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Progress and advancement have always been a part of the program of the Lord. Often the Lord gave signs or signals when His people should move forward. During the leadership of Moses the moving of the cloud was the call for advancement. With Joshua the moving of the ark was God's marching order. But with David, the "going in the tops of the mulberry trees" was the signal for God's people to "bestir" themselves.

Apathy, inaction, and unconcern are bitter foes of the Church and threaten God's kingdom everywhere. There is a "going in the

Strange Sounds in the Treetops

General Superintendent Vanderpool

And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the Lord go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.

II Samuel 5:24

tops of the mulberry trees" today calling God's people into action. Much of the world sits in darkness and the shadow of death. God is calling to His people to go with the light of the gospel. Multitudes in this generation have never witnessed a glorious Spirit-directed revival. "Strange sounds in the treetops" are signals for the Church to plan and pray for such a revival.

Millions of people live in "no man's land" and today they long for a kindly word or a friendly handshake. They need the personal touch; a handbill, window card, or a newspaper ad is not the answer. The personal touch alone can stir the heart and become the compelling force that will bring them in.

The "strange sounds in the treetops" were not only the signal for God's people to bestir themselves, but were also God's pledge to make His arm bare, brandish His sword, and make war against the forces of evil.

A mighty resurgence of prayer by the church—secret prayer, midnight prayer, unceasing prayer—will release God upon church and community problems until consciences will be awakened, vows paid, sin forsaken, talents uncovered, doubts banished, children saved, and homes re-established.

Millions of the youth of today are puzzled by the unstable, bewildered state of their parents. These young people clamor for truth, guidance, and security. Christ alone is the key to their puzzle, and the Church is the custodian of that key.

God grant that the noise and rattle of our own church machinery will not deafen us to the "strange sounds in the treetops" that would give us challenge and courage.

LATE NEWS

After pastoring the church in Puyallup, Washington, for almost six years, Rev. Donald J. Beecher has resigned to accept the pastorate in Arcata, California.

After almost four years of fruitful ministry as pastor of the Thomasboro Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, Rev. Wm. G. Ardrey has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church, Washington, Pennsylvania, on the Pittsburgh District.

Pastor Lowell B. Garvin sends word from Hamilton, Ohio: "The Hamilton city-wide crusade with Evangelist Bernie Smith closed June 22. This was Evangelist Smith's thirty-second city-wide crusade and he was greatly impressed with the wonderful co-operation. Services were marked with a spirit of glory and victory. The preaching of Bernie Smith was factual, fundamental, and forceful. Churches march ahead in unity."

Evangelist Allen H. Wagner writes that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Batavia, Ohio.

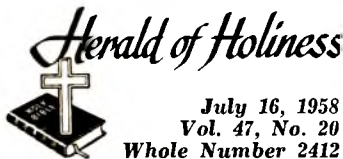
Rev. J. W. Henry of Redlands, California, writes to thank the preachers and friends everywhere in the Church of the Nazarene "for the wonderful way they have remembered Wife and me with prayers and gifts during my recent hospitalization, and also for their participation in a successful fiftieth anniversary celebration of my ministry with which the Redlands church surprised me. God bless one and all."

Rev. Harold B. Buckner has been elected president of the Ministerial Association of Fullerton, California, where he is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene.

After pastoring First Church in Denver, Colorado, for ten years, Rev. J. B. Miller has resigned to enter the evangelistic field as of September 1.

After ten years as pastor of the church in Carthage, Missouri, Rev. Ross W. Hayslip has accepted a call to pastor First Church in Whittier, California.

Pastor C. B. McCaull sends word from Columbus, Kansas: "The Howard Smith family of our Central Church in Des Moines, Iowa, 'vacation-visited' our church over Sunday, June 8. Their



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contribution of special singing was a blessing that will not soon be forgotten."

Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Wallin will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on August 9, also fifty years in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Wallin is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Ventura, California; their address is 461 S. Seaward Avenue.

This Is The House of God

*Did you walk with respect and dignity
As you entered the door today?
Did you feel the quiet peacefulness,
Did you act in a reverent way?
Did you worship with sincerity,
And sing with genuine praise?
Did you set a good example
To those who watch your ways?
Did you bow your head in fervent
prayer,
Cheer someone with friendly nod?
Did you act like a Christian and didn't
forget
That this is the house of God?*

—LAVERA BLUCHER



180
days

95
churches

New Churches:

Chestnut Grove Church, near Hammondsville, Ohio, Akron District; North Syracuse, New York, Albany District; Orrville, Ohio, Central Ohio District; Valley Church, near Louisville, Kentucky District; Lacon, Northwestern Illinois District; Forrest City, South Arkansas District; Palmyra, Indiana, Southwest Indiana District.

**FORWARD
IN HOME MISSIONS**

life for me to use. Here is his testimony as he wrote it:

*"Herd Hill, Wilson Street,
Cragie Perth, Scotland,
March 18, 1909.*

"I was born in Salisburg, Willshire, July 3, 1865. I served twenty-one years in the army and during that time I was convicted and punished forty-two times for drunkenness. I was known as the biggest drunkard in my regiment and was nicknamed 'Reats'—a slang term meaning—'always drunk.' On one occasion I was arrested and sent to prison for seven days for being drunk in church. I was a slave to tobacco, so much so that I wore three of my front teeth out by smoking clay pipes, and I could chew and eat tobacco like a goat. I was



*a Willing and Mighty Saviour**

By A. M. HILLS

Satan is an arch deceiver from the beginning. He began his earthly career by contradicting God and inducing our first parents to doubt His word. He usually begins with the inexperience of childhood and persuades the young that the sins he induces them to commit are trifles of no consequence whatever, and ends by telling them that their case is hopeless as they have sinned beyond the reach of mercy and beyond redemption.

It is very common therefore for the young to become bound by evil habits and get thoroughly discouraged and lose all hope of salvation.

I want to write a message of cheer and hope to the down-and-out sinners by exalting their willing and almighty Saviour.

When I went to Manchester, England, in October, 1908, to officiate at my first holiness convention at Star Hall about the first or second day of the "Four Days with God" meeting, I was quite taken by surprise when a man from Scotland came on the platform and took me by the hand and began to repeat a lengthy passage from one of my sermons printed in one of my books on holiness. I could not have repeated it myself. The book had fallen into his hands and become fixed in *his memory and his heart*.

By his work in the meetings I soon found that John Thatcher was one of God's jewels and a precious son that the Holy Spirit was glad to use. One day I asked him to write out the story of his

admitted to the military hospitals three times in delirium tremens.

"After being discharged from the army at Portsmouth in March, 1906, I came to Perth and there again for the fourth time I was carried to the infirmary with the same horrible disease. I lay there for five weeks and was given up by the doctors as hopeless. There I lay doomed and damned to a drunkard's hell.

"One day a dear sister in Christ visited the infirmary and brought to me the blessed news of the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of St. John. I had never to my knowledge heard of it before. I got under deep conviction and in desperate agony of soul. I reached right out and Jesus quickly gripped my hand and I was saved the twenty-fifth of April, 1906. A few days afterwards I trusted God to heal me and God said, 'Yes, I will; be thou clean.' I jumped out of bed, in which I had laid continuously night and day for five weeks, and put on my clothes and walked right out of the infirmary, clothed and in my right mind. Hallelujah!

"A few days afterwards God sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Spirit. From that moment the appetite for drink and tobacco was taken away and it has never returned. During these three years God has used my testimony to the salvation of scores of precious souls. Hallelujah!

"O Spirit of the Lord, bless this witness!

"JOHN THATCHER"

Another illustration of this mighty power of Christ to pick up Satan's outcasts and make godly

*An unpublished article by Dr. Hills, sent to the "Herald of Holiness" office by Dr. H. Orton Wiley, of Pasadena, California.

men and soul winners out of them I will now give.

I give it from memory because my preacher boy—Rev. James A. Hills, Ph.D.—took a son's liberty with his father's library and carried off the book of illustrations in which I had it recorded, to use in his own revival meetings. Consequently I cannot give names and dates and many details which so help to make an illustration lifelike and interesting.

But quite a number of years ago I was appointed to lead a tent meeting in the very center of Pueblo, Colorado. In the course of the first meeting a Christian man sitting on the platform rose and said: "A year ago tonight this tent was pitched on this same spot of ground. In the course of that first meeting a man staggered into the tent and came forward and fell across the altar and remained there through the whole service—helplessly drunk. At the close of the meeting a number of saints gathered around the poor man and prayed him sober and prayed him to Christ. That man is in this audience tonight and can tell the rest of the story himself." All peered eagerly about the room to see who the man was. Much to our surprise, one of the finest-looking men under the tent arose and spoke as follows:

"I formed the appetite for drink as a mere child by carrying liquor to the field for the harvest hands in old Ireland. But drink was so common in that part of the country that nobody was particularly concerned about the habit the boy was forming. I went into the higher studies of advanced education and then into the professional study of medicine and all the time the habit was fastening its viselike grip upon me. I began to realize my danger and came to America in hope that a change of climate and conditions and associations would bring relief. But it was a vain hope!

"Then I took the Keeley cure and the gold cure and the other cures that were recommended. I have nothing to say against them for others but they did not break the spell of the cursed appetite on me. Repeatedly my good wife had taken the revolver away from me when in despair I wanted to shoot myself to be rid of my misery. That night I came into this tent in such a plight. I had been out on the plain outside the city all day trying to take my life with poison; but my body was so constantly steeped in the poison of tobacco and intoxicants that the doses voluntarily administered did not have their normal effect and in the matchless mercy of God my miserable life was spared and I was converted. A few days afterward I was sanctified and the vile appetites were completely removed in a moment. So when everything else failed '*The Jesus Cure*' was a perfect success."

Dear Reader: This is no delusion. It is always so. Jesus came not to call the righteous *but sinners* to repentance and "he is able . . . to save . . . to

the uttermost" if we will only give Him a chance.

Many years ago I was officiating at a well-known camp meeting. It suddenly occurred to me to make a test of the audience for an illustration. I asked all who had been instantaneously delivered by Jesus from the appetite for tobacco or alcohol or cocaine or morphine or opium to please rise. It was estimated that at least five hundred rose up. They even stood on chairs and waved hats and handkerchiefs and parasols and shouted the praises of their mighty Saviour, who had broken Satan's chains and set them free.

No poor sinner need despair and die in his sins and go to a needless hell, for the omnipotent Son of God stands able and willing to give him eternal deliverance.

Here we reach a great principle. Satan deceives and traps and snares the young and starts them

With Our PIONEERS

The unforgettable experiences at the first General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, at Pilot Point, Texas, October 13, 1908, are fresh and vivid to Mrs. Lula G. Wilkinson of San Antonio, Texas.

She came into the Church of the Nazarene fifty-three years ago at Bangs, Texas, under the ministry of Rev. Joe Howard and Rev. I. M. Ellis. When the union assembly was arranged at Pilot Point, she was present as a delegate.

"The power of God was so forceful on all of the meetings at that assembly," Mrs. Wilkinson recalled, "that I never expect to be anywhere that is more sacred and holy until I get to heaven."

