in the midst of injustice and the root of bitterness will not trouble you.

"Pursue the sanctification . . . lest many be defiled." It is as we follow after that quality of purity that makes us accepted by God that we can lead others into the same experience of grace. But

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it will also act as a deterrent to those roots of bitterness by which they otherwise would be defiled.

Purity and peace as a dual pursuit is also expressed in the third pair of beatitudes: "Blessed are the pure in heart . . . blessed are the peacemakers." The first is an attitude toward God and the second is a corresponding attitude of the purified toward man. Sanctified people are not troublemakers, they are peacemakers. It is the "God of peace" himself who sanctifies us wholly (I Thess. 5:23). Peace is the crowning glory and the essential accompaniment in man's sanctification. Sanctification is a work of peace, and the peace of God is at work in the truly sanctified. It rules

The name of Jesus Christ is the key to the door of heaven.—D. B. Kidney.

the heart and keeps the mind through Christ Jesus.

Undoubtedly it was this hidden peace, which flows on beneath the toils and cares of life, that enabled Paul to declare: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (II Cor. 4:8-9). We too can sing: "There's a deep, settled peace in my soul . . . Christ abides."

How About the Focus?

By G. M. FIELD, Pastor, Keokuk, Iowa

"Hold your arm straight up and down in front of you, please," my wife reminded me as she prepared to "shoot" our two children and myself with our 35-mm. camera.

To those passing by, our actions no doubt seemed strange and even silly. But we have learned that this little ceremony pays. It is just our method of focusing the camera by bringing the two vertical lines together in the built-in range finder.

Our first pictures were blurred and fuzzy because we did not appreciate fully the importance of this little gadget. Some of our pictures contained important subjects with interesting backgrounds, but the all-important subjects were distorted grotesquely because the focus was on the secondary things rather than on the main subject.

These other things were important, but in focusing on them the most important objects were less clearly discerned. There seemed to be an exact ratio—the main subject became less distinct in proportion to the degree of focus on the background and side lines.

The costly experience of those first pictures did not cause us to have a grudge against secondary things, but we did have an increased awareness of the importance of that which is basic. At all costs that which is fundamental must not be blurred.

Spiritual views are much like snapshots. To have satisfactory spiritual views I have learned that I must follow two general rules:

(1) I must give attention to those things which should be included and omitted—I must aim in the right direction, the Bible.

(2) After selecting what my views shall contain, I must decide on a focal point—there must be perspective, balance, and meaning.

While the Bible has many subjects, it has one focal point. God's message to man centers around Jesus. All truth is in relation to Jesus—we can never see clearly the tangents of truth until first we clearly see Jesus.

The Bible has one major recurring emphasis: "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Heb. 12:2). "I [Jesus] am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Paul wrote, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2). To take Jesus out of the Bible would be like taking the principal object out of a picture—beautiful background, no central unity, no primary purpose.

To be like Jesus must be our deepest hunger. We must teach His teachings in the spirit that He taught. All moral and spiritual truth is included within the pale of His principles.

Besides giving the total ingredients of truth (at least in general principles) He gave them in their proper proportion—perspective. If we accept the Sermon on the Mount and His other teachings not only as the essence of all truth but as our God-given *pattern of proportions*, then our pictures of life and destiny will be clear, balanced, and accurate. *Let us focus on Jesus!*

SIN NO MORE!

Frequently we hear people say, "I must sin in thought, word, and deed daily." These people are victims of a deadly doctrine. When they tell me that, I usually ask the questions: "Must I? Do I really have to sin?" Then I press them a little further. I don't argue. I just ask them these few questions and leave them to ponder and try to answer.

What did Jesus mean when He told the man at the pool of Bethesda, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:1-14)? Certainly Jesus knew what He was saying. He surely knew what sin is. He also knew the nature of man. He had healed this man of an awful disease and now He made his continued health dependent upon his relationship to sin. A righteous life meant health; a sinning life meant a sickness even worse than the first.

Was Jesus mocking this man? Was He commanding the man to do something that theologians of many schools say cannot be done, namely, to live without sin?

Those who advocate "sinning in thought, word, and deed" must answer these questions before they can teach me anything further. Nowhere in the Bible do we read that man must sin. But we do read, "Sin no more," "Be ye holy," "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart," "Now being made free from sin," and many other such admonitions and promises.

While the liberal man takes for his motto or excuse, "Sin in thought, word, and deed daily," let us take for our motto and goal, "Sin is possible, but holiness is obtainable. We will seek after righteousness."

By R. E. ZOLLINHOFFER
Pastor, Royersford, Pennsylvania

For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Gal. 6:3, 14).

Give Glory To God!

By LOUIS McCURDY

In common with a lot of other Christians, we remember that before conversion we leaned on certain props which after conversion we discarded, as a healed cripple would toss away a cane or a crutch. We thought we were good enough; we could trace back a long line of Christian ancestry whose church had accepted us as we were. For our wrongs we could usually find some justification.

But out on the Western prairies these props did not give us strength to meet the tests and the temptations. We could not live the good life of our Christian parents, but found that each person in each generation must stand or fall on his own merits.

Those merits come from the cross of Christ. Conversion comes directly from it, while personal Christian development comes indirectly. What little we are we owe to Christ; we cannot glory save in His cross. For the Spirit of God, by virtue of the Cross, put us under conviction for sin, led us to an altar of prayer, transformed us from a sinner into a believer, led us to the altar of consecration, and filled us with himself.

By virtue of the cross of Christ, others were in like manner transformed, and they in turn contributed to our personal development. We oftentimes think of Paul's visit to Peter in Jerusalem for that fifteen days of wonderful fellowship. It must have resulted in each of them drawing strength from the other, and growing in grace because of mutual help.

In common with others, we have gained much from the association with God's people. We cannot begin to estimate the help we have received for our ministry from other pastors and workers in the church. Others have but to be filled with the Spirit of God, live their lives, solve their problems through prayer, and by a prayerful faith do exploits for God and the church—and we who watch their lives learn from them. We draw strength from them. They contribute to our lives.

God forbid that we should glory in our own efforts and diligence to grow in grace; it comes by virtue of the cross of Christ.

It is He that promises to never leave us nor forsake us, who has met us at the foot of His cross. He has stayed with us through our failures and successes, our triumphs and our defeats, our joys and sorrows. Surely it humbles us to consider how much we have to glory in, in His cross, and how little credit we can claim for our own ability and initiative.

How well we remember the help received from the evangelist who prayed us through at an altar of prayer, the pastor who first taught us sound doctrine and showed us how to live it, and the many other teachers, leaders, and workers from whom we have drawn strength and grace!

Truly He gives us apostles and prophets, evangelists and teachers, "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Thank God for the cross of Christ, by which all of these blessings come!



SUNDAY-SCHOOL PARADE. Two Sunday-school scholars, Stevie Finch and Paula Mayhew, of the Church of the Nazarene in Plainville, Kansas. The picture was taken Saturday, October 13 (1956), in a Sunday-school parade.

What Love Will Do

By A. S. LONDON, *Sunday-School Evangelist, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*

Love will be kind to the unkind, show mercy to the merciless, and be gracious to the ungracious. It will seek for the unconcerned and show tenderness toward them. It will be gentle toward the soiled, the unclean, and the penniless.

