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"KEEP THEM"

General Superintendent Benner

"Holy Father, keep them." The shadows are gathering, the betrayer is busy with his nefarious bargaining, the forces of evil are consolidating, Gethsemane and Calvary are just ahead. With such distressing circumstances to be faced by that little band of disciples, the Master prays to the Father that He might keep ("guard, maintain, hold firmly, preserve") them.

It is most significant that in this epochal prayer Jesus Christ did not pray that their future activities might be successful; He did not ask that the world might receive them with open arms; He did not mention the Church as such. Rather, our Lord prayed for the inner heart condition of the disciples and for their relations to one another. These are the phrases that outline His burden for them: "Keep them"; "Sanctify them"; "that they might have my joy fulfilled in them-

elves"; "that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." The Saviour well knew that if His disciples were sanctified wholly, filled with holy joy in the will of God, guarded by the sense of divine protection, and unified in their hearts, they would go forth at His word to achieve for the Kingdom and to present to the world the genuine, aggressive, triumphant, victorious spirit of vital Christians.

These are days when God's people need the benefits of this constitutional intercessory prayer. **C o n d i t i o n s** around us are distressing, and there is the natural temptation to feel that spiritual forces are being crowded off the scene; but we must remember that in this "prayer perfect," Jesus said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word."

"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION" (1 Thess. 4:3)

NEWS IN BRIEF

District Superintendent L. T. Wells, of Kentucky, sends word: "Rev. J. E. Shouley, pastor at Georgetown, Kentucky, died December 13 in the hospital in Lexington. Please remember his wife and children in prayer."

After five years in the pastorate, Rev. Emmett E. Taylor is re-entering the evangelistic field.

Mrs. Chenault writes that since the death of her husband, Rev. J. A. Chenault, she is making her home at 1521 Riverside Drive, Nashville 6, Tennessee. She wants her friends to know of her new address.

After serving for five years as pastor of the church in Manchester, Connecticut, Rev. James R. Bell has resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. J. A. Kring, Nazarene elder, writes: "Today (Dec. 16) Wife and I are celebrating our fifty-seventh anniversary. Surely the Lord has been good to spare both of us these many years together. Wife is eighty and I am seventy-nine, and we still have a great desire to help advance the interests of the Kingdom. We'd like to have our friends ask of God to restore Wife's eyesight; she has been anointed and we are trusting God to give her deliverance." Brother and Sister Kring live in Long Beach, California.

A Telegram and Two Cents

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin*

"O Lord," prayed the middle-aged evangelist, as he looked at the yellow slip of paper that had just been brought to him, "O Lord, what shall I do? My little boy is sick one hundred fifty miles away. You took his mother to heaven when he was born—I've done my best to be father and mother to him. You called me to preach and I've taken revival meetings as You have opened them for me. You know that the telegram says, 'Come immediately,' and all I have is two cents. What shall I do?"

Then laying that telegram on the chair and placing the two cents on the telegram, the evangelist prayed earnestly for wisdom as to his next move. He prayed for a miraculous bit of help, for he asked for someone to finish the rest of the week's meeting; and he asked for money for the trip home if God willed that he should take the trip. "Thank You, Lord. I am Your child; You know my need." Confident in the power of his Redeemer, that evangelist arose, put on his hat, and walked to the post office.

Mail in that little town had long since been distributed, but that preacher was so sure that the Lord was leading him that he walked into the building expecting a letter. The enemy would have liked to cause him to doubt by remembering that there was only one train a day from only two directions. One train had come in and gone and he had re-

ceived that mail; the other train was not due for another hour. But there was a letter for him. It had to come from someone in town or the nearby country. But what matter where it had come from? There was a letter. In that envelope was a fifty-dollar bill. That was all—no name, no hint of any kind; but it was plenty for the trip to his little boy, who was being cared for by Christian friends.

"Thank You, Lord," said the evangelist as he walked to the place where he had been staying. "Thank You," said his heart as he packed his suitcase. "Thank You," said his feet as he hurried to the railroad depot after telling the folks that he was going, but that there would be someone at church to preach the rest of the week.

He bought the ticket and talked to the Lord about another preacher, confident all the time that a minister would be provided.

As he waited for the opportunity to step onto the train he glanced at the passengers who were alighting, and whom should he see but the district superintendent coming down the steps of that train? Quickly he explained things to the fellow minister, who said, "It's all right. I felt that I was to come for the rest of the week." A few words of prayer were said for the anxious father and they parted just as the call came, "All aboard."

The evangelist was happy to find when he arrived at home that the little son was somewhat improved, although he had been seriously ill. In the heart of that man of God was a prayer of praise as he said, "Thank You, Lord. 'Before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.' Thank You, Lord, for proving again that Your promises are true."

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Sinful ambition is like a chain that pulls men toward perdition. For the soul to mount upward on eagle's wings it is necessary that the ambitions of man be heavenward. "Set your affection on things above." This is a worthy admonition, and to follow it will mean that all desire for sin must go. A heart perfect toward God seeks only Him and His blessed will. Out of this seeking comes a life of devoted service.—ROSS W. HAYSLIP.

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ONLY TRUST HIM!

By Rose M. Watrous

*O trembling heart, look up;
Your redemption draweth nigh;
Trust God, who sees the sparrow fall,
Who made the earth and sky.*

*Your sorrows may be multiplied,
But cease your doubts and fears;
God's eye is on the righteous—
He sees your falling tears.*

*God, who made the birds and flow'rs,
Perfumed each lily bell,
Will not forget His children's needs—
He loves them far too well.*

*God foreknew your every need
Ere you drew your weakest breath.
Trust Him to meet them while you live,
And in the hour of death.*

North of the Zambesi

General Superintendent Powers

AMONG the mission stations operated by the International Holiness Mission, and now a part of the African missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene, is a station located in a corner of northern Mozambique north of the Zambesi River in the District of Tete and adjacent to Nyasaland. The station is from six to eight hundred miles north of our other work in the Union of South Africa; in fact, it is so far north that it is considered to be in central rather than in southern Africa.

This is new territory for the Church of the Nazarene, and I am told that it is a most fertile field for evangelism and practically untouched by the gospel. One of the reasons it is significant is due to the fact that many of the men from Nyasa migrate to the reef around Johannesburg to work in the mines. There they come in contact with the gospel and the Church of the Nazarene. Many of them find the Lord, and when their contracts are completed at the mines, they return to their homes in the far north. Hence, we have many people in that area among whom we had no organized work until the merger, but now we do have a main station manned by a single missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Pope. As a result of the recent convention, they are soon to be moved to another assignment and will be replaced by a fine young couple just recently married, Rev. and Mrs. Salmons.

The distance from our other work together with the difficulties and expense of transportation makes it almost impossible for our missionaries stationed there to have contact with our other missionary forces in Africa. In the past it has been the practice to have this couple come out to council meeting once every two years. From a human viewpoint it is a lonely, isolated station, but one that is strategically located in the midst of a desperately needy field of unnumbered thousands of men and women who will never hear the gospel except through this instrumentality. To carry on this work involves many problems and much expense, but I believe that it should be done and can be done.

I make an appeal to all who love the great cause of foreign missions: Won't you join us in prayer for the work in Tete that, from this small beginning, we may go forward to evangelize the great, darkened heart of Central Africa?

We hear much about revival these days, but the heart of revival is the Lordship of Christ. A mere emotional upheaval, a spurt of religious excitement is not revival. When Christians . . . confess their sins, renounce self, take up the cross and let Jesus have the first word and the last in everything, that is revival!—*Exchange*.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Col. 3:1

ISN'T HE WONDERFUL!

By J. K. Davidson*

HE is the One altogether lovely, the fairest among ten thousand, the Lily of the Valley, the Rose of Sharon, the Bright and Morning Star. "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). The angel said, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

He bore our sins in His own body on the tree. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12). He tasted death for every man. "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (Heb. 2:10-11).

He is our High Priest. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25). "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9). He became so poor that He slept in another's manger. He cruised the lake in another's boat. He rode on another man's ass, was in another man's tomb. Yet He is "the desire of all nations."

He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, so He is "able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy" (Jude 24). "For the Father himself loveth you," and also, "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." Then He commanded us to love one another, *as I have loved you*. He loved me and gave himself for me. He is the Son of God. The Father himself said of Him, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matt. 3:7). Best of all, He is mine, and I am His.

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LET GO—LET GOD!

By Fannie B. Brown

Troubles doubling, worries mounting?

O my friend, let go.

Sleep evades you, tasks too heavy?

Yes, my friend, let go.

Fears possess you, sounds distress you?

Now, my friend, let go.

Now relax—rest on His promise.

Friend of mine, let go.

Wait on Him; His Word is near thee.

Now let go—let God.

Rest will come, new life flow through thee.

Now let go—let God.

hension of the Divine will, a direct communication of the desire of the Lord for me in this circumstance or that or through the length of my days."

Guidance is the inward light. Paul and Silas were "forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia." They purposed going to Bithynia, "but the Spirit suffered them not." They heard, they understood, they obeyed.

CONFIRMATION IN THE WRITTEN WORD

In order of importance, this no doubt should have appeared first. The written Word is our sole authority in matters pertaining to the things of God. "What saith the Scriptures?" must ever be our final court of appeal.

There is guidance for all, and in every circumstance of life. Whatever our circumstances may be, they are paralleled somewhere in the Word written. Through careful study of the same we must find the particular scripture to meet our need. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet," saith the Psalmist, "and a light unto my path."

Heed a word of warning: it is the spirit of the Word, rather than the mere letter, that has to be obeyed. In this realm, as well as in homiletics, "a text without a context is a pretext." It is possible to prove any doctrine from isolated passages of scripture; witness the many sects today.

One perhaps extreme case of this neglecting the real meaning of the Word is the habit of opening a Bible at random, sometimes standing it up on end and letting the pages open themselves, and of placing the finger at random, usually with eyes closed, on any part of the page, and to use the text of scripture there marked as the Spirit's guidance for us just now. John Wesley did that once, and he came to Deut. 32:49-50—it was on the eve of revival as well. Fortunate for the Church of God, Wesley did not obey that, neither did he adopt that method of seeking guidance again.

Those who are truly led of the Spirit of God are never wise above what is written. The Word itself and the individual believer's experience throw light on one another. "There is no interpreter of the word like a holy heart," wrote Fenelon, saintly archbishop of Cambrai. "If we will give up ourselves wholly to God, the Comforter will take up His abode in us, and guide us into all that truth which will be necessary. Holy souls therefore, continually looking to God for a proper understanding of His word, may confidently trust that He will guide them aright."

AGREEMENT WITH OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

The old-time Quakers used to call this "the providences," in effect, the doors that open and close before us on life's pathway. Even so, our circumstances should ever be interpreted in the light of sanctified common sense. If you feel ill, and have a temperature of 105 degrees, do not expect a special revelation of the Spirit to tell you to go to bed. You could expect such a revelation only if the opposite were God's will for you.

GUIDANCE

By E. W. Lawrence*

GOD HAS a plan and purpose for every believer's life. It is a mystery, hidden away in the counsels of heaven, arranged before time began, and which none of us will fully understand until we know as we are known.

We are not instructed to find our own way, even though self-discipline for us may be the highest. We are to find out God's will for our lives, and then follow it. What a need therefore for the Spirit of God to guide us both *into* and *in* all His perfect will! There are three ways in which the Spirit's guidance is manifested in the believer's life.

THE INWARD WITNESS IN THE INDIVIDUAL

Guidance is not the light of mere reason; so often that is tintured with egoism, and the leadings of God are often against reason. Guidance is not mere personal judgment, even though such judgment may be confirmed by others. Guidance is the personal work of the Spirit of God in each individual believer's life. It is positive direction.

The advice of fellow believers may be useful, and the New Testament lays great store by this in certain circumstances; but in itself, it does not constitute guidance; and as one has written, "Those people who talk of undertaking the guidance of souls are both dangerous and impertinent."

Guidance depends on nothing outward, for it is the inward activity of the Holy Spirit, the still small voice within, and a spiritual apprehension of the divine will. It is the voice of the Good Shepherd himself. The sheep know this, for it is the Shepherd's first gift to them, and enables them to distinguish His voice from that of the hireling stranger (see John 10).

