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God, Give Us Mothers

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

God, give us mothers who can face the storm,
 Heads high with courage, in a world gone mad;
 Eyes clear and unafraid; hearts true and warm
 With sympathy for all earth's weak and sad.
 God, give us mothers who will hold the Light
 Higher and higher as the darkness hides
 The old, worn paths of truth and peace and right,
 And who will teach the Book where faith abides.
 God, give us mothers who can smile and sing
 About their daily tasks, nor count it loss
 To bake and sweep—to do the humble thing.
 What glory shines around the mother's cross!
 Oh, give us mothers, Lord, whose hands reach out
 With bread, to satisfy grim hunger's need;
 And, gathering the children round about,
 Feed them that Bread which satisfies indeed.
 We ask not mothers clad in silk and lace,
 Who idly sit in selfish pleasure, Lord;
 But give us valiant mothers, filled with grace
 To build our future on Thy holy Word!

(From book, "Golden Windows"; used by permission)

"Jesus saith . . . I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. H. C. Benner left New York on April 24 to visit our work in Italy and the Cape Verde Islands, through May 21. The trip will be concluded with the two district assemblies in the British Isles during the period of June 5 through 13. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Benner on the trip. Let all our people remember them in prayer.

Rev. R. M. Banning has resigned as pastor of the church in Corbin, Kentucky, and is returning to the field of full-time evangelism.

Evangelist Maurice F. Gordon is leaving the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Colfax, Washington.

Rev. L. Wayne Sears has resigned as pastor of First Church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, to accept a call to pastor First Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nickelsen of Manistee, Michigan, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception in the Parkdale Hall on Saturday evening, March 27. Mrs. Nickelsen was Lillian Parmenter. They were united in marriage on March 30, 1904, in Scottsville, Michigan, and have lived all their lives in that area of Michigan. Their three children—Mrs. Glenn Dean, of Port Huron, and Mrs. Fred Sandstedt and Lee Nickelsen of Manistee—were present, together with their twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Rev. Glenn Brooks, Nazarene pastor at Manistee, read the marriage service as they renewed their vows; many gifts were received. Two hundred guests were present.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; . . . (Rom. 8:16-17).



From the 1953 Statistics

3,155 new persons joined the Prayer and Fasting League, making the total membership stand at 75,512. During the fiscal year 1952-53 these members gave a total of \$286,178.78 for the missionary cause.—Office of the GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY.

The Dearest Mother on Earth

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin

My own dear American mother,
The mother of English birth,
A French or Irish mother—
The dearest mother on earth!
A dark and red-skinned mother
Chanting her Indian song;
An olive-skinned Chinese mother,
Patient the whole day long;
The mother in African darkness;
The woman from India's sand—
Whate'er her blood or color,
She's the best in all the land.

She sits by our side in sickness;
She comforts every pain;
She shares our joy and sorrow;
Her kiss heals the hurt again.
Then when you stop to consider
The mother of truest worth
Is the truly Christian mother—
The dearest mother on earth.
Her prayers that ascend to heaven,
Her love of God's holy Word,
Prove to me she's the dearest mother—
The dearest mother on earth!

GUARD THOSE WORDS

By Clara M. Morrison*

SOMETIMES those who truly desire to be Christian are sadly lacking in the grace of Christian speech. They may ramble on in vain babblings, carelessly express uncharitable opinions, or go beyond the limit of good taste in the use of slang expressions or anecdotes.

When Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, the people "wondered at the gracious words" (Luke 4:22). And Simon Peter once said to Jesus, "Thou

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hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

The Psalmist, aware of the source of evil speaking, prayed, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord" (Ps. 19:14).

The more we ponder the Word of God and meditate upon the teachings of Jesus, the more likely we are to keep our conversation gracious and acceptable. Daily prayer, too, becomes a great aid in guiding our thoughts and words.

Solomon, who wisely ruled his people, said, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Prov. 25:11).

Nevertheless, God does not want us to gloss over evil with smooth words, but to "speak every man the truth," putting away "bitterness, and wrath, and clamour, and evil speaking . . . with all malice" (Eph. 4:25, 31).

It is human nature to become like those with whom we associate. If we study faithfully our Lord's teaching, His Spirit may ultimately become the leading factor in our lives. Then our words and acts will take on a new grace, and become as "apples of gold in pictures of silver."

*Youngstown, Ohio

SHUT IN—

By Ola Gresser

*Shut in, oh, yes,
But the world shut out—
It is then I can read
And sing and shout.*

*Shut in, oh, yes,
But not alone,
For He has chosen
My heart His throne.*

*Shut in and lonely?
Oh, no, not I;
For Jesus, the Saviour,
Is standing by.*

*While I'm shut in
He looks from above,
And keeps a close watch
Over those whom He loves.*

*He keeps me so gently
In His tender care,
And when I have burdens
He's there to share.*

*The way of the Cross
Is the road that leads home,
And I'm so contented
I care not to roam.*

*This "beautiful way,"
I wish everyone knew;
I'm glad I've enlisted,
For laborers are few.*

The Crusade for Souls in Argentina

General Superintendent Williamson

SAVE for the absence of familiar names and faces, a visitor to Argentina might imagine himself in North America. In many ways the country is much like the U.S.A. Here one goes north to the tropics and south to the frozen, polar region, but the climate is that of a temperate zone. It is a land of abundance and variety in the production of food. Modern improvements and conveniences are also in an advanced state of development.

The population of sixteen million is 90 per cent European. The proportion of literacy is relatively high. In education, health, and social welfare the government has administered well. Therefore, the work of the church here is exclusively in the realm of evangelism and Christian education. It is most of the important features of the work, it is comparable to Canada and the United States.

In some ways this makes missionary work here much easier and requires less of sacrifice. But there are found all the sins, the prejudice, the complacency, the spiritual darkness which would be expected in a country whose religious life has been dominated by the Roman Catholic church without an effective challenge by a virile and aggressive Protestantism.

The missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene in Argentina is among the oldest in Latin America. Our progress has been slow, for which we are forced to accept part of the responsibility. But we must admit that it is no slower here than in some areas of the homeland. Combating paganism which goes under the name of Christianity certainly does not make the undertaking any easier. It would almost appear that it would not be so difficult to deliver those who are enslaved in the darkness and superstition of old world religions and the aborigines of the Western Hemisphere. It is shocking to see how far from New Testament Christianity the church can depart. It is a solemn warning to us to take heed lest we also be guilty of "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof."

The encouraging facts are that in recent years our work here has made definite progress. The harvest of long and patient seed-sowing is beginning. The advance has been accelerated by the visits of some of the brethren from North America. Their preaching and wise counsel have been helpful in giving direction and impetus to the work. Most of the credit humanly speaking, however, must be given to these faithful, patient, self-effacing missionaries. They have preached, taught, counseled, labored, and prayed with that loving persistence that can be only the fruit of the Spirit of God in their hearts. Nowhere have I found a better blend of devotion, zeal, and wisdom than here. These missionaries are ensamples of all who believe in South America, North America, and everywhere throughout the world. Foremost among them are the seniors of this field, Dr.

and Mrs. John Cochran. They are loved and respected by all, both missionaries and Argentine Christians.

The work of the district is well organized. The auxiliary departments are functioning with success and efficiency. Gratifying gains were recorded in all categories. Self-support is increasing rapidly. New areas are being entered. The spirit of unity and revival was beautifully and graciously manifest in the assembly. The night meetings were attended by three hundred to three hundred and fifty people. One evening twenty people sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The next night forty young people bowed at the altar to indicate their eager readiness to accept all of God's will for their lives. Last night five splendid young men were ordained as elders.

The work of the Bible school is bearing fruit. The special singing of the chorus and other arrangements were inspiring. God has touched the lives of a fine band of young people with the power of His redeeming grace.

The Argentine District is ready for a Crusade for Souls that will bring many to the feet of the Saviour. We do acutely need more adequate buildings and many more qualified national pastors and evangelists.

All we have in Argentina is the profit from General Budget funds invested here. Greater works than these are yet to be done. Alabaster Box money will help to do them. Ten per cent for world evangelism will mean progress in this land of opportunity.

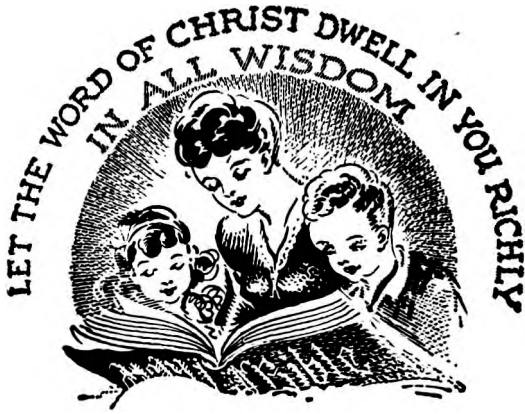
How Firm a Foundation

By Viola Perry Wanger

*Across the years I hear my mother singing,
As by the fire she gently rocks and sews;
And, half asleep, I dream of shining angels
As soft and silvery the music flows—
"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!"*

*Foundation firm! Her life was built upon it.
She sang through all life's gladness and its tears.
She sang it till her golden hair was silver,
And still I heard her singing through the
years—
"E'en down to old age all My people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love."*

*Her faith was built upon a sure foundation,
That all the storms life might against it fling
Could not disturb; and as she traveled onward,
Adown the years, serenely she could sing,
"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!"*



Home Means All This!

By P. P. Belew*

SHELTER is a basic necessity. Since, on account of sin, man was evicted from his first home in Eden, he has lived in almost everything from a cave to a mansion. But whatever its nature, he needs a place of refuge, "a covert from storm and from rain." The prophet's description of the Golden Age contains little that is more appealing than: "They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid" (Mic. 4:4). However, the character of the occupants is of vastly greater importance than the material surroundings. As Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a student on the other made a university, so do congenial spirits make a home. In the language of the poet, "It takes a heap o' livin' in a house t' make it home."

Home is a place where love is manifest. Although Adam lived in Eden, and enjoyed the high privilege of divine association, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). The only law that can make such a union function successfully is that of reciprocal love. Hence the command: "Let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband" (Eph. 5:33). Solomon says of such a union, "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:12). "She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Prov. 31:26-28). *We venture that such love in action would make the road to Reno unknown.*

Home is a place where God reigns supreme. Good breeding and discipline are certainly essential; they supplement but cannot take the place of that Divine Presence that controls the heart, rules the conscience, and permeates the atmosphere. The lack of God's presence in the home has often converted this institution, intended to

be a reflex of heaven, into the vestibule of hell. In a thousand places the description given by the prophet in the long ago is still applicable: "The son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house" (Mic. 7:6). Even in the homes of many church people, the prophet Isaiah's question, "What have they seen in thine house?" would be most embarrassing.

The world needs more homes like that one in Bethany which Jesus loved so well. There He turned from the cares of His busy life to find rest and sweet fellowship. Martha provided for His physical comfort, and Mary sat at His feet and learned, or lavished upon Him affection unsurpassed. It was doubtless such a home in which Timothy grew to manhood. The "unfeigned faith" that he possessed, we are told, dwelt first in his grandmother, Lois, and in his mother, Eunice; and at their knees he had learned the Holy Scriptures, which made him "wise unto salvation."

Such hallowed associations perpetually recur in nostalgic recollections, and influence one throughout his life. Thus David sighed for a drink from the old well in Bethlehem. And thus the children of Judah, although surrounded with the beauty and glory of great Babylon, hung their harps on the willows of the Euphrates and wept when they remembered Zion.

Home is a figure of divine protection. The Christian is likened to the man who "built his house upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24). Jehovah is called "a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall" (Isa. 25:4).

Parental love is proverbial for strength and endurance. But David said, "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up" (Ps. 27:10). "Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee" (Isa. 49:15).

Home is a type of heaven. Many choice saints have little of this world's possessions. Some find it difficult to keep a roof over their heads, and to "keep soul and body together." Even this has been denied to many. "They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented" (Heb. 11:37).

But Jesus says: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. . . that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). There it is said: "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 7:16-17).

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A Time for Christian Homes

By Roy E. Swim*

THE WEEK of May 2 through 9 marks the annual return of National Family Week. This event, endorsed by the President of the United States, is being promoted throughout the nation in Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish congregations.

