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The Song of Deliverance

General Superintendent Benner

NO WONDER they sang! Enslaved Israel had been "saved out of the hand of the Egyptians." The pursuing army was dead, to the last man. Jehovah had "triumphed gloriously." "The Lord," sang Moses and his people, "is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation."

The people of God always have been a singing people. The form of the song has varied widely, but the essence and spirit of the singing of the redeemed have ever been the same. We Nazarenes have need to be alarmed whenever the singing of our people declines. Surely, one of the most attractive elements of our early days was the vigorous, happy, anointed singing, and we can ill afford to lose this asset.

I presume Moses and the Israelites were not compelled to sing. I guess they could have gone *quietly* on their way saying, as I have heard some Nazarenes say, that they felt it in their hearts but were just not inclined

to give any particular expression to their emotions. But the glory of deliverance was glowing in their hearts, and the natural result was this triumphant song of praise to their mighty God. No, they were not compelled to sing, but I'm glad they sang; I'm glad they gave such noble expression to their joy.

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so," is the exhortation of God's Word, and it is valid for our day. The saints of all the ages are represented frequently as singing and shouting their praise to the Lord. The Revelation pictures the redeemed saints as filling the heavens with their songs of adoration and victory, saying, "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty." We must continue to sing our songs of Christian joy and praise. We must not fail, in the true freedom of the Spirit, to give expression to our sense of deliverance as we worship Him who is "*our strength and our salvation.*"

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1).

TELEGRAM

Ponca City, Oklahoma—Fifth new church of this quadrennium organized November 14, at Pond Creek, Oklahoma, with eleven charter members; Rev. E. C. Stegall appointed as pastor. Church building with auditorium and three classrooms purchased in choice location.—J. T. GASSETT, *Superintendent of Northwest Oklahoma District.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor G. W. Abersold sends word from Princeton, Florida: "All attendance records broken November 21, with 363 in Sunday school. Also, \$700.00 in Thanksgiving offering."

Pastor Ponder W. Gilliland sends word that First Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, has secured Rev. Ottis Sayes as full-time director of religious education for the church. Brother Sayes graduated from Bethany-Peniel College in 1944, and from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1947; also received his Master's degree in Religious Education in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1951. During the time of most of his postgraduate schooling he also served as pastor of a church in Missouri or at Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Reed of Burns, Oregon, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on October 19. On Sunday morning, October 17, they were especially honored in the morning service at First Church of the Nazarene in Burns, of which they are charter members. The Sunday school presented them with a basket of flowers, and the church gave them a "pot of gold," containing fifty dollars. Their favorite hymns were sung, and tributes read. Tuesday afternoon and evening they held open house at their home. Their three sons and wives joined Mr. and Mrs. Reed in welcoming the guests.

Pastor Marvin J. Sporleder sends word from Idaho: "Sandpoint church broke all Sunday-school records with 225 present at mid-fall rally (Nov. 21); \$425.00 given in Thank Offering."

Oh that I might have my request; and that God would grant me the thing that I long for (Job 6:8).

The experience of Job shows us that God leaves some of our prayers unanswered, in order to keep us praying.—EARLE F. WILDE.

Is Your Battery Run Down?

By E. E. Wordsworth*

PRACTICALLY everyone who drives a car has had the trying experience that comes from a run-down battery. Every car owner knows the drain on the battery during the winter season. Even though the generator is working perfectly, frequently the hard starting conditions wear the battery down. Sometimes a recharge is all that is necessary, but again it may demand a brand-new battery before this trip and all future trips are made.

More than once have I had occasion to step on the starter to receive no satisfactory response—just a slow, almost dead "huzz, huzz, huzz" that told in no uncertain terms the fact of either deadness or a dying condition.

I once saw a man with a dying battery examine almost everything about the car—the spark plugs, distributor points, gasoline, etc. Sometimes a push downhill will get one going for this occasion, but only to have the trying ordeal repeated next time one wants to make a journey.

The spiritual life is like an automobile battery. It needs frequent recharging, and *prayer* is the true source of obtaining power. If we do not constantly recharge our souls with prayer, the source of our strength, we spiritually degenerate and quickly develop a run-down condition.

Like an unused battery soon loses its strength, so the Christian believer who fails in his devotion to Christ becomes useless and dead; but activity backed up with a spiritual charge results in long and useful service as well as enjoyment and riding comfort. Don't let your battery run down. "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1).

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What Is YOUR Ideal?

By Katherine Bevis

As a child, I loved to read Nathaniel Hawthorne's story "The Great Stone Face," over and over again. I remember how I would sit with the book open in my lap and visualize the characters in the story—Ernest and his mother, as they sat in their humble little home in the evening, and looked up at the Great Stone Face.

As the mother sat thus with her young son, she would tell him the old legend—that legend which explained how someday a native son of the valley would return home, and his face would be the very image of the Great Stone Face.

Then as I continued to sit, a complete foreigner to my surroundings, the time passing swiftly by in my childhood mind, I saw Ernest, not a child now, but a young man, then from manhood into old age, as he awaited the coming of his hero—the son of the valley whose face would be the image of the Great Stone Face.

Still with the open book before me, I would see in my mind's eye the disappointed expression on the face of Ernest as, now an old man, his hero still did not appear.

Then one day a strange thing happened. The people of the valley looked into the face of Ernest, and, lo, his face bore the image of the Great Stone Face. Ernest had lived so long in the presence of his ideal that at last he had become like it.

And thinking back now on my childhood days, and on this story that I loved so well, it is easy to see that the story gives us a true picture of the process of life. We become like that ideal in whose presence we allow ourselves to live.

Socrates was hinting at this same truth when he answered the question of a traveler in old Greece: "How can I reach Mount Olympus?" The philosopher's answer was: "Just make every step you take go in that direction."

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PRAYER

By Ovella S. Shafer

At times

Some Unseen Power

Hovers over me—

When I am tempted.

This Power

Will not let me yield—

Instead it gives to me

An inner urging to do right.

Today I felt that Power

And I am sure

God must have heard your prayer

for me!

THE CRUSADE GOES ON

Around the World

General Superintendent Young

LAST Sunday (November 14) I visited some of our churches and missions in Cuba for the first time. I preached in our nice new church in Parcelacion Moderna, located in the outskirts of Havana, about two miles from our district center. Two came forward to be sanctified at the close of the service. In the evening I preached in two country churches, where our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Ardee Coolidge, are pioneering. The first was in Ojo de Agua, and more than eighty people crowded into the little house that we rent there. At least one-half of the grown-ups raised their hands for definite prayer. We need a country chapel here very soon.

The second service was in Guanimar, a seaport village, also in Havana Province. This is the place that Mrs. Louise Chapman, our general N.F.M.S. president, has prayed for so earnestly. It began during a visit to Cuba some two years ago, while flying from the Isle of Pines to Havana in company with District Superintendent Lyle Prescott. Brother Prescott pointed out this needy village below and indicated that there were no gospel services being held there; even the Roman Catholic church had neglected them—had given them only the image of a saint by the sea to view. During the past year, God has given us a revival here under the preaching of one of our national pastors with the help and leadership of the Coolidges. About one hundred seekers sought God openly, and our missionaries estimated that at least one-half of them showed definite signs in their lives of genuine repentance.

During this service I observed that the simple technique of the Crusade for Souls is being used spontaneously here. Several of the converts testified enthusiastically. Then an unconverted man who was attending our services for the first time arose to testify. He confessed that he had been staying away from the meetings heretofore because of certain temptations. Then he openly confirmed the testimony of his wife, who had witnessed before him, and acknowledged the marked change in her life and in their home. I am looking for another new convert in him within a few days or weeks.