"Guidance is a knowledge of the mind of God kindled within us by a heavenly warmth in our hearts," writes J. I. Brice. "It is a spiritual appre-

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We may not see clearly. More often than not, we don't, but God does! He sees the end from the beginning, and we need to realize anew that "He is silently planning for thee in love" (Zeph. 3:17, lit. Heb.). God still "worketh all things after the counsel of his own will."

Paul and Silas did not have the least intention of crossing from Troas to Europe. But the Spirit of God closed the door of Asia Minor and, however great the disappointment was to them at the time, in closing one door, God opened for them another, and a greater one. This was part of the purpose and plan of God for them, and that they should be in the center of His will was the only thing that really mattered. Many in that Early Church were more concerned about obedience than about evangelistic success. We need more like them today. And having bowed to the sovereign purposes of God, they crossed to Greece, "assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

George Muller paid especial attention to such providential circumstances in determining God's will, such as the arrival of any sum of money when it was needed to commence building a new orphans' home at Bristol, England.

While spiritual guidance is the privilege of every believer, not all have attained to it. A man may be saved but not experience guidance. Sin and self still mar God's plan for our lives. Guidance awaits man's Pentecost.

True spiritual guidance belongs to life in the Spirit. It is always conditional. There is an "if" attached. See Prov. 3:5-7; Isa. 58:10-11; and John 7:17. Guidance is one of the seven attributes of the Spirit-filled life: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (Rom. 8:14). Only those who are filled with His Spirit can experience real guidance, for in the Spirit-filled life the body of sin has been done away (Rom. 6:6), the flesh crucified, and self nailed to the cross. Spiritual guidance depends on spiritual sensitiveness. Some need a mule to guide them, but the truly Spirit-filled need only a love glance from the Saviour himself (Ps. 32:8-9). For real guidance we need the fullness of His Spirit and His constant anointing, for, as Brice points out, "It [guidance] is the larger witness of the Spirit to my spirit, assuring me not only of pardon but of vocation and present purpose." That is, the Spirit of God witnesses to my spirit what the mind of the Lord is for my life just now.

Standing one night on the bridge of a ship about to enter Holyhead Harbor, Dr. F. B. Meyer asked the captain how he knew the way into the harbor in the dark. "You see those three shore lights?" the captain replied. "When these three lights are in a straight line, I know I am heading right."

In the realm of spiritual guidance we have three "lights," enumerated above, and when these three are in line, in agreement, and appear as one,

then we know we are in line with God's will. This is how God gives daily guidance to His children as they pass through the weary wilderness of this world. We then "rest in Him," for it is real guidance only if your inward peace abides; the peace of God depends on being in the will of God. No man out of the Lord's will can know peace.

Are We Studying the Bible?

By A. S. London*

THE BIBLE is the Book that stands out and beyond any other book that ever has been published. It is as far ahead of all other publications as the sun is ahead in brightness beyond the kerosene lamp. It is the greatest code of laws that ever has been written, and it is read by millions. *Are we studying the Bible?*

The Bible is supernatural in origin. It is infallible in authority and divine in authorship. It is as enduring as the life of God and as wide as the government of God. It is the final court of authority. There is absolutely nothing beyond it. *Are we studying the Bible?*

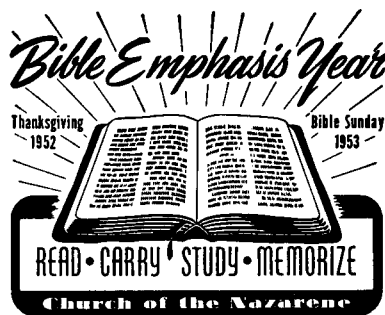
The Bible has stood the flames of criticism, and not a page of its sacred writings has been burned. It is unsurpassed in beauty, regenerative in power, and as eternal as the God of heaven. "Thy testimonies are wonderful." It is great in its preservation down through the ages.

The Bible has never been hurt by its enemies. Infidels have cut it to pieces, agnostics have ridiculed it, and critics have scorned its teachings; but it is immune to the ravages of time, and the custodian of the heritage of all ages past. It has not been shortened one single step, nor dimmed in its vision, nor quenched one single spark of its celestial fire. *Are we studying the Bible?*

The Bible is bread from heaven, light for our understanding, and sanctifying in its influence. It has been stained by the blood of the martyrs, and tens of thousands have pillowed their heads on its sacred pages as they went out of this life into the beyond.

The Bible is the only source of divine revelation concerning creation, our destiny, and our salva-

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tion. It is the greatest piece of literature ever written, and the greatest treasure ever given to the human family.

The Bible is meat to strengthen us, fire for our purifying, and milk for our nourishment. It is likened unto water for our cleansing and gold for our enrichment. Jesus himself is the theme of the Bible, and He is the Son of Man without sin and the Son of God with power. He is the Alpha and the Omega of the Bible. He is the supreme Personality, the center of hope on every page.

The Bible is a divine library, and speaks to more people in their mother tongue than any other book that ever has been known. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

Jesus said; "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." *Are we studying the Bible?* It is the companion Book of millions. It is our guide by day and by night. "When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

The Bible is our staff to lean upon, the star to guide us, the weapon to fight our battles, and the compass to direct us in times of sorrow and distress. *Are we studying the Bible?*

The Difference

By Frances B. Erickson

There's a secret to victory in the race we must run,

For the conflict will rage 'til we hear God's "Well done!"

*There's no easy way—'tis a cross for a crown.
(How many start bravely, then throw the cross down!)*

The margin between success and defeat—

The difference between advance and retreat—

*Is found in the time we are spending alone
In importunate prayer before God's dear throne!*

*There's a secret to peace in the trials of life,
For the heartaches must come—the burdens and strife.*

*Often obstacles loom like mountains so steep—
And the problems of life leave us weary and weak;*

But the difference between real hope and despair—

The margin of grace that delivers from care—

*Is found in the time we spend on our knees
Where strengthening angels our burdens will ease!*

This Is Pentecost!

By Milton Harrington*

III. A Definite Inpouring

And they were all filled. Some would have us believe that Pentecost was just for the apostles. They were special, commissioned men upon whom God showed favoritism relative to the filling of the Holy Spirit. But the scripture says, "They were all filled," and in that upper room that day were ten times the number of the apostles. Every clean vessel was filled whether it had some name such as Peter, or John, or James, upon it or not. God showed no favoritism. The holy flood rolled in and covered all that were in its path.

There is no such thing as being partially filled. The work of the Holy Spirit completely fills and completely sanctifies. God had enough for everyone to fill him to overflowing, and no one was left with any space at the top. It was a definite inpouring. At a critical moment they were filled. It was the opportune moment—the moment ceaseless ages halted to honor the great experience. It was the prepared moment. It was the moment heaven had waited for to bestow a portion of its grandeur on the hearts of men. It was a glorious moment when the washed and cleansed vessel was to receive its filling of heaven; the throne room of the soul was to be occupied by the Holy Spirit from God.

The church in America today is a great *Palm Sunday parade* which is cheering Christ, instead of a great *Pentecostal procession* which is claiming Christ. The need of the inpouring is evident, and God has provided for the need. Pentecost is the evidence of that. The disciples had but to point back to Pentecost when anyone questioned the theology of being filled with the Spirit. They may have been ignorant and unlearned men, but they *knew* that they had been filled with a heavenly filling.

The outpouring stirred the hungry depths of the soul. They could have said, "If there is anything more than just the outpouring, I want it." The inpouring satisfies that hunger completely. You are never quite satisfied spiritually until you have been filled by the Holy Spirit. There is always a hunger there that is hard to understand and hard to explain. God definitely planned that hunger in your heart so you would want to be definitely filled with His Spirit. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." You don't miss the filling until you are hungry. Then it must be an inner work of satisfaction. To satisfy the pangs of hunger physically, food must be taken internally. Spiritually, to satisfy the pangs of hunger something must happen inside, and thus God provided the definite inpouring of the Pentecostal experience.

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THE EVANGELISTIC PULPIT:

The Highway of Holiness

(Isaiah 35:8)

By H. N. Dickerson*

"An highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness." Isaiah portrays it as a means of travel from earth to



heaven and says, "The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

As we start on this way of holiness, we have no thought of turning back, or to the left or right. But the adversaries soon begin to try to get us either to give up or turn one way or the other. If we listen to them we soon become fruitless, joyless, burdenless, and may even give up and go back.

A COMPARISON OF THE HIGHWAYS

After the old-fashioned roads we used for the horse and buggy, we converted into the automobile roads; they took the way of least resistance. Later, improvements were made, and now we have the modern highway where many curves are eliminated, mountains are tunneled, and streams are bridged. When we travel these modern highways and look to either side to see the old, winding road where so much time and worry were spent, we rejoice in the improvements.

When holy men of God engineered the highway of holiness, as they saw it from the Word of God, they tried to the best of their light to make it a straight way from earth to heaven. Their manuals are proof of this. However, as time went on and we began to grow and expand, we tried to grow too fast by using material that was untried, resulting in compromise and worldliness. If we failed to grow, we adopted the attitude that the way was too straight and the wayfaring man would not pay the price; hence, legalism and defeatism. We have learned how to erect guard rails on the right against legalism, but to date have not erected any successful barriers against inroads of worldliness, formality, and compromise.

THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS

Truly there is a middle ground on this highway of holiness. Our founders saw and asked for the old paths wherein is the good way, walked therein, and found rest for their souls. If there is satisfaction to finding the improved highway that men build, how much more shall we be satisfied and happy to find the way that our fathers

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have trod on this straight, old-fashioned way of holiness!

THE SIGN AND NUMBER OF THE HIGHWAY

If happiness is a sign of being and not conditions, then the poet was right when he wrote:

*I am drinking at the fountain,
Where I ever would abide;
For I've tasted life's pure river,
And my soul is satisfied.
There's no thirsting for life's pleasures,
Nor adorning rich and gay,
For I've found a richer treasure,
One that fadeth not away.*

*Tell me not of heavy crosses,
Nor the burdens hard to bear,
For I've found this great salvation
Makes each burden light appear;
And I love to follow Jesus,
Gladly counting all but cross,
Worldly honors all forsaking
For the glory of the Cross.*

The sign of Ichabod is not on the old-fashioned way of holiness. The only sign is the *glory of the Cross*. Walk therein if you would find rest for your souls; then you can sing,

*Is not this the Land of Beulah?
Blessed, blessed land of light,
Where the flowers bloom forever,
And the sun is always bright!*

Lean Souls and Sad Faces

By John W. May*

IT IS HARD to realize that a monied person may starve—yet we read of it in the newspapers occasionally. This condition has its duplicate in the spiritual world. As starvation weakens and kills the body, so leanness acts upon the soul. One may be the perfect specimen of health and yet possess a weak and starved soul. There are a number of characteristics that reveal this spiritual condition.

Leanness of soul makes one *bitter*. As bitterness and sweetness do not agree physically, so is the condition in spirit. A bitter man is an unhappy man. There is something eating at the core of his emotions and thus affecting the fruit of his life. The Bible warns against the gall and the root of bitterness. The bitter man gains no prestige, influence, or fellowship. He drives away the influence and friendship that he had in the beginning.

Leanness of soul makes one *dissatisfied*. A hungry man is not a satisfied man. He must not only eat; he must eat to the full to reach full satisfaction. Dissatisfaction and discontent lead to discouragement and discord.

Leanness of soul makes one *easily irritated*. Again the spiritual may be compared to the physical condition. It is common knowledge that it is a poor thing to do business or settle problems with a hungry man. As it is involved in back-

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sliding, being easily irritated is a condition to be considered here.

Dr. Chapman mentioned Newton's observation in his book, *Holiness, the Heart of Christian Experience*: "When people are getting saved they have a tendency to be hard on themselves and easy on other people; when they are losing religion or are already backslidden they have a tendency to be easy on themselves and hard on others." He who is easily irritated will soon lose his influence to do the will of the Master in this world of sin.

It follows that one in this condition will become a *faultfinder*. He will find it easy to "pick" on the preacher, teacher, church, or family. Buzzard-like, he will look about for dead things. Like the stable fly, he will pass over the beauty of the animal to light on an old sore. It will make him magnify the difficulties and minimize the power of the Lord to solve them.

Leanness will make a man *endure rather than enjoy*. While the way of salvation is somewhat of an endurance race, there is great joy in running as well as the joy awaiting at the end of the race. There is no real joy in grudgingly giving of our time, talents, or tithe. He who loves God gladly receives His Word and gladly serves Him. He who loves God loves people.