Love will walk beside the vilest sinner, and pause to speak a kind word to the helpless. It is foremost of the Christian graces, and is not soured by injustice nor crushed by man's contempt. It can afford to wait for justice, for it will conquer in the end.

Love rejoices in the good fortune of others, and suffers with those who fail. It is not covetous, and does not begrudge another's grace or gifts.

Love bears with the infirmities of others, and makes allowances for failures and frailties. It does not give nor take offense. It permits no word of retaliation, and leaves no room for smoldering resentments.

Love knows nothing of sarcasm. It grants favors, and works for the happiness of those with whom it comes in contact. In time of a crisis, it prays as did the Master, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

Love never fights back, nor tries to get revenge. Without it, life is a failure. With it, we conquer; without it, we lose. If one wants to be lovely, he must love. It has inspired every poem and made possible every noble deed of life.

Love for Christ and love for people stand or fall together. It is love for the unlovely which tests our love for Christ. John Bunyan said in the last sermon he ever preached, "Dost thou see a soul that has the image of God in him? Say to thyself, 'This man and I must go to heaven together. Love him, love him.'"

Love respects the rights and feelings of others. It gives patience to endure without being bitter. It is magnanimous. It has no sign of littleness. It casts none aside as worthless. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it." Love never degrades the object of its love. It is kind, and bears patiently the wrongs and injuries. It is courteous, sweetens the disposition, and knows nothing of anger, uncharity, or sullenness.

Love is the alpha and the omega of the Christian religion. It is the evidence that you are a

child of God. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love . . ." It is the only thing that will last. John Wesley said: "Love is always willing to think the best; to put the most favorable construction on everything. It is ever ready to believe whatever may tend to the advantage of one's character."

Love gives an overflowing heart. It is an inner urge to lift loads, bear burdens, and give meaning to life. It is the sublime element that stamps the soul of a great character. Love is life.

Paul says that love is the fulfilling of the law. It is the rule for fulfilling all rules. It never fails. I know what happiness is, for I have done my best in a spirit of love.



"Love that is genuine is never content with praise alone. It seeks out a gift to bestow on the object of its love."—W. J. Werning in "Investing Your Life."

FIGUREHEADS

By Evangelist R. LESTER HALE, *Intercession City, Florida*

According to historical writers, dictionaries, and the compilers of encyclopedias, a figurehead is a carved image of a human being, or other shape, placed at the prow of a ship. The intended purpose of the use of a figurehead on the vessels of ancient seafaring peoples was twofold. First, it was decorative and added greatly to the beauty of the ship; and second, there was the fancied superstition that it helped to fend off evil spirits and the possibility of accident to boat or crew.

Down through the centuries words, terms, and proper names have come to take on a symbolic meaning and in that process have often lost their original identity. This has happened to the word forming the title of this article. In our day figurehead has become the term for describing a person who occupies a place of authority but has practically no influence in the exercise of the power of his office. In another instance the term has been used to designate one who has been appointed or elected to an office or position, and instead of accepting the responsibilities involved, delegates the hard work to a lesser individual and then accepts both the pay and honor accompanying the finished task.

Kings and princes, in this "atomic age," as well as some officeholders in democratic nations and industries, may be classified, according to these definitions, as figureheads. This may even be true in regard to the officials in some churches; but not so in the Church of the Nazarene. This truth was brought home to me more forcibly than ever before during a revival recently in which I was privileged to be the evangelist. Two of our top-

ranking general church officers attended several services, and even though I had no right as an obscure minister in our denomination to expect such a blessing, these officials boosted during the messages in every way they could. They were prayerful during the invitation to seekers, pulling on the ropes of heaven in behalf of needy souls. Then, when the saints were asked to gather at the altar to assist in praying with the seekers, the president and the secretary of our general N.F.M.S. were faithful and quick to respond. Not only did our leaders come to pray, but they remained to help with counsel, exhortation, and intercession until the last seeker had prayed through. Hallelujah!

We sincerely thank God for Mrs. Louise R. Chapman and Miss Mary Scott, for their earnest exemplification of practical Christianity on the "home front" as well as their devotion to the work of foreign missions around the world. Surely no one can say that these elected heads of two of our highest official positions are figureheads. Believing that what we have found to be true in our recent experience with the leaders of the general N.F.M.S. is also true of all the others who occupy places of authority and responsibility in our Zion, we pledge to them our prayerful and enthusiastic support.

If any of us are prone, or shall be tempted, to criticize those whom God has placed "in authority" over us, or to refer to them as "figureheads," let us examine ourselves and guard against our becoming figureheads as members.

Children have a part, too, in . . .

The Wonderful Twenty-third Psalm

By DOROTHY MILLER, Osceola, Indiana

It is common among educators to believe that there are basic needs for children. In view of this fact, remembering that adults are children in the sight of God, I would like for us to think of these basic spiritual needs that all of us have which are akin to our own children's needs, and how they are met in Psalms 23.

First, it is imperative for a child to have a *sense of belonging*. He wants to belong to his family, his class, his Sunday school, his cub pack, and his community. God knew that we, too, must experience that sense of belonging. David very well expressed this feeling when he said, "The Lord is my shepherd."

Children need to have a feeling of *economic security*. Here again the Psalmist has seen our need for spiritual economic security, and expressed it in these words, "I shall not want."

Every child must experience *love and affection* if he is to be among the well-adjusted. Deprived of this, he will try to get attention in other ways. Here again the Lord loves us so much that "he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." He pays attention to me.

Freedom from fear is a necessity for children. In a world where dangers are rampant all about us, children can be taught to be cautious. They need to learn how to face problems and solve them: if not, they may be afraid. Even death itself must be explained so that children can experience a sense of readiness and need not be afraid. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

A feeling of *self-esteem* is a basic requirement in meeting the needs of children. We, like children, need self-esteem and a feeling of being worthwhile. David says the Lord will supply that need. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil."

Children must have *experiences to share with others* in order to grow properly. The Psalmist says, "My cup runneth over," and I have a blessing to share with others.

Then again, there must be *freedom from guilt*. Children must learn that no human is without mistakes and, if they do wrong, there is forgiveness and mercy. This gives a feeling of freedom from guilt. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me," says the Psalmist. Mercy, yes! that is what we need if we have sinned.

Last of all children need to experience a *sense of achievement*. "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." I shall have success and gain a home in heaven.

Many children have unmet needs. This is unfortunate. We who are children of the Heavenly Father can have all of our needs supplied so that we can be completely satisfied. Our Heavenly Father has the wisdom, desire, and power to supply all our needs through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Bearing this in mind, we can become well-adjusted, stalwart, mature Christians.

SINCE THE RAIN . . .