Mrs. Wilkinson soon will be seventy-nine years of age. She hopes to be present for the Golden Anniversary service at Pilot Point, Monday, October 13. She is a member of the Houston Terrace Church of the Nazarene in San Antonio.
—Nazarene Information Service.

in the way to death very early in life. The blessed God pities them for their weakness and inexperience and does not let them perish just because of their bad habits and evil ways. If they ultimately

lose their souls it is also not God's fault. He has done His best to save them with or without bad habits; all men who perish do so because they have despised and rejected the remedy.

What's Happened to MODESTY?

By NORMAN R. OKE

We are living in an extremely sensual age; moral purity is fighting for its life, and in this battle immodesty is a major factor. Immodesty and immorality are companions in crime.

The Bible is not silent on this matter of modesty and we dare not be silent either.

What Does the Bible Say?

Yes, the Bible does have something to say about modesty. For God has been fighting the battle of modesty from Eden until this very hour—and it isn't over yet.

Go back to Eden with its unstained beauty and unbroken calm. Adam and Eve, in holy innocence, were the happy inhabitants. Then a visitor came; uninvited, slimy, subtle. And when this satanic visitor left, holiness had fled, the hearts of Adam and Eve were unholy—cesspools of iniquitous thoughts. What was God's first act? He set up a clothing shop and outfitted both of them in their first made-to-order suits. Why did God clothe our first parents? He knew full well that fallen man and nakedness were not fit companions. God knows still today that carnal man is no match for the extreme temptations of sight. God, by so doing, placed His divine disapproval upon nudity.

Now from Eden's beautiful garden to Sinai's rugged crags. The mount of God is shaken by the thunderings of the Holy One. God is speaking in tones of finality and, among the other instructions to Moses, God clearly reveals His attitude toward immodesty. In Eden, God had dramatized His attitude; on Sinai God shouts it out in burning words. Read it in Leviticus 18. And this chapter, by the way, could well be read by both men and women with profit in these days of unblushing immodesty.

As you read this chapter you will notice two things. First, nakedness (immodesty) is inextricably linked with immorality. No less than twenty-four times in this one chapter is nudism condemned. God puts it bluntly, "It is wickedness" (Leviticus 18:17). Second, you will note that God's warnings apply equally to men and women. God says that modesty is a pattern for both sexes. God abhors nudity; He hates moral exhibitionism.

Does someone say, "Yes, but that is just the Old Testament"? Then to such I would say, "Come with me to Gadara."

The scene: the east shore of the Sea of Galilee.

The time: early morning.

The cast: Christ and His disciples—and one more!

Jesus and His followers had come for a brief vacation; and then it happened. Down from the bone-strewn tombs above came a demon-possessed man—demented, naked, pitiful. He fell at Jesus' feet. The Bible describes it thus: He "had devils long time, and wore no clothes" (Luke 8:27). When Jesus rid the man of his demons, with equal immediacy He clothed him. Now listen to the story: "sitting . . . clothed, and in his right mind" (v. 35). A clean mind in a clothed body—that was Christ's pattern.

What would Jesus say if He faced the blatant and daring near-nudity which today flaunts itself on streets and in parks in the guise of summer comfort?

One more Biblical witness, please. St. Paul, in writing to Timothy, urges "that women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (I Timothy 2:9). Again, notice two things. First, immodesty would nullify the testimony of a Christian woman. Second, at this juncture in Christian history immodesty had become more particularly a feminine problem—and that is the case today. Because of the physiological make-up of men and women, sight is the basis of man's strongest temptations. That is why women need to guard at this point.

What Do Our Contemporaries Say?

There are others who add their strong and urgent note to the flat declarations of scripture. There is general alarm among religious leaders. Nudity is spread on billboards, newspaper ads, and magazine covers to lure the attention of men. And parallel with this shocking fact is the surging tide of rapes and sexual assaults. This is no coincidence. Seminudity gets the attention of men all right—but what else happens! And the devil smiles.

What, then, are religious leaders saying?

A Baptist journal states it thus: "The current mode of dress constitutes a serious offense against

decency." This was referring to the extreme and scanty attire seen out in public.

A Roman Catholic organization became greatly exercised about immodesty in dresses and set up standards which would be considered modest for Catholic women. Here they are: "Full coverage for the bodice, chest, shoulders, back and arms. No cutouts lower than two inches below the neckline. No transparent or flesh-colored materials to give the impression of nudity. Sleeves halfway between shoulder and elbow. Nothing to unduly reveal the figure of the wearer."

If that is modesty for a Roman Catholic woman, should Nazarene women take a more lenient course? It would not be correct to state that immodesty is a critical problem among us as Nazarenes, but to say it is no problem at all would be naive in the extreme.

In a southern city a Negro was sentenced to death for the rape-slaying of a white woman. A prominent minister, from his pulpit some weeks later, said that he would like to see a fair distribution of the guilt. He granted that death was warranted for the offender. But he added that some of the guilt belonged at the newsstand where lewd and sexy literature was displayed and sold without discrimination. And part of the blame, he said, belonged to the women who paraded the streets in scanty and shockingly immodest attire.

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Quote

Possession of money can make a man think that he is growing bigger when all the time he is growing smaller.—W. J. WERNING, in "Investing Your Life."

This may be blunt, but it is realistic. Men are not thinking holy thoughts when the exposed feminine form is flaunted before them. God knew it in Eden; Christ knew it at Gadara; St. Paul knew it at Ephesus. If men are to have pure minds and a wholesome respect for womanhood, women must dress modestly.

Remember, Christian, immodesty is as fatal to holy character as termites are to the timbers of a house.

Some church groups have forbidden low-cut dresses at weddings in the interest of modesty. What is the Nazarene answer?

So there it is! God has spoken; religious leaders are deeply concerned. And we Nazarenes, too, have a reckoning day with modesty!

The Blessed Hope . . .

THE RAPTURE*

By H. R. WAITE

"I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

These promises of His return were later confirmed again and again by the Apostle Paul. In his letter to Titus (chapter 2) he exhorts to a life of godliness and "a looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

Thus the promise of our Lord's return to receive the Church unto himself has been set before her as a "blessed hope."

While all born-again Christians believe in the

fact of His coming, they by no means are agreed as to the details, the time and the manner of His return.

I wish to consider this great event of the blessed hope—the rapture—in the following manner. The time, the manner, and the purpose.

The Time of the Rapture

The question is often asked today, Will the Church go through any or all of the great tribulation?

The *post-tribulation rapturist* believes that the rapture will take place at the close of the great tribulation. They believe that the saints will remain on the earth during the entire seven years of the awful tribulation judgments. The fact that saints are seen in the tribulation is offered by them as proof that the Church will pass through this time of unequalled terror. We need to learn who

*From the "Wesleyan Methodist" (paper given at the 1958 Ministerial Institute of the Allegheny Conference).

these saints are. They are not the Church. According to Revelation 19:8-9 the Church is already in heaven. These saints are the tribulation saints. There will be a remnant of the Israelites, 144,000 set apart as servants of God. There will be an innumerable group of persons saved during the tribulation, and they shall serve Him day and night, but these must not be confused with the Church. The Church—the bride—in her heavenly position is not to serve. In the upper room where the Saviour clearly taught Church truth, Jesus said to His disciples, "Henceforth I call you not servants . . . but I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

The *mid-tribulation rapturist* believes that the rapture is to take place in the middle of the great tribulation, that the saints are to remain on the earth for the first three and one-half years of it. We would do well to notice that when the Saviour in Luke 21:36 said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," He did not say we were to escape half, but all, of these things.

In support of the mid-tribulation view the expression, "At the last trump," (I Corinthians 15:52) is said to be the trumpet sounded by the seventh angel recorded in Revelation 11:15-19. This trumpet has been made the determining factor in fixing the time of the rapture. It has been said that it will be sounded in the middle of the tribulation. It is very difficult to understand how this can be, for when this trumpet was sounded John heard "great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." How can this be true in the middle of the tribulation, at the very time the man of sin is sitting in the temple and is being worshiped as God? The kingdoms of this world will not become the kingdoms of Christ until after the tribulation.

The "last trump" of I Corinthians 15:52 must be the same as the trump in I Thessalonians 4:16, for at the sounding of each the dead in Christ are to be raised. The trump mentioned in Thessalonians is called "the trump of God" and the Lord himself will descend with that. That trumpet will not be sounded by an angel. It seems evident that the trumpet of the seventh angel cannot be the "last trump" of I Corinthians 15:52, and that it will not be sounded in the middle of the tribulation.

The *pre-tribulation rapturist* holds the theory that the Church is to be raptured out of this world just before the great tribulation begins.

This I believe to be the scriptural view. Perhaps earlier in the message we should have made mention of the fact that the great tribulation is set forth in the Scriptures as a period of time lasting about seven years, according to Daniel and the Book of Revelation. It is called and designated in

the Scriptures by different names such as the tribulation, the day of the Lord, the day of vengeance of our God, the time of Jacob's trouble, and the day of judgment. During this time of terrible tribulation, the Antichrist will reign here upon earth, Israel shall undergo her greatest persecution of all time, the nations will be visited with disasters, and it would seem as if hell had broken loose upon this earth.

The Saviour himself said of that time: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21). That tribulation period will end only at the coming of our Lord to set up His kingdom. He tells us in Matthew 24:29-30 that "immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

I believe the Scriptures abound with much proof that the Church is not to be left here to go through the great tribulation. Time will permit the mentioning of but a few.

Jesus said in effect—If you wish to be fully informed about the event of My return, study the days of Noah and the days before the Flood.

Three things stand out in that record: (1) A translation before the Flood—Enoch, a type of the Church. (2) One family passed through the Flood—a covenant family—a type of a remnant of the family of Israel, a converted company that comes up out of great tribulation. (3) A great host perished in the Flood—the wicked who have rejected the gospel and will be judged and destroyed during this tribulation period.

As we read the record of the tribulation as found in the Book of Revelation, beginning with chapter six through nineteen, we are impressed with the fact that the Church is nowhere mentioned as being on earth during that time.

When the Apostle Paul was writing to the Thessalonians about this event in his first letter, chapters four and five, he stated that "God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." What wrath? This must refer in particular to the wrath mentioned in the immediate context, "The day of the Lord." The day of the Lord or the time of tribulation will be a time of fierce anger and wrath of God poured out upon the children of darkness. Nowhere do the Scriptures say the wrath of God is to be poured out upon children of light.

It hardly seems likely that the Lord would come to earth as He did and make possible man's re-

God Sent the McGraws

Through a near tragedy, God taught me a great lesson, and because of His love for me, later saved and sanctified me.

It happened this way. Some folk had started tent services out in the northwest section of our city—Houston, Texas. They called themselves Nazarenes. After attending one service I decided that I would not go back. Conviction had settled down on me, but I would not admit it. My sister who had been saved in the services, and was a seeker for holiness, pleaded with me but I did not want to ever go back to such “soul-searching messages.”

And then my sister became very ill. After the doctors consulted, they told us she *could not live*. My sister meant more to me than anything in this world. But *what* could I do? I did not have the faith in God to pray; in fact, I didn't know what that kind of faith meant—my church did not teach me that. Answering a knock on the door, I was confronted by Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McGraw, Sr., the tent preachers.