The causes of leanness are diverse and many. They are particularly applicable to each personality. How may we guard against this condition?

Faithfully attending the means of grace with an open mind and open heart will aid in abstaining from the very appearance of this evil. In spite of all the problems which seem to face some in and about the church, there is no better place to be. He who goes to worship will find food there for his soul; he who goes to criticize will also find food for criticism. The comparison may be seen in the lean soul of the criticizer.

A faithful devotional life will provide food for the soul and cause us to "grow up as calves of the stall." There is no substitute for family and individual prayer, no exchange for reading the Bible and getting alone with God.

To learn to *assimilate that which is good* and cast off the bad will make one healthy in soul. He who goes to church with a pitchfork will leave barren in soul; he who takes a rake with him will leave saying, "Truly it has been good for me to be here."

Leanness of soul is not inevitable or inescapable. By staying in systematic and faithful contact with God and minding the checks of the Spirit we may grow up and go on to be stalwarts in the army of the Lord.

God "desirest truth in the inward parts." His requirement is honesty, thorough honesty, honesty at all times and under all circumstances. To achieve this Godlike characteristic requires the personal possession of the Spirit of Him who said, "I am the truth."—ALECK G. ULMET.

Only a Sprained Ankle

By Buford Battin*

REV. HENRY GREEN served with the Medical Corps in Africa and Italy during World War II. He was an ambulance driver and evacuated wounded men from the battle front to a field hospital. One night four wounded men were placed on stretchers and loaded in his ambulance. It was a dark night and they were surrounded by enemy fire. The driver had to feel his way along an unfamiliar road with no light to guide him. As they traveled through the darkness, bouncing over a rough road, one of the wounded men constantly grumbled, complained, and railed on the driver, accusing him of careless driving. It would seem by the groans and complaints of this man he would not live to reach the hospital.

The other three wounded men took it without complaint, for they seemed to be glad to get away from the battlefield. When the ambulance reached the field hospital the man who had been crying out with pain was removed first. His only injury was a sprained ankle. He was able to get off the stretcher and hobble into the field hospital tent without assistance.

The other three men were removed from the ambulance on stretchers. These men who had accepted their situation calmly were not able to make their way into the hospital tent. They had legs and arms shot off, broken bones, bodies mangled, and all three were in serious condition. They had become almost insensible to their pain, yet their condition was critical. They would soon have died had they not been evacuated from the battlefield and given medical attention.

In a local church the congregation is made up of people from various walks of life. They have different personalities and there is a contrast among them emotionally, intellectually, economically, and culturally. This may result in conflicting opinions regarding various issues. If there is a lack of sincere devotion to God, and these people have not been made perfect in love, there is the possibility that problems will arise in the church. These problems may appear to be serious, and the attention of the congregation may be centered on these problems. Herein is our liability. We may become so absorbed with church problems that we become unaware of the great spiritual needs of humanity.

Perhaps there have been very few deaths caused by sprained ankles. However, a sprained ankle may be very painful and should be given proper attention so that the victim will not suffer a permanent handicap. The church may experience internal problems and these should be given proper attention. But we must not spend all our efforts and energy with sprained ankles when a world of humanity is fallen, lost, suffering, and dying. Fellow Christians, let us not spend our

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lives quibbling over little personality problems while a multitude of souls have been wounded by sin and are dying under the fire of the enemy. The multitudes are fallen in the darkness of this wicked world and going into eternity without God. Our task is to save a lost world!

*Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen;
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.*

They Shall Shine

By A. A. E. Berg*

They . . . shall shine as the brightness of the firmament (Dan. 12:3).

IN THE pastoral ministry one has a vantage point from which to appreciate the sterling worth of some of God's choicest saints. They mostly say little and are quite unobtrusive; but their contribution to our glorious cause is recorded in heaven.

They are always at every meeting unless sickness or some other untoward event prevents. They boost their pastor and the program of the church. They detest criticism and love to encourage others. They give sacrificially and pledge beyond their material means with strong faith for Jesus' sake.

They love their Lord and the Lord's people. They prove this by their actions. They carry a burden for the lost. They rejoice in the standards and doctrines of our Zion. We could not get along without them.

They do not get the usual applause for their service, for theirs is the holy privilege of being faithful to the Lord Jesus in the place of obscurity, where few eyes detect and where there seems outwardly little to appreciate.

I guess you will find them in all Nazarene churches around the world. They are the "front rankers" in the battle against sin as God sees them. They love the prayer meeting and they love to pray. They love testimony and they love to testify. They are uncompromising in their attitude toward sin but largehearted to those who may disagree with them on incidentals. They bear a strong family likeness to Jesus Christ.

I know that St. Paul, John Wesley, Oswald Chambers, P. F. Bresee, R. T. Williams, J. B. Chapman, and a host of other illustrious saints will shine like the brightest stars in heaven above; but in humble gratitude to God for these other people I am bound to say—they too shall shine!

Implicit faithfulness to the known will of God, scorning to seek human approbation, seeking only His smile of approval is their strong point. That is why in the great day to come "they shall shine as the brightness of the firmament."

*District Superintendent of Australia



**The Lord is my
Shepherd.**

A Modern Paul Revere

By B. V. Seals*

IT WAS a calm afternoon in a beautiful little Western city nestled in a lovely valley, completely surrounded by majestic mountains. A young man was dashing up and down the streets on the best horse that could be hired at the local livery stable. On and on he rode, block after block, and street after street. The horse was ever urged on until the foam was flying from the bridle-bit, and there was a white circle of lather outlining the edge of the saddle blanket.

The young man astride the horse had dark curly hair, a square chin, and a manly profile. He was the very personification of courage and earnestness. No Paul Revere was ever more sure of his mission than was this young man. As he passed little groups on the street corners here and there, and even individuals walking home from the office, he turned in his saddle and, using his hand as a megaphone, he cried out in a voice that always commanded attention, "Come to the revival at the big tent tonight—come to the revival at the big tent tonight."

This crusading Paul Revere was Rev. John T. Little, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in the neighboring town of Ashland, Oregon. He had come to introduce the gospel of holiness in the thriving county-seat town of Medford. The time was a little over thirty years ago. He had made the necessary preliminary arrangements, such as securing a lot, erecting a tent, seating and lighting it—in fact, everything but the advertising had been taken care of. The meeting was to begin that night. A group of praying people was coming from Ashland to help him. The matter of advertising had been overlooked, but John Little was not the kind to be defeated, so he aroused the city

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with his Paul Revere ride and got them out to the meeting.

That was years ago, and others have helped to hold campaigns and have made their contributions, one way and another, until today we have in Medford one of the finest churches in our movement. It has perhaps the most strategic location of any church in this city that now has approximately twenty thousand population. The building is one of the most commodious and well arranged to be found anywhere. It is beautifully landscaped, and you walk right into the main auditorium from the sidewalk, without even one step to climb.

The church now has a membership of well over three hundred, made up of some of the finest people in Medford. Last spring at their Easter rally they had about seven hundred in Sunday school. They gave for all purposes last year just under forty thousand dollars. The church is highly respected in the city, and they have had a good radio ministry for some ten years. They have a thriving Sunday school, a wonderful group of young people, and are carrying on continuously an aggressive program of evangelism in the community. Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Wilcox are the much-loved and appreciated pastors now, and God is wonderfully blessing their ministry. The church has taken in during the last three years ninety members on profession of faith, to say nothing of the others that have come by transfer.

This church is really doing a big business in the salvation of souls, but like all others had to have a beginning; and it was started by a neighboring pastor who had a burning zeal to do something for God and a lost world. We may have to change our methods a little, but may the spirit of John T. Little live on in our hearts today, and may God help us to be worthy of our lineage! May the next generation benefit as much from our efforts as this generation has benefited from the past. To do this will require the very best of us all. There are still many cities, towns, and villages where this could be repeated, and if we were determined enough to do it we would find a way.



I Will Commune
With Thee From Above
The Mercy Seat

Ex. 25:22

"The Lively Oracles of God"

By Norman C. Schlichter*

IF QUEEN ELIZABETH lives to be crowned in Westminster Abbey next June she will be invested at the coronation service not only with the orb and scepter of worldly power, but the Archbishop of Canterbury will present her with a copy of the Authorized Version of the Bible. In this presentation he will use these words: *Our gracious Queen, we present you with this Book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is wisdom, this is the royal law; these are the lively oracles of God.*

Few, if any, tributes of men to the Bible are finer than these words.

And let every reader note well, it is the King James Bible which this queen will receive; for this Authorized Version, as someone has recently said, is "part of the life's blood of England, at the very centre of England's existence in the centuries that followed" its publication in 1611.

The Authorized Version is the great masterpiece of the English language and, as such, has influenced the literary masters of the race for centuries. To know this King James Bible is to know better most of the men who have shaped the finest culture of all English-speaking peoples. I shall mention a few of these briefly.

Shakespeare knew his Bible (the Great Bible of 1560) as few writers have ever done. The beauty of his finest passages is largely the beauty of the Bible imagery and music. His immortal lines about man in *Hamlet*, beginning, *What a piece of work is man!* are built on those glorious words of the eighth psalm: "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour."

John Bunyan's writing is "sown thickly with the authorized version's phrases," and Milton, Defoe, Swift, Addison, Carlyle, and Ruskin derive much of the vitality and power of their expression from it. There are over six hundred direct references to Bible passages in Tennyson.

So minutely is the Bible of King James woven into the texture of our daily speech that we never know when we are quoting it. We cannot set our house in order, or lift up our voice, or grind the faces of the poor, or beat our swords into plowshares without quoting the Old Testament; nor can we gnash our teeth, or kill the fatted calf, or cast pearls before swine without the help of the New Testament.

In the new Revised Standard Version there is much substitution of new words and phrases for many of those glorious ones men have loved and revered deeply down these past centuries. As regards this substitution, some of our finest Bibli-

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cal scholars hold that science does not demand it. In many places in this latest revision prosaic words displace poetic ones.

Here is but one conspicuous illustration of this, the use of "cattle-stall" for "manger." As to this example, one keen scholar says, "It is an unwar-

ranted sacrifice of beauty to utility."

The Authorized Version of the Bible is generally held to be our greatest book of poetry. To take the poetry out of it cannot be justified except where it is necessary in order to correct what is clearly a false translation.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Retrospection

"The past year has been a good one. We have seen many victories won, many souls set free from the power of sin and Satan, and we are praying that this new year will be the greatest we have ever known. Our prayer is that God will send us a mighty Holy Ghost revival that will sweep many souls into the kingdom."
—JESSIE S. RENNIE, *Transvaal, South Africa.*

After All These Years

When we came to India the first time, I had an overwhelming feeling of inadequacy for the task. The task was so enormous. When we came to India the second time, I had an utter feeling of dependence upon the Lord, daily, for that big task had taken on even larger proportions.

Now we are into our third term of service, and the needs about us seem ever beyond our reach to meet. The vision has grown with the added years in India, and there is an urgency we have never felt before, to get the task done before the night cometh. The longer we stay in India, the greater the challenge. Yes, after all these years, the call is stronger than it was in 1935, when God first spoke to us of India.—MRS. JOHN ANDERSON, *India.*

Guatemalan Council Meets

The twenty-eighth annual missionary council meeting of the Guatemalan field opened its session on October 6 and closed on October 11. We are happy to report that in all of our business sessions God was present and our hearts were strengthened to face another year of duty on the front lines of this mission battlefield.

God has blessed our efforts during the past year and, in spite of opposition, superstition, and the onslaughts of the enemy, Guatemala is pushing onward. Under the able leadership of our leader and council chairman, Rev. R. C. Ingram, progress has been made in all departments of our work.

The new G. B. Williamson Bible Institute is nearing completion and soon will be ready for occupancy. The two day schools have showed splendid progress during the past year despite

opposition from resident priests. Two new day schools will be inaugurated when the school year opens in January, with prospects of large enrollments. These will be located in Tactic and in Poptun. The schools are nearly self-supporting.

This year our nurses have labored much over multitudes of sick bodies and have helped to spread the gospel through this means.

Some new properties have been purchased. We hope to see new churches erected in these areas soon. Further, the Kekchi Indian Bible School in San Juan, Chamelco, soon will be ready for opening. The Sedats are doing a good work among these Indians.