By MARY ALICE HOLDEN

*The skies were weeping yesterday;
The clouds were dark and gray;
I could not see, for light was dim—
Mist blinded all my way.
Then sorrow bowed me low with grief;
The earth held no good thing;
Black gloom had taken over life,
And what would darkness bring?*

*Last night a rainbow graced the clouds
And God renewed His word*

*That He was watching from above;
Men's fervent prayer was heard.
Today my soul is singing
With the winds that blow in spring:
The air is purged and purified;
The larks are on the wing.*

*My God has promised dawn should come.
And He has not withheld
His covenant from those He loves,
For tears have been dispelled.
Now skies are brighter since the rain
And God is true, I know.
Again He proves that those who trust
Can see that it is so.*

Little Talks on the Holy Spirit:

7. God Is Ever Present

Someone has said that "the Holy Spirit is God present in the world." This is true to the extent that when we think of the Holy Spirit we are more apt to think of God as at hand. God is not to be identified with His creation any more than the creator of an automobile is to be identified with it: neither is God to be thought of as being completely separated from His creation. He is both above it and other than it, and yet He is also concerned about it and working with it. When we think of Him in His former activity, we think more of God the Father: when we think of the Triune God in His latter work, we think of the third Person in the Trinity, the Holy Ghost. He might be spoken of as the God of providence, not in the sense that the whole Godhead is not interested in His creation, but in the sense that He, the Holy Ghost, constantly stands by to sustain that which has been created. In Him we live, and move, and have our being. This is also true of everything in the material universe. The continued existence of all of God's creation depends immediately, or directly, upon the Holy Ghost. Even though a person may not be a Christian, he should remember that his breath is in God's hand.

Dr. W. B. Pope has this to say of divine providence: "It is obviously the most comprehensive term in the language of theology; the background, mysterious in its brightness or darkness, of all the several departments of religious truth. Rather, it penetrates and fills the whole compass of the relations of man with his Maker. It connects the Unseen God with the visible creation, and the visible creation with the work of redemption, and redemption with personal salvation, and personal salvation with the end of all things. There is no topic which has already been discussed, and none which awaits discussion, that does not pay its tribute to the all-embracing, all-surrounding doctrine of Providence. The word itself—let it be once more impressed—in one aspect of it, carries our thoughts up to that supreme Purpose which was in the beginning with God, and in another, carries our thoughts down to the foreseen end or consummation of all things: while it includes between these the whole infinite variety of the dealings of God with man. It silently accompanies theology therefore into all its regions of study and meditation; touches it literally at every point, and sheds its glory, oppressive to reason but invigorating to faith, over all the branches of its investigation."

God is present through the activity of the Holy Spirit not only in sustaining man and nature, physically, but also in mediating to the sinner the

various means of grace; all the gracious and universal blessings which come to men through the atoning work of Jesus Christ in prevenient grace are brought to them through the activity of the Holy Spirit. In this realm, God is ever present and working with men. This includes the work of conscience, and guarantees also that all men will be definitely convicted of their need of salvation. The Scriptures say, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock." This is true for every human being, in some form or another, through the work of the Holy Ghost.

Editorials

"A God in Technology; An Ape in Life"

"A god in technology; an ape in life"—Arnold Toynbee, who is thought by many to be the greatest living historian, says this contradiction in the life of man must be resolved if he hopes to meet the challenge which faces him. This sort of conclusion could be expected from Toynbee, since he looks upon original sin as self-centeredness, and religion as the only hope of mankind.

In 1951, Toynbee completed his famous ten-volume work, *A Study of History*. Recently his Gifford Lectures for 1952-53 were published under the title *An Historian's Approach to Religion*. In the lectures, Toynbee continues the thought of his ten-volume work. Religionists have been especially interested in Toynbee's writings on history because in them he has presented a philosophy of religion.

Toynbee was reared in the Anglican church, and when he came to think for himself, he went through three stages as to religion. First, he thought of religion as the enemy of civilization; second, as the servant of civilization; and finally, he was convinced that civilization exists for the sake of religion. Religion is man's only hope; it's the only thing which can break him away from the original sin of self-centeredness. It's the only thing that can resolve the predicament in which man is found in his natural state—"A god in technology; and an ape in life." He has developed intellectually beyond all expectation, but is still at heart, or morally and religiously, an animal—an ape. This makes him the most dangerous creature on earth. With his highly developed technology, and the power he has thereby, he becomes very dangerous, as nothing more than an ape within. A rigid centering of our eyes on God, in-

I believe that we have in them the best summary of the teachings of the Holy Scriptures and of the Christian faith that is to be found anywhere. I said "the best summary"—these Articles of Faith give only a summary; they do not give a full systematic theology. They do not discuss in detail all of the doctrines of our church, but insofar as they do discuss them they come more nearly describing, or representing, the teachings of Christianity, or the Holy Scriptures, than any other statement of belief. If I did not believe this, I would find a church which I thought had a better interpretation of these truths.

This is my introduction to a very brief study of the fifteen "Articles of Faith" as held by the Church of the Nazarene. I will follow this procedure: first I will give the article of belief as stated in the *Manual*; then I will explain it, briefly;

and last, I will present a few scriptures which teach or substantiate it. There will be, then, fifteen more brief articles, one on each of the Articles of Faith, making sixteen in all, with the introduction given here.

In conclusion, it should be added that churches do not, as a rule, change their statements of belief. That is too difficult, as we have already indicated. What they actually do is to become so lukewarm about them as to let them die. For all practical purposes, they become dead letters. They are not preached any more, and no one is required to believe them. Too many churches have become living hypocrites—living by beliefs which are different from those set forth in their Articles of Faith. This provides one important reason for presenting a series of short studies on the beliefs of the Church of the Nazarene.

A schoolteacher discovered that . . .

It Pays to Serve God!

By **NORMA B. JENSON**

God often speaks through common, everyday experiences. It was so a few days ago as I had occasion to ask a favor of the superintendent of the school in which I teach. In order to attend the Crusade for Souls Conference to be held in a few days, it was necessary that I miss a day of school. Remembering the challenge and blessing it was to my heart and life a year ago, I felt that God would have me go. The superintendent was under no obligation to give me the necessary permission.

Many months ago I had signed a contract to teach every day that school was in session—with the understanding that illness or death in my immediate family would be legitimate reasons for absence. I had fulfilled only my just obligations to the school and superintendent, so I had no favor coming. However, I had reason to hope that my wish would be granted. The superintendent is a professing "born-again" Christian in another denomination. He had allowed me to take two days "leave without pay" for the similar conference a year ago. Not because of any merit on my part, or any obligation on his, but because of what he has done in the past and what he professes, I am reasonably sure of getting to the conference.

I signed a different contract one day. I promised to cut out of my life those things which displeased God. I promised to serve Him, live for Him, and witness for Him daily—as He gave me grace and wisdom to do it. In return for my promise and

my plea, God forgave me for the sins of the past and gave me a wonderful new life. Then, one day I came to Him again. I did not merit anything from Him. I had tried to live up to my contract, but realized that I had done it only weakly so much of the time. I had heard that He would give me additional help—a Helper to be with me and live through me always—if I would go to Him and apply.

I came to Him, reminding Him that all I had to give Him was the life He had redeemed and the promise that my sanctified life would be used entirely for His glory. I was more than willing to pay the price required—all on the altar for Him—that I might have the promised cleansing and the power of the Holy Spirit in my service for Him. Not because I deserved it or merited it, but because of His promise and the kind of God He is, He came to me and granted my request. He took out the root of sin and gave me an undivided heart to serve and glorify Him.

Several years ago, before I had even heard of the experience of holiness, I wrote an expression of my desire, called "My Consecration." Some of it expresses the feeling of my heart since God, by His grace and mercy alone, granted my request and sanctified my heart and life:

*The paths stretch out about me on each side,
And there's work to be done the whole world wide;
So, Lord, just take my hands, my feet, my all—
And help me hear and answer to Thy call.*

Think on This:

Man Does Not Always Know What Is Best

By **J. M. Yarbrough**
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The ship was wrecked—but one survivor reached a small and uninhabited island. He salvaged a few usable items which washed ashore and set about making the best of his circumstances.