Going into my sister's room, the feeling of death already there, they knelt and started talking to God. They talked just like God was right there. They didn't ask Him to heal her, (Oh, why don't they? I thought) just for His will to be done.

They stayed with us through the night and the next day, and how they talked and prayed with God! He was a Guest in my home those hours. At midnight of the second night my sister regained consciousness.

Today she and her lovely family are members of First Church of the Nazarene in Houston. I am teacher of the Fidelis Class in the same church—her Sunday school teacher. Dr. McGraw, our first pastor of the church in Houston, is in Temple, Texas, and dear Sister McGraw is in heaven. But if she is watching me as I write this little testimony for my Saviour, who has done so much for me and mine, I know she is glad she came to my house that day more than thirty years ago.

By KATHERINE BEVIS

demption and then come again and pour out His wrath upon His redeemed.

One of the great promises to the Church is that spoken to the church at Philadelphia (Revelation 3:10—“Because thou [Philadelphia] hast kept the word of my patience, I will keep thee from [not in] the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.” The hour of temptation is interpreted as referring to the tribulation.

The rapture of the Church before the tribulation is the blessed hope of the Church. If the Church is to go through the tribulation as has been taught by some, then it is neither “blessed” nor is it a “hope” for the Church, but only a fearful looking for of judgment which is to come upon the earth.

The Manner of the Rapture

“This same Jesus . . . shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Not some other Jesus, nor in some vaguely figurative or spiritual sense, but actually, literally, visibly, and personally this same Jesus.

“The Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout” (I Thessalonians 4:16).

His coming is to be a visible One, “as ye have seen him go.” He went away suddenly—He will return suddenly.

I like the description the Apostle Paul gives us of this event and things relating to it in I Thessalonians 4:13-18:

“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.



NAZARENE NAVY CHAPLAINS AND DIRECTOR OF SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION meet aboard the flagship, U.S.S. "Yosemite." With Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, director, are Force Chaplain Lt. A. S. M. Kirkland (left) and Lt. Henry Stroman, chaplain for Destroyer Escort Squadrons 16 and 18.

Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

The shout will raise the dead in Christ. They will then hear the voice of the Son of God and come forth from their graves, just as Lazarus did when the Lord said, "Lazarus, come forth." In the same moment that the dead in Christ are raised, the Church will be raptured. This is indeed her "blessed hope."

The Purpose of the Rapture

He is coming for the saints, both the dead and the living saints (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). Those who have come forth from the grave with those living here when He comes will be raptured out of this world, translated from earth to heaven, to attend the marriage supper of the Lamb. It has been said we get our breakfast when converted, dinner when sanctified, and our supper immediately following the rapture.

This event holds great joy for the believer but great terror for the unbeliever, for the purpose of His coming is not only to rapture the saints but to usher in "the day of the Lord," the great tribulation.

Finally the thought of the rapture is a great incentive for holy living. Holiness and the rapture are inseparable, for the Scriptures clearly state, "Blessed and *holy* is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of

Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

John in his First Epistle (3:3), having spoken of Christ's appearing, says, "Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." That is, he keepeth himself pure.

The thought of His coming brings great comfort and hope, and it encourages patience and endurance on the part of the saints.

Conclusion

This is no new doctrine—it was always present in the Early Church in the apostolic times. Satan is fully aware of the power of this "blessed hope." He knows it is of great comfort in these troublesome times and would take it from us.

In this day with tremendous advances in the field of science, who can deny that the days spoken of in Luke 21; 25; and 26 are here? Men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

"And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

"Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

"And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming" (1 John 3:28).

Love Will Find a Way

By Mrs. J. C. WALLACE

The year of 1958 has found our people in America with more excuses for not doing the will of God than ever before. Yet I am convinced that, if we have the love of God in our hearts, love will find a way to do the will of God.

Man in his deplorably lost condition was a hopeless creature; in reality so hopelessly lost that God even repented that He ever made him. Yet God loved him and love found a way to redeem him by sending His sinless Son into a sinful world to save sinning men from death.

Divine love instilled in the hearts of men and women would do away with the flimsy excuses that many are using in our churches throughout the land. We have so many gadgets and helps with which to do our work, and yet people say they do not have time to serve God and the church. Many modern-day Christians will tell you, with seemingly no prick of conscience, that they cannot find time to attend church. They use their jobs, their families, the weather, and many other things as excuses for staying away from church.

The great program of personal evangelism in our church offers an unlimited challenge to every Christian. However, many of our ministers are groaning under this burden, trying to get it on the hearts of their people. The great truth of our subject confronts us here again. If we have the love of God in our hearts, love will find a way to do the things that will save not only our own souls but the souls of many others.

In talking to one of the great leaders of our church, we were overwhelmed as he told us how he was left with a family of motherless children. To many it would seem that he was left with a hopeless task. This man, with a heart of love, reared his children without a mother. Today every one of them is in the work of the Lord, helping to save a lost world. Love found a way when there was no way.

Firemen said there was no earthly way to save two young children from the flaming fury of a burning home. The love in the heart of a little mother caused her to tear herself free from the arms of friends, rush into the devouring flames and smoke-filled rooms, and with a child under each arm, stagger and fall and then rise again until she was outside the burning structure. Burned severely and scarred for life, love found a way to save her offspring from certain death.

Many a Church of the Nazarene has used a

building program as an excuse for not paying the General Budget. Some use revivals to excuse themselves from giving in the Thanksgiving or Easter Offering, upon which our church counts so heavily. I believe if every Church of the Nazarene and every church member around the world would experience a fresh outpouring of divine love in their hearts, they would find a way to serve God. They would find a way to win souls. They would find a way to have revivals. Church boards would find a way to give "10 per cent" of the church income to missions. For just as truly as the sun rises and sets in the heavens above, just that surely "love will find a way."

An Observer Looking Back over Fifty Years

By JOHN W. FRAZIER

Everett, Washington

In observing the Golden Anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene, it seems fitting and proper to glance back over the early days, both for the sake of comparison and also for some information which may not be known to all. It was my happy privilege to enter Deets Pacific Bible College in the fall of 1908 and join the church that year under Drs. Bresee and Goodwin.

Being almost a total stranger, two thousand miles from my home in Kansas, out of a large family, homesick and lonesome, I went to prayer meeting—the first Nazarene service I ever attended. Dr. Bresee led the meeting and at the close asked for all to stand who knew they were sanctified wholly. Most all stood but I couldn't. Then he asked for all who wanted to know it to stand; then I stood, and went to the altar with others.

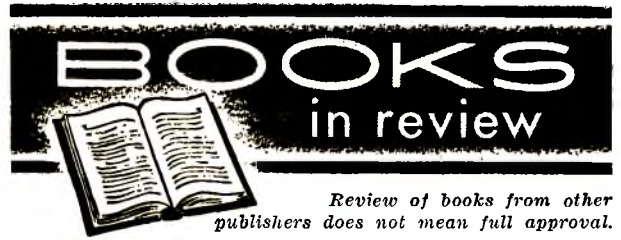
I slumped down over the altar weeping. Dr. Bresee took hold of my hands and my head and lifted them up and said that the blessing came from above, not from below. I prayed with all my might,

*Here I give my all to Thee:
Friends, and time, and earthly store;
Soul and body Thine to be—
Wholly Thine forevermore.*

I meant every word of it and down the blessing came. I shouted, laughed, and cried all at once. It lingers with me yet. Hallelujah!

It seemed to me that a revival broke out on the whole church and lasted all through the year. It had such a great effect that my father and mother got the children together and got on the train and came out for a week or two. My father got sanctified and brothers and sisters got converted and went home a happy family.

Two years later we had to give up our school at 628 San Pedro Street, Los Angeles, and move to the new school home in Pasadena. Everyone was very happy. I helped move school furniture to Pasadena. We used the old mansion dwelling house for the administration building. With the farm came a team of mules and carriage, which they used to carry passengers and luggage to and from the streetcar, a mile or so away. It is wonderful to look back over those days—but it is more wonderful to look around me now and see what God hath wrought! I am now on the retiring side of life but still on the firing line. Hallelujah!



Review of books from other publishers does not mean full approval.

CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

BY BUD ROBINSON (*Beacon Hill*, \$1.00)

To all the lovers of Bud Robinson this book will come as good news. Some of "Uncle Bud's" most loved messages are included. The famous one that gives the book its title, *Chickens Come Home to Roost*, is one of the greatest. Here will be found that mixture of humor and pathos for which Bud Robinson was so well known. But not all is humor and tears; at times he virtually scorches the hide of worldly, casual Christianity. Then again he returns to his homey, vivid descriptions until tears will come to your eyes. No one else but "Uncle Bud" would say, "The morning glories looked like Jesus had spent the night with them." Selected materials from the best-loved Nazarene in fifty years.

—NORMAN R. OKE, *Book Editor*

Weeping, sowing and

A Sudden Summons to Heaven

He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him (Psalms 126:6).

Graham Ingles was electrocuted accidentally in San Antonio, Texas, while in the process of welding a broken tricycle for a little girl. He was at the time the Sunday school superintendent of the Theo Avenue Baptist Church in that city and

By **ERNEST MOORE**

Evangelist, San Antonio, Texas

had been repairing Sunday school rooms the same afternoon. He died a Christian. Here is why:

Years before a missionary by the name of Lelan Rogers—then serving as an evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene—preached a sermon under the anointing of the Lord and gave an altar call in New Boston, Ohio. Graham Ingles came forward and confessed his sins, weeping his way through to old-fashioned victory in Jesus. Subsequently he married a Baptist lady and became active in her church. He was always careful to date his religious experience from the New Boston revival meeting.

The other day, as I stood in line waiting for my official car inspection, Mrs. Graham Ingles told me this story. When I think of the godly Nazarene evangelist standing before a congregation of eternity-bound souls, my heart is always stirred within me. There could be another Graham Ingles there. His eternal destiny may be wrapped up in that God-anointed message from the man of God!



EDITORIALS

Repent or Accept

There is much emphasis upon acceptance in present-day evangelism. This tendency seems to be more apparent the larger the crusade for evangelism becomes. People are called on to "accept" Christ after the gospel message has been presented. The major part, if not all, of the emphasis is on that one fact, "Come forward and *accept* Christ." The preacher who follows this procedure may be unconscious of it; his motive may be the very best. But the question arises, Is it in harmony with the New Testament method of presenting the gospel message?

There is no doubt that the New Testament emphasizes acceptance, belief, faith, but it also gives a very important place to repentance. Because of this, acceptance should not be set over against repentance. It should not ever be "Repent or accept" or "Accept or repent." These two gospel truths are not in any sense opposed to each other. My subject, perhaps, should have been stated as follows: Repent *and* accept. Repentance comes first, and then—and not until then—the person is ready for acceptance.