In all, we anticipate greater victories than before as we enter this new council year. Pray for Guatemala—MRS. WILLIAM VAUGHTERS, *Reporter.*

India, Land of Need

It hardly seems possible that the days are going by so quickly. Miss Chappell has been gone for over six weeks and, since the language students

have gone to Mahableshwar, Dr. Speicher and I are alone. Dr. Speicher has not been well for some time, and so she went to Mahableshwar to teach some classes at the language school and at the same time have a change and a rest in the cool climate. While she was away, several of our nurses were quite ill and it seemed as though there were more patients and more work. I was happy when Dr. Speicher returned. This year there is a famine of water and, because of it, the people do not get vegetables and are suffering from vitamin deficiencies and severe anemias. We are thankful to God for the water we have in our new well.

These are touring days for missionaries on the district and we are praying for them with our Indian preachers, that God will reach many souls this year. Some of us cannot go out on the district, but we are trying to "lift up Christ" here, and praying that God will be with those who do go out. The workers are few, but God is able. Praise His name!—JEAN DARLING, *India.*

British Honduras Council Reports Victories

The seventh annual council meeting of the missionary council of the British Honduras District convened at

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He's the Very Best of Doctors!

(To a little boy in bed)

By Alice Hansche Mortenson

Little shut-in, Christ is standing
Close beside your restless bed.
I can almost hear Him whisper,
With His hand upon your head,
"Little child, don't grow weary."
Can't you see His loving face?
He's the very best Physician;
He knows all about your case.

He can look, yes, right inside you,
Knows your ills and trials too,
Knows what's wrong and how to fix it,
Sees what most is troubling you.
Oh, He knows how long some hours
Seem to drag on feet of lead,
And how much your heart is longing
Just to use that Christmas sled!

Yes, He knows the shining beauty
Of those skates you cannot wear,
And the children's voices shouting
In the games you cannot share.

And He knows the disappointment
As you ask, as oft you do,
"Any mail?" and hears the answer,
"Yes, there's mail, but none for you."

Yes, He knows when busy grownups
Have so little time to sit
Playing games and working puzzles
For a small boy's benefit.
And He likes those Bible verses
That you've learned from day to day,
And I'm sure He always listens
When you bow your head to pray.

Little shut-in, Christ is standing
Close beside your restless bed.
I can almost hear Him whisper,
With His hand upon your head,
"Little child, don't grow weary."
Can't you see His loving face?
He's the very best of doctors;
He knows all about your case!

The Perfect Man

EDITORIALS

DR. G. A. TURNER in his significant book, *The More Excellent Way*, tells us that the perfect man from the standpoint of the Old Testament is characterized by moral integrity, sincerity, and loyalty to God. I have not been able to get away from this Old Testament standard, even though I do live in the New Testament age.

INTEGRITY means oneness, wholeness, undividedness, singleness. From the moral standpoint it signifies ethical oneness, wholeness, undividedness, singleness. There is no civil

Integrity war in the perfect man, he who has moral integrity. He has a personality which is integrated about one center, and that center is Jesus Christ. He is not double-minded. He is not trying to serve God and mammon, to go in opposite directions at the same time. His heart is fixed on God. Are you a perfect man in this sense? Is integrity one of your characteristics? If so, we'll know what side to find you on next week, month, or year.

SINCERITY is another mark of the perfect man. This indicates that he is honest, genuine, straightforward. He who has sincerity is the opposite of the Pharisees, who are

Sincerity described in Matt. 23:1-7: "Then spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."

Then in succeeding verses Jesus pays His respects to these Pharisees with this statement: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" at least six times. The perfect man is sincere, the very opposite of those who are described with such biting words in this chapter. All of us should remember that it is not easy to be sincere today when there is so much of sham and deception. The perfect man is sincere—honest, genuine, straightforward. Does your perfection meet this test?

ANOTHER mark of the perfect man is loyalty to God. It is not easy to live so that people will believe in our integrity and sincerity, and it is

Loyalty to God even more difficult to prove to men that we are really loyal to God. Loyalty to God means that we love Him more than we love anything or anyone else. It is a sure sign that He has no rival in our hearts. He is supreme—the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Loyalty to God carries with it fidelity to all human personality, God's highest creation. He who is loyal to God cannot be disloyal to himself or his neighbor. Christ's summary of the law places love to our fellow man right along by the side of love to God. If our allegiance to God is supreme, we cannot participate in or be a party to that which will degrade or lower personality in ourselves or in others. We are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Our appreciation for the other individual's personality is based on our appreciation for our own personality.

Loyalty to God demands loyalty to His cause, His Church, His kingdom. Our relation to God is never merely private. It is all right to have the upward look, but we cannot stop with it. We must also have the outward look. Our lives cannot be truly perpendicular without at the same time being horizontal. The heavenly person will have to have an interest in those who are earthly. We cannot in reality have our hearts set on things above without having an eye and a heart for the needs of those who are down here.

One thing more must be said: loyalty has feeling in it. It is more than an objective duty, it is an allegiance with soul in it. When it is at its best, it is moved on by a tide of enthusiasm. Loyalty to God, which is a characteristic of the perfect man, is not a burdensome obligation but rather a delightful devotion.

Integrity, sincerity, and loyalty to God mark the perfect man. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

A Beginning Is Not Enough

THIS PAST spring I planted a garden for the first time in several years. One fact which kept impressing itself on my mind all through the summer was that a beginning is not enough. Even after the seeds came up, there was no guarantee that we would have fresh vegetables to eat. The corn, beans, okra, tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, and other vegetables had a start, but they were not yet far enough along to live and continue to grow without care. They must be cultivated, watered sometimes when the rains failed to do their duty, and looked after in other ways. A beginning was not enough. Even after the various vegetables had matured, they had to be gathered and prepared for the table before we reaped any benefit from them.

One of the saddest facts about the life here and now is that so many of us are experts at beginning this or that task, but very weak when it comes to carrying it through to the end. There must be

Stephen S. White

sowing before there can be any reaping, but sowing in itself is not enough. The successful man is the one who cannot only begin but also can finish the job which he has begun.

Many who start to get a college education quit before the goal is reached. Like the runner, they actually begin the race, but they do not graduate. Others with just as many handicaps push on through and receive their diplomas. It is not enough to begin any course of study or apprenticeship for a trade. The beginner must continue until the objective has been reached.

This principle is true in the Christian life. It is not enough to begin. The road to heaven is lined with backsliders. Their first love waxes cold and finally disappears altogether. They made the start, but did not have the moral stamina, the determination of will, to stay in the running. God cannot do it all, even after we are saved. He must constantly have our help. The reward goes only to those who finish the race. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). A beginning is not enough. It is bad to begin to go with Christ late in life when an earlier start could have been made. Nevertheless, the time we enter the strait gate and begin our journey on the narrow way, from one standpoint, is not so important as when we leave it. If the latter is before the end of life, we have forfeited everything. The beginning has value only as we continue until the prize has been won.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:1-2). Jesus did not merely start, He carried through to the end. Now He is at the right hand of God. He is our Example. If we keep our eyes on Him, we can by His grace and plenty of will power make it through to the goal and win the crown of life.

GET AWAY, SATAN!

IN MATTHEW 4:10 we have the words, "Get thee hence, Satan," in the King James Version. The Revised Standard Version expresses this thought thus: "Begone, Satan." The meaning is the same in both instances and the latter is briefer than the former. Nevertheless, "Begone, Satan," is no more a part of the common language of our day than, "Get thee hence, Satan." In fact, I doubt that it is as well known among people around the world

who speak English. I can't remember ever having heard anybody say, "Begone, Susie, Jim, or anything or anyone else." I mention this because so much has been said about the new version putting the Bible into the language of our day, not that it has any great significance in itself. If the translators of the Revised Standard Version had made this read: "Get away, Satan," they would have been much more in harmony with present-day talk, according to my way of thinking.

No doubt "Begone, Satan," is more poetical than "Get away, Satan," even though it is not more exact nor more a part of the speech of our day. However, I do not see that it has much advantage over "Get thee hence, Satan," in this respect. This translation in the Revised Standard Version is just one of many changes which appear in it that seem to me to make its reading no more up-to-date than the King James Version. They are not mistranslations, but they just do not improve matters from the standpoint of up-to-dateness.

But my chief purpose in this article is not the discussion of the Revised Standard Version as contrasted with the King James Version. My primary interest is briefly to discuss the words "Get thee hence, Satan," or "Get away, Satan." They have to do with the third temptation with which the devil attacked Jesus in the wilderness. Here is the account: "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Matt. 4:8-10). This brings us to the climax of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness—"Get thee hence, Satan," or, as we would more likely say today, "Get away, Satan."

The time comes in the development of a temptation when we must take drastic action. We must stop delaying tactics, detour methods, or any other type of procedure which brings only temporary relief. We must serve notice on the devil that by the grace and help of God we are determined not to tolerate his efforts to wreck our lives any longer. We must let him know that we are through with him—"Get away, Satan." We have arrived at the place where we are not in the least deceived as to his intention and, therefore, we do not propose to permit him to continue his attempt to ruin us any longer. Such action on Jesus' part brought victory to Him, and it will do the same for you and me. The devil left the field of battle, and he will leave us under like circumstances. "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him" (Matt. 4:11).

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us (Ps. 67:1).

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

NEW CHURCHES

Telegram—Organized first new church on South Arkansas District at Hope. Rev. T. C. Potts accepts pastorate. Prospect bright for great church.—W. L. French, Superintendent.

District Superintendent R. F. Heinlein organized a new church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, on November 23, to be known as the Immanuel Church of the Nazarene. An empty church building and parsonage has been purchased, making an excellent outlook for a strong church in the future. The charter opened with ten members. Rev. Lyle Flinner has been appointed pastor. This is the first new church during the quadrennium for the Pittsburgh District.

District Superintendent E. D. Simpson has organized three churches on the Missouri District since the General Assembly. The Bellefontaine Neighbor's Church in St. Louis and the church at Broseley were organized in August and September. The Kirkwood church near St. Louis was organized December 14. They have their own church building, constructed through the help of a Church Extension loan, and prospects are good for an outstanding church.

Three new churches have also been organized on the Florida District by Rev. John L. Knight, the district superintendent. They are the Tampa Drew Park Church, North Miami, and Ortega. This is an excellent beginning for the new quadrennium.

General Board Meeting

On January 9 the meetings of the General Board and its departments will begin. At this time the activities of the departments for the next year will be planned, and the budgets for the fiscal year beginning May 1. Of course one of the principal concerns of this budget is what will be done for the world-wide missionary endeavor of the church through the Departments of Home Missions and Foreign Missions. There are doors that are now opening to us that we ought to enter. But can we enter them on the amount of money that will be available through the General Budget?

This meeting is the first regular meeting of the General Board since the General Assembly, when we faced the challenge of this quadrennium with faith in the church for the fu-

ture. Surely we should all pray for God's blessings upon the members of the General Board and the staff of the various departments in these meetings.

On January 14 and 15 the Superintendents' Conference will be in session. The district superintendents are the key leaders of the church in the carrying out of its goals and program. May their sessions be bathed in prayer and led by the Holy Spirit.

Notes from Alaska

It is cold in Alaska now, and there wasn't any doubt about having a white Christmas at Nome. The church there has been able to purchase an adjoining lot and move the quonset hut used for a fellowship hall during the long winter months to this new lot from a more distant location. This will mean much in the work of the church. God is blessing in the services. Rev. and Mrs. Lewis I. Hudgins are our workers at Nome.

This fall our church at Anchorage had a good revival. In November the Sunday school averaged 113 and 8 new members were received into the church. Under the aggressive leadership of the pastor, Rev. M. R. Korody, a new parsonage has been purchased and financed entirely by the local congregation, with the aid of an F.H.A. loan, and the former pastor's apartment in the church building has been remodeled for Sunday-school space, a very welcome addition to this growing church.

In southern Alaska, Rev. Clark I. Lewis has great faith for the future of our work in Ketchikan. At present we are in the phase of trying to get established. Attendance is slowly increasing and God has answered prayer many times for the finances; but just about the time a group is ready for the organization of the church, they move back to the States or elsewhere in Alaska, so that a fresh start has to be made.

Let us remember these churches in Alaska, our churches at Fairbanks and Seward, and our mission at Juneau, in frequent prayer.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *Were the five thousand sanctified on the Day of Pentecost?*

A. No. The hundred and twenty in the Upper Room were sanctified (Acts 1:12-15 and Acts 2:1-4), but not five thousand. On the Day of Pentecost, after Peter's sermon, three thousand were saved (Acts 2:41-47), and in Acts 4:4 we are told of another great company who were saved, "and the number of the men was about five thousand."