Every day he scanned the horizon as he hoped for rescue, for soon he became very certain that he could not exist long on the limited food he found daily and the poor shelter he had been able to improvise. His concern soon became so great that he prayed long and fervently for rescue.

A few days after his arrival on the little island he was foraging for food when he

observed smoke ascending from his meager camp. Upon returning, he discovered that all he had salvaged was reduced to ashes. His prayers, he felt, were not answered. What was worse, it seemed that he was doomed to almost immediate destruction by the elements from which he had asked God to save him.

But within a few hours' time a ship loomed in the distance, and came in close to the island. A small boat came ashore and, on orders of the ship's captain, took the survivor on board. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

"God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Thus it is that faith and courage must not shrink simply because we mortals cannot see or perceive the ways of God, which are "past finding out."

It is possible to have a faith that is each hour more keen and clear. There is a power that supersedes man. There is a tide, a direction in the life of each human being, and power can prevail if we but trust and obey God.

THINK ON THIS!

There Can Be

No Fragrance Without . . .

Crushed Petals

By **Eva V. Beets, Columbia, Mississippi**

In Grasse, France, the center of the natural perfumery industry, there are 5,500 pounds of orange blossoms, 1,400,000 pounds of roses, 1,400,000 pounds of jasmine, 800,000 pounds of violets, and 80,000 pounds each of cassia and tuberose used annually for the production of perfume.

The culture of flowers for perfume is also carried on in Turkey, Bulgaria, Arabia, India, and Syria. Istanbul and Adrianople are especially noted for the production of attar of roses.

Inhaling once again the sweet, exotic perfume of my crab apple blossoms along with the honeysuckle, dogwood, yellow jasmine, and hundreds of annual flowers, I wonder how many pounds of these crab apple petals it would take to produce one ounce of what would be my choicest perfume.

And in marveling at these creations right from the hand of God, I feel especially thankful that I didn't have to wait to enjoy the heavenly fra-

grance of my native petals until they are gathered and crushed into nothingness, their sweetness to be bottled up for those who otherwise would never know the smell of a flower.

Assured that it is in God's plan that such beauty, so soon to fade away, be gathered and the substance of their sweetness be extracted for our pleasure recalls to my mind the crushed petals of human souls which surround us daily.

There are those who have become embittered from a tragedy or a series of tragedies, eventually losing touch with God. There are others who follow in Job's footsteps (who, although shaken to the very roots of his soul, was able to arise and worship God), proving to those around them the very essence of their character. And all because they were careful to preserve the tiny drops of sweetness left in their souls from the crushed petals of their experience!

So as I walk down the sunset trail of life I pray that God will give me grace to bottle up in my soul every drop of sweetness extracted from the crushed petals in my life. And in sharing the fragrance of those crushed petals, let me do it in such a way that those around me can catch a glimpse of God's love in all its freshness.

The Sunday-School Lesson

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Topic for
January 27:

Jesus Meets Human Needs (Temperance)

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 8:1-9:34 (Printed: Matt. 9:1-13)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee* (Matt. 9:2).

The lesson for our study covers two incidents which took place at Capernaum—the healing of the palsied man and the call of Matthew, the publican, a tax collector.

The subject of the lesson is "Needs That Jesus Meets." These men, the palsied and the publican, both had needs. Jesus met their needs, and in both cases the scribes and Pharisees were critical but the crowd rejoiced and glorified God.

The lesson is also the temperance lesson for this quarter. Indeed, there is a great need for the physical and spiritual welfare of humanity for the emphasis of temperance or self-control. Surely we as a nation are palsied by alcoholism when we spend four times as much for alcoholic beverages as we do for religious and welfare agencies. There are many today who are helpless in sin and only Jesus can meet their need. But they must be brought in and it is our task as Christians, Sunday-school teachers, friends, or acquaintances to seek them and bring them.

Jesus, in response to the faith of the men who brought the palsied, forgave the man's sins and then healed his body; the latter to prove His deity and that He did have power to forgive sins.

Jesus met the man's greatest need first. We have all sinned and come short of the glory of God; thus we all need the forgiveness of sins and, true, only God can forgive sins, but Jesus was God manifest in the flesh.

Following the miraculous healing of this palsied man, Jesus passed forth from this crowded house and as He did so He saw a man named Matthew. The man was sitting at the receipt of customs. Jesus saw in this man what the crowd did not see. He saw the possibilities, and also a hungry and willing heart. When Jesus called him to follow he was immediate in his response. Matthew in relating this merely says, "And

he arose, and followed him." However, Luke says, "He left all, rose up, and followed him." He no doubt had much to leave in the way of material gain, but what a glorious exchange and choice he made when he became a follower of the eternal Christ!

Jesus made Matthew's life worthwhile. What benefit and blessing would have been brought to the world by Matthew as a tax collector? None! But think of the eternal value Matthew has been as

follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We all need Jesus to make our lives worthwhile, for no life is worth living except as it is related to the eternal kingdom of God.

Yes, a sin-sick world needs Jesus and every individual, regardless of place or race, also needs Jesus.

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ALONE ... Yet Not Alone!

By VIOLA E. HODGE

*I walk alone—yet not alone,
For Memory walks with me;*

*She takes my hand and talks of love,
And through her eyes I see
The lovely hours of yesterday—
And dream of things to be.
I walk alone—yet not alone,
For God is by my side;
His Spirit guides and comforts,
And I know what'er betide
He'll never leave nor fail me;
He'll all my needs provide.*



By L. J. DU BOIS

Ignorance of the Bible

Dr. James Nettinga, publicity secretary of the American Bible Society, tells the story in connection with the serializing of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" in one of the metropolitan newspapers. The editor received a letter stating: "I am enjoying the story very much and am following it with great interest. I can hardly wait to see how it comes out."

Evangelical Progress, 1956

Dr. Carl Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, in his syndicated article "Evangelical Retrospect and Prospect" suggests that "spiritual developments in 1956 made it clear that the evangelical witness in America now faces a crucial task—that of outpacing the surge of religiosity in national life as well as of thwarting the tide of secularism. More and more 1957 looms as a crucial test year in the conflict for faith. New York City will be in the throes of decision, and that great metropolis for a number of reasons is a national symbol. Billy Graham's crusade moves full force in May into Madison Square Garden."

Strange Case of Unhappy Liquor Stores

A contender for the year's most unusual story, says *Christianity Today*, is the case of fifty-four liquor stores in

Chattanooga, Tennessee, who asked for a referendum to be put on the November 6 ballot, thinking that because of the large vote of the presidential election the wets could vote down the move to do away with them. But the dries still outvoted them 29,704 to 27,180 and the stores had ninety days to liquidate their alcoholic liquid. We would rejoice to see more communities deal this same sort of misery to the liquor interests.

Bibles for Hungarians

The American Bible Society was on the alert when the first of the Hungarian refugees landed in the U.S. They made 500 copies of the New Testament and Bibles in the Hungarian language available to army chaplains at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, for distribution. The society also shipped Hungarian language Scriptures from its supply house in Amsterdam, Holland, to supplement the stock in Vienna, Austria, where many of the refugees were arriving daily. In co-operation with the Swiss Bible Societies, the printing of 200,000 Gospels in Hungarian was started in Switzerland, of which 150,000 will be paid for by the American Bible Society. These portions were supplied to Hungarian refugees in Europe. The report is that these displaced persons ask for the Scriptures at the same time they ask for food. Thank God for the power of His Word in times of need!