Yesterday I journeyed to Santa Clara, in Los Villas Province, some two hundred miles east of Havana, where Rev. and Mrs. John Hall are pioneering again. This city has a population of 40,000 and is a municipal center for nearly 100,000 people. We have no contacts or lead here, but we do have the redemptive message for a needy people and a passion to win them to Christ. The method to be used is the old tried-and-true, door-to-door, and person-to-person technique, in order to get a congregation and gather out a people. Pray for the Halls in this enterprise.

Today I left Havana after an hour's conference and review with our genial district superintendent, Rev. Lyle Prescott. The Prescotts have given nine years to this needy field and they carry a spiritual burden for Cuba's six million souls. God has given them the hearts of the people and is also giving them the know-how for winning them to Christ. Let Nazarenes everywhere remember Cuba in their prayers and giving.

For in that he himself [Christ] hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted (Heb. 2:18).

Our All-sufficient Saviour

By Arthur Hedley*

"Thou, O Christ, art all I want"

WHEN Charles Wesley wrote the lines, "Thou, O Christ, art *all* I want, more than all in Thee I find," he was expressing the experience and testimony of multitudes right down through the centuries. Men and women of all nations, of all ranks of society, have found a *sufficiency* in Christ which they could find in nothing else. A striking example is the Apostle Paul. He had sought for soul satisfaction in the works of the law. To win the favor of God was the great ambition of his life, for he believed with the Psalmist that "in his favour is life" (Ps. 30:5). That was all he wanted, and with that gained, his cup of joy would be full to overflowing. In setting off to arrest the Christians in Damascus he was to perform his crowning act of righteousness, but alas, it proved to be his crowning act of *sin*, and was to cause him deep remorse in later years (I Tim. 1:12-13). It was on the road to Damascus he met with the Lord, who was to meet his every need. In *Christ* he found a sufficiency he had failed to find in the law. He found in Him *full* and *free* salvation and such fullness of life that nothing was wanting.

Warning his converts against false philosophers who said the sacrifice of Christ was insufficient for salvation, Paul said, "Ye are *full* in *him*" (Col. 2:10, R.V.). In ancient usage the Greek word translated "full" carried with it the idea of sufficiency, completeness. It was employed to signify a vessel full to overflowing, a debt fully discharged, a ship that had its complement of sailors. So in Christ there was such fullness, sufficiency, that He more than met the need of every believer. There is no stint with Him. He gives "good measure, pressed down, . . . running over" (Luke 6:38). Paul exhorted believers to trust "in the living God, who giveth us richly *all* things to enjoy" (I Tim. 6:17).

In union with *Christ*, believers find sufficiency, satisfaction, perfect rest. They can truly sing,

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"More than all in Thee I find." He gives the living water which quenches our deepest thirst (John 4:14), and the "bread of life" which satisfieth the hungry soul (John 6:35; Ps. 107:9). The soul finds in Him a satisfaction which music, art, science, literature, pleasure have failed to give. In Him we find eternal life, security in danger, help in distress, comfort in sorrow, peace in the midst of conflict, rest in toil, our inspiration in service, in loss our gain, in weakness our strength, in bonds our liberty, in death our life. In Him we have all that is needed to fit us for life, to prepare us for death, and make us ready for heaven. We don't need to go abroad for joys; we have a feast at home. We don't need to go begging to the world for a little pleasure when we have *fullness* of joy in Christ. The closer our union with Christ, the greater the disclosure of His matchless love, His overflowing grace. Whatever exigencies may arise between this and heaven, we shall never once have to say, "There is nothing in Christ to meet this."

Frances Willard, writing about her father's last hours, said that once when a dear friend sat beside him, while his cheek wore the hectic flush, he said: "If Christ sat here, as you do, by my side, and said to me, 'My dear brother, what can I do for you in any way that I have not already done?' I should say, 'Nothing, beloved Lord.'" Our fathers used to sing with sincerity and joy;

*In Him I now am resting;
The half I cannot tell
Of all the priceless blessings
Which make my heart to swell
With thankful adoration,
As day by day I find
His grace and grace sufficient
To keep both heart and mind.*

Since such fullness of life, joy, peace, power, freedom is found in Christ, the fault must be *ours* if we lack these blessings. It is when we make a full surrender of our lives to Christ, and make His will our delight, that we shall find our sufficiency in Him. Then our deepest needs will be satisfied; then we shall experience an overflowing of His life, His grace, which will enable us to live lives of victory and fruitfulness. There are inexhaustible resources of love, grace, power, and vision to be found in Christ; and there is no need He cannot fully meet.

When Christ is everything to us, we shall want *everybody* to know Him. The reason so many of us fail to speak a good word for Christ is because He means so little to us. We cannot truly sing, "Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find," and consequently we cannot speak from experience and commend Him with enthusiasm. When the Lord Jesus is *really* our All in All, then there will be something in our personalities, our countenances, our speech, which will carry conviction. Emerson in his essay on "Spiritual Laws" says: "When a man speaks the truth in the spirit of truth, his eye is as clear

as the heavens. When he has base ends, and speaks falsely, the eye is muddy and sometimes asquint. A man passes for what he is worth. What he is engraves itself on his face, on his form, in letters of light which all men may read but himself."

Men will be more ready to embrace the Christian faith when we give proof of the reality of Christ in *our* lives. When a youth I belonged to a group of Christians of all denominations, who were concerned for the salvation of their fellows, in the extensive government arsenal where we labored. Twice a week we held a gospel open-air meeting outside the arsenal gates during the dinner hour. One of our number was a member of the Plymouth Brethren. Whenever that brother witnessed for Christ there was such a note of sincerity and conviction in his voice, such a glow in his face, and a light in his eyes, that men listened intently to his message. As I walked back to the workshop one day with an unconverted man, he said to me, after hearing this speaker, "I like to hear that man speak, for he always gives me the conviction that he really *means* what he says."

Yes, when Christ means everything to us our words, whether spoken in the pulpit, the open air, or to an individual, will go forth laden with power and conviction, and the Holy Spirit will be able to work through us to the salvation of others.

In the full run of life, we shall never be disappointed in the great mercy and justice of God. Let us be in the faith no matter what our temporary circumstances may be.—C. L. RODDA.

TAP ON THE SHOULDER*

By Jessie Whiteside Finks

*Wait a minute, friend!
This Christian living is serious business,
For our God is not mocked.
He called us to be soldiers of the Cross . . .
Not followers of the world!*

*There is a line dividing us . . .
In . . . and . . . out in any crowd.
A line of separation . . .
A scarlet thread!
Dare we drag IT in the dirt?*

*How can there, then, be any question
When we are called to holy living?*

*There is a difference in the walk
Of one who is a Christian and the world.
Friend, let us be mindful then
Of the Holy Spirit's "tap on the shoulder."*

*In appreciation of the late Peter Marshall, to whom I am indebted for the title and the thought expressed in these lines

I Met a Loving Family

By Hallie Smith*

WE FOLLOWED the pastor about a mile out in the country where we were to stay during the meeting. While driving up the lane to an attractive country home, we noticed that everything was spic and span from the road clear to the back fence. A Dutch family came out at once to greet us. What a privilege to meet them! Their faces were aglow with a radiance that comes only from heaven. What a challenge! The father directed us to a neat little cottage just down the hill overlooking a ravine. A beautiful lawn enshrouded by huge shade trees surrounded the entire place. There were a nice lawn table, chairs, stove, a well with a pump—the exercising kind. Everything was at hand for our comfort. Over the door of the cottage were the words "Pleasant Inn," and such a pleasant place to stay! They told us they had never had the privilege of keeping evangelists, but you would have thought they had been in the "school of training" for just such as this.