Q. *Was Jesus referring to God or Satan in Luke 12:4-5: "And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him"?*

A. A passage similar to the one given is found in Matthew 10:28. Authorities differ as to whether it is God or Satan who is to be feared. I agree with those who hold that it means Satan. I believe that it is more in harmony with the teaching of Jesus to look upon Satan as the person who has the authority to cast into hell.

Q. *Recently I have come in contact with people to whom the Church of the Nazarene is unfamiliar. One said that his interest in our church waned when one of our pastors declared that he would rather have five people attend his church who know how to pray than to have a church full of "seat-warmers." I believe that this was a very unfortunate statement and inconsistent with the evangelistic program of our church. Most of us were "seat-warmers" before we learned how to pray, some for a longer time than others. I am confident that this attitude is not representative of our pastors—most of whom are glad to have even those with only a form of godliness attend their churches. Thus they have an opportunity to preach the truth and living way to them. Would you comment on this?*

A. I am sure that you are right in believing that this attitude is exceptional among our pastors. It may have been due to thoughtless exaggeration or overstatement, which preachers are likely to fall into if they are not careful. Again, it may have resulted from a perverted evaluation of quality in contrast to quantity. Quality is very important, but

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we must all remember that quality cannot exist apart from individuals; and the more individuals we have with quality, the better. Further, it may be that the one who made this statement was trying to wake up some people who seem to have all of the light in the world and profess everything in the Bible and yet appear to do nothing but come to church. I've heard of a few people like that myself. Nevertheless, I must confess that I would rather have them come and do nothing than not to come.

Q. Do you believe that John the Baptist doubted that Jesus was the Messiah when he sent two of his disciples to Jesus and asked, "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" (Matt. 11:3.)

A. I would prefer not to use the word doubt, but I do believe that John was discouraged and perplexed about Christ and His work. I certainly can't agree with those who claim that John was only trying to help the two disciples. They may have been in need of some new word or encouragement from Christ, but I can't escape believing that John had them present this question to the Master because he was troubled himself. John put the question to Jesus, and Jesus sent the answer to John. So far as the account goes, the two disciples were merely the messengers in this communication.

Q. You have said in the Question Box that it was possible for a person to be sanctified wholly in Old Testament times. If this were the case, isn't it reasonable to believe that at least some of those who were in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost had already been sanctified? But apparently the whole group received the baptism with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Isn't there some inconsistency here?

A. The reception of the Holy Spirit in sanctifying power was very exceptional in Old Testament times. Also, there is no reason to believe that any in the Upper Room had received this experience before Pentecost; therefore, no inconsistency is involved.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us (Deut. 29:29).

Venturing into the field of God's secrets is divinely prohibited, and refusing to accept the revealed Word of God as sufficient will soon get us into speculation, confusion, and eventually serious trouble.—EARLE F. WILDE.

THE Revised Standard Version is reported to be setting new publishing and sales records. In eight weeks, reported on November 29, 1,600,000 copies were sold and the company, Thomas Nelson and Sons, was swamped with orders and seeking assistance from other printers.

Several incidents of burning or mutilating the new Bible have appeared in the news. The pastor of a church at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, publicly burned two copies, one in the church building and one for the overflow crowd outside. Another minister at Crestview, Florida, an evangelist, declared that he would burn a copy of the new Bible in spite of the city ordinance prohibiting it. The penalty is \$500.00 fine or ninety days in jail.

Whatever our personal views may be, we should be careful not to say or do something so extreme that it imperils the respect of the public for us. Why not follow the advice of Gamaliel in this connection? "... if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5:38-39).

Here is a sample of the way the new tax law will work for the taxpayer. If he has net taxable income of \$2,500.00, each dollar he gives (up to 20 per cent of the total) saves him 25c in taxes—or to put it another way, he can give a dollar at a cost of only 75c to himself. As net taxable income and proportionate giving rise, the amount saved on tax increases, so that at \$20,000.00 the saving comes to 59c on each dollar given up to 20 per cent.

President-elect and Mrs. Eisenhower have accepted the invitation that has been proffered them. They will worship at the National Presbyterian Church while they live in Washington. The pastor, Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, knowing that the Eisenhowers do not belong to any denomination, but that they worshiped at Presbyterian churches during the campaign for the presidency, has formally invited them to make his their church home.

An example of the spread of false rumors occurred some time ago when Billy Graham was reported by a Pittsburgh newspaper to be sending

his converts into the Catholic church. He was also denounced for compromising the gospel. When faced with the matter, the reporter who had written the article admitted that he had added an idea or two to the facts—all he had as foundation was Graham's statement that among the converts in the meeting there were some Catholics!

At Portland, Maine, a store called Catir's Incorporated is giving 10 per cent of the amount spent in the store on Saturdays and Mondays between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. to churches in its area. Shoppers designate which churches they want to benefit from the plan, and the money is paid in cash to the church indicated. The Methodist manager initiated the plan to benefit his own church but, after experimenting, decided to extend it to others in the community.

A recent U.S. Brewer's Foundation ad asks how beer makes possible better poultry, milk, and eggs. The answer is that the grain left after the brewing is richer than it originally was and makes excellent feed. Nothing is said about the part that is poured down the poor human being. The man gets the worst of the deal; what he gets, instead of making him more healthful and useful, helps to destroy him.

Foreign Missions

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the Bible school at Benque Viejo, November 11 to 15. The session was presided over by the council president, Rev. R. C. Bishop. The session was opened with singing and a message by Brother Bishop entitled "All in Vain Without the Spirit." The message stirred our hearts deeply. All in vain are our efforts without the guidance, direction, and inspiration of the Spirit of God. The message was concluded with a session of prayer. On Wednesday the noon hour was spent in prayer and fasting.

During the entire session the council seemed to feel the presence of the Spirit divinely near as the necessary plans and business was carried forth for the year.—LEONARD YORK, Reporter.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for January 18: From Vision to Service

Scripture: Matthew 17 (Printed, Matt. 17:1-8, 14-18)

GOLDEN TEXT: *This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him* (Matt. 17:5).

Last Sunday Jesus claimed deity; in today's lesson He proves it. The Transfiguration holds a special spot of interest for all who follow the eventful and sometimes spectacular life of Jesus Christ. And I think there is a good reason why we all enjoy that bit of scripture so much; for there is deity knee-deep everywhere you look, but there is also a demonstration of humanity at its awkward, foolish worst. So somewhere in that great scope we find a place where we feel perfectly at home. We stand in awe at the display of resplendent glory in the transfigured person of Christ; and we nudge each other with

a knowing glance as we see Peter make his foolish statements. For we too have been guilty of saying the first thing that came into our minds and then felt terribly small afterward. So most of us feel that we can step into the shoes of some actor in that thrilling drama.

But I feel that there are some lessons for us that should not be ignored. For this was no accidental breakthrough of God on the scene. This was planned in every detail and perfectly timed to meet a special need. What are some of these lessons?

1. A plain and common garment may cover sainthood. They had seen His coarse clothing, just like their own, and perhaps had become too familiar with it. So today He let

them see that kingly royalty dwelt beneath. It is often that way. Overalls are often worn by saints, while fine clothes frequently cover up devilish hearts.

2. This scene reminded Jesus that the Father's presence was close by and would be constantly near as He started the long and painful climb toward Calvary.

3. Then this event reminded the disciples that heaven was real and God never far away. It equipped them for a greatly reinforced ministry later on. In I Pet. 1:16-18 we have Peter's version of what it came to mean to him. We all feel that Christ would have preferred that the entire twelve had been eyewitnesses, but they were not spiritually prepared to correctly evaluate or digest such strong meat. That is the tragedy of anemic Christians—from their eyes God must hide many great divine truths, for they would mistake gems for gravel.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Kimberly, Idaho—Our church recently enjoyed a season of spiritual awakening with Evangelist and Mrs. W. M. Tidwell. Morning services as well as evening evangelistic messages brought the church into a higher and closer walk with God. A number of souls found God in pardoning and sanctifying grace, and we were all encouraged to put forth every possible effort to win souls.—W. T. Armstrong, Pastor.

Evangelist L. M. Payne reports: "I have recently closed a revival at Cumberland, Oklahoma, with the good pastor, Rev. R. M. Green. We were greatly hindered because of the snow and freezing rain, but we had good crowds considering the conditions. There were seekers at the altar who were reclaimed, converted, or sanctified. People from some of the other churches from surrounding towns came and the house was filled the last part of the revival. Brother Green is greatly appreciated by his people, and a nice love offering was given him."

McDonald, Pennsylvania—Our church recently closed a twelve-day revival with Rev. R. A. Isbell as the evangelist. The spirit of revival was manifest in the very first service. Several people sought God for pardon or for purity, and found help. Brother Isbell gave of his best to the meeting. His ministry was rich, and many folks remarked about the help they received by his ministry. He was faithful to every seeker and did his best

to give spiritual help to every soul. Our church is less than a year old, but God has been blessing in the past few months and our vision is that the church will be a blessing in this town.—Reporter.

Louisville, Kentucky—The announcement of our pastor, Rev. D. D. Lewis, that he felt a definite call of the Lord to a new pastorate came as a shock and caused no small concern in our congregation. The growth of the Broadway Church in eleven short years under the ministry of Brother Lewis was nothing short of phenomenal. He and his family won the hearts of our congregation, and also found a place in the hearts of a host of friends outside the church. There was a question in the minds of many of our congregation as to the possibility of finding a replacement that could carry on. The coming of our new pastor, Rev. B. Jerry McClain, from Central Church, Pasadena, California, soon reassured us. His record in California of having an attendance that required two morning worship services and of successfully conducting television broadcasts was a demonstration of his aggressiveness. His messages are timely and appropriate, his zeal is evident. He not only continued our Sunday morning broadcast but has added a daily broadcast feature that is being accepted enthusiastically by many new friends daily. His ability to organize, his inspiring messages, and his enthusiasm lend a new impetus to the Sunday school as well as the church. Mrs. McClain has accepted the leader-

ship of the evening chapter of the N.F.M.S., and the progress already made both in attendance and program development demonstrates her capability. Their two sons, Jerry and Kent, complete the lovely family for which we are truly grateful. We anticipate a good year ahead at Broadway Church.—Eli O. Mangum, Reporter.

Evangelists George H. Talbert and wife write: "We are closing the calendar year here at Roswell, New Mexico, First Church. Last night we witnessed a great altar service. This is our nineteenth full-time meeting this year, with some continuing more than two weeks. We have held meetings on ten districts, in seven states—Brownsville, Harlingen, El Paso (Immanuel), Brady, and Coleman, Texas; Parsons, Kansas; Longmont, Colorado; Las Cruces, Broadview, Artesia, and Roswell, New Mexico; Claremore, Oklahoma; Ft. Wayne (East Side), Selma, and Bluffton, Indiana; and Columbiana, Canton (First), and Rosemont, Ohio. Today (Dec. 12) we look back on one of the best years of our lives and ministry. We have had hundreds of seekers in these meetings, many healed, and some outstanding Sunday-school rallies; six of these meetings were return engagements, some for the third time, and six of them called us for return engagements in '53 and '54. The pastors have been wonderful to work with, and the churches loyal in their support with prayers and money. We made many new friends, every pastor was loyal, and helped in every way. As I look back today, I am thankful I can say I have done my best in every way to have a real revival, get people sancti-

fied as well as saved, get new members for the church, and push the Sunday school. I have good health, as does my wife; we have a good slate ahead and the future is as bright as the promises of God. We firmly believe in the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene, and support every phase of it. Monday we will head the car for Abilene, Kansas, and a few weeks' rest, after which we will take up our labors again at Sidney, Montana. We plan to stay in the field of evangelism until God leads us out; He led us in. To Him be all the praise and glory!"

Pastor J. D. Stafford reports: "In September I closed two wonderful years with the fine folk of Cottage Hill Church in Birmingham, Alabama. On October 5 we took over at the First Church in Alexandria, Louisiana, where Brother L. H. King had done a wonderful work with the church in his five years as pastor. We found a loyal group of Nazarenes. God has blessed our efforts, our Sunday school has averaged two hundred, and we are making plans for an educational unit. Recently we closed a good one-week revival with Brother Earl Starnes as our evangelist. God honored his ministry with many seekers, and we received seven members at the close of the meeting. If you have friends or loved ones at the Alexandria Air Base, or living in or around Alexandria, please send us their names and addresses and we will contact them for the church."