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

Coincidence?

Monday:

Was it coincidence—a lucky chance—that brought Daniel and the king's dream together at just the right moment? Or that made the butler remember Joseph just when Pharaoh's dream was troubling him? No, it was a necessary link in God's pattern. There is always the right job for the prepared man—at the right time. An unlucky chance that made the butler forget him two years before? To remember earlier would have been bad timing and would have prevented God's bigger thing. (Gen. 40:23; 41:8-14.)

Tuesday:

Was it coincidence that brought the starving family in Canaan and Joseph, the food administrator, together? It had taken years to bring about the situation on both sides, but the timing had to

be exact, both for the honoring of God's faithful man Joseph and for the dramatic birth of a nation four hundred years later. God undertakes obligations to individuals and to nations which He will not fail to honor. (Gen. 42:1-8; 47:11-12; Exod. 1:7-8.)

Wednesday:

Was it coincidence that Joshua happened to be at the spot where the man with the drawn sword stood? No, new tests were coming, new battles to fight, and God sent experienced leadership just on time. Was it coincidence that while the disciples of Jesus were gathered, timid and fearful, talking of Him, He himself stood in their midst? No, it is to the man who has dared to take the offensive against evil that God sends reinforcements. It is to those who love Him enough to come together in His name that Jesus reveals himself. It is not an accident that you get a special blessing in prayer meeting. (Josh. 5:13-15; John 20:19.)

Thursday:

Was it a coincidence that just as Saul had presumptuously run ahead of God and exalted himself, that very moment Samuel appeared—Samuel, that inconveniently faithful conscience of a man? No, for God notes disobedience as well as obedience. The man He uses and honors must pay careful attention to orders from headquarters. He is not entitled to his own judgment when it conflicts with God's. (I Sam. 13:8-14.)

Friday:

Was it coincidence that Jesus stood on the shore that morning when the

fishermen came in worn with the night's fruitless toil, discouraged? Coincidence that, walking along the road, He looked up, and saw eager Zacchaeus in the tree? Coincidence that He "happened" to be at the well just when a sinful, hungry-hearted woman came to draw water? No, just a way Jesus has of being *there!* (John 21:4; 4:6-15; Luke 19:2-6.)

Saturday:

Coincidence that made Philip's path cross the Ethiopian's, and that at the very moment he was reading about the suffering Saviour? No, for if God sends you after a soul He has a soul there to be saved. He does not waste your love on useless errands. (Acts 8:26-35.)

Sunday:

Coincidence that brought the Gentile Cornelius' men to Peter just when he had had a vision teaching him God's love for all races? Or Paul to Ananias just when Ananias had received news from God about him? No, for prayer is a sure contact between God and man—a two-way street. Coincidence that brought Peter, released from prison, to the door just when his friends were praying for him? No, for God answers prayer. (Acts 10:1-6, 17-20; 9:10-18; 12:5-7, 12-17.)

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All these seeming coincidences were only God's pattern showing through. The pattern is there whether we get that glimpse or not. God began to work on Daniel's desperate prayer at once; but for weeks he saw no sign of an answer.

THE BORDER LINE

The border line between virtue and vice is sometimes very narrow and vague. This is because so many human vices are simply highly desirable virtues which have gotten out of control.

For example, flattery is praise which has become insincere; greed is thrift which has run wild; sentimentalism is love gone soft; and superstition is faith extended.

It is because our virtues are so prone to these exaggerations and distortions that Christians are given the *pattern of life*, found in Matthew, chapters 5-7, as a working tool—a major symbol.

In these chapters Jesus gives us the great pattern of living—a pattern which, if followed, will not allow our virtues to get out of bounds. His blood will cleanse us and His Holy Spirit will guide us as He keeps us "resting on the innermost circle of His being," as His Spirit draws a line beyond which we will not go.—K. BEVIS.



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Vanciels in Haiti

Last Sunday I went with Charles Alstott on a horseback ride up the mountain and witnessed their baptismal service for thirteen new members. It began raining and so the candidates were sprinkled from heaven as they were immersed in a mountain stream. It touched my heart to see them in such poor circumstances economically, but so rich and happy in the Lord spiritually. They filled the valley and made the mountainside ring with their songs as they went walking single file up the twisting mountain trail to the church. Then last Wednesday the church of Port-au-Prince also gave us a wonderful welcome. Needless to say, we believe the

Lord has done all things well in making a way for us to serve Him in this wonderful field. We really appreciate what the Alstotts have done in their building projects and we are delighted with the plans Rev. Paul Orjala outlines for the future work in Haiti.—BRIAN VANCEIL, *Haiti*.

A New Outstation

Behind the mountain, a new outstation is opening up. We pitched the tent there for two weeks. The first night, I got up and asked the people who the Son of God was and pressed the question, so they would be sure to understand. No one knew the name of Jesus. A few minutes later one of our native evangelists got up to preach and



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Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

The Crusade for Souls Commission is continuing the publishing of the list of churches by districts, who qualified during their last assembly year for the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. The group qualification standards were published in the November 21, 1956, issue of the HERALD.

We congratulate the following who have obtained a Certificate:

Church	Group	Gain	Present	
			Membership	
TENNESSEE DISTRICT				
Memphis East Frayser	I	11	19	
Nashville Blakemore	I	10	27	
Columbia Grace	II	16	84	
Hohenwald	II	14	19	
Lawrenceburg	II	12	74	
Pond Creek	II	23	35	
Nashville Grace	IV	26	290	
VIRGINIA DISTRICT				
Sangersville	II	12	45	
Newport News	III	24	118	
WASHINGTON PACIFIC DISTRICT				
Glearview	II	15	47	
Bremerton	III	26	138	
Camas	III	18	118	
Kirkland	III	20	154	
Vancouver Central	III	35	127	
Seattle First	IV	26	294	
WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT				
Kutztown, Pa.	I	15	34	

Broad Top, Pa.	II	24	73
Hollywood, Md.	II	16	92
Lancaster, Pa.	II	21	68
Pitman, N.J.	II	17	41
Washington Seat Pleasant, Md.	II	16	79
Westminster, Md.	II	12	57
York, Pa.	II	15	68

WEST VIRGINIA DISTRICT

Elkins	II	13	67
Follansbee	II	16	47
Nitro	II	19	51
Richwood	II	12	40
South Charleston Grace	II	20	67
Bekley	III	26	117
Huntington Walnut Hills	III	41	146
Charleston Davis Creek	IV	30	293
Charleston Southeast	IV	30	309
Huntington Central	IV	42	226

WESTERN OHIO DISTRICT

Amelia	I	11	33
Findlay Summit Street	I	12	26
Bowling Green	II	17	54
Dayton Daytonview	II	13	49
Dayton Knollwood	II	17	65
Greenville	II	12	75
Mt. Sterling	II	12	85
Dayton Wrightview	III	21	95
Findlay First	III	28	105
Lebanon	III	20	105
Trenton	IV	37	275

WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Mauston	I	14	35
Milwaukee South 60th	II	15	44

said, "The *Moruti* has just told you who the Son of God is who came to save sinners. What is His name?" Not one soul could repeat it. Finally one young man spoke up and said, "We've forgotten."