Beginning with the first Sunday in May and continuing through Mother's Day, communities and churches are asked to join with homes in counting their resources and rejoicing in their opportunities to serve God and country. Homes have priority always in laying foundations firm both for the personal integrity of each individual member and for the nation's safety and preservation.

This year the theme proposed for emphasis in Christian homes highlights our world crisis and our Christian hope. *A Troubled World Needs Christian Homes* has been suggested (by the Joint Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches) as a basis for nationwide promotion among Protestant denominations.

Our crisis is that our world is in trouble. Our hope lies in the fact that there are yet Christian homes. Our crisis becomes manageable by means at our disposal through the promise of God and the power of God released in human lives. God is not dead. Millions of homes still firmly hold to faith in God. Not every knee has bowed to Baal. Why should we despair or give up hope? Let's have more Christian homes and homes that are ever more Christian. There parents in time of trial hold fast to the anchor of faith. There youth repair for renewal of confidence and assurance. There little children learn the very first lessons of trust in God, who holds all things present and future within His hand. Homes are really workshops of God's purposes. They are laboratories and testing grounds for the divine promises.

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew
their strength;
they shall mount up with wings
as eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.*

There are a number of things Christian families can do to make good use of this year's observance of National Family Week—

1. They can resolve to be better Christian homes. Whether they choose or not they are on exhibit in the community.

2. They can find another home to help. Lack of food or of clothing is not the only need for help found in families. Need of neighborly love, of Christian confidence, of friendly understanding, of God: these are needs which Christian families are eminently fitted to supply.

3. Church families can seek out nonchurch families, invite them to Sunday morning breakfast or Sunday noon dinner, and have them as guests in church.

4. Church families can divide among them all those in the congregation who are away from their families, single persons, servicemen, widows, orphans, and have them as dinner guests in their homes. Loneliness can be best alleviated by friendliness. The restoration of the custom of Christian hospitality would be good for all concerned.

5. Christian homes can make more and better use of the resources which their church offers. Untapped reservoirs of help and power lie waiting in the fellowship of faith. In the congregation of the people of God there are mutual concerns, agreed convictions, oneness of spirit, the power of brotherly love, that no other social group on earth can know. Men and women, aged and youth, cultured and unlearned, bound to-

gether with God by the dynamic power of the Spirit of God, provide a force that no earthly power can match or conquer. Why should we not connect our homes with this power for needed light and warmth and help in this dark and frigid world?



CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

By Jeanne DeGood

*One Sunday, not so long ago,
I thought of friends I used to know;
I thought of Mother—Daddy too,
And cherished things we used to do.*

*At church on Sunday, we were there
To sing the hymns and breathe a prayer—
No memory can ever be
As sweet as this one is to me.*

*I cannot give my son great wealth,
Nor can I promise him good health;
But when he's grown, I vow that he
Will also have this memory.*

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Great Women of History

By E. E. Wordsworth*

Where was a great woman (II Kings 4:8).

TO CALL the roll of all the truly great and illustrious and useful women of human history is utterly impossible. But the hand that rocks the cradle moves the world and shapes the destiny of mankind. A bad woman is a great curse to any age, while a good woman is the greatest boon, blessing, and benediction to the race.

Wicked women are a veritable fountain of evil. Look at Jezebel, wife of Ahab, the Israelite, and how she paganized a king and his nation and invited the curse of God. God's judgment fell upon her, and the dogs licked her blood and her soul was consigned to hell. Potiphar's wife plotted against innocent Joseph, brought on his imprisonment and suffering. Delilah was a curse unto Samson. Michal, the enemy of David and religious demonstration, was cursed with barrenness for her sins. And today cigarette smoking, drinking, home-forsaking mothers are a curse in any land—to themselves, their offspring, and the nations. Cleopatra, wicked, sensual vampire of Egypt and Rome and other lands, led Roman and heathen leaders away from their faithful wives to sin and shame. Her very name, like Jezebel, has stained the pages of human history as representative of all that is unclean, lecherous, and damning.

On the other hand, good and righteous women bless the home, nation, church, posterity, and history, and fix the destiny of nations and greatly populate heaven. Think of Jochebed, the mother of Moses, and the contribution she made to Israel, her illustrious son, Moses, the Jewish nation, and heaven. Look at Esther, the praying Jewess saint, pleading for her people at the risk of her own life. Behold Hannah, the praying mother of Samuel, a man without a spot in his life as a prophet of God. There was dear Dorcas, the deaconess, in her humble way ministering unto the needs of the poor. And the sweet, loyal virgin Mary devoted herself to her divine-human Son from Bethlehem to the wondrous Cross. "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother" (John 19:25). These are the sweetest complimentary words ever spoken to a mother.

And what shall I say of Susanna Wesley, the mother of the Wesleys; and Catherine Booth, the "Mother of the Salvation Army," as she was affectionately called; and Harriet Beecher Stowe, authoress of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, sister of Henry Ward Beecher of Brooklyn fame; and Frances Willard of immortal fame; and Florence Nightingale, Ann H. Judson, Amanda Smith, Lucretia Mott, Frances Ridley Havergal, Fanny Crosby, Clara Barton, and a thousand other truly great women whose names are in the book of life?

*Pastor, Goldendale, Wash.

Greatness is not in station, rank, wealth, position, or fame, but rather in intrinsic character and godliness and Christian usefulness. A true mother is great in piety, in devotion to Christ, the church, and the kingdom of God. Mothers are great in their ability and willingness to suffer for others. They are unselfish in their love and sacrificial in their spirit and practice. A true mother loves in life and in death. Others may forsake us, as Peter and other disciples at the cross, but Mary clings to her Son to the very end.

When Thomas Carlyle lay dying, he was asked if there was anything he wanted. Turning his face to the wall, the granite of his Scotch heart broke up, and the old man sobbed, "I want ma mither!" and died.

HOME BUILDERS

By Katherine Bevis*

It was Margaret Johnston Grafflin who wrote that beautiful poem "To My Son:"

*Do you know that your soul is of my soul such
part*

That you seem to be fibre and core of my heart?

None other can pain me as you, dear, can do;

None other can please me or praise me as you.

*Remember the world will be quick with its blame
If shadow or stain ever darken your name.*

"Like mother, like son," is the saying so true.

*The world will judge largely of "Mother" by
you.*

Be this then your task, if task it shall be,

To force this proud world to do homage to me.

Be sure it will say, when its verdict you've won,

"She reaps as she sowed. This man is her son."

Home building is a great work, and many factors go into it, but foremost among these factors is mother. The nation owes a great debt of gratitude to motherhood. The work of a mother is second to none in importance. To teach a child to hate a lie and love the truth, to hate vice and love virtue, is a greater achievement than to build an airplane.

Mothers are formers of character, and one former is worth a dozen reformers. Had parents given more time to formation and information, they might not need so much time for reformation. It is easier to build than to rebuild, easier to store than to restore, easier to form character than to reform character.

And, mothers, this is your job! The words are true, "The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

May God give us more of the old-fashioned, Bible-reading, home-staying, churchgoing mothers, for it is this kind that makes any country great.

*Houston, Texas

A Tribute to My Mother:



MY MOTHER might have dreamed of being a missionary in a far-off foreign place, bringing God to dark-hued heathen races; but God left her among familiar Iowa farm scenes, and gave her five dirty-faced children to raise.

My mother might have dreamed of being a registered nurse; but God gave her fevered brows to cool, parched lips to quench, and broken hearts to tend in her home.

My mother might have dreamed of furthering her musical career—maybe a concert pianist; instead, God gave her crying babies, the noise of growing youngsters.

My mother might have dreamed of oils in painting; instead, she shared the blending hues of winter sunsets through kiddy-smear kitchen windows.

My mother might have dreamed of writing poetry; but she was busy keeping baby records, washing clothes, cooking, ironing, and mending.

My mother IS a missionary—a home missionary and a foreign one as well. Her five blond Nordic children—two boys and three girls—grew up to be, each one, a testimony of her strength of love, her power of prayer, her faith in Christ—four in the active ministry of Christ, whose churches carry on great missionary programs and reach the souls of red, white, black, and yellow men.

My mother IS a nurse—and very “practical” at that! She’s always in demand around the neighborhood in restless nights of sickness; or when it’s time for babies to be born, she must be called, not only for those reached conveniently, but for “arriving” grandchildren great distances away. There’s not a nurse like Mother anywhere, although she doesn’t wear white, starched uniforms like her oldest daughter, Alfa, who is a trained nurse.

My mother IS a musician, too! In infancy she rocked us in her little brown “sewing rocker” (a birthday gift one fall from her lover-husband), and sang the youngest babe to sleep with Luther’s “Cradle Hymn.” As her flock of five grew older, they were aroused each morning from their slumbers by their mother-musician playing and singing the great hymns of the Church. What a heritage with which to start the day—and life!

My mother IS an artist! Her marble cakes are beautiful and luscious eating; her angel foods have taken prizes when in competition; her tatting, drawn work, Danish *headaboe*, *Hardanger* fancywork (the last Norwegian) are truly works of artistry.

My mother IS a teacher! She taught by love, by deeds, by actions, and by words. The sweet tone of her voice—firm but never angry, steady but never irate—commanded respect. She lived her Bible standards and as pupils we loved our mother-teacher and tried to imitate and obey her.

My mother IS a writer, too! Every day of her life she has written, not much on paper, perhaps, though she is a fluent correspondent, but on five minds especially—no, six (my father should be mentioned also)—and lots of others, she has indelibly written truths and lessons of life itself which cannot be erased, torn, or destroyed. No one ever receives a post card or letter from my mother without a Bible verse or several lines from a hymn penned at the top of the communication. Yes, the result of Mother’s creative writings, I feel, will be exhibited in the untarnished files of eternity.

My mother is a saint of God. This to me is the greatest tribute I can pay her. I cannot tabulate the times that I have seen her reading her precious Bible—the Word of God, which has become so much a part of her that people want to do nothing but “good” just being near her. She never retires before kneeling in prayer, nor does she arise without praying—her life is constantly bathed in the spirit of prayer.

Yes, Mother is a living, “born-again” witness to her neighbors, her friends, her relatives, and her children, that out of cherished dreams come vivid realities.

—By her daughter, MRS. OVELLA SATRE SHAFER,
pastor’s wife in Plainville, Kansas

What IS a Family?

By Doris Coffin Aldrich

HE LOOKED so little trudging up over the brow of the hill, his hands thrust deep into his pockets as he hurried along. Running up the driveway and to the porch, he flung open the back door.

“Why, Tad,” exclaimed Mommie. “I thought you were on your way to kindergarten with Nancy! Why are you home?”

“I didn’t want to go,” he cried, flinging himself against her. “I came home.”

Mommie ran her hand through his tousled hair and over his flushed cheeks. “But you started out with Nancy right after lunch, Tad. Why didn’t you keep on going to school? You said you wanted to walk with her.”

“But my family!” he wailed. “My family . . . I didn’t have my family with me.” (Nancy lives across the road.)

What is it about a family that tugs at the heart? What makes a small boy feel so alone without any “family” with him?

The sense of belonging . . . that’s part of it. The confidence that makes a small boy at night-

time feel quite free to go down the hall, his bare feet pat-patting along—down the hall, and into bed with his daddy to snuggle down there, a contented, curled-up ball. And the daddy, because that boy belongs to him, reaches out and gathers him close, moving comfortably like an amiable walrus. It's *his* little boy and he belongs close by his daddy.

The "togetherness" . . . that's also part of it. Just because the family car will be loaded to the full with nine children, no one of them feels uncertain about shoving in and yelling, "You're taking too much room. Move over!"

With elbows sticking out and conscious of knees and feet, we go where we're going *together*. Working together, playing together as a family; and at the end of the day, gathered around the big old dining table, there is fellowship. The girls clear the table; the boys stir up the fire so that the logs blaze and crackle. Daddy takes down the Bible and we have a time of fellowship with the Lord. As a family we read the Word of God, and as a family we pray. The children mention their requests: the cows; Tiger, the kitten; Daddy and Mother—all spoken in the same breath. And when there are material needs, these are held before the Lord . . . *together*.

For months a special need was mentioned until some were discouraged in the praying. When the answer came the nine-year-old prayed, "Dear Lord, forgive us for forgetting to remember that You promised." (Promised to "supply all your need . . .")