St. Thomas, Ontario—An improvement program which was begun in the early summer of '52 has been completed at our church. This work, which included heating improvement, rewiring and new lighting, and a complete job of redecoration, was undertaken on a bare cost-of-materials basis, with all the work being done by the pastor and people of this aggressive church. At our coming here in February of '48, the work was in a struggling condition; but as we commemorated the eleventh anniversary on December 7 the church was well filled throughout the day. The people are hopeful, many friends have been made to the church, and we face unprecedented opportunity in this fine city of 20,000. Our membership, now 35, is a working, devoted, and spiritual group, who stand firmly back of the message and program of the Church of the Nazarene.—S. Roy G. Hall, Pastor.

Sierra Madre, California—Our church recently closed a good revival with Rev. Fred Fetters as the evangelist. His good gospel preaching, with his emphasis upon holiness of heart, produced good and, we believe, lasting results in the lives of those who attended. His messages were clear and pointed, and backed up with a sweet and tender spirit. He was easy to work with, which made it easy for earnest seekers to become happy finders. It was a thrilling sight to see our own

THE OPEN DOOR.



Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

young people stream to the altar to seek holiness. We are still reaping results from the meeting. Since our assembly our church has made more than a 10 per cent gain in membership. For two years we have been a 10 per cent church in General Budget giving. The board recently voted to begin construction of much-needed Sunday-school facilities. This is our fifth year to pastor the fine people here; we have found them always loyal and spiritual, ready for any district or general program.—Orian G. Burlison, Pastor.

Harmon, Oklahoma—Coming to Harmon in August of 1951, we found a wonderful little group of people ready to accept us as their pastor. Our Sunday-school attendance seemed rather small for a while in this community church with thirty-six average attendance; but God laid Sunday school on our hearts, we began to increase, and in the year of '51 we doubled our attendance average to seventy-two. This year we are still going forward with a slight increase. The church has taken on new courage and vision, building, improving, and meeting the financial needs of the church. Harmon recently had a Pentecostal outpouring in a revival with Rev. Paul R. and Hallie Smith. Many souls prayed through and some were added to the church. These have been months of labor and testing as well as days of rejoicing. We are giving God the glory for all that has been accomplished and trusting Him for the future.—Thurman F. Davis, Pastor.

Cheyenne, Wyoming—God is blessing this church. Recently we had a good revival with Evangelists Alva and Gladys Estep. We appreciate their sincerity and loyalty in preaching the rugged gospel. There were 137 seekers at the altar, counting them as they came, and many outstanding victories. On the closing day of the revival our Sunday-school attendance was 304,

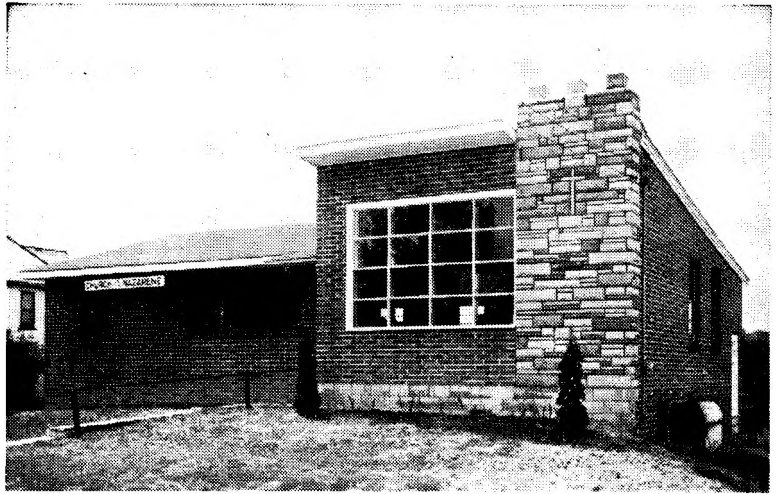
breaking all previous records. Our Sunday-school superintendent is one of the best—his enthusiasm is contagious. A group of personal workers is on the job every Thursday evening and their efforts are bringing results. The N.Y.P.S. is aggressive, with a wide-awake president; their average attendance for the past month was 86. The N.F.M.S. is doing a wonderful work, also. Our district budget is paid to date and the General Budget is paid in full for the year. Our quota for Northwest Nazarene College has been raised to help liquidate the school debt. We have a wonderful group of people who are faithful in tithing as well as attendance and the Lord has poured out His blessings upon us. Recently we were privileged to have Dr. H. C. Powers with us for a service, and over \$1,500.00 was raised for home missions. During the past year improvements have been made on the parsonage and church basement; while the pastor was attending the General Assembly a group of our people redecorated the church auditorium. In this, our sixth year of service in Cheyenne, we are enjoying the presence of the Lord.—I. F. Rodeffer, Pastor.

Yukon, Oklahoma—Sunday, November 16, we enjoyed a special service commemorating the seventh anniversary of the pastor. A fine group was present, with 152 for Sunday school and more for the preaching service. A brief report for the seven years' work was given. During the seven years the church has been in three building programs; the auditorium has been almost doubled in capacity, a nursery provided, and a two-story annex built and paid for. The parsonage was also enlarged and completely redecorated. A two-story block building is nearing completion which will provide space for 150 school-age children and a hall for socials. The church broadcasted for nearly three years, and has a public address system, and electric chimes; \$85,000.00 has gone through the church treasury during this time, with a present indebtedness of about \$5,000.00. More than one hundred members have been received and about twelve hundred seekers have knelt at the altar of prayer. An aggressive spirit is manifested by the board and the people of the church.—Otto C. Perry, Pastor.

The love of God takes the sting out of the law of God and puts us far out beyond the law, till we obey the law of God, not because we are commanded to keep that law, but because we love to keep the law. The love of God makes the keeping of the law a romance. If the love of God, that made the law of God, keeps us, then it is with joy and pleasure that we keep the law of God. The world cannot understand this. The love of God makes the difference.—PAUL PITTS.

McPherson Street Church, Mansfield, Ohio

On July 13 of 1951, just three days prior to the district assembly, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent, organized the McPherson Street Church of the Nazarene in Mansfield, and appointed the writer as pastor. The district advisory board purchased the lot, and our congregation began to build. On May 18 of 1952 we dedicated the building, valued at \$22,000.00 with only \$8,500.00 indebtedness. The brickcrete structure will be converted later to a parsonage when the congregation builds a larger church edifice. The present building is 31 x 50 feet, seating 180, with Sunday-school facilities downstairs. The pastor acted as contractor, with our good people giving generously of their labor and money. Recently we had a wonderful revival with Rev. H. C. Little as evangelist. His strong holiness messages were a great help, and several new members were added to the church. God blessed us abundantly here in the first year, with forty-one members, three revivals, and more than one hundred souls seeking God at our altars. We have a fine people;



they gave us \$200.00 worth of clothes for our birthday, a generous love

offering and grocery pounding recently.—Jay H. Keiser, Pastor.

Evangelist G. H. Chapman reports: "In November we had a wonderful revival with Pastor D. Clem at our Northside Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Then in December we were with Brother Wm. Zimmerman in Fremont, Nebraska. God is blessing, and souls are being saved and sanctified. We go next to California, and have some open time we'd like to slate in the Western states; we'll go anywhere. Write me, Box 434, Lexington, Oklahoma."

Brunswick, Georgia—We recently closed a most profitable revival with Rev. C. M. Kelly as the evangelist. He carries a burden for souls and has a humble spirit. We are grateful to the Lord for the many souls who were helped during the revival. We broke all previous records with 268 in Sunday-school on the closing Sunday of the revival. We have recently installed heaters for each of our Sunday-school classes, and have arranged for a loan to complete our sanctuary and make improvements on the entrances of the church. The Lord is answering our prayers and we are encouraged. The people are working together with a spirit of love and unity.—Jack Dell, Pastor.

Evangelist L. J. Scherrer reports: "Since re-entering the evangelistic field last fall, I have enjoyed the presence of the Lord both in my soul and in the meetings I have held. My first meeting was at Geneva, Ohio, with Brother and Sister Brumagin. It has been a long time since I witnessed God's power and conviction upon people as in this revival. From the first altar call there wasn't a barren altar. Our next meeting was in Ann Arbor, Michigan; it was a joy to work with such godly people as Pastor Dean Starr and wife. The battle was hard

but the people held on until God came and broke through. We then went to Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, with Pastor R. O. Parry, and his good wife. They are the old-fashioned kind who can pray the glory down, and much good was accomplished here for the church. Leaving Pennsylvania we went to Alloway, New Jersey, where Brother Earl Mitman is the pastor. The battle was not easy but again we prayed and held on until God came. The climax of the meeting came the last Sunday night, when the altar was not long enough to take care of all the seekers. Our next stop was Logansport, Indiana, to work with Brother and Sister Carl Hansen, fine young people who believe in fasting and praying until the glory comes; and as a result we had a fruitful meeting. We certainly do thank God for the privilege of working in His vineyard and for the good pastors and people with whom we have worked. I have some open time after the first of the year that I would like to fill. I will go anywhere for freewill offerings. Write me at my home address, 122 Leonard Place, Knoxville, Tennessee."

Gardiner, Maine—In November we had a revival with Rev. H. O. McGeorge, of the Reformed Baptist church, as the preacher. He preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and his messages were forceful and heart searching. The services were well attended, also the early evening prayer services. Victory finally came in the closing days of the campaign. We thank God for the spirit of revival kept stirred up in our hearts by our good pastor, Rev. J. W. Turpel. Under his leadership ten new members have been added to the church, our Sunday school has doubled in attendance, and the financial burdens have been lightened.—Constance Emerson, Reporter.

Evangelist Joe Norton writes that he will be in a meeting in Shamrock, Oklahoma, January 1 to 11; then has an open date in January, also one in February. He will be glad to slate this time wherever God may lead. Write him, Box 143, Hamlin, Texas.

Rev. Daniel Stafford reports: "First Church in Monroe, Louisiana, broke all attendance records in November. Coming to the end of three and a half years with these good people, we feel that some of the best laymen in the holiness movement are to be found at Monroe. They have stood by us and provided our material needs in an abundant manner. After much prayer we are entering the evangelistic field—because we actually want to do evangelistic work. God is blessing already and our slate is filling nicely. We have a few choice dates open in '53 and would like to hear from any of the churches that may desire our services. We prayed through to definite victory in Florida over fourteen years ago and know that every sin was forgiven and the Holy Ghost abides. We would be happy to hear from those who may be able to use us. Address us, Box 254, Vivian, Louisiana."

Evangelist Lee L. Hamric and wife report: "We had a good revival in Macon, Georgia, with Pastor Walter Masters and his good church. We saw a glorious outpouring of God's Spirit. Next we went to Louisville, Georgia, with Pastor Smith and people. God gave large crowds, with souls praying through to victory. At this writing we are in a meeting in Savannah, Georgia, following which we return to our home; our new address is 221 N. Rosemont St., Dallas, Texas. Our first revival in '53 will be in Manhattan, Kansas, January 4 to 18."

Evangelist E. M. Glover writes that he has open time in January, and would be glad to slate this time with any of our pastors. Write him, Chase, Kansas.

Sheridan, Wyoming—Our church enjoyed a two-week revival with Evangelist Ralph B. Round as the special worker. Much conviction was on, and some prayed through to victory. New people were seen in the services from time to time. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Round in this, his second, meeting with us, and we want him to return.—R. B. Ross, Pastor.

Natchez, Mississippi—In December we had a great revival with Rev. C. E. Toney as the evangelist. There was more fasting and praying than we have seen in a long time, and God came in almost every service. We appreciated the old-fashioned gospel preaching of Brother Toney, resulting in restitutions made and forgiveness asked. A nice love offering was given to the pastor, also an expense account added to his salary.—A. J. Hoof, Pastor.

Professor Ronald J. Lush writes: "I have resigned as music director at Oakland First Church, in California, to enter the evangelistic field, beginning January 1. This past year and more has been indeed an enjoyable time with Rev. Herman L. G. Smith, who is a wonderful pastor, preacher, and friend. This has been a wonderful year with wonderful people. Write me, % our publishing house."