We praise God that regular services are now started at Wagendrift, and we are applying for permission to build a church there.—PAUL AND MARGARET DAYHOFF, *Africa*.

Thank You from Africa

Our winter is nearly ended and soon we shall begin to see and feel the evidence of summer. I spent the past month in Pretoria, where it was really cold. It is mild down here in comparison. I was especially thankful for a vacation, a time to just sit awhile and sort my thoughts, as well as rest. I never meet missionaries from other boards without realizing anew how wonderfully we are treated. We are truly grateful for the time allowed for rest and the financial assistance given.

A woman who has been backslidden for many years was lately reclaimed during a serious illness. She prayed night and day for a while, confessing and calling people to whom she needed to make restitution. The Lord gave her such a wonderful joy and peace in her

heart that she was unable to keep quiet about it. She lived for nearly three weeks after she found God, witnessing to everyone who came into the ward. The morning she died she was triumphant. Just since I returned to the station a couple of days ago, several hearts have come to tell me about her. Our hearts have been rejoicing together because one dear soul is at rest with the Saviour.—IVIS HOPPER, *Swaziland, Africa*.

Answered Prayer

We were thrilled a few weeks ago to see God working. One of our outstations had to be closed down last year, as the native leaders became very antagonistic toward the mission. They refused to let us pitch the tent for an evangelistic campaign and did not want us to continue holding services. This matter has been much on our hearts all year, and we as well as our workers have prayed much about it. Recently our head evangelist again went to the Glade and interviewed the chieftain there, and he promised to take our request to the council. A few days later came the reply that they are inviting us to come and pitch the tent and also to start holding regular services in the little schoolhouse which they have just erected.—PAUL DAYHOFF, *Africa*.

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Dr. John Knight
Florida District
Superintendent



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T. W. Willingham, Executive Director
Nazarene Radio League

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The series, "In the Beginning, What?" by Dr. Russell V. DeLong on "Showers of Blessing" is proving to be very popular, with requests for copies of the booklet coming from people from all walks of life. Professional people, ministers from many denominations, college professors and students, public and Sunday-school teachers, all are interested in these straightforward messages.

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Trouble often paralyzes a man's power of thought, and all he can think of is the trouble besetting him at that particular time—but Jesus can heal all manner of diseases, and paralysis is one of them.—E. K. ZOOK.

the Question box

Conducted

by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Could you give us an explanation as you see it of Dr. Sangster's position on holiness and sanctification? I must confess that I have not read from his writings sufficiently to know what stand he takes.

I have what I would call Dr. Sangster's two most important books. I have also read some in a third book by him. Dr. Sangster is a brilliant writer, and I believe that he thinks he is making a genuine contribution to the cause of holiness. However, I know of no present-day writer who is confusing more people on the subject. On some points he champions it, while on others he undermines it. In other words, he goes part of the way with Wesley on the doctrine of entire sanctification, while at the same time taking issue with him on some phases of his teaching.

Wesley was almost as famous for his doctrine of assurance, or the witness of the Spirit, as for his doctrine of entire sanctification. Further, no one who has any appreciable knowledge of Wesley's theology will have the audacity to deny that he very definitely taught that a person can know not only that he is saved but also that he is sanctified wholly. So far as I know, Sangster nowhere takes issue with the statement as to Wesley which I have just made. In fact, Sangster in outlining Wesley's teaching as to entire sanctification gives this sentence as one of his six points: "It [entire sanctification, or perfect love] carries its own assurance with it." Wesley, then, certainly taught that a person who gets sanctified wholly will know it. Now, while Sangster does not deny that Wesley taught that one can know he has the second blessing, he does very definitely argue that Wesley and the holiness movement are wrong in this claim. Sangster argues, in a way, for heart purity, but he undermines his whole position and does far more harm than good by confusing the whole idea with sainthood and the teaching that no one can know in this life that he is sanctified wholly.

Turner, in criticizing Sangster's view

Would you be willing to give a definition of the word metaphysics which could be clearly understood by laymen? I have discovered that a number of persons, besides myself, are puzzled by this word. It appears so often in print and seems to have different meanings for different writers.

There are two meanings of the term metaphysics—that is, chief meanings. Let's try to get them in mind. First, it is a branch of philosophy, and is the study of the nature of being, ultimate reality, or the cause of all that is. It asks this question: Is the ultimate nature of things, or existences, mind, matter, or some unnamable or undescribable reality? To put it in another way, metaphysics is the study of the ultimate nature and meaning of all existence, or experience as a whole. From the stand-

point of the Bible, the ultimate reality one can know that he is sanctified, says: "Sangster criticizes this on the basis that 'no man knows what is in him.' But, is it necessary to know all about one's self to be assured of entire sanctification? If there is any such thing as the immanence of the Divine Spirit and the 'witness of the Spirit' why may it not include the assurance of purity that is a result of divine activity rather than human achievement? If holiness of heart is a matter of self-effort, the assurance and assertion of cleansing is presumptuous and boastful: if it is a gift effected by the Spirit of God, why cannot one, without pride, declare what he believes God has wrought? If God can cleanse one's heart why can He not also give the subject assurance of that fact? If such a purging from the sinful quality of acts and thoughts is impossible it amounts to an admission that Christianity does not have a complete answer to the sin problem except in some eschatological sense. On this basis much of the unqualified language of the New Testament must be set at naught. In short, the objections to a claim of cleansing from all conscious sin seem less formidable than their alternative" (pp. 253-54, *The More Excellent Way*, by G. A. Turner. Light and Life Press, 1952, Winona Lake, Indiana).

I agree fully with what Dr. Turner says in the words just given. Moreover, his discussion of the doctrine of entire sanctification is more discriminating, both from the standpoint of reason and the interpretation of the Scriptures, than anything which Sangster has ever written. Further, anyone who will read Sangster's writings carefully will find that the same argument which he uses to rule out the knowledge of entire sanctification also excludes the knowledge of regeneration as an inner work.

point of the Bible, the ultimate reality is God. Thus those who accept the teachings of the Bible make ultimate reality, or being, personal, idealistic, or mental, and not matter or something which is neither mind nor matter. The second meaning is that which is given to it by certain cults—theosophy and spiritualism. For them, metaphysics refers to that which is mysterious, super-sensuous, occult, or even obscure. The term generally used here is metaphysical rather than metaphysics.

Servicemen's Corner



Chaplain Samuel R. Graves, Jr., writes from France:

"Christmas is for all of us a busy time no matter where we are, and France offers no exception to the rule. Already beginning in November activities have stepped up the pace.

"During November we began intensive rehearsals for our Christmas cantata, 'The Dawn of Christmas.' (It is the one Mrs. Graves and I did with our Yuma Indian people at Winterhaven Mission.) The gospel story in song works for all people, whether in California or France. We have hopes of soon having a full-time leader."

* * *

"My son is serving in the air force. He is stationed in Saudi Arabia. He is a good Christian boy and I feel as if it was God's will for him to be sent there. In his letters home he has told about meeting a good Christian lady and friend in Aramco and how in their meetings several have found the Lord. I know God is able to use him to His glory. I want you to remember him in prayer as well as his friends."—His Mother.

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Chaplain Leonard W. Dodson writes:

"This has been a good month. We left Japan on the fourth of November for our return to the States. Sunday, November 11, was spent in Hawaii and then on the eighteenth we arrived in Long Beach. Over the IMC circuit on the ship, I held a service of thanksgiving and each in his own way thanking God for His protection on our cruise and for our safe return to home and loved ones.