The sense of belonging, the togetherness, and the resultant feeling of security are vital to a family. But the crowning thing, the part that makes belonging and togetherness meaningful, is the fellowship in the Lord. "God setteth the solitary in families" (Ps. 68:6). He thought of families in the first place, and families who have place for Him are truly blessed.

"God so loved the world"—God the Father—"that he gave his only begotten Son." A Father and a Son willing to be separated because of love for a world! A world of sin-sick, needy people, a world of families that needed Him! The small children around the table of an evening; the bowed heads and folded hands; the daddy praying and mentioning the needs . . . fellowship together.

The children can understand what "Heavenly Father" means; they have a daddy who loves them. They can understand what it means to *belong* to God's family through Jesus Christ because they know what it is "to belong."

And togetherness? To walk with Daddy, his big hand warm and folded over yours as you skip along, makes you feel a very part of him. It isn't hard then to understand, "Lo, I am with you always." The warmth and strength of a loving Hand . . . holding yours!

Yes, the dear Lord lives at our home too, and belonging and togetherness include Him. "We love him, because he first loved us."

"God setteth the solitary in families," and families are not complete without God.

Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley*

XXVI. The Minister of the Sanctuary

A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man (8:2).

THE WRITER has shown Christ to be superior to the Levitical priesthood in that He was of a different order—the order of Melchizedec; that is, He was a Priest in His own right, and not merely because of His relation to a particular tribe or family. Christ was a Priest by virtue of His infinite worth; the Aaronic priests were such by inheritance, regardless of personal fitness for the office. The writer closes this discourse by saying, "Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum." The Greek word *kephalaion*, however, may mean either "sum" or "principal matter." Dr. Field begins this chapter with the words, "Now to crown our present discourse," and Rendall, "Now to crown what we are saying." Others translate the passage, "Now in the things which we are saying, the chief point is this."

The transition to the next discourse (chapters 7 and 8). The writer makes the transition to the next discourse by saying that the former discourse showed the necessity of a new order of priesthood, while this shows the necessity of a new order of service. Thus says Bruce, "He puts the crown or copestone on the discourse concerning the priestly minister after the order of Melchizedec, in terms drawn from the order of Aaron." Griffith Thomas expresses the same thought when he says that the former discourse concerned the person of the priest; this, the nature of his work.

The Tabernacle as a prophetic type of the spiritual edifice (8:1b-2). The scripture basis for the discourse on "priestly service" is Exod. 25:9, 40. "See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed thee in the mount" (8:5). Here it is clearly stated that the material Tabernacle and its furniture were the symbols of a spiritual and eternal sanctuary shown to Moses in vision on the mount. For this reason he describes the Levitical priests as those "who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things" (8:5). Heaven, therefore, is the sanctuary par excellence—"the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man." He also assumes that as there were a priesthood and a system of sacrifices in the establishment set up by Moses, so there must be a priest in the true sanctuary that has somewhat to offer. The Levitical priests and their sacrifices, who served only in the shadows, must therefore be regarded symbols of the transcendent realities—a celestial sanctuary, a celestial High Priest, and an acceptable offering.

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Mother Prayed for Me

By Mrs. Robert Prior*

I'M THANKFUL and proud of a Christian mother. I've often heard people say they are glad they had a Christian mother. Really, many people do not realize how important it is to have a Christian mother until it is too late.

As long as I can remember, my mother has been a genuine, born-again Christian. I remember as a child she always made it a point to have family altar each morning and evening. Often before falling to sleep at night she would tell us many stories—I don't mean nursery rhymes or meaningless yarns, but stories that teach children lessons.

Many times I find myself reminiscing and it is surprising how some of those stories cling to my memory. Not only were stories told, but the Bible was read. Usually she would start the Bible around the room, and each of us, from the smallest to the largest, would read a few verses. Truly, they are cherished memories.

Despite the fact that we always had a family altar, it seems as though as I grew older I had an up-and-down experience.

Now my mother always had her secret prayer. I remember hearing her crying and praying, pouring her heart out to the Master. It seems as though she can pull the heavens right down around her.

Although I was in my teens and should have known better, I remember slipping quietly near the closed door where she was praying one day, just to listen. I wasn't really surprised, but it struck me like a bolt of lightning. You can guess what I heard. Among other things she was praying for me. Although I am now a Christian and have a small family of my own, I can clearly remember her praying for my soul's salvation.

You may say, "Oh, but I don't have time for family altar and secret prayer." Friend, you may not have time, but in this day and age you will be well paid if you take time. I'm the sixth of fourteen children, and it was very seldom that I went off to school or to bed without family altar despite the fact that my mother has been in ill health most of her life.

Yes, I am proud and thankful for a praying mother.

Don't you think it would be well if we all would slip down on our knees and breathe a prayer of thanksgiving for our mothers?

If your mother is not a Christian, she can be. Pray, friend; believe; God answers prayer.

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The only way we can keep God's smile upon our lives is to do His will gladly and with our whole hearts.—VERNON L. WILCOX.



PENTECOST, which the Church celebrates on Sunday, June 6, was more than an ordinary event on the calendar of the Early Church. It marked the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples who waited in the Upper Room. It was the birth date of the Church which Christ came to establish upon the earth.

It is for us, nearly two thousand years later, to look with joy and gladness upon that day and remember that all the benefits of the first Pentecost season may be ours today. It was the cleansing, purging process of the Holy Spirit that gave to the early disciples the power and vision for world conquest. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come" (Acts 2:1)—ordinary men were empowered to do extraordinary things. This, too, is our imperative need!

THE GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Honor Thy Mother

By Delbert Fleming*

DO WE honor our mothers because of a sentimental date on the calendar? Or is it possible to find ways to honor our mothers on other days besides Mother's Day?

It is entirely possible that every day be the day that honors her who gave us birth, and surrounded all of our growing years with her un-failing love and care. Every day that I am true to her ideals, her love, her faith, and her God—that day I honor my mother.

Every day that I make one of courage, strength, clean living, and unselfish service—that day becomes a shining and living memorial to my mother.

But we hope there is a greater Mother's Day yet to be when, by God's help, the sons of men will build a world in which all womanhood is honored, redeemed, and freed; when all children everywhere have the chance in life which God intended. When all of the homes of the world know economic security, social safety, and spiritual opportunity, then the day of God will dawn for all motherhood everywhere. "She shall rejoice in time to come." To that end, and in honor of my own mother, I would dedicate my service, my toil, my loyalty, and my life.

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The high priest and his offering (8:3). The writer has now indicated the superiority of Christ over Aaron. He has further stated that the Levitical priests had something to offer; but before he can approach the atoning work of Christ, he must first discuss the "greater and more perfect tabernacle," before he can complete in any adequate manner the supreme offering made by our Lord. The atoning work of Christ must be set forth in the light of the "great day of atonement" as observed in the Old Testament. Leviticus 17 must ever be associated with Hebrews 9 (reaching over into chapter 10)—the former, the great atonement chapter of the Old Testament; the latter, the great atonement chapter of the New Testament.

Christ not a priest on earth (8:4-5). "For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law" (8:4). This does not mean, as some of the Jews might declare, that Christ could not even be a priest on earth, much less a high priest. It means, rather, that the earth is not the sphere of Christ's priesthood, for He does not minister in shadows but in spiritual realities. This text very clearly excludes the notion that Christian ministers are priests. The writer then leads on to a discussion of the new covenant and its mediatorship. The progress, therefore, is continued in 8:5-6, finding its climax in a study of the character of the earthly priesthood and also a transition to the subject which immediately follows, that is, the better covenant.

By Faith Ye Stand

(II Cor. 1:24)

By Ora I. Clairess

*The promise He gives I earnestly claim
A sanctified heart that will honor His name.*

*His Holy Spirit has come to stay
And over my life have His gentle sway.
He has come; the Blessor has come to me—
His living presence, so pure, so free.*

*He has come like morning's refreshing dew,
Like a snow-white dove my first love to renew.
He has come with His golden harp-strings
strung;*

*A song of joy in my heart has begun,
Like soft silver bells or like tongues of fire.
To lead me in truth is His desire.*

*He has come, but, oh! He may go away
Like the fleeting brightness of a winter's day.*

*Sanctified wholly, yet I have a part
If the Holy Spirit would stay in my heart.
By faith I must onward and upward soar
Or His Spirit may leave me forevermore.*

Life with a Nazarene Evangelist:

By Paul Martin

Nazarene Preachers, God Bless Them!

HAVE you met William C. Allshouse of Washington, D.C.? Do you know Robert Coghill of Hamilton, Ontario? Say, you have missed half of your life! What about Mel Anderson of Salinas, California; Everett Penrod of Johnston Island (800 miles southwest of Anywhere); Arthur C. Morgan of Valparaiso, Indiana; Frank J. Kendoza of Hooker, Oklahoma; W. H. Deitz of famous Henryetta? Just names? Oh, no! Here's the beginning of a list of men, real men, God's men who labor full-time for the Master. I just happened to be thinking (refreshing exercise, once in a while) what a privilege to know men like these. Men whom high office does not spoil—the honor, the responsibility, the high call only makes them richer, deeper, finer; men of all kinds—tall, short, thin, fat, noisy, quiet, friendly, reserved; men who are clean in a dirty world, honest in a crooked world, whose holy lives are a sweet argument for Christian perfection.

I want to be patient and considerate like Harvey S. Galloway. I want to be forceful and refined like E. H. Edwards of Boise, Idaho. I want to be intense and devoted like William Fisher, and bring the lost to Jesus. I need some of the spark and fire of Sammy Sparks, and the grace and tenderness of J. H. MacGregor of the Maritimes. I want to reach right into men's hearts as God helps B. V. Seals to do. I can never do it—reach the planes where these men dwell—but I can dream, can't I?

You see, I'm sold on the Nazarene ministry. We have our faults—we fail now and then, but it will not be said that "in losing we felt sore." Our faults are "more of head than heart." I find our preachers hungry to know their Lord better, to win men to Christ and His Church. It is a glorious list! God's men, great men, humble men from the general superintendents through to you, and you, and you!

My pastor, Herman Smith—Herman L. G. Smith, that is—is a man like this. You always know where he stands: clearly with the right, on faith's side, with his face toward the task. You can bare your soul to this second-mile man, and his house and cloak will be yours as well. When I was talking to the Lord the other day, He reminded me that He loved my pastor too, and that anything I could do for His friend would be "pleasing to the Lord." So I let my heart have its way, and told my pastor I liked him, and gave him a tie (not out of the tithe!).

All that the man of faith needs is to know that God has spoken; this imparts perfect certainty to his soul.—E. S. PHILLIPS.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 9: Elijah Challenges Baal Worship

Scripture: I Kings 17:1—19:18 (Printed, I Kings 17:1; 18:17-24, 37-39)

GOLDEN TEXT: *How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him (I Kings 18:21).*

Just what would you have given for the chances of Elijah on that fateful day of conflict with the prophets of Baal? There on Mount Carmel gathered all the imposing priests and their ready worshipers, plus the king and his retinue. In contrast, standing erect, a lone man of God! What a scene! Carmel rising to sixteen hundred feet above the level of the Mediterranean Sea commanding a view of the great Plain of Esdraelon. In the distance rose the stately city of Jezreel with Ahab's palace and Jezebel's temple. Immediately at the foot, the Plain of Megiddo—the battlefield of sacred history. At such a historic spot gather the people of Israel for the greatest religious conflict of that day. On one side stands Ahab, the king, with his 450 prophets of Baal clothed in their highly colored vestments;

standing alone, the one solitary figure with his rugged sheepskin cloak and flowing hair, the prophet of Jehovah.

How loud and boastful are the forces of idolatry! What a temptation to say, "Here is power!" "God is really at work here; see the crowd, hear the chant!" Sooner or later, religion in theory and personal experience is going to have its Carmel test. While the arrayed forces are not always so boastful and numerous, yet they seem always to make a formidable appearance. Satan goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

God always vindicates truth. Here Elijah directs the challenge to the gods of Baal. The test: "The God that answereth by fire, let him be God." A smile crosses the lips of Ahab, for is not Baal the god of fire? Surely he will come through now; this is his specialty. There is a hushed moment, then the thud of a fallen god and the echo of an exploded claim. Their god has failed!