Besides, repentance carries with it the thought of sin, the transgression of God's law, the need for godly sorrow because of this, the fact of judgment that will come if the person does not repent. The whole atmosphere of gospel preaching which gathers about repentance is much more serious and significant than that of acceptance. People must

turn their backs on sin, be filled with sorrow because of their sin, connect their sin with the cross of Jesus, and think of themselves as participating in Jesus' crucifixion through their sins. They must get a picture of the terribleness of sin and sinning if they would really and truly accept Christ as they should.

If people find their way to Christ without realizing the seriousness of sin, or the transgression of God's law, they will not likely feel that sinning is to be avoided after they accept Christ. Mere acceptance oversimplifies the whole gospel message.

Read about the preaching of John the Baptist and of Jesus; read the Gospels and the Acts. Go back to the very first days of Christianity, and you'll find that there is no more outstanding note than that of repentance. It's repent or perish—repent or perish! This is explicitly or implicitly evident all through the New Testament. We must be so filled with sorrow because of our sins that we will turn our backs on sinning if we would truly accept Christ and believe on Him as our Saviour.

Thus we would emphasize, not repent *or* accept, but repent *and* accept. God's blessing is upon each of these words and upon all who would preach the gospel of Jesus Christ—that is, the fact that there must be repentance, that it comes first, and that there cannot be acceptance in any true sense without repentance.

"Come, See a Man, Which Told Me All Things That Ever I Did"

Talk about headlines—this is one of the most striking that I ever read! It is classified thus, not only because of the actual revelation which came to the one who uttered these words, but also because of what resulted from that revelation. "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did" (John 4:29).

Here's the story back of this headline: Jesus was on a journey which took Him through Samaria. After much traveling He sat down on a well to rest.

• By *Stephen S. White* • • • • •

A woman of that country came to draw water. Jesus opened the conversation by saying, "Give me to drink." The woman was surprised that Jesus would ask a favor of her, a Samaritan, being very much aware of the fact that the Jews had "no dealings with the Samaritans." Jesus, of course, knew about this antipathy which the Jews had for the Samaritans—a mixed-blooded people. But of course He ignored it. He saw at once the woman's great spiritual need and said: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." In His desire to help the woman, He forgot about His weariness and thirst.

Although this Samaritan woman was, no doubt, hungry for God, she didn't at first get the meaning of the Master's message. She had no idea of what Jesus meant by the "living water." She thought He referred only to the water that was in the well, and she answered His question thus: "Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?"

In other words, she was saying, "Who are You to imply that You can do what our great forefather Jacob could not do?" But Jesus did not permit the woman to sidetrack Him. He continued the conversation with these words: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never

thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

From this the woman thought she had found that which was miraculous. How wonderful it would be to get something that would slake her thirst and supply her need for water to such an extent that she'd never have to come back to that well again! "The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

At this Jesus changed the line of discourse which He had followed thus far, and said to the woman, "Go, call thy husband, and come hither." He was prodding now; He was trying to get into the heart of that woman and help her to see who she was and what she was—how far she was from the right. The woman's answer was: "I have no husband." Jesus agreed with her, "Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly."

Now the light began to break, and the woman answered, "Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." She knew that He had information about her that no ordinary man could possess; therefore He must be more than an ordinary man. In that case she had a special question that she wanted answered: "Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." In other words, "What about this, Prophet?"

Jesus answered: "Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Again the woman got light and moved ahead. These words from her lips indicate that fact: "I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things."

Then there was the great revelation of Christ himself, "I that speak unto thee am he."

The conversation was interrupted at this time by the arrival of the disciples, who marveled that Jesus talked with a woman, and especially because He talked to a Samaritan woman. Having been mighti-

ly moved by this time, the woman took this opportunity to return to the city, where she said, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

I've often wondered if Jesus ever got His drink of water, if the woman ever picked up her waterpot. Her thirst for God took precedence over everything else, and Jesus' passionate desire to reach a lost soul put every other interest into total eclipse.

What was the outcome of all this? A great crowd

of people followed the woman out to the well, and many of them believed on the basis of what she had said; and still more believed because of Jesus' own words. What wonderful words these are! "And many more believed because of his own word; and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." Christ and a lost soul which heeded His call started a revival in Samaria.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
July 27:

God, Give Us Our Children

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-21; Psalms 78:1-7; Proverbs 4:20-27; 22:6; Isaiah 55:8-11; Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23; Ephesians 5:21-6:4; II Timothy 1:5-7; 3:14-17 (Printed: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Ephesians 6:1-4; II Timothy 3:14-17)

GOLDEN TEXT: *As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord* (Joshua 24:15).

In our study of the evangelistic task of the Church we consider another significant area, the opportunities of evangelism in the home. This may be divided into three areas: first, making the home Christian; second, leading our children to Christ; and third, the outreach of the home in soul winning.

Making the home Christian: Certainly the tempo of modern life has contributed much to the change of pattern in the home. In this age of countless activities and conflicting interests the home has declined as the center of spiritual activity and force. What shall be the unifying force? And where shall we find the authority we need? What better place can we find to implement this than the family altar?

Application: The Word must have the place of honor in the home (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).

Leading our children to Christ: In the Old and New Testament times the home provided the primary spiritual instruction for the children. But today, perhaps through sheer busyness of parent and child alike, there is a decline

of Christian teaching in the home. What shall we do? We must be willing to pay the spiritual cost of giving ourselves to our children and to share with them the inescapable questions of faith, to exert every possible influence for their salvation and spiritual instruction.

Application: The parent is responsible before God to bring up the children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:1-4).

The outreach of the home in soul winning: Is my home the Christian

force it ought to be? Does my family have a growing concern for other families? Have we permitted our home to become self-centered and engrossed in our problems, our interests, and our thrills? Then determine to make your home a positive force for righteousness and soul winning.

Application: We must project the spiritual training of the home into outreach endeavors, relying on the continued authority of the Holy Scriptures (II Timothy 3:14-17).



By R. L. LUNSFORD

Unique "Rooftop" Ministry in Hong Kong

In refugee-packed Hong Kong, the Oriental Missionary Society has inaugurated an unusual ministry utilizing the rooftops of the British government's well-known resettlement housing development. There being few play areas at ground level, the missionary society, with the permission of the directors, has organized a play, education, and evangelization program on the tops of the seven-story housing units. With an average of 2,500 persons in each unit, opportunity of reaching the children for Christ is almost unlimited.

Pocket Testament League Sets Record

The Pocket Testament League reports distributing 20,000,000 scripture portions in 30 different languages during the past 15 years. Over 3,000,000 of these have been distributed in East and South Africa. Faced with the possibility of the closing of Nigeria to the gospel in 1960, the League is attempting to distribute 2,000,000 Gospels there.

Two Presbyterian Bodies Unite

Continuing the trend toward the union of bodies with similar doctrines

and forms of government, the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the United Presbyterian Church of North America have completed their merger. Moderator of the new church, the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., is Rev. Theophilus Taylor, professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary.

Church of the Brethren Celebrates Anniversary

The Church of the Brethren is observing this year its 250th anniversary. Founded in Schwartzau, Germany, the denomination was transplanted to America during the colonial period and it is strongest in the eastern United States, especially in Pennsylvania. Like many another denomination, the body is more familiarly known by its nickname, "Dunkers," than its official name.

Roman Catholics Show Membership Increase

The 1958 edition of the *Roman Catholic Directory* reports an increase of 1,460,126 members over last year's publication. This brings membership in the United States, Alaska, and Hawaii to a total of 36,230,977; an increase of 10,000,000 in the last ten years, of whom 1,278,054 are converts from other faiths. The total world population of Chris-

Servicemen's Corner



A New Convert

"I have been sent to another base, and I get so much enjoyment out of reading your literature. I have just found Christ, with the help of some of the Christian men stationed here at the March Air Force Base."—A/3C RICHARD A. CARTER.

From Minnesota

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the many wonderful publications that are sent to me from the Church of the Nazarene through the Servicemen's Commission. They are a constant source of blessing to me, and to other servicemen, I'm sure.

"I am enjoying working with the many wonderful Minnesota Christians and in a home mission church in the village of Bloomington, Minnesota. The church is almost six months old now, and growing steadily."—M/SGT. GEORGE V. HARRIS.

Thanks

"I have appreciated your faithfulness in sending me *Conquest* magazine. Upon finishing reading it, it gives me opportunity to witness to others, by letting them read it and by putting it in a place where it will be read. May God bless you as you continue in His service."—A/1c R. A. GIBSON.

Change of Address

"My husband is now at Dreux Air Force Base near Paris, France. He wrote me to be sure to change the address on the *Herald of Holiness* and

the other papers. We enjoy them so much. Your Servicemen's Commission does so much good in sending these papers overseas. We will be over there with him in a few months, and there are no Nazarene churches or any holiness churches that we know of. We will need and long for all the Christian literature we can get. Thank you so much for fulfilling this need. We are praying for you."—A/1c AND MRS. HERBERT E. FERGUSON.

From Korea

"I wish to thank the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission for the wonderful, heart-stirring religious literature. Since I received my first copies here in Korea, I have spent many hours of enjoyable reading. After I read each copy of the different papers, I pass them on to the Korean choral members at the chapel. Many of them have asked for more and told me that they pass them on to others to read.

"I'm thankful for the Nazarene church and the Christ for whom it stands. Only through their help am I able to stand the many hardships of living a Christian life in the service. It has been a great blessing to me to be able to visit our missionaries here in Korea and Japan. May God richly bless our church and challenge us to do more for lost souls."—SFC MARVIN H. McELRATH.

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Londer W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

tians is 885,000,000, of whom 475,000,000 are Roman Catholics, 225,000,000 Protestants, 175,000,000 Eastern Orthodox, and 10,000,000 are Copts.



Foreign Missions

Prayer Request

Please pray for our Bible college students in British Honduras. Secular work, with its tempting offer of good wages, is exerting a strong pull on these young men and women whom we have educated for Christian workers among their people. Pray that God will put His call so strongly upon them and the burden for the lost so deep in their hearts that nothing can pull them away from His work.

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Lebanon Easter Offering

By DONALD REED

We are happy to report from the Lebanon District that our Easter missionary offering came to the total of \$330. Of this amount \$242 came through the Bible school students. The week preceding Easter vacation was set aside for missionary emphasis, with an offering each day. Day after day God came and blessed with special blessing. The high points of the week came through

the messages of our district superintendent, and a missionary from China who is now serving in Lebanon.

Some of the girl students fasted three days in order to give to the offering.

We have had a good year in the Bible school.

Prayer Request

The William Moons are still waiting in Portugal for entrance permits to Portuguese East Africa. Please pray that the permits will be granted soon and they will be on their way to their appointed field. This is a different problem. Only God can bring the needed permits. He has done it for others. Pray that He will do it for the Moons.

Bolivia

We have now been five months in Bolivia and feel as though we are getting pretty fully organized out here on our Bible school farm. Our acclimati-

zation was not nearly so hard nor so long as we had anticipated. We feel very little effect now from the altitude. We are already carrying about as full a load as at any average time, perhaps, of our missionary career. We have a wonderful group of Indian boys, enthusiastic, hard workers, and willing to be led into spiritual things.