Along with the comforts of the cottage we had a new revelation of God's great out-of-door life with nature. We took our meals with the family and such a time of Christian fellowship as we enjoyed! At the end of our first breakfast the mother reached for the Bible on a special shelf near the table. We observed at once that these parents followed the proverb of King Solomon, "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother" (Prov. 1:8). It was early in the morning and there was no particular rush through family prayer to get the children off to school. The break of day found the family up early at their tasks and everything seemed to be done with system. We pushed back our chairs from the table and all knelt on our knees before God. All seemed to break right out in prayer together after their own fashion. Tears filled my eyes to overflowing. I could hardly utter a word for gratefulness in my heart for such a privilege of hearing a family talk to God early in the morning. Now and then I would hear the words peal out, "Lord, bless and protect our two boys in Austria this morning, who are fighting for our freedom." One would then believe that this was the secret to this loving family.

The house was always clean and everything kept in place. Theirs was the type of literature that everyone should have. Scattered around were miniature mottoes, such as "Prayer Changes Things," "God Is My Refuge and Strength"; and on the inside of the glass cabinet my eyes were fastened to a small piece of paper with the printed words, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). Many times the mother stopped right there and clung to that promise for her family. Such a consolation!

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With more than a million teen-agers on parole in America, these children seemed to be remote from that kind of life. They were eager to share each other's work around the farm. There wasn't such a thing as getting up on the wrong side of the bed or quarreling, jealousy, or backbiting, but rather sharing the joys of each other. The family was ordinary but talented; the boys could all play instruments, and the girls could sing well. What a time of family fellowship they all enjoyed, and the parents joined them in singing and making life cheerful!

I wanted to stay longer. I was learning measureless values in life. They were gentle and kind; they never missed a service; they were devoted to God and their church. "Dear God, give us more loving families whose secret is in the family altar."

TRUST

By Ovella S. Shafer

*God made me better acquainted
With the simple word trust yesterday.
Trust is a quiet, calm committal;
Trust is confidence supreme; and say—
I learned that care and anxious worry,
When cast upon God, both fled.
There was quiet, calm unquestioning,
And trust was magnified instead!*

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

By Raymond C. Kratzer*

THE other day a precious saint came to me with a glow on her face and said: "I just finished reading the Bible through for the fiftieth time last week." From her whole countenance there radiated the glory of the Lord which told of a consistent life that had walked the pathway of truth and duty, well lighted by the lamp of God's eternal Word.

Many people today, far past the half-century mark in years, have not read the Bible through even once. As a consequence their vision is narrow, their souls are dwarfed, and their comprehension of truth is confused and colored by the multitude of voices they have substituted for the living Word.

In these days, as always, the only sure way of guidance is by the light of the Scriptures. This is God's avenue through which His Holy Spirit reveals His will to us. By this method His guidance is uniform and unvarying in every generation and to all people.

Instability in Christian living could be eliminated by a more consistent perusal of God's Word.

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David said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11). But how can one know God's wishes and commands unless he reads them and meditates upon them?

Christian growth and development are impossible without a continual feasting upon the Word, which is sweet to the taste, yea, "sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Ps. 119:103).

Those who have availed themselves of the ever-living Word have discovered mysterious guidance when they stood at the crossroads of decision. They have found a solace for many of the disappointments of life; and through the ever-potent promises, they have imbibed new courage and strength for the day. In fact, the Bible-reading Christian knows that there is no problem in life that he will meet but that the basis for solution can be found in God's Word.

God grant that there shall be more "Bible Golden Anniversaries"—a goal with eternal values of unending discovery.



Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley*

XLII. Closing Admonitions Concerning Holy Living

THE peculiar structure of this Epistle, as previously pointed out, lies in the fact that it is a series of discourses followed in each case by practical instructions and admonitions. In this it differs from most other Epistles, which generally place the practical portions at the close. The author, having given his seventh warning, that against final apostasy, now turns to his closing admonitions. These are found in 13:1-9, 16-19, and constitute his final appeal for steadfastness in the faith and an exemplary life of holiness. These may be set forth as follows:

Brotherly love (v. 1). True love to God is exemplified by genuine love toward man. It excludes all narrow sectarianism and party strife, and furnishes the true motive for all holy activity.

Hospitality (v. 2). "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained

angels unawares." Hospitality in some places is a fast-fading grace.

Sympathy (v. 3). We are to remember those in bonds as bound with them, and those which suffer adversity as being ourselves also in the body, and therefore liable to like afflictions. How often those meeting with adversity are looked upon as under judgment instead of blameless sufferers needing sympathy! Christians must show genuine sympathy, not merely professional courtesy.

Purity (v. 4). Christians are to renounce the impure practices of the pagans. Adultery and fornication are still sins though couched in the polite terms of modern society.

Contentment (v. 5). Christians should be contented, and live daily without covetousness. This does not mean that they should not be at their best for Christ, but that there should be no fretting for that which is beyond their means. The Scriptures demand simplicity in daily living. Wastefulness and extravagance are out of place in the life of holiness.

Assurance (v. 6). Tormenting fears do not belong to the holy life. In whatsoever state we are, the writer tells us "that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Submissiveness (v. 7). "Remember them which have the rule over you." What we are to follow is found in the great examples of faith. Submissiveness is a grace, and not a weakness, only when it is exercised in the fear of God. To hold otherwise would be to involve charges, not only against the apostles and early Christians, but against our Lord himself.

Adjustment (v. 8). Life demands constant adjustment. There are changes in situations and environment, but Christ remains the same. There are helpless infancy, dependent childhood, ambitious youth, mature manhood, and declining age. Of all these, possibly the adjustment to old age is the most difficult. Witness the number of older people in homes for the aged. But Christ is able to care for every situation, as well for helpless infancy and the infirmities of age as for youth and maturity.

Obedience (v. 17). "Obey them that have the rule over you." Remember that godly pastors are in a measure accountable to God, both for your salvation and your progress in grace. They must give an account for us, and we must so live that they may do it with joy.

Prayer (vv. 18-19). "Pray for us." The Apostle believed firmly that God answers the prayers of His people, and so he asks that they pray that he will soon be restored to them.

These final admonitions the writer offers his readers, that they may walk worthy of their calling in righteousness and true holiness.

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MY LORD AND I

By Mary R. Haas

*We walked thru deep-cut valleys
Filled with shadows of despair,
Overcast from mountains high,
In perfect companionship—
My Lord and I.*

*We climbed the highest mountains
Of worry, doubt, and fear,
And watched the sun rise high,
In perfect harmony—
My Lord and I.*

*As I travel on life's road
And the twilight shadows deepen,
I know He'll be standing by.
We have continued fellowship—
My Lord and I.*

God Holds the Map

By Howard Sayes*

THE OTHER day I was reading a daily devotional lesson in Bertha Munro's book *Truth for Today*. In the lesson I found the following statement, speaking about Abraham: "He went out, not knowing whither he went." A fearsome risk—except that God was holding the map."

As I was thinking on these words my mind was directed to the song "He Knows the Way That Leads to Glory." I was reminded that Christ does know the way that leads to glory.

Yes, He knows the way through life. He was born of the Virgin and grew to adulthood, as all must do who live long enough. Therefore, Christ knows the way through life.