Today the Church of Christ again stands on a Mount Carmel—forces just as real, the outcome as meaningful. Will our religion stand the test? The hour is late, perhaps much later than we dare believe; thank God, our midnight hour has not yet come—there is still time. With bold, humble hearts and minds aflame, we must challenge the false with the real, the gods of Baal with the God of the Cross. Perhaps you are now, this very hour, facing the most severe test of your experience and this is your baptism of fire and trial. Be bold; God has never failed. Shout forth the challenge of faith and love, for the battle is the Lord's and He still answers. Faith is the victory: "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Touring Again

Geraldine Chappell arrived in Bombay, India, on April 5 to begin her second term of service.

Rev. and Mrs. Eric Courtney Smith arrived in the United States on April 27 to spend a few months of their furlough.

Rev. Cyril Blamey left Africa for the United States on March 13 for the first few months of his furlough.

Miss Margaret Latta left Africa for England on March 12, 1954. She is retiring from missionary service after twenty-three years of faithful labor.

Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Hynd are the proud parents of a baby girl born April 5, 1954.

Since the Lees returned to India and relieved us of the Bible school we have been giving full time to district touring work. Of course that "full time" has had its interruptions. We did entertain preachers' meeting, preachers' wives' retreat, and our missionary council meeting in Basim. The literature work also demands much time and thought. We are responsible for the *Preachers' Magazine*, Sunday-school lessons for adults and children (our Sunday-school material is also used by the Berar and Khandesh Christian Council since September), the composing and printing of a program booklet for the Women's Missionary Society, printing a brief lesson in Marathi on the backs of 12,000 Sunday-school picture cards each month, and so on. It has been voted that Mr. Greer be in charge of a radio program to be put on in

Marathi once a week over Radio Ceylon. This will require hours of preparation. Both of us are on the Marathi Examination Board for missionaries and have to make occasional trips to Poona in this capacity.

But as I said, our chief task is district touring. Our plan this year is to go to a central village where we have an Indian preacher—stay in that village for two or three weeks, doing personal work there during the day and going out each night to surrounding villages for services. These night services last for at least three hours. The Word is given out by preaching over a loud-speaker and showing pictures. In most places the whole village responds and comes to the service. The people are most gracious and helpful to us. For the present Mr. Greer believes it advantageous to "cast thy bread" on many waters, and per-

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My Little Friend Cried

EDITORIALS

IT WAS Sunday night after church. The pastor and his wife were planning to take his wife's mother and me to Chicago to catch our trains, the mother to go to Iowa, and I to return to Missouri. We were expecting to leave about three o'clock Monday morning, and the pastor and wife would not return until Tuesday. Several days before, they had arranged to leave their little girl with some nearby friends, who had a girl about her age. The two girls went to the same school and were good friends. The little girl had seemed very happy with the prospect. She did not care for those long automobile trips and for some time had wanted to spend the night with her school-girl friend.

But when the time actually came to go to her friend's home, Sunday night after church, she began to cry. Her mother, calling her by name, said: "I thought you wanted to stay with your friend. You've been begging for some time to spend a night with her." In the midst of her crying, she said, "I do want to stay with her; but, Mommie, you and Daddy will come back, won't you?" Of course her mother assured her that they would be back on Tuesday. But my little friend didn't seem to be too well satisfied even then; there were still plenty of tears in her eyes. She went ahead, however, to her friend's home, and the trip to Chicago was made.

I mention this because at this time our minds are turned toward mother and home. This little friend of mine loved her schoolmate, and wanted to be with her, but when the final test came nothing could take the place of home and mother and father, and the security which they meant to her. It's difficult to describe, or measure, adequately the meaning of home and mother and father in a child's life.

Every once in a while I meet those who say, "I was deprived of a mother's (or father's) love very early in my life," and such a statement always makes my heart go out to them. They can't realize what they have missed. My little friend's experience emphasized anew the meaning of home to me. Security for me as I grew up to manhood was wrapped up in my home, in my father and mother, and my brothers and sisters. They all had a part in the home, that great bulwark to my life, until I became of age.

What right do any parents have to break up a home, especially where there are children? Every child has a right to an unbroken home, to a father and a mother, and to a father and mother who love each other and who love God. And when you say, "I can't love my husband," or, "I can't love my wife," get to God and let Him do for you what He is able to do, and it will be different. There is a way to save your home and thereby guarantee to your children the security which they so much need.

Normal Christianity

V. Makes a Place for Prayer

PRAYER is the Christian's breath." It is as natural for a Christian to pray as it is for man to breathe. One of the outstanding evidences of the normalcy of Christianity in the Acts of the

Alone and in Pairs

Apostles is the place given to prayer. Normal Christianity is a praying Christianity. Peter and John prayed that those who had so recently been converted in the Samaritan revival might receive the Holy Ghost in His fullness. God answered their prayer and gave them a "holiness" revival in Samaria (Acts 8:15).

Paul began to pray very early in his Christian career. In Acts 9:11 we read, "Behold, he prayeth." This was what Paul was doing when God spoke to Ananias and told him to go and meet Saul of Tarsus in the house of Judas. In Acts 22:17, Paul, in giving the history of his life after his conversion, tells how he prayed "in the temple" in Jerusalem when he made his first visit there after his conversion. He was not too well received in Jerusalem, and he needed special, divine guidance; he knew how to get it—he prayed. Later, Peter healed Dorcas, and we notice that before he actually said to her, "Tabitha, arise," he prayed. It was only through the help of God that Peter healed this godly woman; and he knew that the way to get God's assistance was to pray.

Peter went upon the housetop and prayed, and while here he had a transforming vision. A great sheet was let down from heaven; and through what he saw, his eyes were opened and he was ready when the call for help came from the Gentile, Cornelius. Prayer was the open door into that enlarged vision; without it his Jewish prejudices probably would have kept him from answering the cry that came from Cornelius.

Paul and Silas went to Philippi on Paul's second missionary journey. He got into trouble there, as was often the case. They were thrust into jail, and the outcome was that Paul and Silas "prayed, and sang praises unto God." What happened? An earthquake came and shook the doors of the jail open, and Paul and Silas were set at liberty. "Prayer changes things." Normal Christianity makes a place for prayer. This is often proved by what is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

In Acts 10:17-35, Paul gives his farewell charge to the elders of the church at Ephesus. He loved these elders and that church. Immediately following the charge Paul "kneeled down, and prayed with them all." I'd like to have been there

Stephen S. White

and have heard Paul's prayer, a prayer that came from a heart that was full of love for those children of his—children in the gospel. On this same trip, as he hurried on to Jerusalem, after the third missionary journey, he prayed another farewell prayer at Tyre. In speaking of this stay at Tyre, the Word says, "And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city; and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed" (Acts 21:5) There in God's great out-of-doors, Paul poured out his heart for the disciples at Tyre.

All who are acquainted with Paul's life know of his shipwreck, and of the final escape of all on board to the island of Melita. Publius was "the chief man of the island," and he was courteous to those who had been so suddenly and unexpectedly thrust into his hands. Publius' father was very sick, and "Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him" (Acts 28:8). Thus Paul had the gift of healing when God stood by him, and he knew there was no other way to get God to stand by him on such occasions except to pray. Normal Christianity is a praying Christianity.

IN THE Book of Acts we find an account not only of early Christianity but also of normal Christianity. The early Christians not only prayed alone and in pairs, they also prayed

In Groups in groups. The story of the group prayer meetings which we find in the Acts of the Apostles is very interesting. After the ascension of Jesus, the followers of Christ returned from the Mount of Olives and immediately went to "an upper room." There 120 of them, including the eleven apostles, "the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and . . . his brethren," as well as others, met together. The significant news about this company is that in the Upper Room they "all continued with one accord in prayer . . ." Their first item of business was to choose someone to take the place of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus and then committed suicide. Barsabas and Matthias were nominated, and the choice fell upon Matthias by lot. Before the actual casting of the lots took place, however, prayer was made to God; He was asked to give direction in their choice.

I read these words in Acts 2:42, "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." To whom does the "they" refer? The preceding verse tells us: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Yes, the whole company of the newly converted, along with their leaders, gave themselves to prayer.

Peter and John found a lame man at the gate of the Temple, and, through the power of God, they healed him. This started things moving in that part of the world. Peter and John were the center of that activity, as it is recorded in Acts three, four, and five. Finally they were placed in prison overnight, and then questioned the next morning by the rulers. After questioning them, they commanded Peter and John that they were "not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus." Then when "they had further threatened them, they let them go."

The next move made by Peter and John was to report to their own company what the chief priests and elders had said to them. Then their Christian friends prayed for them, climaxing their petitions thus: "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus" (Acts 4:29-30). Their prayer was answered, as these words indicate: "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31).

The Church in Jerusalem had grown rapidly and the work demanded by it was too much for the apostles; therefore they called on the Church to select seven deacons to look after the business of the Church and serve tables, and they themselves would do what? Give themselves "continually to prayer." That was to be the chief business of the apostles. Further, when they ordained the deacons, that is, inducted them officially into their office, they did it by prayer and the laying on of hands. The Early Church believed in prayer. Normal Christianity makes a place for prayer.

Early in Acts twelve we find Peter in trouble again—he was in prison, put there by Herod, the same Herod who already had "killed James the brother of John with the sword." Peter's life was in great peril; for Herod expected to do the same thing with him that he had done with James. The Church began to pray mightily for Peter's release—they had one of the most famous cottage prayer meetings ever held. The prayer of the Church was heard and Peter was miraculously released from prison. God answers prayer! "Prayer is the Christian's breath." The most normal thing in the world for a Christian to do is to pray.

Those who sent Paul and Barnabas out on their first missionary journey "fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them." There were certain prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch who had been directed by the Holy Ghost to separate Barnabas and Saul for this great task. Paul and Barnabas returned to Antioch in Syria over much of the route they had taken when they had gone out. Thus they visited most of the churches which they had established on their

first missionary journey. One of the chief things they did on this return trip was to pray with these churches: "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed" (Acts 14:23).

Soon after Paul began his second missionary journey, he was led to Philippi. In that city there was no synagogue, but Paul found some of his people where they were accustomed to have prayer. One of the first things he did was to lead that group in prayer. In Acts 16:16 we read, "And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel . . ." Yes, they were going to prayer when they met this girl. Lydia

and her household already had accepted Christ. But the revival that started out so well ran into trouble which ended in the imprisonment of Paul and Silas. Their Christ released the damsel from her spirit of divination, and she was no longer a source of gain to her wicked owners. I'm not surprised that Paul had gone to prayer with his new converts, even before he was faced with this difficult situation. He knew that prayer was essential to the forwarding of Christ's kingdom. In the Acts of the Apostles we have a wonderful description of normal Christianity; and one of the outstanding marks of normalcy in Christianity is prayer. Normal Christianity always makes a place for prayer!

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. *What is meant by metaphysics and metaphysical? Certain schools of religious thought send out pamphlets on this subject. Just what do these people believe?*

A. The term metaphysics is used in the colleges and universities. It refers to a branch of philosophy and has to do with the study of ultimate reality or being. In other words, it is concerned with this question: What does life or existence finally mean? Or, to put it in another way, it deals with the "systematic interpretation of experience and its implications." When the doctrine of God is studied in Christian theology, one form of metaphysics is considered. This type of metaphysics holds that the ultimate reality is the personal God; and life, or existence, finds its ultimate meaning in and through this personal God. This is the first and most fundamental significance of the term metaphysics. It has but little to do with the definition given to it by certain religious cults. These are perhaps the schools you refer to in your question. Such groups can be found in almost every city, and they are always ready to give out their literature. They should not be dignified with the name school, and they do not always so designate themselves. Further, they should not use the word metaphysics or metaphysical. They have given good words a questionable meaning. One dictionary explains this meaning in the following statement: "In popular language the term 'metaphysical' is used loosely to mean supersensuous, occult, obscure, mysterious, or (dubiously) theoretical." Such a teaching does away with a personal God and furnishes no basis for a true religion. It is confusing and dangerous.