We carry a teaching load, and in addition have charge of the school, the farm, and the building program. In all these activities Brother Hugo Villareal is an efficient collaborator and a brother beloved. We have recently taken on the pastorate of the little Spanish-speaking church in La Paz. This releases Brother Hunter to get out on the district, visiting the churches, evangelizing, and so on.

We are challenged with the work here and convinced that intense evangelism, loving ministry to encourage and build up the churches will bring marvels on this needy field.

Pray much for us as we labor in this corner of God's vineyard.—REV. AND MRS. IRA TAYLOR, *Bolivia*.

Annual Indian N.F.M.S. Convention

The North American Indian District has recently closed a very interesting and inspiring Nazarene Foreign Missionary Convention, held at the Bible Training School at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Everyone who attended spoke of the unusual way in which God met with us in every service.

We were challenged and inspired by the messages of Miss Mary Scott, and each of us returned home with a new determination to work for our Saviour.

Mrs. Charles Scrivner has done a wonderful job as district president of the N.F.M.S., but since she is teaching at our Bible Training School she felt it best to relinquish this district office. Mrs. Olive Pearson, our district super-

intendent's wife, was elected as the new district N.F.M.S. president.

We thank God for the gains which were reported throughout the district. We are looking forward to our new church year with anticipation and a new zeal for lost souls.—MARILYN BROWNING, *Missionary at El Reno, Oklahoma, Reporter*.

Our new day school in Corozal is building up. We feel it is an answer to many who have been and are praying that God would undertake for the re-establishment of this school. Your prayers are being answered. Thank the Lord!—LEONARD YORK, *British Honduras*.

Puerto Rico Easter Offering

By LYLE PRESCOTT

Perhaps the juniors of the United States deserve part of the credit for the Good Easter offering received this year. At Christmas the U.S. juniors sent a Christmas gift for the juniors of Puerto



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE, 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, *Secretary*

EVANGELISTIC HONOR ROLL

The following churches have been presented a certificate for "new Nazarenes" received into membership this assembly year. Each church listed has qualified according to the regulations of church membership for its group as follows:

GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	REQUIRED GAIN	GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	REQUIRED GAIN
I	1-24	5	IV	150-299	18
II	25-74	9	V	300-499	25
III	75-149	12	VI	500 & over	35

The Crusade for Souls Commission joins the entire church to express congratulations to these pastors and their churches!

Church	Pastor	Membership	Gain
FLORIDA DISTRICT			
Pompano Beach	J. Adams	18	6
Orlando Pine Hills	E. Denny	34	19
Leesburg	C. Cunningham	37	12
Fern Park	J. Fisher	38	13
Cocoa	R. L. Hale	40	12
Tampa Drew Park	E. Heaberlin	40	13
Miami Grace	T. Ream	45	11
New Smyrna Beach	H. Kennedy	46	8
Sebring	E. Williams	47	12
Plant City	W. Bridges	49	10
West Hollywood	M. Taylor	51	17
St. Augustine	C. Scaney	53	14
Jacksonville Southside	B. Anderson	54	19
High Springs	J. Meredith	55	16
Miami Coral Village	M. S. Dimbath	57	14
Titusville	J. Chambers	58	9
Daytona Beach	J. D. Peacock	60	12
North Miami	E. G. Blythe	69	10
Hialeah	L. R. Rushton	74	10
Ocala	B. Najarian	82	14
Orlando Colonial	J. V. Frederick	89	15
Ft. Lauderdale Faith	J. Oakley	95	17
Jacksonville Panama Pk.	C. Wyant	99	13
Tallahassee	H. Lawrence	105	14
Kissimmee	F. Toms	107	18
Lakeland S. Fla. Hgts.	S. Sparks	128	39

Church	Pastor	Membership	Gain
Tampa First	R. E. Elzey	146	14
Princeton	G. W. Abersold	182	24
Ft. Lauderdale First	B. Blue	185	25
Lakeland First	J. W. Justice	188	18
Bradenton	C. Oliver	190	20
Orlando First	D. Freese	204	29

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

Lamont	C. C. Osner	11	20
McKinleyville	S. Brades	12	24
Vallejo Floyd Terrace	C. R. Johnson	14	6
Albany	S. Jackson	25	10
Anderson	C. Thomas	38	15
Greenfield	C. Elsberry	39	10
Grass Valley	J. J. Brady	50	15
Caruthers	T. Potter	51	10
Richmond El Sobrante	R. W. Pitts	58	16
San Anselmo	H. Bonner	66	12
Corning	P. E. Helm	74	9
Sonoma Valley	L. W. Coey	74	13
Placerville	R. L. Gray	79	12
San Bruno	C. E. Mallory	85	14
Tracy	N. B. Graham	93	13
Florin	L. A. Prescott	94	14
Oakland Bethel	E. S. Watson	94	14
Woodville	H. T. McCants	97	17
Napa	E. Zimbelman	115	12
Tulare	W. Goehring	119	15
Salinas	J. M. Anderson	123	14
Santa Rosa	H. L. Steele	143	17
Vallejo First	S. Bennett	147	13
Fresno First	C. E. Higgins	150	18
San Jose West	K. Vogt	228	32
Eureka	P. D. Mangum	241	21
Porterville	W. H. Deitz	277	28

CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT

Montreal	B. Archer	29	5
Toronto Bethel	R. Hall	37	14
Preston	L. Cook	42	12
London	D. Morrison	65	9
Toronto Main St.	R. Fowler	119	15

NEVADA-UTAH DISTRICT

Henderson, Nevada	W. E. Stukas	23	7
Carson City, Nevada	L. O. Green	31	10
Salt Lake City, Utah	L. Drake	75	14

Rico. We bought a splendid opaque projector to use in district junior work.

At Easter, I prepared a lesson on world-wide Nazarene missions, with illustrations selected from the *Other Sheep* and the *National Geographic*. Then I made a tour of our churches trying to inspire our Puerto Rican Nazarenes to feel the largeness of our world missionary program, to see how they had helped in the past to build up a splendid work for the Lord, and to emphasize the need of giving even more largely this anniversary year.

And they did, thank the Lord! Among the eleven organized churches on the district, three gave more than double their 1957 Easter offering, and three lacked only a few cents of doubling their giving.

Our district offering was \$582.50 this year. Last year we gave \$346.43. At the six-month mark of our church year, the field General Budget was overpaid by \$104.95.

We have already gained two new Junior Societies this year, and plan to organize more.

Thank God for the privilege of sharing in Nazarene world evangelism!



Consider these facts. Ten and one-half billion dollars a year is spent for alcoholic beverages. Consider this picture and then weep.

If there were four roads leading from Boston, Massachusetts, to Los Angeles, California, you could build a \$10,000 home on a lot every 150 feet, along both sides of the four roads; and then on a road from Los Angeles, California, to Salt Lake City, Utah, you could build homes at the same distance apart on both sides of that road and would spend ten and a half billion dollars.

When you add to that the physical suffering, heartbreak, and economic loss as a result of 65 million Americans hitting the bottle, the total devastation makes the burning of Rome appear as a smoldering campfire.

Can we as Nazarenes idly stand by and watch this monster of greed steal the physical, economic, and spiritual heritage of America? Even though it has not touched our personal lives so much, we are still foot-



by BERTHA MUNRO

Claiming the Legacy

Monday:

"The will of God is both gift and command." The power to obey is itself a gift; and obedience to the God of "every good and every perfect gift" is the open-sesame to highest privilege. But we can sell our birthright, reckoning it an unjust lien. (Romans 12:1-2; James 1:17; Hebrews 12:16b.)

Tuesday:

"A legacy is both promise and responsibility"—so of our Christian heritage. Our "promise" is the assured knowledge of the possibilities of grace. We have seen and learned; we cannot forget. Our "responsibility" is not to waste these; rather to explore, discover, and pass on enriched. Only the Christian has the secret of a goal that outlasts life; this makes him forever debtor to a hungry world. (Luke 12:49; Romans 8:17; 9:4-5; Ephesians 3:6.)

Wednesday:

"Our heritage as Nazarenes is the gospel of full salvation: the spontaneity of the Spirit and a Christlike way of life."—William Greathouse. **Period.** Good to ponder. (Acts 2:38-39; 3:6; 4:13.)

Thursday:

"The gospel of full salvation"? It is

ing a great deal of the bill that results from the effects of drinking. Also, we cannot get away from the divine injunction that we are our brother's keeper.

Align yourself with a local temperance organization and get into the fray of the battle against the corruption and evil of beverage alcohol.

**KENNETH S. RICE, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals**

Daily life is a series of tests of our inward fidelity. Little things indicate character and reveal the moral trend of our being just as straws show the way a stream is flowing.—REMISS REHFELDT.

taking literally Christ's definition of the full life: losing one's self-life in following Him. It means finding the transformed heart (the Spirit's new creation) and the transformed life (the Spirit's leading and the Spirit's fruit). It is "life that takes all the risks"—for Him. As Jesus was the expression of God, we are to be to the world the reproduction of Jesus.

Staggering—as are all His words! But "how shall we escape if we neglect?" (Mark 8:35; John 17:18; Galatians 5:22-24.)

Friday:

It is the Sermon on the Mount in the heart. It is the passion for Christ, the love of Christ constraining; it is "loyalty to Christ alone." Not only claiming a perfect love, calling, "Lord, Lord," but walking in His steps.

Not he that repeateth the name,

But He that doeth the will.

Our church makes this "doing" imperative—else false. (Matthew 5:48; Luke 6:46.)

Saturday:

"Spontaneity of the Spirit"? Shouts and tears in meeting? Yes, so far as these are spontaneous. But more—far more. "A heart to praise my God" in word and deed; an active response to the suggestions of that Spirit whose ministry is to remind of Jesus, and so to relieve Him through us. "The Spirit clothed himself with" a man of old. (John 16:13; Judges 6:34, margin.)

Sunday:

After entire sanctification, what? The same constant, ungrudging denying of self in following Christ. "Man's chief end is to glorify God, and enjoy Him forever"; the pattern is Jesus' way and spirit of living. Any whisper of self-pity or self-indulgence? Its answer: "Take thy cross and follow, *close to Me.*" Are we careful to study the pattern? (John 16:14; 20:22.)

God's Promise

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

*Heart, lean upon God's promise;
It has the strength of stone.
It will hold you safely,
It and it alone.*

*The world is much too fickle
To ponder long on you.
Its peoples would much rather
Be watching skies of blue.*

*Your reason is too faulty
To guide you on your way.
Heart, lean upon God's promise;
It will hold you every day!*

NEWS of the Churches



Evangelists Oliver and Ruth Morgan and Daughter Mardell report: "At First Church in Newell, West Virginia, more than sixty people sought God at the altar. Pastor J. Lester Seel received eleven people into church membership on profession of faith. We enjoyed our labors with this fine pastor and people and were given a call to return. At Homer City, Pennsylvania, the new pastor, Rev. R. R. Merriman, has been wonderfully received. God honored His Word in giving nearly sixty seekers and some wonderful services. We enjoyed two weeks with Pastor Lowell Garvin and the Millville Avenue Church in Hamilton, Ohio. There were a goodly number of seekers and a fine attendance in Sunday school. During the meeting at Lebanon, Ohio, with Pastor H. B. Wilson, the spiritual tide rose high, and over fifty people sought God to be saved or sanctified. At Southside Church in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with Pastor Glenn Ide, we had several good altar services, and the closing Sunday night service was one long to be remembered because of the blessings of God. We are enjoying our work and during the last few revivals God has blessed and given more than six hundred seekers, with several fine classes added to the church membership."