He knows the way through trials and temptations. For we read that He was tempted in all points as we are. He has gone through trials and tests and has come out victorious. Therefore, He can safely lead us through.

He knows the way through service. He told His disciples that He came, not to be ministered unto, but to minister. He knows the joys and the disappointments that come to one who serves. He knows how to lead us through success and failure. *He knows the way.*

Christ also knows the way through sorrow and suffering. His heart was grieved many times. He was able to suffer grief and pain. He went through agony on the cross and even had one of His own to betray Him. Truly, we can say, even though we have to go through the valley of the shadow of death, we have no need to fear, for Christ knows the way.

Christ can lead us through death, for He has gone before us. He also knows the way through

the grave; for one day they laid Him in the tomb and sealed it, so that no man could open it. He can lead us safely through death and the grave. *He holds the map.*

He can also lead us through the resurrection, for He has gone before us. The angel said, "He is risen; he is not here" (Mark 16:6).

Then truly we can sing, "He knows the way that leads to glory," for one day the disciples saw Him ascend on high and He went to the right hand of the Father.

Yes, we can go out, not knowing whither we go, for Christ knows the way. Christ has traveled the way before us. He holds the map. All we need to know is that He is leading us.

GOOD NEWS

By W. Shelburne Brown*

THE RADIO was droning on some familiar and monotonous program when suddenly it was cut off in the middle of a word and the staccato voice of a news announcer broke in. "We interrupt this program to bring you a special news bulletin." When the normal routine is interrupted like that, we know it is something of importance. "Word has just been received that the cease-fire in Indo-China has gone into effect. For the first time in twenty-five years, the world is without a major war in progress." Good news!

A news flash from the skies broke in once upon our world. An angel chorus was sent to sound the fanfare, and the spokesman of the group announced the good news of all the ages. "Joy to the world! The Lord is come!" The normal routine of life was broken up. Shepherds, kings, wise men, the common folk were apprised of the fact that something new had happened. God had sent His Son into the world.

With the announcement and acceptance of that bit of news, each one of us was commissioned to be a news carrier. As the newsboys of a great city are sent out to go up and down every city street giving an opportunity for all to read and understand, so we were sent to cover the world with the proclamation of the good tidings. You cannot keep it to yourself and be fair to your fellow man. *We are saved to tell others.*

One writer has suggested vividly that good news is something you can shout across the street, like, "The war is over," or, "Our baby is born," or, "Mother's out of danger." And here is my bit of good news that ought to be shouted across every street. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). This news is fresh every day.

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"You're Not Looking High Enough!"

By Mary Sanders*

IT WAS a beautiful day in the Cascade Mountains. Although it was midsummer, the higher mountains were still covered with a deep blanket of snow. My brother, Bill, and his wife, Edith, with whom I was spending my vacation, had taken me to see the beauties of the mountainous country not too far distant from their home. On this particular day they were especially eager that I see the great Mount Rainier. They had been privileged to see it upon other occasions.

However, upon arriving near the base of the great mountain, we found, to our disappointment, that clouds were completely obscuring our view of the mountain peak. Patiently we waited for the clouds to lift sufficiently for us to obtain a full view of the mountain. After a little while the clouds did begin to drift gradually to one side as a patch of blue sky became more and more visible.

Eagerly I lifted the binoculars to my eyes. I focused them to a high level, which I felt sure would easily take in the full view of the mountain peak. So closely did the white clouds blend in with the white, snow-covered peak that it was difficult indeed to distinguish the one from the other. However, as the clouds kept lifting and I began to see more and more of the actual outline of the mountaintop I finally exclaimed excitedly, "Oh, now I see it!" My brother, however, noting the tilt of the binoculars, gently informed, "No, Mary, you're not looking high enough." Then after another raise of the clouds, and another lift of the binoculars, I would again exclaim, "Oh, now I see all of it!" Again Bill would patiently instruct, "No, honey, you're still not looking high enough."

After this had been repeated another time or two, our patience was finally rewarded; and I was granted a full view of the great mountain peak. At last I was enabled to grasp that which my brother had been trying to get me to realize—the full grandeur and height of the majestic Mount Rainier! The sight of it made all the lesser mountains appear small in comparison.

Edith, standing beside me, whispered, "I murmured a little prayer that you might get a full view of the mountain peak."

Since that memorable day spent in the beautiful Cascades, I have thought often of my brother's repeated admonition, "You're not looking high enough!" Somehow, it has taken on a real spiritual significance to me. I find myself praying for higher spiritual vision; that the binoculars of faith might be lifted ever higher, enabling me to more fully grasp the great mountain peak of God's love and grace; that I might more fully comprehend the grandeur and height of His divine

power; that I might more and more perceive the snow-white purity of His holiness, and that I might more constantly strive to reflect that holiness in my own daily life. I pray that by "looking high enough" I might be less conscious of the lesser mountains of trials and difficulties that may surround me day by day.

In patient perseverance, I pray that I might more fully seek to discern the outline of God's will concerning my life while here on earth; that my spiritual perceptions might grow clearer—as a shining light, "that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." And at last I find my heart echoing the simple prayer expressed by my sister-in-law that day, an extending prayer that someday when life's earthly clouds are lifted I may be found "looking high enough" to behold "a full view of the mountain peak" of glory that shall be greeting my excited view in God's eternal paradise.

HIS GREATEST THOUGHT

By Ruth Williams Crooks*

DANIEL WEBSTER, a clear thinker as well as a great orator, was once asked what was the greatest thought that had ever come to his mind. He replied without hesitation that the greatest thought his mind had ever conceived was that of his personal responsibility to almighty God!

It is an awesome fact that far too many of us are continually hedged in with earth-bound thoughts, living day by day as if this were our permanent dwelling place.

Dives was in all probability an average, affable, tax-paying individual, who had the respect of his neighbors and whose only sin was that of living for today—eating, drinking, and making merry—but was wholly disinterested in the needs of those about him and forgetting his responsibility to almighty God.

"Son, remember . . .," said Abraham to tormented Dives. There will come a time when memory will lash out at those who have passed by on the other side, who have been too busy to speak a word of comfort to the brokenhearted, to give a cup of cold water in His name, to visit the widows in their affliction, and to spread abroad the news of salvation. Infinitely better to remember now than then!

In these last days when it seems the Holy Spirit is ringing every doorbell with the announcement of the imminent return of our blessed Lord, let's remember that our responsibility to almighty God is the measure of our capacity to serve the present age.

An all-seeing, all-knowing, almighty God, who saved us to serve, sees the white harvest field that stretches away from our feet in all directions and will judge us accordingly.

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God Bless the Handmaidens!

By Thelma Gray*

SEVERAL years ago, my husband and I went some distance to attend the funeral service of a near relative. The service was held in one of the most formal of churches, and with an undeviating ritual. There was an atmosphere of almost stoic grief throughout the entire service, and as I think of it now, I don't recall many words which would have been of real comfort to my own heart; but there was one expression which the officiating rector used that has remained with me. I like it. He referred to the loved one as "God's handmaiden." Somehow, to me, a handmaiden is appealing. It is so much warmer, so much closer and more intimate, to be a handmaiden than to be a hired girl.

We have some handmaidens in our church—one, a steward, who for many years has been responsible for the preparation of the Lord's Supper. She has kept the linen, which she made for this express purpose, beautifully laundered and spotless. The service shines with her care; yet her labors are done with such silent devotion that we are hardly aware of them. Her income is meager, but her giving is so liberal that it sometimes causes eyes to open wide at the way God stretches her tiny resources—a handmaiden of God!