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE

Q. *Should a Nazarene minister tithe what he receives from the benevolent fund?*

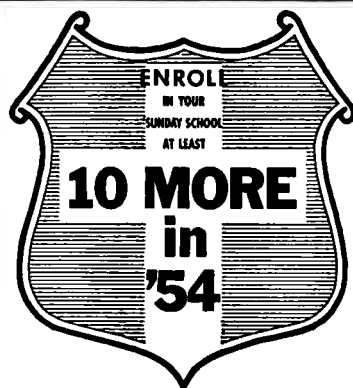
A. Dr. M. Lunn gives the following answer to this question, and I agree with it: "1. The minister has no vested interest in the fund. In other words, he has not invested any sum or paid any premium during his lifetime. The amount received each month is an income. 2. The Treasury Department of the United States has ruled that a minister must report the amount received as an income, when he files his income tax report."

Q. *Should you pay tithes on the money you owe to someone else? For instance, if a man bought a tractor, the tractor would belong to the company he purchased it from until he made enough to pay for it in full. Also, the money he made on the tractor would belong to the company until the tractor was paid off. So what would you do about paying tithes in connection with it?*

A. Again I quote from Dr. M. Lunn: "If the tractor is owned by an individual who operates the tractor for the public, he should consider principal payments made to the seller as a capital investment. Then he should add to this total the expense of operation—such as fuel, oil, repairs, upkeep, taxes (if any), and interest. After deducting these payments, the remainder, if any, represents an income subject to tithe." In answering your question, a specific example is used as you suggest. It is difficult to answer a general question in a specific way.

Q. *Was the foot-washing supper on the same night and in connection with the Passover, or the Lord's Supper?*

A. The chronology of the life of Jesus is not always easy to follow. Therefore, none of us should be too dogmatic about the details. Nevertheless, I believe that the foot washing and the Lord's Supper took place on the same evening. Here is the chronology as one authority gives it: Thursday: (A) Preparation for eating the Passover. (B) Passover eaten after sunset. (C) Events after supper in Upper Room—controversy among disciples and Christ's reply, Christ washed the feet of the disciples, Christ pointed out Judas as the betrayer, Christ prophesied the scattering of the disciples, Christ instituted the Lord's Supper, and the farewell discourses in the Upper Room (of course there were other events that night, but we need not list them all). Some authorities would not follow this chronology, but I believe that most of them would be inclined to place the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus and the institution of the Lord's Supper on the same night.



HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

Touring South Carolina

IT HAS been my recent privilege to spend eight days in a home missionary tour in South Carolina in which, together with the district superintendent, Brother D. W. Thaxton, we visited ten different churches, among them some of the newly organized churches. I was thrilled to sense the fine, aggressive, buoyant, and loyal atmosphere among South Carolina Nazarenes. Every indication leads me to believe that South Carolina is on the verge of a great forward movement in the field of home missions. The financial objective of the eight days' tour was to raise \$2,500.00 to be paid within two months. The wholehearted response of the people to our appeals amounted to over \$4,200.00 in that period of time. Brother Thaxton already has places designated where he will spend this money and hopes to be able to add two or three new churches to his fine list of new organizations before his district assembly. You will not find a finer spirit, keener judgment, and more love for his work than that found in Brother Thaxton. He has challenging plans, and seems to know how to get them in operation.

The week following the tour it was my privilege to be associated with Dr. G. B. Williamson in a preachers' meeting held at Bennettsville, South Carolina, where Brother L. L. Jenkins is pastor. We were royally entertained and almost 100 per cent of the pas-

tors of the district were in attendance. I was thrilled to note the fine spirit of co-operation among the pastors. I did not sense a sour note from anyone. The general theme was the "Crusade for Souls," and the people who attended the meeting seemed to catch a new vision in the field of personal evangelism. I am expecting great things ahead for District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton and his fine people.

A Home-Mission Story

This is the story of one home missionary church that was organized just before the last General Assembly. It could be multiplied many times, for in the past twenty-one months of this quadrennium 279 churches have been organized across the church. Each one has its own circumstances and history, but they all have in common a story of sacrifice, hard work, and devotion to a great cause.

"The South Oak Cliff Church of the Nazarene, Dallas, Texas, was organized June 15, 1952, with thirty-nine charter members. The unusual about it was that there were a pastor and this new brick building before there were any members.

"The district superintendent, Rev. Paul H. Garrett, and his Home Missions Board assumed the financial obligation (of which a fifth had been paid down) on the 100 x 300-foot lot and paid it out. The location is one of the best in the city, in an area of middle-class homes, with a radius of

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

twenty and more blocks each direction. It is between several main thoroughfares, and only seven blocks from one of the newest and most modern high schools in the city.

"Rev. J. E. Moore was appointed pastor of the church-to-be and delegated to build the building. A loan of \$7,500.00 was obtained, building materials solicited, and the church completed in about three months, with some few extra bills which were almost canceled the first year.

"The building is 40 x 72 feet and includes three Sunday-school rooms, rest rooms, and a pastor's study. It is finished inside beautifully, with sheet-rock walls painted a cheerful green, beautiful oak floors, and factory built pews.

"Rev. Paul H. Garrett conducted a revival meeting and organized the church, the personnel and talent of which are above the average. The Lord be praised—the growth has been even more than expected!

"Beginning this assembly year, because of a real need, a 20 x 30-foot annex has been added for Sunday-school room and Caravan work. It was financed with a \$2,000.00 bank loan, \$800.00 of which was applied on the balance of the outstanding bills. Hence, donated labor, solicited funds, and materials were necessary. The Sunday school has grown from an average of forty to about eighty, and the membership has increased from thirty-nine to fifty-five.

"One very encouraging feature is that there are about eighteen or twenty young couples with families, most of whom are members. The church and pastor feel that they are at the threshold of greater advances."



South Oak Cliff Church, Dallas, Texas

In Green Pastures

By Pearl B. McKinney

*The summer sun smiles down
Like a peaceful benediction
Upon a feeding flock,
Led by loving shepherd's wisdom
In pastures green and sweet.
When feeding brings content,
One by one in satisfaction,
Without a need or fear,
Kneels each sheep as if to worship,
Then lies in pastures green.*

Religious News and Comments



By A. K. BRACKEN

Ecumenicity

The idea of ecumenicity is in some measure attractive; but is not supreme in its importance. If there is to be such, the basis for union is most vital. Christ must be the Center—Christ, miraculous in conception, only begotten Son of God, worker of miracles, atoning on the cross for our sins, of His own power rising from the dead, by His Spirit enabling His children to live holy lives. Any less than this for a basis of union would be “wood, hay, and stubble” on a foundation of sand. This Christ always has been a “stone of stumbling” to many; to others He is the sure and only Foundation.

Medicine

No more heroic stories are to be found than those that narrate the deeds of the heroes of medicine. *Time* magazine begins with the story of Moslems in India trapping rhesus monkeys that are shipped to the United States to become part of the war against polio. Dr. Salk, of the polio war, is representative of a class. By April vaccine to inoculate 370,000 children was made available “to begin mass trials.” Five great pharmaceutical companies with their staffs of experts will unite with government experts to

guard to the nth degree the health of these children. Like work is being done to combat cancer, heart disease, muscular dystrophy, tuberculosis, and many other diseases. This is to say, “Hail!” to all that is worthily called medicine.

“Christians on Paper”

A thrilling story is told (*Christian Life*) about Christian evangelicals who are holding services behind the iron curtain. A Christian congregation were met at their church door at service time by three Communist police, who refused them entrance. Boys went round to the back of the church, jumped the fence, and entered the building. Two of the policemen went to guard the back door. Soon the crowd in front pushed past the one policeman left and entered the building. They had their service. Another congregation, at the midweek service, found their electricity cut off. They went in and listened to their minister in the dark—they worshiped. Bands of Christians, with their musical instruments, gather at car stops and sing Christian songs. Many passengers unload and join them in street meetings. Many of these active Christians are fired from their jobs, some are drafted into the “people’s police.”

Some are given long prison sentences. Everywhere persecution may be expected. These are more than Christians on paper.

BRIEFS:

Stamps. New eight-cent stamps, of a variety used chiefly in international correspondence, will soon appear bearing the motto: “In God We Trust.” We should ponder well this motto and show it in all our national and international relations.

Outlaw. “After twelve months there can be no war,” so the scientist says. Horror will restrain men. Lust for power and greed for gold are overmastering passions and in their grip men are neither wise nor fearful. Horror bombs will not, of themselves, usher in the “reign of peace.” War is an outlaw.

“Eyewash.” A post commander asked the Chief of Chaplains to send him a chaplain who had something to offer. “Remember,” he said, “I, too, go to the chapel. When I do I want to be fed . . . not given a lot of cultural ‘eyewash.’”

Motto. In 1947 when Lord Ismay was made a peer, he chose for his coat of arms the motto, “Have No Fear.” Our Lord and Master said, “Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, . . .” (John 14:1).

NEWS of the Churches



Sheridan, Wyoming—Sunday, March 28, we closed one of the best revivals in our entire history, with Rev. L. C. Bean as the evangelist. He was God’s man for the time and place. Victory around the altar came readily. Souls were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. On the closing day we received one full member into the church and eight probationers. We anticipate Brother Bean’s return for another meeting at a future date.—R. B. Ross, Pastor.

Wenatchee, Washington—We wish to report one of the best revival meetings in our history under the leadership of Rev. Miss Bertha Pults. For several months we had been praying for an outpouring from God upon our church and, as the time for the meeting drew nearer, we increased our efforts, praying also that God would anoint Miss Pults to bring just the messages we needed. Our prayers

were answered in a wonderful way; we had the largest continued attendance of any revival in our church history. Almost eighty seekers knelt at the altar, and a fine class of members was received into the church. The expenses came without a pull, and the Holy Spirit anointed His servant with the messages that we needed. The church was built up, new people were won for Christ, and we feel encouraged in the Lord. We thank the Lord for our evangelist, who gave of herself without reserve to do all that could be done to have a true revival with abiding results.—DeWitt McAbee, Pastor.

Hanover, Pennsylvania—Trinity Church recently closed the best revival in its history with Rev. and Mrs. Edward Ferguson as the evangelists. There were almost capacity crowds every night with many seekers. We reached many new people for

the first time. The preaching and singing of the Fergusons is unexcelled. Our church is going forward with a steady growth and increased interest from the community. The Fergusons have been given a return call next year. We praise God for His blessing. Our pastor, Rev. John L. Parry, has been recalled for another year. The outlook never seemed better as we move forward in the Crusade for Souls Now—Reporter.

Evangelist Alvin Richards writes: “The Lord has been good to Wife and me, using us in His vineyard. Since last September we have held meetings in Idaho, Washington, Ohio, New York, Virginia, Florida, and Michigan. Pastors and people everywhere have been nice to us. We have June 15 to 20 open; also some time in July and August. Anyone desiring our services, please write us at Linden, Michigan.”

South Point, Ohio



Pictured here is the chapel of the South Point, Ohio, church. After a two-week tent meeting held by the writer in August, 1953, the church was organized with ten members. For about a month the Sunday-school and worship services were held in homes. Then we were able to secure property consisting of two lots on which stood a two-car garage and a four-room house. Through much labor of our people the garage was converted and remodeled into the chapel in the picture. Seeing our need for more room, an ell was built on the side for Sunday-school rooms. The main building is 24 x 40 feet and the ell is 16 x 24 feet. There were twenty-three present at our first Sunday school in August. The average for February was sixty-four. Our record attendance is seventy-one. In the seven

months our membership has increased to fourteen. The Lord has been very good to us and has blessed in all our services. Our people have

sacrificed much time and money in beginning this new work. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless us.—Leonard Rist, Pastor.