Bennettsville, South Carolina—November 5 to 16 marked a gracious time of revival in our church. The pastor was the evangelist for this occasion and was assisted by Song Evangelists Eugene and LaNora Smith. Their music and singing blessed our people as they sang under the anointing of God. The congregations increased night after night until on the closing night the church was practically full. The outstanding service was on Wednesday night, November 12. The Smiths sang under the power of the Holy Spirit and God's mighty power was felt as never before. Without any preaching three

separate altar services were held with seekers finding God either in forgiveness of sins or in cleansing of hearts. The service was then climaxed with a healing service. The closing day was a great time with 213 in our Sunday school. God gave us 58 seekers with each one receiving victory, and four new members united with our church.—L. L. Jenkins, Pastor.

Evangelists Kenneth and Lily Wells report: "We recently closed a series of meetings in our Nazarene churches in Montana. This is quite largely a pioneer field as yet, but we had good and fruitful meetings in Whitefish, Kalispell, Helena, and Great Falls. This was the country where Mrs. Wells was raised, so she felt very much at home in this colorful and scenic section of our fair land. We had the joy of leading some of our own relatives into salvation and the Spirit-filled life. We are now laboring in the Minerva, Ohio, Methodist church. Rev. Karl K. Wilson, the pastor, is a splendid holiness man."

First Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

The church building shown here was completed last spring, and dedicated November 9 (1952) by Dr. G. B. Williamson, assisted by District Superintendent Edward Lawlor. The structure is of poured concrete, timber, and stucco with the interior finished in California stucco and limed native fir. An illuminated, etched, firwood cross is in the panel above the entrance. The sanctuary with balcony and choir loft provides seating for 400; the downstairs auditorium seats 150. Besides a pastor's study, Sunday-school office, and entrance foyer, the building has a speaker-equipped mothers' room, eleven classrooms, and hot-water heating system. Most of the work on the building was done by members and friends of the church. At the time of opening in the spring, thanks to the gifts of friends, we were able to equip our sanctuary with a church style Hammond organ and a Baldwin grand piano. At the time of dedication the outstanding indebtedness on the building was \$18,000.00 and one-third of that amount was underwritten to be paid off during 1953. During the past year the church also has purchased a fine, six-room parsonage valued at \$15,000.00 with less than \$6,000.00 owing against it. The value of our church property is estimated at \$75,000.00. We give thanks to God and to His faithful people at Vancouver First for the victories of dedication day, which occurred at the time of our eleventh anniversary of organization. Much credit is due to former pastors and to the helpfulness of Dr. Roy Smee and the Department of Church Extension.—William Summerscales, Pastor.



Fort Smith, Arkansas—First Church recently closed one of the best revivals I have witnessed for some time. Evangelists J. H. and Maggie Crawford were mightily used of God. Both of these ministers spoke with unction and power. God came upon the people in old-fashioned Holy Ghost conviction, and some seventy people bowed at the altar for pardon or purity. Thank God, the days of revivals are not over. When we obey the Spirit, God will come. A wonderful spirit prevails and, best of all, the revival fires are still burning. Pastor and people are encouraged to press on and fight hard against sin and the devil. It is a pleasure to serve our servicemen at Camp Chaffee. If your loved one is stationed at Camp Chaffee, I will be glad to contact him for you and our church.—Harvey Rathbun, Pastor.

St. Johns, Michigan—Our church recently closed a very profitable meeting with Evangelist D. E. Patrone. Brother Patrone endeared himself to our people immediately with his beautiful violin music, his singing, and his humble spirit. His sermons were timely, brief, and anointed by the Spirit of God. There were several clear cases of conversion and entire sanctification and many more people inspired and helped by the meetings. The crowds were the best in several years. At his suggestion, the good folks here underwrote the cost of a tape recorder for the pastor. Our loyal members and friends here are building a new church plant of brick-concrete and cinder-block construction. The first unit is expected to be completed by June of 1953, and the entire structure the following year. We are in our fourth year here and greatly enjoy our work with this fine group of loyal Nazarenes.—W. E. Weaver, Pastor.

East Liverpool, Ohio—First Church is rejoicing in the visitation of the Holy Spirit in our recent revival services with Rev. John Logan of London, England. Brother Logan's enlightening messages from God's Word made each of us examine his own soul, move up closer to God, and then set out to work for our church and the Kingdom. Our people are stirred and, in the words of the evangelist, are determined to "dig our heels in" and see things accomplished for God in the church. Our meeting was scheduled for October 29 to November 9, but we could not see it close when God was working so wonderfully in our midst, so Brother Logan stayed on with us through November 17. After filling another short engagement he came back to East Liverpool for an additional six days. God has been good to us here at First Church. Our Sunday-school average for the first seven months of the assembly year is 600. Our Thanksgiving offering for missions exceeded \$2,100.00. A new vision is gripping all of our hearts.—C. L. Rodda, Pastor.

Brookville, Ohio—This church was organized December 19, 1950, with eight charter members, and Sunday school was held four Sundays in our pastor's home. Then we moved and held services one year in the home of our pastor's mother. Our highest attendance was 63. We built a parsonage and used it as a church. We began services in our new building January 27, 1952. We have just finished a gracious revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ira Akers. We had 75 new people attend who had never been in our church before. Twenty-seven souls prayed through to victory. Our highest Sunday-school record was 112 during our tent meeting. We appreciate what our pastor has done for us and praise God for answering prayer.—Mrs. John Lauver, Reporter.

Evangelist L. B. Mathews and wife report: "Since our district assembly in September we have labored in revival meetings in West Virginia, with Pastor John R. Soloky at Logan, and Rev. Robert E. Long at Moundville; at Blakemore Church in Nashville, Tennessee, with Rev. Jerry Costa; at Prescott, Arkansas, with Rev. Charles H. Porter; and at Oregon, Illinois, with Rev. J. W. Brown. In all of these places God gave seekers praying through to experiences of regeneration and entire sanctification. We have enjoyed our labors with these pastors and their churches, and we thank God for a place in His vineyard. We have a few open dates in '53; write us, 2208 18th Avenue, South, Nashville 12, Tennessee."

Cowlitz County, with thirty-five churches co-operating, just closed a Crusade for Christ campaign with Dr. and Mrs. R. V. DeLong and Professor and Mrs. Bob Killion. Crowds were unusually good, and a \$3,000.00 expense budget was easily raised. The able preaching of Dr. DeLong was well received by the churches, which represented all strata of theological background. His uncompromising message brought many clear-cut conversions to Christ. The campaign music, directed by Bob and Madge Killion, was of the finest type. Five Nazarene churches co-operated in the Crusade.—Leslie Parrott, Pastor at Kelso, Washington.

Crockett, Texas—Pastor E. M. Walker and the folk of this church are rejoicing over victories won in the revival which closed November 16, with Evangelist J. L. Woolman. Crowds increased each evening, with many coming who had never attended the Church of the Nazarene before, and a good number were saved or sanctified at our altar. It was one of the best revivals in the history of the Crockett church. The church is going forward under the leadership of our good pastor. The Sunday-school attendance is steadily increasing, all budgets are up to date, and a beautiful spirit of unity prevails in the church.—Mrs. A. L. McElyea, Reporter.

Sunnyside, Washington—We are truly grateful to the Lord for our recent two-week revival with Evangelist Joseph Selz. His messages on salvation and holiness were exceptionally good and many prayed through to victory. Our attendance was very good and the number of young people who attended regularly was outstanding. We thank God for such men as Brother Selz, and feel that the benefits of this revival will count more for God and His kingdom than man can ever anticipate. Our church is only two years old, and our Sunday-school attendance on our second birthday was 187. God has blessed our church greatly during this time. We have been worshiping in the basement of our new church since March, 1952, and plan to move upstairs the first Sunday in January, 1953.—Mrs. Phillip McClure, Reporter.

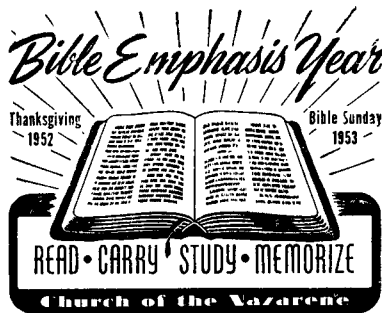
Evangelists J. H. and Maggie Crawford report: "We are in the beginning of our last revival campaign for 1952, at First Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas, with our good pastor, Rev. Harvey Rathbun. He is accomplishing good results here. Our first campaign for this year was with the wide-awake, progressive pastor, Rev. C. E. Fleshman, of First Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, closing January 13. This is a spiritual church with a vision. Brother and Sister Harold Jenkins added much to the success of this good revival as choir director and pianist. Following this meeting we took a good and profitable vacation in California. We preached every week end in different churches and had the privilege of visiting many friends and kinsfolk on the trip. Since then, with the exception of a few days at home, we have been continuously in the field of evangelism. We have labored on eleven different districts during the year. Scores and scores of souls have prayed through at our altars, several have been definitely healed in body, and a goodly number have united with the church. After a good rest at home through the holidays we are looking forward with anticipation to the new year. We are slated for a revival at Edcouch, southern part of Texas, March 18 to 29, 1953. We have an open date just before and following this date which we would like to slate in the South; also some fall dates still open. If interested, write us at Springdale, Arkansas."

Sweetwater, Texas—In December our church had a wonderful revival with Rev. H. D. Burson as the evangelist. God gave some twenty seekers at the altar, and we received eight new members into the church—all of them new converts. The finances came easily, including a love offering of \$75.00 for the pastor. Our church is going forward in every department under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. Carl Bunch. We love and appreciate Brother Bunch; he is doing good work in Sweetwater.—Mrs. R. K. Neel, Reporter.

Evangelist E. E. Taylor reports: "I praise the Lord for giving me the privilege of having revivals in a few of our churches this past fall. In the fifteen-day campaign at Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, God gave good victory, some received definite help, and a number prayed through to holiness. Brother and Sister Davis are good workers. In our convention at Mason City, Iowa, a goodly number sought the Lord. The object of the convention was to emphasize holiness and soul winning. It was a privilege to work with Pastor Maddin. At Titusville, Pennsylvania, Pastor Black had been conducting cottage prayer meetings for two weeks and as a result the altar was filled with seekers the first Sunday night and God r definite victory. Our people gave splendid co-operation in prayer and fasting, and visitation, and pledged to continue the program. Our greatest need is a revival of Bible holiness."

Langdale, Alabama—Sandra Cox, thirteen-year-old evangelist, conducted an eight-day revival here at this church, November 23 to 30. We had the largest crowds that the church has ever witnessed. Over 120 persons came during the eight days who had never been in our church before, and many new friends were made for the church here. Several souls found victory at the altar of prayer. I am fully convinced that we are living in the last days after hearing this child of God. Sandra preaches under the anointing of God and carries a passion for souls.—Lindon L. Scales, Pastor.

Evangelists E. Everett and Irene Kimball report: "Since our last report we have been in labors abundant, and have worked with some of the very finest pastors in our movement. In August, we were with Pastor J. S. Smedley in Tuttle, Oklahoma; then on to Arnold, Nebraska, with Pastor Martin; to Kennard, Ohio, with Pastor H. Dale Prye; next to Nelsonville, Ohio, with Pastor Less Brush for our second meeting; and to Newtonsville, Ohio, with Pastor V. E. Gambill. Next to Cincinnati, Ohio, with Pastor Albert J. Shea; then to Cedarville, Ohio, with Pastor L. L. Fish. At this writing we are in the midst of an old-fashioned revival meeting in New Burlington, Ohio, with Pastor C. M. Cox. We are finishing our second full year in the field of evangelism; we are enjoying our work and praising the Lord. We enjoy the privilege of preaching and singing the gospel in the beauty of holiness. We carry the full program as Mrs. Kimball plays the piano, accordion, electric vibraharp, and sings solos; I play the violin and guitar, do the preaching, and we sing together. We have a full slate for 1953, and are now making up our slate for 1954. If you are interested in a revival date in 1954, write us, 331 W. Michigan Street, Sidney, Ohio. We travel with a house trailer."



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Evangelist Rev. R. F. Lindley reports: "The Lord is blessing in the field of evangelism, and giving some good revivals. I will be in Arkansas in January; I have an open date, February 17 to March 1. If anyone desires my services in that section of the country, write me at Savanna, Oklahoma."