"As we came through the breakwater we could see our families waiting on the pier, and what a wonderful reunion this was! Such a scene of joy reminded me of some of our men who had surrendered their lives to Christ on this cruise and one of these days would participate in the great 'home-coming in the skies.'

"Our ships are in Long Beach now and we will be here for a number of months. It is our concern that as many of our men as possible find their way into our churches ashore and worship with their families in the churches on the Lord's day."

MY FAITH WILL STAND

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

*My faith will stand through all the hours of night;
Will stand serene although I cannot sight
A candle gleam ahead to guide my feet
Nor show the dangers I am yet to meet
Before the morning breaks in chrysolite.*

*Endowed with trust in God, I set my might
Against the dark, against the mountain height.
And as I scorn the wind's unending bleat—
My faith will stand!*

*And even though the dawn is not so bright
As I could hope, though day does not requite
My heart for all I ask: yet while I eat
A bitter fruit, a hardened grain of wheat,
I still will thank my God, for though I fight—
My faith will stand!*

the HOME CIRCLE



Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

The Ninety-first Psalm—

It was the day before Thanksgiving Day. I boarded the bus which took me toward downtown. I was sitting musing and paying no conscious attention to what was going on around me. Suddenly I became aware of a conversation which was being carried on between two people sitting behind me.

"Do you have to work tomorrow?" the lady asked the man.

"Yes, I do," he responded.

"That's too bad. I have the day off," she made reply.

"Oh, well, I'll get double pay and I need it. I can't seem to get all my bills paid. You know, I almost got beat out of my property. A fellow went out to my house and ran up a lot of bills. I told the business firms where he ran up the bills that I had nothing to do with making them. If I hadn't promised to pay, they were going to run a lien on the property anyway. I'm bogged down paying those bills. Then with my being arrested the other day, you know about that, I have more than I can handle. Oh, everything has been pretty rough for me," he explained.

"That's surely too bad. Seems like

there could be something legal you could do about those bills," the woman said.

"Well, that's why I had to take time off from work this morning. A whole gang of us who got cheated by that swindler went down and signed a warrant. The officers know where that chiseler lives, but they had to have a warrant before they could go to his house and arrest him. Oh, my troubles, my troubles!" he ended rather quietly and dispiritedly.

All was quiet for a moment. Then the man started again.

"You know, I was talking to a little colored girl the other day. She said that if I would read the ninety-first psalm and pray a prayer before I went to bed at night, and then before I went to work in the morning I would read the ninety-first psalm and pray another prayer, everything would work out all right for me. She said that I'd never have any more bad luck. She's been doing that for a long, long time. Not one bad thing has come her way."

"What psalm was that?" asked the lady.

"The ninety-first."

"The ninety-first psalm. I need some

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help myself. I'm going home and read that psalm," the lady made answer just before she got off the bus.

The ninety-first psalm, I thought to myself. I began to quote that psalm to myself. My memory failed me at several places. I wished for my Bible. When I got home, I did not forget. I read the psalm. I knew why the little colored girl had no bad luck. If she read that psalm twice a day, and prayed twice a day, then she was no doubt a Christian. She must depend upon God for guidance. She had good attitudes toward everyone with whom she came in contact. Even when the winds blew hard in her face, she was not discouraged, *for her mind and heart were set on higher things.*

The little colored girl had witnessed to the man I had overheard. The man had passed the word along to an acquaintance, and incidentally I had heard. There was a lady sitting beside

me and I am sure she must have heard too. So four of us were blessed and no doubt helped because of the witness of the one little colored girl. I passed the word along, I remember. By now I wonder how many others have heard the words of the little colored girl. How many others have received help and encouragement from reading Psalms 91? How many have been reminded to call upon God for help?

My Best Not Good Enough—

When I was a little girl, I learned to take my difficult problems to my father. First, I always tried to do the best I could. When I had done my best and my best was not good enough, I went to my father and confessed all my shortcomings. When I had finished my tale of woe, he would take over. Soon all would be solved and I would go forward encouraged to try another task.

My father has been gone from this

earth for several years now. I have learned to depend more and more upon my Heavenly Father. I have learned that when my load becomes too heavy, when I have failed to get a job done as I know it should be done, I go to Him and pour out my shortcomings. He has never failed to understand me. In the places where I have done the best I could and my best has not been good enough, then He has filled in the gaps. He has solved the problems and I have been encouraged to go ahead to the next task at hand.

All of us are not blessed with earthly fathers for long. We all may depend upon our Heavenly Father. He will lift our loads! He will solve our problems. He knows our shortcomings even before we lay them before Him. He is so willing and able to make up for what we lack! He sees and understands!

I would like to recommend this problem-solving Saviour to you all!

NEWS of the Churches



Rev. Paul Herrell writes that he is now available for evangelistic meetings and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. He is a member of the Northeastern Indiana District. Write him, c/o the publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—It was our privilege to have our district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Shumake, as evangelist in our recent revival. Our hearts were encouraged and uplifted by his challenging messages. We appreciated so much the good, inspirational, old-fashioned preaching of Brother Shumake. Our people were thrilled to have our former pastors, Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Gunter, visit us. Brother Gunter brought two wonderful messages and the Sunday morning attendance was the highest in a long time. God is helping us here in Tuscaloosa. Our pastor, Rev. Paul R. Holt, has been elected president of the local Ministerial Association.—Reporter.

Alton, Illinois—Resigning as pastor of the Hillcrest Church, and also resigning from the active ministry, Rev. Henry B. Jensen preached his farewell message on Sunday morning, November 25. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Brother and Sister Jensen came to us in August of '53, and have served the church well. The Lord has blessed and given increases in every department, and the large attendance on Sunday morning testified to the love and respect that the church and friends have for the Jensens.—Reporter.

EL DORADO, KANSAS



Our congregation completed the new church building pictured here in 1954, and it was dedicated on July 25 of that year, by Dr. G. B. Williamson, with District Superintendent Ray Hance present and participating in the service. The church is well located, and was built at a cost of \$54,169.00, including the installation of new furniture; the property is valued at \$70,000.00. Seating capacity is approximately three hundred including overflow area. Construction is of brick and haydite block, with a

full basement and forced-air heating. The building features educational facilities; and provision is made for office and nursery space, also for a baptistry. The present debt is \$11,000.00. We thank God for the wonderful way He has blessed, for the many victories won, and for the esteem with which the church is held in the community. We count it a privilege to have been able to serve this fine people for the past five years.—CARL C. INGERSOL, Pastor.

Lamar, Colorado—These are good days for our church. Last October we had a very fine revival with Rev. and Mrs. Wm. L. McKee, of El Monte, California, as the evangelists. Brother McKee's preaching carried with it an inspiration and blessing that lifted the spirit of our church, and Mrs. McKee's help in

praying at the altar brought real encouragement to our people. We have received six members by profession of faith. Although we are in the drought area, the Lord has helped us to keep our budgets paid; our people love the Lord, and we expect to be a "10 per cent" church.—W. C. KETH, Pastor.

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Houston, Texas—The Lake Forest Church recently enjoyed a soul-stirring revival with Dr. A. L. Parrott as the evangelist. His messages were inspired of the Lord, and his illustrations were vivid. We appreciated his ministry with us. Our church is on the forward move, having recently purchased a three-bedroom parsonage. Our good pastor, Rev. W. W. Brazelton, came to us one year ago.—MRS. CONDELL BROCK, Reporter.