Louisville, Kentucky—The Lord is blessing and helping in the work at First Church. Last fall we had a profitable meeting with Rev. D. K. Wachtel; in February, Rev. Ira Fowler was with us for our youth revival; and in April Rev. L. H. Roebuck was used of the Lord to bring a real revival stir to our hearts. May was a special month of prayer and fasting—for our needs and for a new Pentecost to visit First Church. The people of First Church have received us wonderfully; recently they gave us a unanimous call for another year, and then voted unanimously for a three-year call. Rev. A. J. Frank served this congregation for fourteen years and did a fine piece of work. We are completing plans for the construction of our new building on the valuable lots which he purchased. We have four acres on Dixie Hi-way, and plans call for a church plant (sanctuary, with full basement and three-story educational building) and parsonage. Please remember us in your prayers as we enter this building campaign. Write us if you have friends in Louisville or servicemen at Ft. Knox, and we'll be happy to contact them.—HADLEY HALL, *Pastor*.

Rev. Grant Daniel writes: "I have resigned as pastor of the church in Vermontville, New York, and am now evangelizing. I am commissioned by the Alabama District. I will be closing meetings in Asheboro, North Carolina, on July 20 and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 2 Paige Court, Prattville, Alabama."

Sulphur, Louisiana—In May, First Church enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist L. C. Miller. In a special Mother's Day program on Sunday morning, May 11, while a twelve-year-old girl was taking part, she began to get blessed; Evangelist Miller gave the invitation and about thirty young people came to the altar and prayed through to God. It was a time of real victory as parents urged their young people to seek God, and shouts of victory swept over the church. On Sunday night we received ten new members into the church, making sixteen for this year. Brother Miller is a wonderful Bible preacher, fasts and prays, and was a real blessing to the pastor and people.—WINFIELD A. MUNDELL, *Pastor*.

Southern California District Assembly

One of the high lights of the Southern California District Assembly took place each morning when Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer, brought the morning devotional message. His faith and courage inspired each delegate and pastor to move forward with and for Christ. We appreciated the efficient and yet unhurried manner of Dr. Powers in conducting the business of the assembly.

The report of District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull revealed gains in every department of the district work. The report included the following: 4 new churches organized during the year and 4 more in the process of being organized, with special emphasis during the new year upon branch Sunday schools. An amount of \$1,398,105 was raised for all purposes, an increase of \$58,000 over last year; \$131,561 was given for general interests, with over \$80,000 directed toward the General Budget. There were 766 members received by profession of faith, with a net gain in church membership of 628, making a total of 8,819 members. Average Sunday school attendance was 12,014, an increase of 500, and the Sunday school enrollment is at an all-time high of 19,304. The N.Y.P.S. reported 2,340 members, and the N.F.M.S. reported 4,406.

Pastors' reports were inspiring and with notes of real victory in prayer and revivals. New churches and parsonages have been built, but above all, hundreds of souls were saved and sanctified.

On Thursday night Dr. Powers conducted the ordination service, with Donald Jenkins, Eldon Coble, and Odie Gunter receiving elder's orders.

Elected to serve on the District Advisory Board were W. E. Thompson and Mark Smith, elders; Jack Morris and Eddie Anderson, laymen.

Superintendent Nicholas Hull has the burden of souls on his heart and is an intensely evangelistic superintendent. He is loved and appreciated by the Nazarenes in Southern California, and has the support of pastors and laymen alike.—HAROLD BUCKNER, *Reporter*.

Rockford, Illinois—After a pastorate of seven years, Rev. W. W. Tink has resigned at First Church to become a part of the music faculty at Chicago Evangelistic Institute, University Park, Iowa; he will also do some evangelistic work during the year. During his years with us the Sunday school increased in average attendance from 92 to 159; missionary giving from \$937 to \$2,610, and the over-all giving from \$16,289 to \$22,582. Membership increased from 80 to 115. Also a new parsonage was acquired and ground purchased for a new building, so that value of the church properties increased from \$30,000 to \$62,000. Mr. and Mrs. Tink were active in community affairs, especially the spiritual activities of the community, and will be missed by many friends.—*Church Reporter*.

Pastor M. D. Cline reports: "On June 1 we resigned as pastor of our church in Florence, South Carolina, to accept a call to First Church in Newport, Tennessee. With the help of God and the efforts of our fine people we had three victorious years in Florence. When we went there the congregation was worshipping in an uncompleted building and was not self-supporting; the church had nine members, with an average of twenty-three in Sunday school. God blessed, the church increased to a membership of thirty-three, with the Sunday school attendance more than tripled. The church purchased a nice building lot adjoining and added a Sunday school annex. All buildings are locally financed and in an ideal section of the city."

Lisburn, North Ireland—We have had an encouraging and fruitful week end of special services under the ministry of Rev. J. Ford. Gifts received toward the removal of debt upon the completed portion of the new church premises totaled \$420. Voluntary work will be continued upon the main sanctuary as soon as the present indebtedness is sufficiently reduced. Clear messages and Spirit-anointed services witnessed seekers after God for salvation and heart holiness. New contacts were made and God's people quickened and refreshed. At the June district assembly, our church (inaugurated in 1955) reported a net membership gain of thirteen, to a total of fifty-five; budgets paid, and over one-third of the \$11,200 cost of building materials only already paid by a self-supporting church. From tent to temporary sanctuary, and last August to the completed major portion of worthy premises, we are all eager to build a spiritual church and a main sanctuary worthy of the message of full salvation. Visitors to northern Ireland are invited to visit us—nine miles from Belfast, adjacent to the main road, Belfast to Dublin.—A. J. LOWN, *Pastor*.

Miamisburg, Ohio—First Church recently closed a most profitable revival with Evangelist Joel Danner and Wayne Gallup, singer, as special workers. These workers were outstanding in their ministry of preaching and singing, and forty-nine people found victory at the altar. Nineteen members have been added to the church, all by profession of faith. Both of these spiritual, tireless workers have been given a call to return. Facts and figures of increases in attendance for this assembly year indicate that our church is among the top 10 per cent in the denomination in local church gains. We have a wonderful, cooperative people and are grateful to them and thankful to God.—J. G. WELLS, *Pastor*.

Roanoke, Virginia—East Gate Church recently had a wonderful revival with Evangelist C. B. Fugett. The church was filled from the very first service, and God gave victory with many souls praying through for pardon and heart purity. Eleven people joined the church by profession of faith. A seven-Sunday, Sunday school victory march brought many new people in, giving an average of two hundred for the month of May. Our loyal people back the entire program of the church.—V. J. SHETLER, *Pastor*.

Oregon Pacific District Assembly

The Oregon Pacific District Assembly was held at Medford First Church, May 21 and 22, with Rev. Raymond W. Hurn and his people as our fine hosts.

Under the human leadership of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool the business of the assembly went forward with ease and efficiency. Dr. Vanderpool's anointed messages were greatly appreciated by all.

A high point was the report of Dr. W. D. McGraw, Jr., district superintendent, for the first year of a three-year term. Increases were noted along all lines, with 447 new Nazarenes added to the rolls during the year. The district went over the "10 per cent" mark for General Budget and mission specials, giving over \$79,000 for these items; 36 churches were "10 per cent" churches.

As an expression of appreciation Dr. and Mrs. McGraw were given an offering to send them to the Golden Anniversary celebration at Pilot Point, Texas, this fall. Dr. McGraw is beginning his eighth year as superintendent, and his consecrated, efficient leadership is more appreciated than ever.

New churches were organized in two coastal towns, Seaside and Brookings.

Donald B. Fivecoat was ordained to the ministry in an impressive service in the closing session of the assembly.

A splendid message was given on home missions night by Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of the Washington Pacific District.

Of special interest was the fact that three Oregon Pacific missionaries were able to give their elders' reports in person: Rev. Earl Mosteller of Cape Verde, and Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Bennett of Japan.

A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the assembly with times of real spiritual blessing from the presence of the Lord.—VERNON L. WILCOX, *Reporter*.

I Want My Life to Be Spiritual

*I want my life to be spiritual
and more like the Master each day.
I'm determined to refrain from all evil
And the dear, blessed Saviour obey.*

By F. W. DAVIS

Florida District Youth Camp and Institute

The youth camp and institute of the Florida District was held at the Suwannee campgrounds June 16 to 20. It was one of the best ever held on this district. There were 177 teen-agers registered for the camp.

The camp was characterized by a wonderful spirit of co-operation as the campers participated wholeheartedly in all of the activities.

Rev. Ernest Martin of Detroit, Michigan, challenged the hearts of campers and counselors alike as he presented the messages. God's Spirit spoke to the hearts of the young people and they lined the altar night after night.

God is richly blessing the activities of the Florida District N.Y.P.S.—EUGENE WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

Anderson, Indiana—Fairfax Church recently concluded a marvelous revival under the evangelism of Rev. Mrs. Estelle Crutcher and the music of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sumwalt. Mrs. Crutcher's holiness emphasis coupled with a life of deep spirituality was a challenge to all. New converts were won to Christ, backsliders were reclaimed, recent converts were sanctified, and saints were revitalized under her Spirit-filled messages. The spirit and freedom of the Sumwalts enhanced the services continuously. This along with two weeks of prayer and fasting by our faithful people produced revival from God—the windows of heaven were opened and this church has come alive.—WALTER G. GRAEFLIN, *Pastor*.

Lovington, New Mexico—"A Golden Opportunity During Our Denomination's Golden Anniversary Year" was the theme of the revival at First Church, closing on May 11. Rev. R. F. Lindley, pastor at Batesville, Arkansas, and father of our pastor, Rev. Bob Lindley, was the evangelist. This was perhaps the greatest revival in the nearly thirty-year history of this church. Twenty-three people prayed through in the regular services and, during the Junior Department opening exercises on May 11, 35 juniors gave their hearts to Christ at the close of Mrs. Lindley's Scene-of-felt lesson. There were 149 present on

*I want God's smile and approval
On every move that I make.
I know that He'll gladly forgive me
For every fault or mistake.*

*I want to stay closer to Jesus;
I'm afraid of the trend of our age.
O God, hold me close to Thy bosom,
As millions in sin now engage.
Fill my heart and life with Thy Spirit;
Defend me, dear Lord, by Thy grace.
I fervently want to be spiritual
Till I look on Thy wonderful face!*

Mother's Day, setting a record since the congregation moved into its spacious and beautiful auditorium. Finances are improving, and recently the church increased the pastor's car allowance \$10.00 per week. The Sunday school department is being redecorated and the grounds beautified. New members have joined the church, and the revival fires continue to burn with seekers at the altar in the regular services. Pastor Bob Lindley came to us last February.—*Reporter*.