Princeton, Indiana—Our church recently had a very successful revival with Rev. Mason Lee as evangelist, and Douglas Slack as the minister of music. I have never heard Mason Lee preach any better than he did in this meeting; night after night souls were stirred and gripped with pungent conviction, resulting in seekers at every service and many finders. Our people loved Brother Lee greatly. Doug Slack sang in the Spirit and added effectively to the musical and song services. These brethren work beautifully together and carry a burden for the revival. We came here in September, 1952, succeeding Rev. Guthrie Hughes, who did a wonderful work in erecting

the beautiful and commodious sanctuary we now worship in. Our attendance is on the climb, and we have averaged over 350 in the last month in our Sunday school, and the spiritual tide is on the upward move in this church of old-fashioned Nazarenes. If you have friends or relatives living in or near Princeton, contact us at 303 West Spruce Street.—Roy M. Vaughn, Pastor.

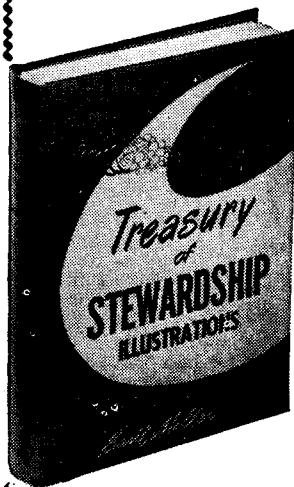
Batavia, Ohio—We accepted the pastorate here last August after spending a year in Florida because of our health. God has touched us physically, and is helping us as we attempt to promote His kingdom here in this community. We have received a fine class of members; have recently purchased a choice lot and we plan to begin the erection of a place of worship in the spring. A revival spirit prevails in the services, and young and old are seeking God for pardon and purity. It is a privilege to labor with these good people in this little southern Ohio town.—Virgil H. Few, Pastor.

Champaign, Illinois—Grace Church closed a very successful revival on November 30 with Evangelist William Tidwell. His great Bible preaching under the anointing of the Holy Ghost was greatly appreciated, as were also his day messages. There were some great altar services. Brother Tidwell is rendering our churches a unique and valuable service. Mrs. Tidwell was also a definite spiritual blessing in the church and home. In the past few months Evangelist Arthur Gould and Mrs. Eva Gardner were a great blessing to this church. Grace Church was able to give for general interests last year \$4,286.00. In addition to giving the tithe of total receipts, Grace Church also gives for foreign missions one-tenth of the weekly tithe. The Sunday school averaged 391 weekly last year, and December completes our thirteenth year as pastor of this great church.—H. B. Jensen, Pastor.

Evangelist and Mrs. C. H. Dobbins report: "We have enjoyed working with the following pastors and churches this fall in revivals: Rev. B. N. Wire, Harrison, Arkansas; Rev. L. E. Shoemaker, Ligonier, Indiana; Rev. Roger H. Ward, Goshen, Indiana; Rev. Clarence Packs, Portsmouth, Ohio; Rev. Ray Beegle, Wilmington, Ohio; Rev. R. E. Gillette, Ridgeville, Indiana; Rev. Dee Henderson, Fort Wayne, Indiana; also Rev. C. E. Lykins, Goshen, Indiana, as song evangelist. These men are pushing the battle for God and righteousness in the church. I recently closed at Nelson Street, Fort Wayne, with Brother Henderson. The Lord blessed with an altar lined with seekers a number of times, and the pastor received a fine class of members into the church. Their church basement has been rebuilt and decorated, with classrooms and a beautiful auditorium. Finances are increasing. We are praising the Lord for the souls that have been saved in these revivals. Write us, 2536 Maple Place, Fort Wayne, Indiana."

Indianapolis, Indiana—West Side Church recently closed a most successful revival meeting with Rev. C. R. Thrasher as evangelist. He was ably assisted in the meeting by the fine ministry in music of James and Rosemary Green. These workers are all much loved and appreciated here. At least two hundred seekers bowed at the altar for spiritual help, counting them as they came. There were six services when there was no sermon and the altar filled with seeking people. In the midst of a dead calm the Spirit would lead the evangelist to open the altar and the people came. Brother Thrasher spends his time between services in prayer. Brother and Sister Green worked faithfully in this meeting. We have seen God moving in a mysterious way and we praise Him. For six years, a few of our people have been praying for a genuine awakening and revelation of God. We have had the "dewdrops" and we are praying for the "showers." —Bob Jones, Pastor.

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Riverside, California—God is blessing First Church and giving good victory along all lines, for which we are thankful. We recently closed a splendid revival with Rev. Mrs. Morris Gill as the evangelist. Mrs. Gill preached the gospel of old-time religion in power, and God blessed us to the close of our eighth year as pastor here and it has been one of the best. If you have relatives or friends stationed at March Field Air Base send me their addresses, and I shall be glad to contact them for God and the church.—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Northwest District

Northwest District N.Y.P.S. sponsored four big area youth rallies during the month of November. Rev. Paul Martin, of Porterville, and Mr. Paul Skiles of Santa Ana, California, were our workers. Paul Skiles's unique congregational song directing and his unusual trombone playing inspired the hearts of the more than one thousand present in the four rallies. Brother Martin's dynamic preaching attracted the attention of the youth and each rally concluded with a glorious altar service. There were around fifty who sought and found help from God; some of these were outstanding victories. Northwest District youth continue to march onward with God.

JERRY JOHNSON, *District President*

South Africa N.Y.P.S.

The second convention of the N.Y.P.S. of the South African District of the Church of the Nazarene (European) convened at Vereeniging, Transvaal, South Africa, on Thursday, November 6, with the district president, Chris D. Botha, as chairman.

Our American friends will be interested to know of the progress we have made in South Africa during the past year. The number of societies formally organized increased from four to ten. Membership also went up correspondingly—from 116 to 204—75 per cent. Most of our societies are Afrikaans-speaking, and it is a mark of progress that we have now made the Constitution available in this language.

At the moment we are enjoying a lot of *firsts*. Our first District Conference was held at Vanderbijlpark in the Dr. R. T. Williams Memorial Church. Our first Youth Week was held this year with five of our societies participating in the "self-to-others" project, with the result that we sent 20 pounds to the general treasurer. Another first is a Youth Camp which we intend (D.V.) to hold this year at Parys from December 22 to 30—we have already received close to one hundred enrollments.

Our South African Societies are intensely interested in the "Bible School Project"—Australian and South African. A goal of 100 pounds has been raised for Youth Week, 1953—to be taken up at the same time as your offering in America is taken. Let us

say at once that nothing has so tended to prove the reality of the great holiness brotherhood that exists between South Africa and America as this project—American Nazarene youth has endeared itself forever to South African Nazarene youth through this very practical and loving gesture. This same spirit is beginning to characterize young Nazarenes right here.

We send our greetings to fellow Nazarenes around the world through the pages of this periodical—our way of giving you the right hand of Christian fellowship.

T. H. M. BARON, *District Secretary*
N.Y.P.S., South Africa



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Archel Meredith writes from Wadsworth Veterans' Administration Hospital, Kansas. "For the past two years I have taken an interest in the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in the nearby community of Leavenworth. This has been done through personal and public support of the program, through friendship and, on occasions, counsel with members. Largely, however, my interest and effort has been in an endeavor to encourage alcoholic domiciliary members of our institution to seek Alcoholics Anonymous for help. During the month a very high compliment to my usually unobtrusive support was received. The Leavenworth Alcoholics Anonymous group extended an invitation for me to a closed meeting to 'teach us Christianity.' Since it is virtually unheard of to invite 'outsiders' to closed meetings, this was an expression of genuine favor and confidence. But to be asked specifically to 'teach us Christianity' was about too good to be true. So in a simple, straightforward approach I talked for forty minutes on 'What Is Christian Faith?'"

"I would like you to continue to send the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**."

"I was especially interested in your September 17 issue about an article 'A Parable from Panmunjom.' It was especially meaningful to me as every night I can see from my bunker the searchlight of Panmunjom. Our battalion is located in the 'Bunker Hill' area one mile west of Panmunjom. Although engaged in a battle against a foe who knows no God, I can say I am glad for my church and Eastern Nazarene College schooling, which has taught me the real God and the true power of prayer. As our chaplain often says to us, 'Men, fear not, for God is always near.' Pray for the men in Korea."—CPL. R. M. MACDONALD.

"I have been receiving the literature and want to thank you, for I really enjoy reading all of it. It means a lot to me when I think the people are behind us. It gives me a reason for being here and, knowing that, I feel I would be letting all the people that are behind me down if I wouldn't do my part here.

"There are very few Christians in this company but, no matter how much sin is around me, I can always thank the Lord for saving me and He always keeps me true."—CHARLES A. RANDEL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul R. Orjala, Nazarene missionaries in Haiti, a daughter, Charlotte Jeanne, on December 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hurn of Richland, Washington, a son, Dennis Ray, on November 26.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel V. Munn of Zanesville, Ohio, a daughter, Rebecca Jane, on November 23.

NOTICE—Greater Oklahoma City Nazarene holiness rally, January 28 to February 2, in Municipal Auditorium. Special workers: Dr. R. V. DeLong, Dr. Samuel Young, Rev. Howard Sweeten. Pastors and people anticipating a great holiness revival.

WEDDING BELLS

Rev. Rewy Smith of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Rev. Miss Mary Howland of Jonesville, Michigan, were united in marriage on December 17, at the Church of the Nazarene in Hillsdale, Michigan.

Miss Bonna-Vear Mary Gilmore and Mr. William Marion Owens, both of Niagara Falls, New York, were united in marriage on December 5, in the Church of the Nazarene in Niagara Falls, with Rev. Paul S. Gilmore, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Homer Smith of Endicott.

Robert Van Dick and Pansy Maxine Hatcher were united in marriage on December 12, at First Church of the Nazarene in South Gate, California, with their pastor, Rev. W. Herman Burton, officiating.

Rev. Horace W. Blackshear of McKinney, Texas, and Ruth Bennett Huffman of Pasadena, California, were united in marriage on November 21, at Bresee Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, with Rev. W. Herman Burton and Rev. George Taylorson officiating.

Jewel Hansen and M. C. Morgan were united in marriage on November 7, at First Church of the Nazarene in South Gate, California, with the pastor, Rev. W. Herman Burton, officiating, assisted by Rev. Edgar Pierce.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Georgia for two little babies, her grandchildren, seem to be very sick and doctors are not able to help them—she believes God can undertake and heal them; also for her son and his family; by a friend who knows God, in Michigan, that God will give her a pure heart and that she may know she is sanctified; also for the salvation of her husband, who is getting up in years and in failing health—"we need help so badly."

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Something to Shout About

I COULD never be tempted with what is called "homemade cake or pie," for Mother did not excel here. Her pies were called "affectionate pie"; the top crust just stuck on the bottom one. But a heaven-sent shout on the lips of an earnest soul sends real pangs of homesickness into my heart. For Mother was a shouting Nazarene. It was her kind that brought the invectives: "Holy Roller, Noisyrenes." If this kind of name calling must be a part of real shouting, or holy demonstration, let us have liberty in the Holy Spirit, and let the sticks and stones fall where they will. The rather childish poem that I wish to give (by request—my own request), home-spun and nothing more than a jingle, tells just a little about a shouting mother. (Any similarity between what is in the jingle and the facts in each case is purely intentional.)

*Mother's pies are now forgotten, (1)
Gone are the memories of bread;*

*Nazarene Evangelist

(1) Sister Stark remembers Mother's pies; (2) ordained by Dr. Goodwin; (3) N.N.C., 1924, just as Dr. Winchester tried to throw the "hood" over Dad's head; (4) Redwood Falls, Minn.; (5) First Church, Portland, Oregon, Sept., 1938; (6) Portland, Oregon, 1940; (7) 330 Hallelujah Avenue, now and forever.

*She never was known in the kitchen,
Nor famous where "generals" are
fed.*

*But Mother, a holiness preacher, (2)
Was known fairly far and wide
By her shout of victory and glory
That carried many a tide!*

*She shouted when Father graduated,
(3)
With magna cum laude and such;
She praised the Lord in heaven
That her husband's head held so
much.*

*She shouted when Dad got in trouble,
(4)
Preaching and pulling the load;
And then when her dust had settled,
He was back in the "middle of the
road."*

*She shouted when Mary was married,
(5)
Although not a part of the rite;
And though just a little embarrassed,
It was a glorious sight.*

*She shouted when death sat there
grinning (6)
Across the table spread,
For goodness and mercy were waiters,
And Christ himself the Head.*

*Now she's shouting in heaven, (7)
If shouting's allowed up there,
For Mother is happy with Jesus.
No sorrow, no tears, nor care!*