Columbus, Ohio—During the past few years we have had many evangelists and have seen some pleasing spiritual victories, but the revival which closed March 28 was the greatest First Church has had in many years. Many of the older members said they had never seen a greater meeting in the church. Rev. Sammy Sparks was the evangelist and Verlin Lee our song evangelist. They were especially anointed for the campaign and carried an intense burden. People sought God on the first night and continued throughout the seven-day meeting. On Sunday, 151 people were at the altar in the morning and evening services. The entire front of the church was turned into an altar. This was the greatest day of victory in twenty years of my pastoral ministry. God came in mighty power. The meeting was blessed with the presence of new people in every service and many of them were at the altar. Sunday night there was a downpour of rain and a threatening tornado, but the church was filled. First Church recently celebrated its fortieth anniversary, but I believe the best days

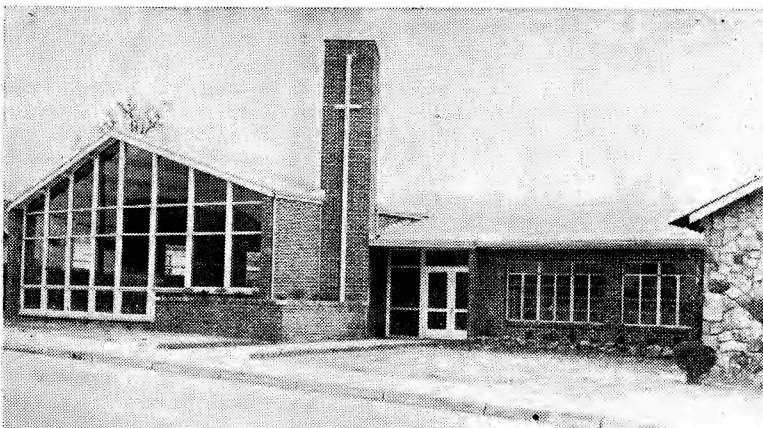
are yet ahead. I believe this revival started in the fall of 1953 when we had a whole night of prayer in which scores of people took part. Praise God!—Miles A. Simmons, Pastor.

Centerville, Iowa—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. C. D. Gadbow, pastor at Cedar Rapids, as evangelist. Local talent furnished the music, which included solos and a men's quintet led by our choir director, Dick Milton. A number of people prayed through to definite victory, and the church was deepened spiritually through the messages of Brother Gadbow and the presence of the Holy Ghost in an unusual way in every service. The crowds were good, with many new people in each service. The Sunday school is making new gains, and the church is going forward under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Madden. The last Sunday of the revival Brother Madden was recalled with an almost unanimous vote. We are looking forward to greater victories ahead.—Mrs. Ed Creech, Reporter.

Princeton, Indiana—We recently closed a very successful week-end crusade for souls with Dr. Mendell Taylor as the speaker. We had great altar services, and the church was greatly encouraged. On March 28 we had 527 in Sunday school. A beautiful spirit prevails.—Roy M. Vaughn, Pastor.

Oatsville, Indiana—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. Donald R. Silvernail as evangelist, and Brother and Sister Loy Westerfield as singers. Brother Silvernail preached under the anointing of God, and the Westerfields' singing added greatly to our services. The day services were well attended; the church was strengthened by the Bible readings given by our evangelist, and the seasons of prayer together. Several people prayed through to definite victory, and a good class of members were received into the church. Finances came easily, and the pastor was given a nice love offering. The revival was a blessing and inspiration to our hearts.—Elsie G. Martin, Pastor.

First Church, Cullman, Alabama



Pictured is the new sanctuary and annex of the First Church in Cullman, Alabama. The auditorium is

38 x 77 feet, with a concrete floor. Laminated arches made of Oregon fir were used in the building. There are

no steps in the building; ramps are used to get from the auditorium to the old building, partially shown, which is now being made over into the Sunday-school department. The building, when completed, will have a valuation of \$50,000.00 with an indebtedness of less than \$10,000.00, which is financed over a period of ten years. Rev. M. C. Garrison, pastor, acted as contractor and much of the labor was donated. Rev. George Schriber, one of our evangelists, was the architect. This is one of the finer buildings on our district. The all-glass front is unique in that the entire interior of the building is visible to passers-by on the street. A lighted scene on the platform is very attractive at night. Another feature of the building is a soundproof nursery off the auditorium, where mothers can care for their babies and still see and hear the service. Heating is by gas forced-air furnaces.—C. E. Shumake, District Superintendent.

Evangelist W. E. Boggs writes: "From the Rio Grande Valley of Texas to Illinois and Ohio, God has been giving great times of victory during the past two months since we re-entered the evangelistic work. We have been using a visitation plan of contact and attendance, and as a result, many new people are coming to the services. In this short time there have been over 30 new people saved and many sanctified who never before made a profession of faith. God is giving new life to churches through the new people getting saved and uniting with the church; visitation, as well as prayer, never fails to work. At present we are in a meeting with Rev. Milton Bunker and the Akron, Ohio, Kenmore Church. The first Sunday of the meeting there were 501 in Sunday school, and 42 seekers in the morning service. The pastor and church board have asked us to remain another week; we have rearranged our slate to do so. Praise God for His goodness!"

Hamlin, Texas—Sunday night, March 28, we closed a wonderful series of revival services with Evangelist T. H. Stanley. This meeting was helpful in reclaiming backsliders, saving sinners, and sanctifying believers. There was much prayer and fasting by the church and evangelist, which paid off in a tide of salvation. The evangelist preached under the anointing of the Spirit at both the day and night services. Brother Stanley is to return later for another meeting. Our song leader was Miss Odean Murphree, with Mrs. M. S. Johnson serving as pianist, both of our local church. Truly the meeting was owned of God. We are beginning our second year as pastor. Church and pastor are united in the common task of advancing the kingdom of Christ.—William C. Emberton, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor John Ellis of McAlester, Oklahoma, has done good work in his church for seven years. He brought the Sunday school to a new high. He is a sincere Christian, enthusiastic, co-operative, and optimistic in his work. It was a pleasure to be with him and his people. Pastor E. L. Duby of McPherson, Kansas, has been with his church three years. There were 223 in Sunday school on our closing day. Eight days with this church brought inspiration, visitation, enlarged vision, and a good group pledged to carry the work forward. The Dubys are devout, visiting leaders. We were treated royally. It was a joy to be in the preachers' meeting in Hutchinson, with Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. I. C. Mathis, and District Superintendent Ray Hance. The preachers met in First Church with Pastor Mark Smith, a prince among pastors. Superintendents Williamson and Mathis gave great messages for preachers, and are great leaders. Superintendent Hance is building the Kansas District. It was easy to speak to this group of preachers."

Van Wert, Ohio—We recently closed a very fine revival with Evangelist D. E. Patrone. It was the best attended revival in the history of the church, with 200 persons present for three different week-night services. The other services were also well attended. There were 64 seekers at the altar. The church is moving forward spiritually and numerically. A greater vision prevails than ever before. Since we moved here twenty-six months ago, the Sunday school has had a steady increase; the monthly average has not gone below the previous year's monthly average except once. Attendance in the other services has also grown steadily, for which we praise God. The people here have treated us royally, and we are happy to serve the Lord in this part of His kingdom.—Howard S. Sylvia, Pastor.

Washington Court House, Ohio—Our church was organized on Sunday afternoon, March 14, with six charter members. Rev. Lester Meyer from Mt. Sterling, Ohio, and Rev. Charles Keel from Greenfield were the presiding elders. We came here in September, 1953, to continue the mission work started by Brother Meyer in 1952. He laid the foundation for a good, spiritual church. Brother Keel held a good three-week revival, previous to the organizing of the church. My family and I wish to express our appreciation for the support given us by our district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea; our former pastor, Rev. S. E. Durbin; and neighbor pastors, Rev. Harold J. Maish, Brother Meyer, and Brother Keel.—Clayton E. Allen, Pastor.

Evangelist Donald R. Silvernail writes: "We had an eleven-day meeting with Pastor I. Tillman Wright at Zeigler, Illinois. God blessed the singing of Sammy and Rhea Childress in a wonderful way. Brother Wright, with the help of God, has resurrected a church which was closed for some time. The landscaping job, exterior and interior decorating, and new furnace have made the church attractive. Then we went to Colling, Michigan, with Pastor William Schmidt, where God gave us a good revival and splendid attendance. The pre-service prayer meetings were especially helpful. A blizzard hindered the latter part of the meeting, but not until God had given a number of souls. I was with Rev. and Mrs. Glen Ide for one Sunday in the new Second Church of Kalamazoo. They have a rapidly growing Sunday school and a nucleus of spiritual folk. Both services were well attended, with a good altar service at night. At Quanicasee, Michigan, with Pastor Erma Havens, blizzards continued during most of the one-week meeting; however, the attendance was good, and we had two good altar services. The loyalty and morale of the Quanicasee church are excellent. At this writing we are in an unusually good revival at Oatsville, Indiana, with

Pastor Elsie Martin. Folk are being saved and sanctified in the old-fashioned way, and some backsliders have been reclaimed. To God be the glory!"

Malden, Missouri—On February 28 we closed one of the most fruitful revivals this church has enjoyed in recent years. Our workers were mightily used of God, and several souls were saved or sanctified—some who had been attending regularly for years, but the church had been unable to reach them for Christ. Rev. O. C. Weigle was the evangelist and Brother Orlando Russell, song evangelist. I would like to express my appreciation of Rev. D. R. Morris and Rev. Tulis D. Tompkins, former pastors, who made lasting contributions to the work here. Under the ministry of Brother Morris the beautiful church and parsonage were erected. Brother Tompkins did a splendid work in improvements and building up attendance. He also won the respect and trust of our entire town. We came here as pastor last August, and found a wonderful people wanting to do things for God. Twenty have united with our church this year. Several of these were won or helped through this revival. Our Sunday school has made a 12 per cent increase. We have organized a radio program featuring our Junior and Intermediate choirs, which is boosting our attendance greatly. The church has given us a fine two-year recall and \$7.50 per week increase in salary for car expenses. The future looks bright in Malden.—Gordon Rice, Pastor.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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happens next year we will make concentrated efforts in one or two places with preaching services. In India the people from many villages are often interrelated, and these caste and family ties are the reason why many individuals do not accept Christ, though they really believe in Him secretly and would like to openly profess to be followers.

We feel that if most of the people in our area are given the truth about what it means to accept Christ, it will help to get rid of the false concepts which many of them have. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will work in these hearts which have seen and heard, and plant the seed of belief which will soon blossom into faith and produce the fruit of a redeemed soul. There are many who are inquiring these days and who say they truly believe in Christ. It is through your prayers and ours that they will make it over the hurdle to accept Christ openly. Please continue to "hold the ropes" of prayer with us. Your part in this work is great, for does not God answer the prayers of "his own elect, which cry day and night unto him"? I believe He does.—PAULA GREER, India.

Charleston, West Virginia—South-east Church recently closed one of the best revivals in its history, with Rev. L. W. Conway and the Shivel Family as workers. The church was stirred and blessed by their singing and preaching. Each night that an invitation was given a goodly number of people were at the altar praying through to victory. Brother Conway is a well-rounded, practical, Bible preacher, whose messages are rooted in God's Word. The truth he brings is persuasive and convincing. God honored his ministry with us, and he will be returning for another meeting in the future. The Shivels also blessed our hearts with their singing. They have, not only talents and ability, but a wonderful spirit. After two years of delay by the city building inspector and zoning appeal board, the circuit court of our county granted us a permit to build our Sunday-school unit, which we hope to start immediately. We have had in our Sunday school just about as many as we could adequately serve.—Hadley Hall, Pastor.

Paulding, Ohio—We came to these fine people last November 21; they received us royally and are standing by the church program in every way. We had a fine revival January 27 to February 7 with Rev. C. B. Hail, evangelist; it was sponsored by the N.Y.P.S. in keeping with Youth Week. Our Gospel Teen Trio, youth choir, and other local talent provided the special singing. Brother Hail preached the rugged gospel, and God honored with many seeking Him for pardon and pure hearts. The people prevailed in prayer and a great revival was the result. A fine class of members united with the church. We appreciate the good work done by our predecessors in this county seat, and believe God has many good things in store for the Paulding Nazarenes.—Virgil H. Few, Pastor.

Victoria, Texas—We recently concluded a very profitable revival with Evangelist W. E. Boggs. New contacts were made for the church. Brother Boggs preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with a sincere burden for souls. His messages were challenging, uplifting, and searching. The revival spirit continues in the regular services, with some yielding who were enlightened under the revival preaching. On the closing Sunday of the campaign the Sunday-school record was broken. So far this year we have received into membership, along with several others, six fine young men from the Foster Air Base. They had no previous contact with the Church of the Nazarene, but each of them is making a definite contribution to our church. At least three of them feel a call to some type of Christian service in the church. If you have friends stationed at the air base or living in Victoria, we would be glad to visit them. You may write us at 1506 N. East Street.—E. Fleming Farmer, Pastor.