Tri-State Church Schools Convention

On April 9 and 10, 163 Sunday school teachers and officers from Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota met in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, for the Regional Church Schools Convention. Sessions were held in the Federated Church, whose pastor and trustees graciously granted the use of the entire church facilities.

Rev. J. Philip Johnson, local pastor, his wife, and the church people were gracious hosts. They provided adequately for the needs of the delegates.

From the first session the interest was high. Dr. Erwin G. Benson presided at the public sessions, which were attended by about 165 in the daytime and over 300 in the evening services. The workshops were directed by several members of the Department of Church Schools—Elizabeth Benson, Edith Lantz, Mrs. Norman Oke, Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rice, Rev. Robert D. Troutman, Lavaun Tombaugh, and Rev. Earl Wolf. Others who contributed in the workshops were Mrs. J. Philip Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Edward J. Johnson, and Rev. David Sullivan from Minnesota.

Special addresses were given by Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent; Dr. Erwin G. Benson, Dr. Kenneth Rice, and Rev. Earl Wolf, from the Department of Church Schools; District Superintendent Roy F. Stevens of Minnesota; District Superintendent Crawford Vanderpool of South Dakota; and District Superintendent Harry Taplin of North Dakota, assisted in the program.

It seemed to be the unanimous feeling that the convention provided effective and lasting results. The type of work accomplished in the workshops was of the highest order.—*Reporter*.

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North American Indian District Assembly

Dr. C. Warren Jones presided at the fourteenth annual assembly of the North American Indian District, held June 5 and 6, at the C. Warren Jones Indian Bible and Training School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dr. Jones was accompanied by Dr. James Garner of Bethany Nazarene College.

Miss Mary Scott, general N.F.M.S. secretary, was a great challenge to us as she presided at the missionary convention and spoke in the evening service.

On the evening of June 5 we enjoyed a blessed service as many of the Indians testified, sang, and preached. We rejoiced and praised God for saving and sanctifying them through the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. The service was crowned with twenty or more seeking souls following the message by our Indian evangelist, Sister Sarah Herbert.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers spoke to the assembly at eleven o'clock on June 6 and was a real blessing to the people.

The report of the district superintendent, Rev. G. H. Pearson, showed that God had blessed the work during the past year. On Easter Sunday there were 2,125 Indians in our Sunday schools. The total Sunday school enrollment is 1,565, with the year's average attendance, 1,115. There are 1,042 members of the Church of the Nazarene among the North American Indians. The figures show an 11 per cent district in giving to foreign missions. The total giving for all purposes exceeded \$31,000.

Principal Charles Scrivner of the Training School reported five young men called of God to preach the good news to their people. We praise God for answered prayer and are praying for five more.

We praise God for His blessings, for our consecrated leaders, and for the spirit of unity on the district.—Roy N. SCHURMAN, *Reporter*.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "It was a privilege to speak twice in a seminar on Sunday school evangelism at the National Holiness Association in Chicago. This was the ninetieth annual gathering of this body, representing the Wesleyan interpretation of the doctrine of entire sanctification. Also had the opportunity of speaking to the Virginia District convention of the Pilgrim Holiness church in their First Church in Richmond. We had four zone meetings of the Western District of the Pilgrim church in Ohio, with about fifty preachers in attendance and seventy-five Sunday school teachers. We gave a Sunday to our Meridian Park Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where Rev. Noble Hathaway is pastor. This church, not yet five years old, has around two hundred in church membership, with an average attendance in Sunday school of 217 for the past month. The church property consists of four acres of land, two buildings, and a third one under construction. The pastor keeps an atmosphere of religious freedom in the services. Organization, visitation, a spiritual atmosphere, and salvation cause this church to stand out—*their finances are a miracle!*"

Hawthorne, California—These are good days for our church. Recently we concluded a revival meeting with Evangelist C. Wm. Fisher that many of the older members declared was the most successful and far-reaching revival in the church's history. Brother Fisher's ministry was Spirit-anointed and God honored his labors with many souls praying through for saving and sanctifying grace. Two weeks after the meeting a large class of members was added to the church, most of them coming as a direct result of the revival. The church is now completing an educational unit, valued at \$95,000, at an actual spending of \$37,000. The people are united, harmony prevails, and God is blessing.—L. I. WEAVER, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Howard W. Jerrett reports: "This spring it has been my pleasure to work with Rev. W. Dan Perryman, our good district superintendent in Louisiana. I conducted six meetings, found a beautiful response, and God gave spiritual results in each revival. Brother Perryman is doing a grand job on this district and has the love and co-operation of the people. It was a real joy to work with him and with the pastors and people of the great state of Louisiana."

Nevada-Utah District Assembly

The Nevada-Utah District Assembly convened at Reno First Church, June 5 and 6, under the able and spiritual leadership of our presiding officer, Dr. Samuel Young, and our district superintendent, Rev. R. B. Sherwood. We thank God for a gracious time in the Lord. The divine presence of the Holy Ghost was manifested in the special numbers in song, the messages by Dr. Young, and the presentation of the pastors' reports.

District Superintendent Sherwood is starting the second year of a three-year call and our prayers are that God will bless him abundantly through the new year. Sister Sherwood was greatly missed. Friends all over the country are praying for her, and we believe God is hearing and answering. Special greetings were sent by the assembly to Mrs. Young and to Mrs. Sherwood.

Nevada-Utah District now has twenty-one churches, four of which are home mission churches. God is blessing in the work of the district. We desire that these home mission churches will be organized during this Golden Anniversary year.

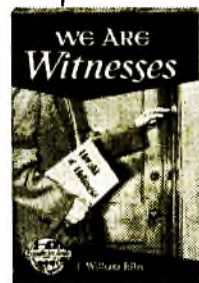
The closing service was crowned by the ordination to the ministry of Robert F. Knighten, pastor of the church at Ogden, Utah, for the past two years.

We greatly appreciated the presence of Mr. Elvin Hicks, representative of the Nazarene Publishing House, and Rev. and Mrs. L. Wesley Johnson, representing Northwest Nazarene College.

Rev. Milton Harrington and his people were gracious hosts to the assembly. We are all more determined to win souls for the Master this coming year.—JOHN A. ORRELL, *Reporter*.

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Boscobel, Wisconsin—On May 11 we celebrated the first anniversary of the organization of this church. The record attendance of fifty was made on Christmas Sunday, and for May we averaged thirty-four in Sunday school. Recently we enjoyed a good revival with Brother Lee Everhart, uncle of the pastor, and Evangelist Robert Emsley. The messages were stirring and uplifting, and we are confident we will reap good fruit in the future.—FLOYD EVERHART, *Pastor*.

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "We are now beginning our fifteenth consecutive year in the evangelistic field. During the past assembly year we conducted twenty-one revivals, including two youth meetings. We have an open date, August 27 to September 7, which we'll be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. We carry the whole program, including preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work. Write us, 307 S. Delaware Street, Mt. Gilead, Ohio."

Princeton, Florida—This church has made great strides both spiritually and numerically during the past four years, due to the able leadership of Pastor G. W. Abersold and wife. Our church was destroyed in the 1947 hurricane, and we had moved into our new sanctuary when the Abersolds came to us. Since that time we have paid off the mortgage on the church, built a spacious educational annex valued at more than \$50,000, and purchased three large lots for future expansion. Also we have given 12½ per cent of our church income to world missions, and received 93 members, which more than doubled the membership four years ago. Sunday school enrollment has increased from less than 200 to 644, and the average attendance from 176 to more than 300. Again and again God has blessed with a revival spirit throughout the church. The Abersolds have accepted a call to pastor the church in Cypress, California, and closed their work with us on June 8.—MRS. BERTIE FOX, *Reporter*.

Sunday School Evangelists Lyle and Lois Potter report: "Our seventeen thousand miles of tours and conventions this spring have been most rewarding. We get a real thrill out of seeing people come to life and get excited about working for the Lord through the Sunday school. Holy zeal and enthusiasm in the hearts of our people today will help us to realize the goals and objectives of our Golden Anniversary year. We found real pleasure in serving the following districts—South Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, Central Ohio, Kentucky, Northwestern Illinois, Michigan, and Eastern Michigan. We have been privileged to work and travel with some of the finest leaders in our denomination. We thank God that there is a growing realization we must not only increase our Sunday school attendance but also we must get those who come really saved, sanctified, and into the church. What a tremendous responsibility God has given every Sunday school worker!"

COMPOSER GOES TO HER REWARD



Mrs. Wilda Jackson Auld, pianist, organist, composer, passed to her heavenly reward early this year. The keyboards of Christendom will be the poorer for her going. She was known far and wide for her transcriptions for the piano; thousands have been blessed by her music. Perhaps its distinctive quality resulted from a life-long yearning to lift up Christ and exalt Him. She urged all pianists to pray before they played.

She taught for seventeen years in Pasadena College. She left behind a tradition of inspiring piano music which her pupils will proudly carry on.

She was a principal and esteemed contributor to the Lillenas line of music. Here, too, she will be missed.

The memorial service was held in Pasadena with Dr. H. Orton Wiley participating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery in Altadena, California.

Rocky Mountain District

The thirty-first annual assembly, conventions, and camp meeting of the Rocky Mountain District were held in Billings, Montana, June 9 to 15. Dr. Vanderpool presided over the assembly with grace, and his Spirit-filled and timely messages challenged hearts and stimulated action.

Mrs. Vanderpool spoke to the ministers' wives and gave an inspiring reading at the service of ordination. Ordained as elders were John F. Bergstrazer, David L. Hunter, and Marion L. Needham. The elder's orders of Kenneth and Lily Wells were recognized and received.

Rev. Alvin L. McQuay, beloved district superintendent, was elected with a fine vote to serve his twelfth consecutive term.

The special speakers for the N.F.M.S. convention were Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, general foreign missions secretary, and Rev. and Mrs. Earl Morgan, missionaries from Italy. Their stimulating spirit and urgent messages moved the district to commit itself to the "10 per cent" plan for foreign missions. Mrs. Cora MacMillan was elected president for a second term.

Special speaker for the N.Y.P.S. and church school conventions was Rev. Harold Volk. Elected were Rev. Ted Hughes, district president, and Rev. Kenneth Ball, Church Schools chairman.

Rev. Harold Volk was the evangelist, and Rev. Kenneth Wells song evangelist, for the district camp meeting. There was a good spiritual tone throughout, and many victories were won for God at the altar.

Rocky Mountain District looks forward to progress and success for our Lord.—HARVEY PETERSEN, *Reporter*.

Plymouth, Indiana—Recently our church enjoyed a great revival with Rev. and Mrs. H. F. Crews as singers, musician, and evangelists. Praise God for the faithfulness of His Holy Spirit and His people! There were shouts of victory, forty seekers at the altar, ten members added to the church on profession of faith, and on the closing Sunday the Sunday school attendance was the highest in six years.—LINDY G. RUSSELL, *Pastor*.