Dr. Howard W. Jerrett, evangelist, reports: "I have been closely associated with the program of the Louisiana District across the years—toured the district, been a worker in the camp, and held meetings in many of the churches. Recently I closed a meeting in the Queensboro Church, Shreveport, where Pastor Carruth is doing an outstanding work. On Sunday night, December 16, we went across Red River, where District Superintendent Perryman was in the closing service of a revival. It was a remarkable service—altar filled with fine men and women without an altar song. God was present in a gracious way. I return to Shreveport in February for a meeting with Brother Osteen at First Church. Superintendent Perryman is loved by the whole district; he is doing a fine job, holding to the old lines, and co-operating fully with the Nazarene program."

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "On Sunday, December 23, we closed our twenty-first revival for the year of '56. It has been a good year in His glad service. God has been good to us, we have seen many people pray through to beautiful victory, and pastors and churches have been kind and co-operative. Our churches have extended to us more invitations than we can accept—we appreciate every one of them. We love our church and our people, and believe that God still is able to save sinners, reclaim backsliders, and sanctify those who are soundly converted, also heal the sick."

Sapulpa, Oklahoma—Recently we had a good revival in our church with the pastor's brother, Rev. John Abla, as the evangelist. God met with His people in the services, and souls prayed through to victory, with some very definite and unusual cases of conversion. The people co-operated wonderfully with the pastor's suggestion for a chain of prayer. Ten new members were received into the church on Sunday morning after the revival, 10 by profession of faith. This makes 115 members received in our four and one-half years here; 85 by profession of faith and 30 by transfer. This fifth year seems to be our best; we averaged 251 in Sunday school for November, and over 230 for the year, to date—best year's average prior to this was 226. Dr. Hardy C. Powers was with us for a service in which we raised approximately \$1,200.00 for district home missions; all other budgets are paid well in advance. We thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and all phases of its program.—G. W. ABLA, Pastor.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Because of the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the first half of the Evangelists' Slates (A through K) will be printed in next week's issue of the paper instead of this week. Following that the regular schedule of printing each fourth week will be resumed.—Office Editor.

West Branch, Michigan—In November our church had a very good revival meeting with Evangelist Lester Hale. He preached with the anointing of the Spirit, and the Lord used him to be a blessing to our people. A number of souls bowed at the altar seeking God to be saved or sanctified. We give God praise for His blessings.—JOHN COLE, Pastor.

Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "We are to be in southern California in May and we have available open time for two short meetings, May 7 to 12 and May 28 to June 2. We'd like to slate these dates with churches located between Missouri and southern California. Write us. Lamar, Missouri."

The forty-first annual session of the Brooklyn Holiness Convention was held November 2 to 11, in the Free Methodist church in Brooklyn, New York, with Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, superintendent of the New York District, as the evangelist. He did some excellent preaching on the doctrine and experience of holiness. Other special speakers were Captain Clifton Siple, Rev. Harold Shindedecker, and Rev. Richard Heim. Mr. Harold A. Voegel, a consecrated, Spirit-filled layman, presided with grace and dignity, and the host pastor, Rev. Herbert Olver, was gracious in his hospitality. A wonderful spirit of unity prevailed.—CLIFTON T. MATTHEWS, Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Jack and Roma Jamison of Portland, Oregon, a son, Scott Robert, on December 2.

—to Leland and Marilyn (Elsea) Karrick of Defiance, Ohio, a daughter, Vicki Lynne, on November 30.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Hall of Carthage, New York, a daughter, Beverly Jean, on November 29.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a reader in Ohio "for the healing of my body of a chronic nervous condition";

by a friend in Kansas "that my husband may go on with God as he should"—for our children and their families to be saved—that my health, also that of my daughter, may improve—and for an unspoken request;

by a lady in Tennessee for "my family to be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost."

DEATHS

MRS. MOLLIE CATHERINE GREER was born November 8, 1860, at Liberty, Texas, and died November 17, 1956, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Dragannis, Cisco, Texas. "Mother Greer" lived a long and useful life, having been the wife of a Nazarene minister and herself also an ordained

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minister. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Sam Dragannis; two sons, Dudley of Ontario, California, and Holly of Abilene, Texas. Funeral service was held in the Cisco Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. D. M. Duke and Rev. Cecil Stowe in charge.

CLAUDE DAVIS MARTIN, age sixty-two, of Syracuse, New York, died unexpectedly at his home on October 23, 1956. He was born at Ellisburgh, New York, November 1, 1893. He was married to Bertha G. Miner in 1914. To this union were born four children. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene of Oswego, New York. He is survived by his wife, Bertha G. Martin; a son, Elwood C.; and a daughter, Joyce, beside other relatives. Funeral service was held in Syracuse, with Rev. Veryl Jenkins, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery, Sandy Creek.

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MRS. CLARA HATTIE HARDIN, last surviving charter member of the West Somerville, Massachusetts, Church of the Nazarene, died November 15, 1956, at the age of eighty-six years. Faithful, victorious, cheerful saint of God, she stood by the church through all its difficult beginning years. Her husband, Edward, (who preceded her by some years) sacrificed with her to see the erection of the first church building; he supervised its construction. Mrs. Hardin is survived by three sons, Earl, Howard, and Donald; and three daughters, Merle Hopkins, Alice Nickerson, and Esther Slater. Funeral service was held in the church, with Rev. J. C. Albright, district superintendent, and the pastor, officiating.

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GEORGE GARDNER, age seventy-three years, died October 17, 1956, at his home in Smyrna, Delaware. He was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene, always ready to help in any way he could; much loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his good Christian wife, Goldie, who took care of him so faithfully during his illness; also two sons and one daughter. Interment was at the Odd Fellows' Cemetery.

MRS. JO ANN EVERLETH, wife of Lea Everleth, song evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, Pittsburgh District, died September 27, 1956, in a hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. She was only twenty-five years of age. She was a member of Erie First Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McMichael; and a sister, Joyce Preston, all of Erie. Funeral service was held in her parents' church, the Glenwood E.U.B., with Rev. M. Minich, Jr., of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

J. P. (Pete) RUDY was born September 24, 1885, in Russia in German parentage. He died December 6, 1956, at his home in Alva, Oklahoma. At the

age of six he came from Russia with his parents. He was converted when quite young, and soon after 1921, he and his family became members of the Peniel Church of the Nazarene in Ashley (Kansas) community. Later this church was moved to Cherokee, where the Rudys continued to belong until 1953. In 1906 he was united in marriage to Anna Katharine Egner. To this union were born three daughters and one son. Mrs. Rudy died in 1939. In 1940 he married Miss Effie Miller, who was his faithful and loving companion until his death. In 1953 the Rudys retired from the farm, and established their home in Alva, at which time they moved their membership to the Alva Church of the Nazarene. Here he continued in active service until his death, serving as trustee and a Sunday-school teacher. He was a loyal and loving husband and father. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister. He is survived by his wife, Effie; four children, Mrs. Louise Scroggs, Mrs. Ruth Cinnamon, Mrs. Ruby Geis, and Milton; also one brother. Funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church, with Rev. K. R. Meade, pastor of Alva Church of the Nazarene, officiating, with burial in the Short Springs Cemetery, near Alva.

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