Springfield, Illinois—South Side Church recently closed a revival with Evangelists Paul and Hallie Smith, which was said by many of the members to have been the best revival in the history of the church. Night after night the altar was lined with seekers, without one barren service from Saturday night through the last two Sundays. The church has given the pastor a recall for the fourth year, with only two negative votes. We face the future with confidence that our mighty God is still on the throne.—Charlie Harrison, Pastor.

Evangelist C. V. Holstein writes: "After June 1, I have some open dates for the summer season. I will accept calls for either preaching or as song evangelist. I wish to thank all who have made it possible for me to keep so busy these ten months that I have been evangelizing as a member of the Church of the Nazarene. Write me at 432 W. Walnut Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan."

Milwaukee, Wisconsin—South 60th Street Church was organized last Easter Sunday by Dr. Charles A. Gibson in a new, rapidly developing section. Our record attendance in Sunday school is eighty-six and our average offering has been just over \$10.00. We have put a "split rock" exterior on the church and will have it paid for in two months. In February, Rev.

and Mrs. Charles Weagley were with us for a revival meeting, which was a blessing to the church. Sister Weagley led the singing and always had inspiring instrumental and vocal music. The messages of Brother Weagley were helpful, and several sought God for pardon and purity. Our church started with eleven members and now has twenty. A large school is being built nearby and new homes are now being built all around us. We expect to grow.—F. H. Enoch, Pastor.

Elyria, Ohio—We recently closed a very good revival with Rev. H. C. Litle as our evangelist. His messages on holiness were clear and convincing, and many seekers received help at the altar. The attendance was good in spite of heavy snows, and several new people were converted. Brother Litle is a man of God and carries a great burden for souls; his messages were delivered with unction and power; his tender spirit won the hearts of the people. Several people testified to a divine touch in their bodies after being anointed. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and on the closing night eight members were received into the church. This makes a total of nineteen members received since we moved here. We have a splendid group of Nazarenes, who love God and are working to build up His kingdom.—J. E. Hanson, Pastor.

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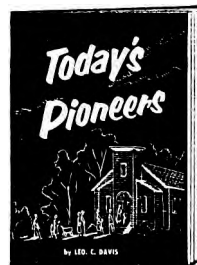
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Evangelist Lowell L. Yeatts reports: "Since the first of the year I have been very busy in evangelistic work. God has given some good revivals and some outstanding victories at the altar. My first meeting was at Wabash, Indiana, with Rev. E. L. Stafford, pastor; then to the Maritime District for the fourth time, where I had three meetings. The Lord is blessing the work of that district under the leadership of the district superintendent, Rev. J. H. MacGregor. God gave a good revival at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, with Pastor David R. Morrison; then to Moncton, New Brunswick, with Pastor E. H. Brewer; and Halifax, Nova Scotia, with Rev. H. B. Amos; then to Albany, Indiana, with Rev. Verne A. Leonard. God came on this revival and the pastor and church felt it advisable to continue the third week. There were many good victories around the altar. Then I held a youth meeting for Rev. R. E. Elzey in Lynn, Indiana, which was my home church several years ago. At this writing I am in a holiness convention at Ridgeville, Indiana, with Rev. R. E. Gillette. My next meeting is at Cedar Falls, Iowa, with Pastor Paul Varce. In all of these meetings God's blessing was manifest and souls found victory at the altar. I have enjoyed working with each pastor and church. I enjoy the blessing of God in my life. I have open dates: May 4 to 16 and 18 to 30; June 1 to 13 and 15 to 27; also September 1 to 12 and 14 to 26. I will be glad to go anywhere God may lead. My address is 325 W. Sixth Street, Peru, Indiana."

Rev. Troy C. Potts and daughters, Vera and Mildred, are entering the evangelistic field and are making up their slate now. They will be available for meetings June 1. The girls accompany their father in special singing and they do Junior work. Write them at 517 Mary Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Lovington, New Mexico—We recently closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church with Revs. Lloyd and Gertrude Ward, chalk artist and wheel-chair evangelist. There were seekers in nearly every service, and we received twenty-one new members into the church. Brother Ward's pictures were excellent, the singing was beyond description, and Sister Ward's readings and messages were blessed of God. On the closing night the altar was lined with seekers who became victorious finders. There were shouts of victory ringing through the church. Our church gave the Wards a liberal offering and put new tires on their car as a gesture of our love for them. We have them slated for next year. Since our coming to this church eight months ago God has given us gains along every line. Our Sunday school had a 46 per cent gain last month over last year's average; we have finished the new educational building and have re-

ceived forty-eight new members into the church; our finances have increased 90 per cent since last July. We credit all of these gains to the good people who love God, our wonderful district superintendent, godly pastors before us, and God, who doeth all things well. Our people have been wonderful to us; they have stood beside us and worked diligently. Our salary was raised twice in the last month, a total of \$25.00 per week; also the people extended us a three-year call. We plan to start on our new sanctuary soon.—C. D. Faulkner, Pastor.

Rev. R. M. Banning writes: "We have enjoyed our stay in Corbin, Kentucky. The church was so good to us and the townspeople treated us with such wonderful love that we hated to leave, but after much prayer we felt it was the Lord's will for us to return to the evangelistic field as the doors began to open for us. We want to say to our many friends that we are open for calls and will go anywhere for freewill offerings. We have had several years of experience in the pastoral and evangelistic field, and we will do our best to help pastor and people. Write us at Morrow, Ohio."

Evangelist M. V. Bass writes: "Because of a cancellation I have an open date, May 18 to 30, which I would like to slate anywhere the Lord may open a door. Contact me at 18616 Riverview, Detroit 19, Michigan."

Fitchburg, Massachusetts—First Church recently closed a gracious revival meeting with Rev. A. G. Weiss as evangelist, singer, and musician. Brother Weiss preached and sang with the anointing and unction of the Holy Spirit. Deep conviction prevailed in the services and many victories were won at the altar with the church blessed and lifted spiritually. We are happy to report two years of successful ministry with the good people here, and have accepted a unanimous recall for the coming year. There is a steady growth, both numerically and spiritually, in every department of the work. Prayer meetings are seasons of old-fashioned power and blessing; Sunday-school attendance is on the increase; a beautiful spirit prevails in all services. To God be the praise and glory for all that has been accomplished.—Curtis L. Stanley, Pastor.

Fairfax, Alabama—We recently closed one of the greatest revivals held here in recent years, with Miss Leila Dell Miller as evangelist. We had near-capacity crowds in every service. Souls were stirred as this God-anointed and very talented young woman brought the messages. God's presence could be felt in every service. Fifty-eight souls knelt at the altar for prayer and claimed definite victory. Some outstanding cases were brought to God. Five new members were added to the church. We will long remember this revival.—Mrs. Margie Berry, Reporter.

Brother Paul Eby writes: "The Evangelaires Quartet is now holding Sunday services and will be able to travel in a three-hundred-mile radius of Nashville. Two of the boys preach, and we endeavor to put on a spiritual program. For information write us, 53 Paris Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee."

Logansport, Indiana—Recently we had one of the most outstanding revivals in the history of the church, with Evangelist J. T. Myers. He preached with unction and in the Spirit of the Lord. The meeting was a great asset to the community, with 62 souls at the altar. Fasting and prayer brought victory to some "hard cases." One man, seventy-five years old, found Jesus as his personal Saviour for the first time in his life, and his wife, eighty-one, was reclaimed. The Sunday school reached a high of 164 on the last Sunday and the church has a new vision. Brother Myers has been in the ministry for thirty-five years, working in the district superintendency, radio work, pastoral work, and now in full-time evangelistic work.—Carl E. Hansen, Pastor.

Song Evangelists Warren and Katherine Whiting write: "We have several open dates this year and are willing to go anywhere the Lord calls us. I have my own Hammond electric organ, with two Leslie speakers, which make the organ suitable for any church, tent, or auditorium. Write us at 1239 S.W. 35th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida."

Vicksburg, Mississippi—We recently closed a revival with Evangelist Joel Danner. There was a great spirit of victory at the altar, and we received twelve new members into the church. The pastor was given a recall with a good vote. The church was helped and is marching onward with God.—Lewis Rodgers, Pastor.

Evangelist P. P. Belew writes: "I am arranging to give some time to short, intense evangelistic crusades, starting Wednesday night and closing Sunday night. These will be adapted to the particular needs of the local church, and will feature messages on faith, holiness, tithing, and evangelistic visitation, with a mass evangelistic effort on Sunday. I believe that my years of varied ministry in our church enable me to render effective service in such capacity. Those interested in such a crusade may write me at P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Truth or Consequences, New Mexico—We are indeed grateful to God for His goodness and blessing in the nine months of our labors here. We recently closed a very profitable revival with Rev. J. V. Langford as evangelist. No better preaching or spirit could be manifest than in the work and ministry of Brother Langford as he helped to carry the burden for souls. He helped in visitation, conducted a Bible study each morn-

ing, and preached timely messages anointed of God. About twenty-five souls bowed at the altar, some for pardon and some for purity of heart. Finances came easily, with a good offering for the evangelist and a fine love offering for the pastor. The Lord continues to bless in our regular services with crowds of people on Sunday morning and night. The Lord has made possible the purchase of a good parsonage property. One couple gave us \$1,000.00 and we have been able, by God's help, to raise enough to secure possession by April 1.—Mrs. Leona Stearley, Pastor.

Evangelist E. L. Bryant writes: "Beginning June 8, Wife and I will be working with a young couple who will carry the musical part of the services. They are Gerald Newby and Susie Hagwood, who will be married on June 4 and will join us as co-workers on June 8. Gerald will graduate from Olivet College this spring. (He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Newby, our pastors at Clinton, Indiana.) Susie will graduate from the Columbus High School this spring. These young people have good backgrounds, being brought up in the Church of the Nazarene. They are fine musicians, both playing the piano, accordion, and vibra-harp. Gerald also plays the golden harp, trombone, solo-vox, and handsaw. He is an excellent song leader and they sing beautifully together. We have some open dates during the summer months of June, July, August, and part of September which we would be glad to slate. Address correspondence to E. L. Bryant Evangelistic Party, 361 Jones Street, Columbus, Indiana."

Rock Springs, Wyoming—We recently closed a wonderful meeting with the Gospel Light Trio, Nazarene evangelistic group. The Lord blessed their ministry as they sang and played their instruments, and as Brother Lyle Leach, leader of the trio, preached. We had excellent attendance, taxing our auditorium facilities on some occasions. Best of all, there were more than 20 souls who found victory at the altar in pardon and purity. Down through this assembly year God has been blessing the work here. We came here in July, following the fine ministry of Rev. Harry Stetson. God blessed the ministry of Evangelist A. L. Cargill in meetings in September, to the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the church considerably. The Sunday school has shown a good growth; last assembly year's average was 53 and we are now running over 100 consistently. There has been a steady growth down through the months, in spite of coal mine lay-offs and many families moving away. We ask our friends to pray that the Lord will open the way for a new church building, as our present facilities are insufficient and poorly located. There is a grand group of people here and we love and appreciate each of them.—Bernard W. Culbertson, Pastor.

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**Southern California District
Sunday-School Convention**

The annual Sunday-school convention of the Southern California District was held March 2 and 3, at First Church, San Bernardino. Pastor Clyde Rhone and his people entertained the convention in fine fashion. Chairman William Howard directed the proceedings with ease. Dr. Albert Harper, guest speaker, challenged the hearts and minds of all who attended. All members of the district church school board, as well as others, participated in departmental workshops and promotional group meetings. Many observed that this was the best convention yet. Attendance was the greatest; interest was the best. Southern California is on the move.

FRANK C. WATKINS, *Secretary*

Missouri District

The Missouri District young people's home-mission tour was made with Dr. E. D. Simpson, district superintendent; Rev. Paul Stewart, special speaker; and the district president. We visited all the zones except one, and presented the challenge to the Missouri District youth. They accepted it and we know that they will come through. This is the first time that they have had a home-mission budget; it is \$1.00 per member.

Brother Stewart preached under the anointing of God, and during the tour (eight services) God gave us seventy-five people at the altar seeking pardon and sanctification; also one young person acknowledged a call to the mission field. This was the best tour we have had to date and we are trusting God for greater days for the Missouri District youth.