There are more—one who is not well, yet says little of her ailments. She serves efficiently in more than one office, besides raising a family to serve the God she loves; another whose loving concern has lifted many a heavy heart; one who says, "I want to fill the niche God has for me"; that one who takes notes on the sermon for a member who cannot hear the message. There are others—you can think of them in your own church. Probably a visitor wouldn't notice them, because they are rarely obvious; but when there is sorrow, when there is need—spiritual or physical—how blessed are we if we are acquainted with one of His handmaidens!

There was a gentle one, a long time ago, who, when she recognized my spiritual need, prayed much and granted me the very real blessing of her fellowship. She never exploited my friendship, nor did she encourage confidences on my part which I might later have regretted. But she encouraged me to look to One in whom I could confide all, and be sure of divine understanding and guidance. The fragrance of her influence will ever remain upon my life. She is one of God's handmaidens.

We may not all achieve a high or honored post, but we can win the smile of the One we serve—if we serve with unmeasured devotion. And how good it is if we can be only a door-keeping handmaiden, when that door is God's!

*Moscow, Idaho

THE CHRISTIAN GAIT

By Ila R. Monday

*A lawyer hurries to make up his case,
Lest, slow in moving, he'll lose out in fame;
A businessman will hasten to his work,
For money sacrificed, he'll be to blame . . .*

*A housewife hurries to prepare a meal,
Her feet walk fast to make the dinner's goal.
Should we not then speed fast at God's command,
Lest sin, outrunning, overtake some soul?*

Is the Body Sinful?

By A. O. Hendricks*

THERE is a difference between the human body and the body of sin. The human body is not sinful in itself. The body of sin is carnality, and not the human body, as so many erroneously teach.

As a child I was taught to believe that the human body and the body of sin were one and the same, and that we could never be delivered from sin in this life until we came to die.

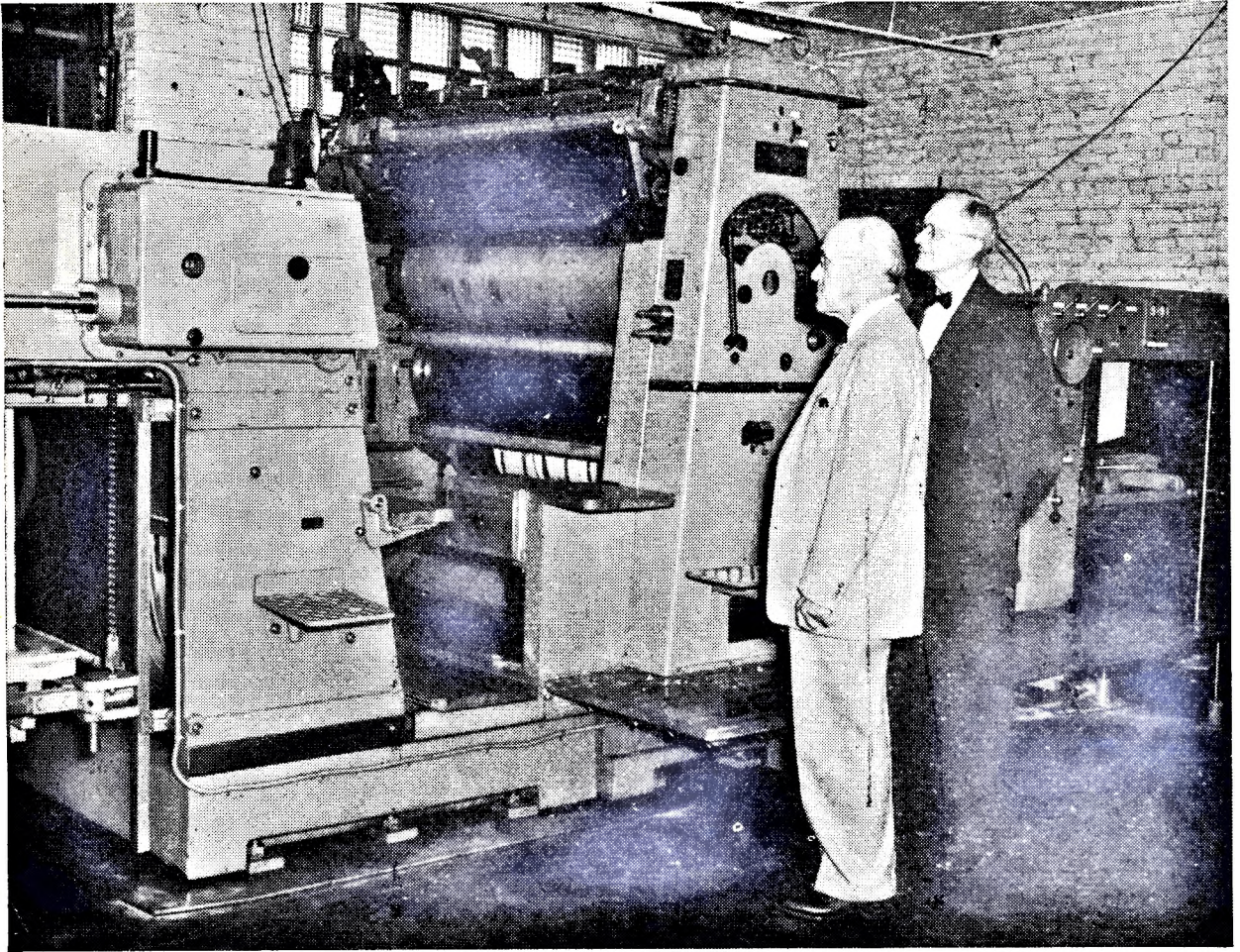
After I was sanctified I labored earnestly for years to lead my mother, and other members of my family, into the blessing of holiness or entire sanctification. Mother would invariably quote Rom. 8:8 to me, "So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God." Not until I could read my Greek New Testament did I discover that there are two Greek words for flesh or body: one is *soma*, which refers to the human body; the other is *sarx*, which refers to carnality, the inherited sinful nature, or body of sin.

As I studied my Greek New Testament, I discovered that in Rom. 8:8 the word for flesh is *sarx* (carnality), and not *soma*, the human body. This made the passage perfectly clear. The next verse, nine, verifies this fact. "But ye are not in the flesh, [*sarx*, carnality], but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you." These Romans were still in their physical human bodies, for Paul was not writing to disembodied spirits, but to normal human persons like you and me.

When I discovered this wonderful truth, I wrote to my darling mother and explained it to her. She saw the light and received it and walked in it, and was gloriously sanctified then and there. She had been hungering for the blessing for a long time, but her early training had prejudiced her mind against it. We verily believe that there are many good, sincere, honest hearts that are hungering for this blessing, but lack of proper knowledge and understanding of this glorious truth is keeping them out of this wonderful experience.