Deaths

MRS. MILDRED ROBERTS, age fifty-three, wife of Rev. Robert C. Roberts, died April 26, 1958. The Robertses had pastored churches in Prescott and Buckeye, Arizona; Lancaster, California, and McConnelstown, Pennsylvania; Rio Grande, New Jersey; Seat Pleasant, Maryland; Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania; and at present in Scottsdale, Pennsylvania. She is survived by her husband and five children—Mrs. William (Thelma) Sunberg, Mrs. Kenneth (Dorothy) Alcorn, Joan, Branson, and Lois. She was the sister of Rev. E. E. Grosse, superintendent of the Philadelphia District. Funeral service was conducted on April 28 by Rev. R. B. Acheson, superintendent of the Pittsburgh District.

MRS. C. H. DOBBINS, age sixty-two, wife of Rev. C. H. Dobbins, evangelist, died June 4 in a hospital in Canadian, Texas. She was stricken while engaged in a revival campaign in Higgins, Texas, and was sick seven weeks; twenty-nine days in a coma. She had served with her husband eighteen years in pastoral work and eleven years in the evangelistic field. She was a good musician, played several different instruments, and a very talented chalk artist. She was a devout Christian and a great believer in prayer and fasting. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene, Alexandria, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Rev. C. H. Dobbins, and one sister, Mrs. Albert Fack. Funeral service was held in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with Rev. Dee Henderson, pastor of the Alexandria church, officiating.

HARRY L. ANDERSON was born September 21, 1896, and died October 24, 1957, at Chesterton, Indiana. He was a charter member of the Glen Park Church of the Nazarene in Gary, where he served as Sunday school superintendent and church treasurer for a number of years. After moving from Gary, he joined the Valparaiso church. In 1920 he was married to Selma Lindstedt, who survives him; also three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Gam-

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bral, Mrs. Lois McCullough, and Mrs. Lucille Neiderhiser. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters. He was a veteran of World War I. He was an excellent carpenter and helped with the building and floor finishing of several churches and parsonages. Funeral service was held at the Valparaiso church, with the pastor, Rev. L. E. Myers, officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Ross, Rev. Richard Neiderhiser, and Rev. Donald Nelson. Interment was in the Chesterton cemetery.

MRS. L. P. JENNINGS (nee Clara J. Scott), wife of Rev. L. P. Jennings, was born April 23, 1890, and died November 19, 1957, in a hospital at Brownwood, Texas, after a long illness. She and Mr. Jennings were united in marriage in 1905; both were converted in their early teens. In 1908 they were sanctified, and became charter members of the Church of the Nazarene in 1908. She was a faithful wife and mother and assisted her husband as he pastored different churches for forty-nine years. Besides her husband she is survived by five sons, Richard, Billy, Paul, John, and L. P.; two daughters, Mrs. James (Mary) Rice, and Mrs. Faye Pennington. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mac Ham of Brownwood, with burial in Cleveland cemetery.

MRS. BONNIE EDGIN, wife of a former Arkansas District superintendent (the late Rev. John Edgin), was born January 26, 1883, and died February 12, 1958, at Bentonville, Arkansas. She and her husband had been members of the Church of the Nazarene since its organization in 1908; at her death she was a member of the church at Ozark, Arkansas, where they spent most of their lives. She was a true handmaid of the Lord, and will be remembered for her Christlike spirit and her deep love for Christ and the church. She was

married to Rev. John Edgin in 1900. To this union were born three sons and five daughters, who survive: J. D., Paul, Bennie, Mrs. Ray Cole, Mrs. Cova Kelley, Mrs. Coleman Currier, Mrs. J. N. Casey, and Mrs. Charles Cush. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Henry H. Goode, former pastor, assisted by Rev. Wm. Turner, present pastor at Ozark.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—It is a pleasure to recommend Rev. Al Fisher to our churches and camps as an evangelist. He has served a number of years in the evangelistic field and more recently has been a pastor on our district. He has a wonderful spirit, is a strong preacher, loves God and the Church of the Nazarene. I can heartily recommend him. His address, 911 Clark St., Nampa, Idaho.—I. F. Younger, Superintendent of Idaho-Oregon District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Elaine Parmenter and Mr. Donald Martin, both of Denver, Colorado, were united in marriage on June 15 at the Lowell Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. John W. Lundy, officiating, assisted by Rev. C. B. Mylander of the Arvada church.

Ruth A. Jeffrey, song evangelist, and Meritt C. Thatcher, church designer of Elyria, were united in marriage on June 7, in the Church of the Nazarene, Nelsonville, Ohio, with Rev. Langley Gullett, pastor of the bride, officiating.

Miss Donna Lee Ogden of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and C. Richard Hayes of Glendale, California, were united in marriage on June 7 in First Church of

the Nazarene, Glendale, with Revs. L. A. Ogden and A. F. Hayes, fathers of the bride and the groom, officiating.

In a recent ceremony Rev. H. A. Lintz and Jessie Webb were united in marriage in the Marsing, Idaho, Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. John Bullock, son-in-law of the groom, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. R. L. and Dorothy (Brown) Gilpin of Albuquerque, New Mexico, a son, Leland Roy, on June 16.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Downs of Bethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, Carol Patrice, on June 15.

—to Rev. and Mrs. John Flowers of Larimore, North Dakota, a daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, on June 15.

—to Harry and Grace (Little) Schack of Rush, Colorado, a daughter, Annette Kay, on June 13.

—to Joseph and Iris Lorene (Campbell) Opatry of South Euclid, Ohio, a son, David Joseph, on June 3.

—to Harold and Hazel Vore of Boise, Idaho, a son, Michael Steven, on May 27.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jay Firestone of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Tommy Glen, on May 23.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian friend in Illinois "that financial pressure may be relieved, and also that I may get closer to the Lord";

by a Christian man in Indiana that God may undertake for him physically—he lost a limb and already has had four operations;

by a Christian woman in California for a daughter-in-law in danger of losing her soul—for a brother who is seriously ill and needs salvation—for a son who has heart trouble—for another son to be saved and to know the way to take—and that God will give her strength to carry on through it all;

by a Nazarene brother in West Virginia who suffers a great deal, that God will give him strength;

by a lady in Texas who once knew God "but am backslidden, and I know God is the only answer for my life";

by a lady in Texas that God may undertake for her daughter and family, for a family financial situation, and that God will work the whole matter out for their good and His glory.

Nazarene Camp Meetings

Central Ohio District Camp, July 18 to 27, at the district campground, Morse Road between Cleveland Avenue and State Route 3, at the north edge of Columbus, Ohio. Special workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson; Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell and Rev. Charles Hastings Smith, evangelists; Professor Curtis R. Brown, singer; Dr. J. Otis Sayes, youth worker; Olivet Nazarene College Treble-Tone Trio, youth musicians; Rev. H. C. Little, prayer director; Mrs. H. C. Little, children's worker. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent, platform director. For information write the secretary, Rev. C. D. Westhafer, 708 Woodland Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Oregon Pacific District Camp, July 17 to 27, at Clackamas, Oregon (located at 12625 S.E. 82nd Avenue, 2 1/2 miles south of Portland's city limits; one mile north of Clackamas). Workers: evangelists, L. T. Corlett and V. H. Lewis; children's worker, Norvie O. Clift; singer, Warnie Tippitt; personal evangelism and prayer, Roscoe Pershall; missionary family, Merrill and Myrtlebele Bennett and children. Tents available, also accommodations for trailer houses. For reservations, write Rev. Adrian Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 425, Clackamas, Oregon. W. D. McGraw, Jr., district superintendent.

Missouri District Camp, July 21 to 27, Pine Crest Camp, Fredericktown, Missouri. Workers: Dr. J. E. Williams and Rev. James Crabtree, evangelists; Jack Bierce, song evangelist; Rev. and Mrs. Eudell Moss, children's workers. Beds free in dormitories. Meals in cafeteria and large dining hall. For further information about reservations write, Rev. M. G. McCaskell, camp manager, 202 Saline St., Fredericktown, Missouri. Dr. E. D. Simpson, district superintendent.

Southern California District Camp, July 21 to 27, on the campus of Southern California Bible College in Costa Mesa, California. Special Workers: Dr. John Logan and Rev. C. B. Fugett, evangelists; Professor Warnie Tippitt, singer. Rev. Clive Williams, camp manager, P.O. Box 3156, Santa Ana, California. Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, district superintendent.

R. T. Williams Memorial, Fort Jessup Camp Meeting, July 25 through August 3, six miles east of Many, Louisiana. Workers: Rev. Ray Davis,

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Southwest Oklahoma District Camp, August 1 to 10, at the district campground, 3½ miles west of Anadarko, Oklahoma, on Hi-way 9. Workers: Rev. Roy Bettcher, Rev. J. T. Drye, preachers; Leon and Marie Cook, singers. Meals served at the dining hall, also dormitory accommodations at reasonable rates. For information write the district superintendent, Rev. W. T. Johnson, Box 249, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Northeastern Indiana District Camp, August 1 to 10, at the district campground, East 38th Street Extended, Marion, Indiana. Workers: Dr. Mendell Taylor and Dr. I. C. Mathis, evangelists; the Keller-York Party, singers. For information write the district superintendent, Dr. Paul Updike, Box 987, Marion, Indiana.

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District Assembly Information

CHICAGO CENTRAL—Assembly, July 23 and 24, at First Church, 8300 S. Damen, Chicago, Illinois. Send mail and other items relative to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Dr. Cecil Ewell, 8300 So. Damen, Chicago, Illinois. General Superintendent Young presiding.

WESTERN OHIO—Assembly, July 23 to 25, at the District Center, Route 2, St. Marys, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Robert L. Ellis, 1001 Edward St., St. Marys, Ohio. Send mail and other items relative to the assembly c/o the district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea, Route 2, St. Marys, Ohio. General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding.

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SOUTHWEST INDIANA—Assembly, July 30 and 31, at the Indiana University Auditorium, Indiana University Campus, Bloomington, Indiana. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. C. G. Bohannon, 512 N. Grant St., Bloomington, Indiana. General Superintendent Benner presiding.

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ILLINOIS—Assembly, July 31 to August 2, at Nazarene Acres, Route 1, Mechanicsburg, Illinois (reached from Springfield by car; we provide transportation for those who notify us). Entertaining pastor, Rev. Clifton Norell, 924 W. Edwards St., Springfield, Illinois. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the district superintendent, Rev. Harold Daniels, P.O. Box 72, Springfield, Illinois. General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding.

KENTUCKY—Assembly, August 6 and 7, at Broadway Church of the Nazarene, 324 E. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. Dennis E. Wyrick, 2115 Bonnycastle Ave., Louisville, entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. Dennis E. Wyrick, 324 E. Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky. General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding.

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DALLAS—Assembly, August 13 and 14, at First Church, 1619 West 8th, Texarkana, Texas. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o First Church of the Nazarene, 1619 West 8th, Texarkana, Texas. General Superintendent Powers presiding.

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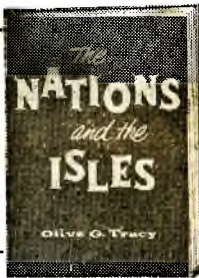
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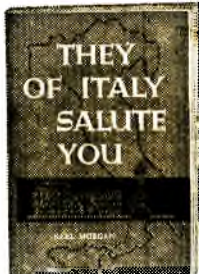
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