MARION HOLLOWAY
District President

**Y.P. Home-Mission Tour
Illinois District—Preachers'
And Missionary Convention**

The combined preachers' meeting and missionary convention on the Illinois District was held March 15 to 17 at West Side Church in Decatur. The pastors of the five Decatur churches, with Rev. Fred Reedy as chairman, made full preparation and provided rooms for our needs. We counted eighty-five pastors present, and many laymen and visitors.

Our workers were unexcelled. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool stirred all of us, and Mrs. Louise Chapman, Rev. Elmer Schmelzenbach, and Rev. Ira True presented the foreign missionary work in a remarkable way. We see the need and accept the challenge of 10-per-cent giving to the General Budget. Many expressed their feelings that it was the best convention we have had in many years. Our pastors are united and earnestly striving to do their best for God and holiness on this great district.

W. S. PURINTON
District Superintendent

Sunday-School Attendance Report

	1953	March	Percentage
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Kansas City	8,045	9,426	117
Kansas	7,340	8,248	112
Southwest Oklahoma	5,862	6,546	112
Northwest Oklahoma	5,755	6,275	109
Abilene	5,440	5,865	108
Dallas	4,791	4,975	104
Louisiana	4,397	4,510	103
Northeast Oklahoma	3,829	4,277	112
Southeast Oklahoma	3,876	4,274	110
South Arkansas	3,809	3,992	105
North Arkansas	3,824	3,965	104
San Antonio	3,777	3,762	100
Houston	2,890	3,281	114
Nebraska	2,708	2,897	107

SOUTHWEST ZONE

Northern California	13,767	16,020	116
Southern California	9,219	11,040	120
Los Angeles	8,215	9,406	114
Colorado	6,092	7,127	117
Arizona	3,125	3,869	124
New Mexico	2,914	3,384	116

NORTHWEST ZONE

Oregon Pacific	6,600	7,714	117
Northwest	6,127	7,319	119
Idaho-Oregon	5,596	6,594	118
Washington Pacific	4,726	5,558	118
Rocky Mountain	2,281	2,571	113
Minnesota	2,059	2,132	104
North Dakota	1,614	1,688	105
South Dakota	783	866	111
Alaska	372	565	152

District not reporting: Nevada-Utah

CENTRAL ZONE

Western Ohio	12,557	14,148	113
Central Ohio	11,544	11,528	100
Northeastern Indiana	8,715	10,100	116
Southwest Indiana	8,669	9,623	111
Illinois	8,076	9,169	114
Eastern Michigan	7,552	8,653	115
Michigan	7,720	8,411	109
Chicago Central	4,847	5,509	114
Northwest Indiana	5,060	5,469	108
Northwestern Illinois	4,501	5,219	116
Wisconsin	2,238	2,420	108

Districts not reporting: Indianapolis, Missouri, Iowa

SOUTHEAST ZONE

West Virginia	9,400	10,550	112
Tennessee	6,882	8,242	120
Alabama	6,716	7,695	115
Florida	6,013	6,976	116
Georgia	4,646	5,859	126
Kentucky	5,088	5,433	107
South Carolina	4,450	4,673	105
North Carolina	3,542	3,909	110
Virginia	2,729	3,248	119
Mississippi	2,454	2,877	117

Districts not reporting: Eastern Kentucky, East Tennessee

EASTERN ZONE

Akron	9,937	11,243	113
Washington-Philadelphia	8,857	10,031	113
Pittsburgh	7,519	8,576	114
Albany	2,942	3,339	113

Districts not reporting: New England, New York

BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE

Canada West 4,507 5,781 128

Districts not reporting: Australia, British Isles North, British Isles South, Canada Central, Maritime.

Estimated average for March, 1954 393,030
Gain over last year's average 38,742

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*
Department of Church Schools



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

FOUR Nazarene chaplains have recently completed their tour at their respective chaplains' schools and are slated for active duty. Those in the army and taking their work at Ft. Slocum, New York, are:

Chaplain (1st Lt) Clifford E. Keys, Jr.

11th Airborne Division
Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
and

Chaplain (1st Lt) Samuel R. Graves, Jr.

496th A.A.A. Bn.

3rd Army Anti-Aircraft Training Center
Camp Stewart, Georgia

Those in the navy and taking their work at Newport, Rhode Island, are:

Chaplain Elvin D. Leavell
Marine Air Corps Station

El Toro (Santa Ana), California
and

Lt. jg Benjamin J. McClain, CHC, USNR

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Chaplain Van Vorce writes from Germany: "This has been a very good month. God has answered prayer and we have had several good services. There were eleven professions of faith during the month. Out of this number there were two young men wonderfully sanctified. Both of these men are planning on entering the ministry as soon as their tour of duty is over. We are organizing a Sunday school for all the children in our area. God is blessing in a wonderful way and we feel that we have much to be thankful for."



During the five days there were some outstanding victories seen. Still we believe that all the results were not visible and we continue to trust and praise God for the victories yet to be seen.

The enemy tried to hinder in many ways, but the angels of God were camped about the grounds to protect from even the rain that fell on every side, yet did not wet the tents on the grounds.

The Indian church as well as the missionaries were challenged in a greater way to keep our eyes on Christ and press on.

P. JEAN DARLING, *Reporter*

Casa Robles

There are now fourteen missionaries resident at Casa Robles, missionary home of the Church of the Nazarene, Temple City, California. Mrs. Lula Schmelzenbach arrived February 13 for residence, and is now housed in lovely cottage No. 14 with comfortable appointments. Her service record deeply moves the heart. Her application reads, simply: "Foreign missionary service 1907-1954 South Africa Church of the Nazarene." But try to read into that simple statement all the life and devoted service of forty-seven years of pioneer and later missionary work in South Africa!

The quiet little widow of our great pioneer in Swaziland, Rev. Harmon Schmelzenbach, now lives contentedly next door to Roger and Mabel Winans, and with three associates of those earlier days in Africa nearby—Miss Dora Carpenter, Miss Eva Rixse, and Mrs. Ora L. West. Mrs. Schmelzenbach's friends, who may wish to write her, may address her, % Casa Robles, 6355 North Oak Avenue, Temple City, California.

A. E. SANNER, *Superintendent*

Akron District Church Schools

Recently we completed a V.B.S. workshop with Miss Mary Latham as the special worker. It was a success from the very beginning. Rev. Edward Barton, director, had worked with untiring efforts to make this one of the most successful and practical ventures on the district in recent years. He had organized and publicized until the tremendous response accorded the workshop by pastors, zone chairmen, and local teachers was very gratifying.

We held 6 zone conventions in 6 days covering 10 zones, with a total attendance of 748. The average of 125 was well distributed, the highest attendance for any one night reaching 146, and the lowest 97. Miss Latham packed into two and one-half hours one of the finest presentations of the subject matter ever witnessed in this section of the country. The enthusiasm was shared by all. Brother Barton and I toured the entire time. This was down-to-earth information as well as inspiration.

The credit for the success of this tour must certainly be attributed to the unselfish efforts of Rev. Edward Barton. Our thanks go to all those who co-operated with him to make this one of the most worth-while projects in recent years.

L. L. KOLLAR, *Reporter*

Three Area Conventions

The church school board of the Idaho-Oregon District recently completed a series of three-area conventions with Miss Mary Latham as special speaker. The first convention was held on March 9 at the North Nampa Church; the second at the Gooding, Idaho, church for the eastern area; and the last at Baker, Oregon, for the western area.

Miss Latham spoke three times daily and thrilled and challenged the hearts of all. New vistas of possibilities were opened and practical methods were presented for our enlightenment. Our district will never be the same after having heard this anointed Sunday-school worker.

Other members of the touring party were Rev. I. F. Younger, district superintendent, whose leadership we cherish; Clarence Griffin, director of vacation Bible schools on the district; L. R. Sturtevant, director of Christian Service Training; and the writer.

There is a new sense of vitality in Sunday-school work on our district. During February the entire district put on a simultaneous contest and made a gain of 1,116 per Sunday over the previous year. We thank God for a growing Sunday-school consciousness.

RAYMOND C. KRATZER
District Church School Board Chairman

Jungle Camp Meeting—India

In the recent camp meeting, March 16 to 21, God did a work that only heaven will reveal.

As Rev. F. Banker, the superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission, brought stirring messages each morning and evening, it was evident that the Holy Spirit was digging down deep in many hearts, especially as he gave illustrations of how God dealt with him the last two years. During this time he and fifty others banded themselves together to pray for one hour a day and, as a result, a mighty revival has come to their work in western India.

God met with us numbers of times, but especially was His presence sweet on the Sunday afternoon when, after Chairman Earl Lee challenged the young people, about forty young men and women stood at the altar to dedicate their lives to His service in whatever capacity He should call. Their testimonies were thrilling as they told how, though the enemy had tried to defeat them on every hand, God had given them victory. Praise be to His name!

April 28, 1954

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS—I wish to recommend to our churches Rev. Troy C. Potts and his daughters, Vera and Mildred, for revival meetings. Brother Potts is an ordained elder; he attended Bethany-Peniel College 1947-51, and also has served seven years as pastor and evangelist. The girls accompany their father in special singing—solo, duet, and trio numbers. Vera plays the piano, works with the Juniors, and gives readings. They will be available for meetings after June 1. Write them, 517 Mary Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.—W. L. French, Superintendent of South Arkansas District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Watts of Montour, Idaho, a son, Clifford Edward, on April 4.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Keith Kelly of Oakwood, Illinois, a daughter, Deborah Jane, on April 4.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Balowin T. Eckel of Ontario, California, a son, Malcolm Ray, on March 26.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Watson of Longview, Texas, a son, Randle Gene, on March 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. C. Wm. Morrison of Hamilton, Ohio, a daughter, Faith Anne, on March 14.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Chalfant of Hill City, Kansas, a son, David Lawrence, on March 5.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene brother in Pennsylvania for some urgent, unspoken requests;

by a Nazarene brother in a t.b. hospital in Ohio, since January 1, that God would touch and heal him; by a lady in Illinois for a much-desired relation and adjustment to be brought about with another person;

by a Nazarene lady in Kansas for her husband, who has recently undergone a serious major operation;

by a lady in Texas that "God will send a great Holy Ghost revival" in that community;

by a lady in Alabama "that I may live as God would have me live and that my body may be healed, also for my family";

by a lady in Texas for the salvation of two friends.

District Assembly Information

ALBANY—Assembly, May 5 and 6, at First Church of the Nazarene, 240 Main Street, Binghamton, New York. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Arthur Fallon, 66 Grand Blvd., Binghamton. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

SAN ANTONIO—Assembly, May 5 and 6, at First Church of the Nazarene, 1418 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, Texas. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Wallis Kornegay, 1737 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

ABILENE—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at First Methodist Church, Mineral Wells, Texas. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. E. Peryman, Box 225, Mineral Wells. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

CANADA CENTRAL—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at First Church of the Nazarene, 92 Ottawa Street, N., Hamilton, Ontario. Entertaining pastor: Rev. R. F. Woods, 83 Ottawa St., N., Hamilton. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

IDAHO-OREGON—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 Ivy Street, Nampa. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 12 to 14, at Beulah Park Campgrounds, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. Paul Alexander, 4210 Gladys Avenue, Santa Cruz. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

OREGON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at Central Church of the Nazarene, 116 N.E. 29th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Harold E. Priddy, 6315 N.E. Alameda, Portland. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at Church of the Nazarene, 4th and Alder, Kelso, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Elwood S. Smith, 714 S. Fifth St., Kelso. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

ARIZONA—Assembly, May 20 and 21, at First Church of the Nazarene, Fifth and Monroe Streets, Phenix, Arizona. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Harold

Daniels, 3131 North 17th Avenue, Phenix. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA—Assembly, May 20 to 22, at Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Centre Avenue and Fourth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. Entertaining pastor: Rev. G. Thomas Spiker, 1209 N. Fifth St., Reading. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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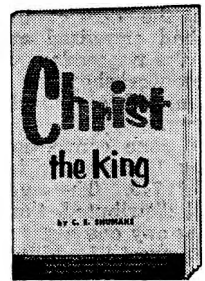
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