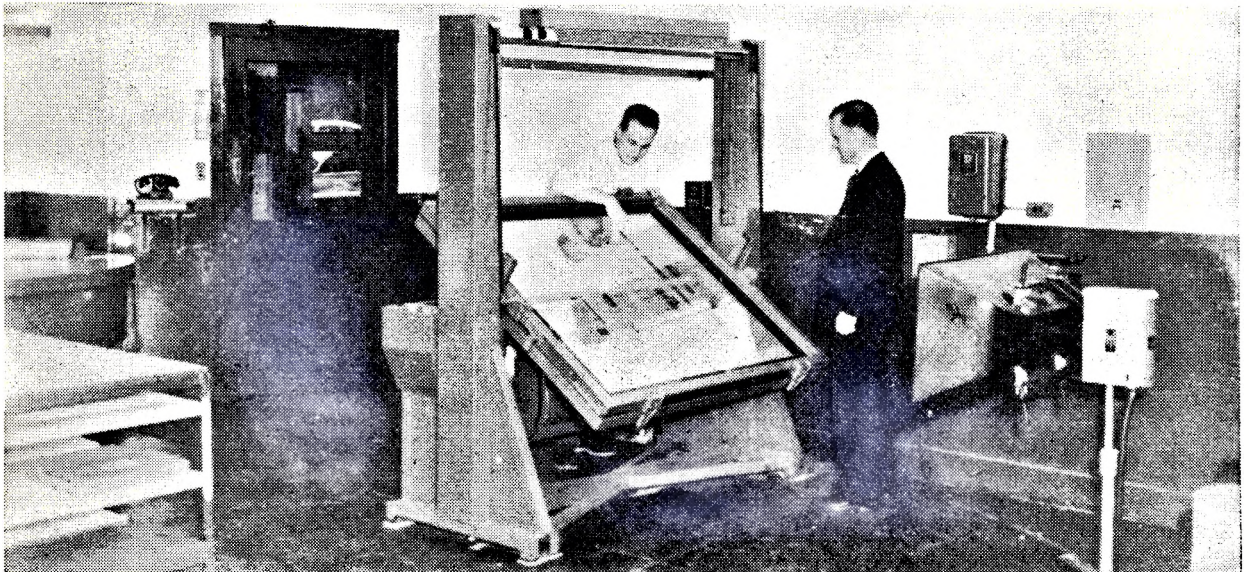
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Nazarene Publishing House



Dr. Haldor Lillenas and Dr. M. Lunn, general manager, are inspecting the Number 49 Miehle Offset Press recently installed in the Nazarene

Publishing House. The new press is a German-made machine, manufactured for an American firm. It was purchased at a cost of \$45,000.00,



which is considerably lower than the cost of such a machine manufactured in another country.

The offset press has a maximum speed of 6,500 impressions an hour. Compared with the speed of the letter-press, which operates at the rate of 1,600 impressions an hour, this new press will make possible much faster printing of materials for use in the work of the Kingdom.

Seven of the regular periodicals are scheduled to be printed on this new machine. These include the *Other Sheep*, *Conquest*, *Church School Builder*, *Advanced Quarterly*, *Youth's Quarterly*, *Primary* and *Beginner Handwork* sets. Most of our songbooks will be printed on the offset press.

In the second picture, Arch Edwards, production manager, and Richard Fields, returned veteran in charge of the photo-composing room, are inspecting some of the photographic equipment which has been installed to prepare material for running our offset presses. Other printers in Kansas City have described this installation as the very best they have seen in its field.

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A Must for Music Lovers:

For the home where music still survives and contributes its part to the background of culture, *A Treasury of Hymns* should be avidly welcomed. To say that this volume pleases the eye is a major understatement; it is an artistic delight and more. In the 376 pages (11¼ x 8¼ inches) can be found almost every well-known hymn of the Christian Church. Each page is beautifully decorated in colors. The numbers are grouped according to theme and there are indexes—titles, first lines, and authors. This is a Simon and Shuster publication, edited by Maria Leiper and Henry W. Simon. The price is \$6.00 and worth it.



Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

Conference

Methodist Quadrennial Conference on Family Life! It sounds like a good thing. Three thousand, mostly young people, attended. Bishop Warner stated, "The family has what it takes to meet its problems." Without doubt he meant, "The Christian family has what it takes." But it is necessary to keep before us always that the true strength of all the institutions of Christian civilization is faith in Christ. He urged, "See it [marriage] as sacred and eternal." The Christian ideal makes it imperative that "husband and wife stay together," not because it is impossible or illegal, but because it is unthinkable, to separate. Many marriages have been saved to happiness and success by the couples taking their problem to the pastor, to Christ and to the church. Truly, the Christian family has what it takes to meet its problems. (*Christian Century*)

Bingo

In the November elections Protestant Christians took active part in elections with varied results. Through their participation and activity a bill to legalize bingo in churches and fairs, in the state of Michigan, was defeated. They organized and planned carefully and were victorious. The vote was close—850,066 against and 832,850 for. It is amazing that any branch of the Christian Church will support gam-

bling. Could it be a philosophy that "the end justifies the means"?

A Handshake

Out from the meeting of the seventh annual conference on evangelism at Whitby, Ontario, came the following: Colin Roberts, past president of the British Methodist Conference, urged that the gap between the Church and labor be closed. In the early days of the Methodist societies and churches in Britain, the Methodist church was mother of many early labor leaders. The indifference of the comfortable middle class has resulted in no common cause with the workingman. At this conference it was said that in the United States the Protestant church was growing twice as fast as the Catholic church. Ernest Campbell is reported to have urged more "selectiveness" in receiving church members. "Too often," he said, "it is with a wink of the eye and a handshake of fellowship that anyone can come in." Such a practice would cheapen and degrade the church and make Christianity seem a farce.

Elevated or Reduced?

An advertisement in a recent religious magazine made an appeal for those interested in promoting knowledge of truth and fact which will "bring the churches up to the intellectual level" of our progressive

theological seminaries and outstanding universities. Now isn't that really interesting! The same article said that the term "God"—"Jehovah"—came "upward from the level of heathenism out of a great struggle against economic and social evils identified with Baal and other gods." (Now we know where "God" came from according to "progressives.") There are great seminaries and universities in the land whose work we prize. But such so-called "progressives" as think that the churches must come to a higher altitude to reach them clearly classify themselves. True Christian churches will make no such condescension.

The Great Illusion

"He got us out of war and kept us out of war"; so ran a recent campaign slogan. "The possibility of permanent peace is more promising than in any time in recent years," the President said recently. Some men, high in government circles, want us to "break relations" or in some other way perpetuate strained relations. Just who is right in leadership and policy-making for our nation? The pursuit of peace, at times, has its illusions. It is not always an easy road to travel. But the pursuit of war is the "great illusion." Tragically enough, war at times seems inevitable. At this time, however, "peace with strength" holds the vastly greater hope for America.

Did Anything Happen to Nicodemus?

Jesus loved people. He was always anxious to meet human beings—to have even one seek Him out. It is not easy for us to imagine how

Jesus felt when He was confronted by a lost soul. Nicodemus came to Jesus and, so far as we know, he never came to Him but the one time. This Pharisee was a ruler of the Jews. He and the Master belonged to the same nation and perhaps to the same religious group. They had the same background and early training; they were not strangers, as two persons from different nations would have been. More than that, Nicodemus had heard about Jesus. He knew of His teaching and works, and was so impressed by them that he was convinced that Jesus was a “teacher come from God.”

On the other hand, Jesus’ interest in this Jewish ruler was deep and moving. How He must have yearned to help him! He was the Son of God, and yet He could not cross the boundaries of Nicodemus’ free will and force him, although He knew how imperative his need was. What could He do to bridge the gap between them? How could He lead him into the light of the truth or persuade him to give up the religion of his fathers and believe on Him? That was the problem which Jesus faced.

At times we are so overwhelmed by our belief in the deity of Jesus that we forget that He had limitations—limitations not only as the Son of Man, but also as the Son of God. God cannot drive men into His way; He can only lead them there. This is what Jesus wanted to do for Nicodemus, above everything else. Here was one of the great opportunities of His career; He had been sought out by a ruler of the Jews. Jesus looked beneath the outer surface and saw the inexpressible longings in the heart of Nicodemus.

NICODEMUS’ name appears only three times in the Gospels. Each time he is spoken of as the man who “came to Jesus by night.” Certainly his coming at that

time must have had special significance, or it would not have been mentioned as it was. Nevertheless, Jesus didn’t let this sidetrack Him. Some of us might have become involved in an argument with Nicodemus about the time of his coming, but not so with Jesus. In His conversation with this ruler of the Jews He did not waste precious opportunities by asking him *why* he came when he did; He did not criticize him for doing it or accuse him of being a coward, as some of us might have done.

Nicodemus, as we have already indicated, recognized that Jesus was an unusual Person, a Teacher “come from God,” for he said, “No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.” Some might say that Nicodemus was doing his best, with these words, to get on

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the good side of Jesus; it was just a shrewd attempt on his part to win the Master’s favor and help. It might even be said that, as a ruler of the Jews, he thought it was good policy on his part to win the approbation of One so unusual as Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless, I cannot think of it in this way. I believe Nicodemus was doing his best to meet the situation fairly and frankly. He was ready to acknowledge right off that Jesus was, so far as he understood Him, a “teacher come from God”; and he was not trying merely to brag on Him and thus get His good will. Anyway, a man, a ruler of the Jews, a Pharisee, came to Jesus by night to find out what he could about Him.

HAVING brushed aside any question as to why he came when he did, and also the compliment which was handed to Him, Jesus looked Nicodemus squarely in the face

and said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” This meeting of Nicodemus and Jesus was no monologue; it was a dialogue. Nicodemus answered and said, “How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?” Nicodemus’ response was natural. The words of Jesus were strange to him; he could not understand them. He was ignorant as to this new religion that Jesus was bringing to men.

Nicodemus was like a little boy I heard of recently. He had been taught in Sunday school something about being “born again,” and at home he said to his father, “Daddy, I don’t want to be born again.” Of course his father, a preacher, was somewhat surprised at such a statement from his boy. When he questioned him he found he was taking the phrase literally; he didn’t want to be a baby again. He was now five or six years of age and didn’t care anything about being “born again.”

Nicodemus, though he was a ruler of the Jews, didn’t understand what the Master said; like the little boy, he took the statement literally. The dialogue continued, as Jesus answered: “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit” (John 3:5-8). Nicodemus was still mystified; he replied, “How can these things be?” Then Jesus con-

cluded the conversation thus: "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven" (John 3:10-13). Following this, the Master told how His life, as the Son of God, must be given in order for men to be "born again": "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

How much of what follows was a part of Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, we cannot know for sure. However, I am inclined to believe that everything, at least through verse 21, was said to Nicodemus. This ruler of the Jews was given some of the most wonderful truth that Jesus ever presented to men. Surely, Nicodemus was highly favored in having this personal meeting and conversation with the Master of men.

THE QUESTION still comes to me, "Did anything happen to Nicodemus?" Did this meeting between him and Jesus result in his conversion?

Confirmed in His Friendship Was he thereby brought to Christ? Was he "born again"? Did he enter into the kingdom of God on this occasion? These are questions which cannot be answered for certain. I do know, however, that in the other two places where Nicodemus is mentioned—John 7:50-52 and John 19:39—he is presented as the friend of Jesus. In the first reference we have the words of Nicodemus at a meeting of the Sanhedrin. The officers had been reprimanded by the chief priests and Pharisees for not having brought Jesus before them. They defended themselves by saying, "Never man spake like this man." Then Nicodemus, one of the members of the Sanhedrin, said, "Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?" These words seem to me to indicate that something had happened to Nicodemus because of his visit to Jesus. At least he had been confirmed in his friendship for the Master.

This answer to my question is substantiated by the third and last reference to Nicodemus, in John 19:39. Jesus had been crucified, and we are told, "Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came

therefore, and took the body of Jesus." And in the next verse we have these words: "And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight." Finally, the account closes thus: "Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. . . . and in the garden a new sepulchre, . . . There laid they Jesus . . ." Thus Nicodemus had a part in burying the body of Jesus. However, the scripture does not say that he was a disciple of Jesus, although it definitely states that Joseph of Arimathaea was. So, again, we can go no further than to say that Nicodemus had become a real friend of the Master; at least that much had happened to him. As to whether or not he was "born again," or converted, we are still somewhat in the dark. But I am inclined to believe that if he had not yet become a follower of Jesus Christ he reached this stage after the Resurrection. I can't help but think of him as being present in some of those groups—perhaps the five hundred—who saw Jesus after He had come forth from the grave; and I don't think he was there merely as an onlooker; I believe he then knew the power of the Christ to save.

None of us can envision the joy that must have filled the Master's heart when He saw among those before Him such men as Nicodemus—men who had been led into the Kingdom directly by His own efforts. There is no joy which can surpass that of the soul winner, measured by his concern for the one he has brought to the feet of the Master. And if we use that measuring rod in connection with Christ's soul winning, how great indeed must have been His delight when He was able to lead someone into the Kingdom! No human mind can fathom the depth of the Master's concern for the lost and needy soul; likewise no human mind can imagine the height of His satisfaction and glory when such a person has found Him.

Did anything happen to Nicodemus when he met Jesus that night? Yes, I believe something happened to him. At least he became convinced of the fact that Jesus was more than a mere man, and he was started on the road which, I believe, finally led to his conversion.

"'Twas Love That Moved the Mighty God"

God so loved the world—the same passionate love which Jesus had for Nicodemus flows out from the heart of God for all men everywhere. "God so loved the world." This love of God can be mediated to men today only through those of us who are His followers. How much the world needs our love! All about us are those who have burdens which are almost beyond bearing. What they need is not criticism, but love—love akin to that which moved the mighty God, and brought forth these words from the lips of the Master: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou

that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37), and caused Jesus

Christ to die on the cross. This is the kind of love that helps you and me to make life's burdens lighter and life more worth living. It means good will to all men, and the spirit of helpfulness to those about us who are in need.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Prayer Requests

Urgent. Mrs. Brian Vanciel, wife of our missionary to the North American Indians at Low Mountain, is critically ill in the Winslow hospital with a kidney infection. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Maimie Hendricks, formerly in Barbados, is recuperating from a severe illness. She would appreciate your prayers.

"Pray with us for two of our key young men who are now seeking holiness. They have just gotten full light on holiness and have seen their need. We are having classes for them two mornings a week."—PAUL ORJALA, Haiti.

PRAYER ANSWER

Dr. Quentin Howard's two-year-old daughter, who suffered a concussion and skull fracture in a serious fall, is greatly improved. Continue to pray that she will have no ill effects resulting from this injury.

British Guiana Rally

Our September Sunday-school rally reached a new high of 2,318, with Queenstown breaking her former record of 506 with an attendance of 579. Then on Quarterly Sunday, October 3, we had 670 in Sunday school here. You will be interested in the departments' reports on that day: Adults, 58; Intermediate-Young People, 176; Juniors, 436. During our special services we had over 160 seekers at Queenstown with much definite work being done, and about one hundred seekers in the country districts. Our workers are still commenting on the help and blessing they received from these services.—DONALD K. AULT.

Progress for Christ

The latter part of November we opened a new mission at Ojo de Agua, north of Guanimar, and the Lord is richly blessing. The interest in the gospel is spreading rapidly in that whole community, and we have been blessed seeing precious souls seeking salvation and new ones coming at each service.

Last Sunday a lady came to the service with her six children. She was saved listening to a gospel radio program about a year ago. She had been praying that the Lord would give her the opportunity of attending gospel services. She feels like the Lord has answered her prayers. — FAITH COOLIDGE, Cuba.

URUGUAY

Our council meeting was a blessing. There was an outpouring of the Spirit, not in an unusual way, but in that quiet way when He comes upon us and helps us in our decisions. We arrived back just about an hour before time for the Thursday night service, and it was wonderful to see how the people came out in spite of the fact that no visitation had been done through the week. There were twenty-one people out for Bible study. As far as I can remember, there has not been one service since opening the new hall when we have not had at least one new person present in the service. I am thrilled at the way God is working here in Uruguay. I believe that God has a great, great work for our church here in this country. We do need the prayers of God's people.

We plan to open up another new preaching place here before Christmas if possible.—RONALD DENTON, Argentina-Uruguay District.

A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

THE GOLDEN MOMENT

Monday:

The fully committed life is a life of release into glorious freedom. Every moment, if you see it as it is, is a golden moment of opportunity to release God into your environment. "The situation that has not its ideal was never yet occupied by man," Carlyle wrote. Better, the situation does not exist which has not its need of God and of your power to put Him there. "Redeeming the time" is "buying up opportunities." (Eph. 5:17.)

Tuesday:

Capitalize the golden moment for *prompt obedience*: for doing the thing you know will please God *now*, for taking the one step you are certain of *today*—so opening the way for a life lived in the clear. For light has a way of moving on and leaving one behind, stumbling, shaky, uncertain. Recognize the golden moment for keeping step with Christ. (Mark 1:18.)

Wednesday:

The golden moment to learn *self-discipline*: to do something hard or give up something pleasant for the sake of Christ—and so to find your own personality strengthened and enriched. The golden moment to forget self and so give someone else an easier road and a boost on the way to heaven. (Matt. 16:24.)

Thursday:

The golden moment for cutting the vicious circle of evil: overcoming evil with good, and unkindness with the loving answer which turns away wrath—so turning an enemy into a friend (to yourself and to your Master). The golden moment to be a *maker of peace*. (Rom. 14:19.)

Friday:

The golden moment to *redeem the time*: to transform an irritating delay into a triumph of faith, to use in prayer the time "wasted" waiting for a green light or a late arrival. In that moment you can unlock a stubborn situation for some servant of God on the other side of the world. (I Thess. 5:17.)

Saturday:

The golden moment of opportunity to *stand by Christ* for a cause that is right, with an unpopular minority. Or the moment to *redeem a life*: giving a person a second chance when everyone else has despaired of him—remembering you yourself once were a failure too. The moment to speak the word of testimony or invitation that will change things for eternity. (II Tim. 2:12.)

Sunday:

The golden moment to *fill a gap*: to do an unseen or uncoveted job just for love of the Lord. To listen to your neighbor's troubles, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Claim your right this day to the healing Midas touch that will turn curse to blessing and all your moments to gold. (Gal. 6:2.)

CRUSADE

for SOULS



Crusade Conference

At Ellendale, North Dakota

IT was recently my privilege to participate in a "Grass-Roots Crusade for Souls Conference" held jointly by the North Dakota and South Dakota districts at Ellendale, North Dakota. Rev. Kern, the pastor at Ellendale, and his fine people were wonderful hosts. The city of Ellendale is very close to the line between the two states, and is a most friendly little city. Rooms were provided by church people of all faiths. One of our ministers was invited to stay with the Roman Catholic priest of the town. He gladly accepted the gracious invitation.

This conference was one of the best attended conferences it has been my privilege to attend. The commodious church auditorium was well filled for every service. There were almost as many present for the day services as for the night. About 95 per cent of the pastors of both districts were present. This entailed many miles of travel. There was a fine representation of laymen from both districts who attended.

With such faithful loyalty it is small wonder that from the first service the Lord's presence was very real for the entire conference. The people were willing to put some effort and money into the meeting and, from their testimonies, they were well rewarded.

As usual, we were able to secure co-workers who have been especially successful in organizing and operating the Crusade program in their own churches. Brother Jerald Johnson, pastor at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; and Brother Milton Huxman, of Bethany Church near Hutchinson, Kansas, were masters in presenting the workings of personal visitation evangelism in their two churches. They have both had phenomenal success. Both of their churches had seemingly stopped on "dead center." These men gave case after case out of their rich experience showing the glorious results of organized visitation until their churches were crowded out and scores of people were brought to know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Brother Huxman showed how it can be done in the rural area as well as in the city. His church is located four miles in the country.

This wonderful conference could not have succeeded as it did except for the fact that the district superintendents, Harry Taplin and Crawford Vanderpool, had effectively rallied their forces and put upon the hearts of their people the importance of the Crusade. These men worked as a fine team, and I am sure that the days to come will be better days for the Dakotas as a result.

Wisconsin and Maritime Crusade for Souls Conferences

It was my happy privilege to represent the Crusade for Souls Commission at the conferences on the Wisconsin and Maritime districts. The conference in Wisconsin was held at our church in Richland Center, October 26 to 28. Dr. Charles A. Gibson, district superintendent, had publicized the conference widely and pastors and laymen were present from all parts of the district. Dr. Gibson's able chairmanship of the conference kept things moving along smoothly. General Superintendent Samuel Young and Dr. Edward Lawlor, superintendent of the Canada West District, were the other speakers. Their messages, varied, inspiring, and challenging, sent us from the conference with a burning desire to do something personally in the Crusade for Souls Now. Questions presented during the workshop period enabled us to face problems common throughout the Wisconsin District in reaching new people for Christ and building the church. Rev. A. E. Gerdes, the host pastor, efficiently provided for the needs of everyone present, and the building was filled to capacity for the evening services. This was the second Crusade conference for the Wisconsin District. The pastors of the district are alert to their opportunities and many of them are actively working the Crusade for Souls Now.

The following week, November 2 to 4, the Maritime District Crusade for Souls conference was held at Moncton, New Brunswick. This was my first visit to this district and I enjoyed a day with our church and pastor at Halifax, Nova Scotia, before the conference began. Rev. J. H. MacGregor, the district superintendent, had most of the pastors of the district present, and there was a fine representation of laymen. This is one of our smaller districts numerically and

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

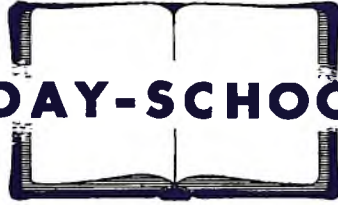
none of the churches on the district is large. In some of the cities more than 50 per cent of the population are French-speaking and predominantly Roman Catholic. This was the first presentation of the Crusade for Souls at a district-wide conference. General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool and Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, the superintendent of the New York District, were the other speakers at this conference. Our general superintendents are vitally concerned that all of us enlist in the Crusade for Souls Now. There was a wonderful response by the Maritime Nazarenes. We know that some of them attended the conference at personal financial sacrifice. There were times of victory and blessing, as well as times for facing seriously our responsibility to Crusade for Souls Now. Brother MacGregor ably directed the conference and Rev. C. William Cole, the host pastor, was most solicitous in making everyone comfortable. The Moncton church was crowded for the evening services, with good attendance during the day. We have never met a more warmhearted, friendly people than those who welcomed us at Moncton.

We had opportunity to drive out and see the new building going up for our Lutes Mountain Church. This is a rural church a few miles from Moncton. The building was jacked up while a basement was being built under it, when Hurricane Edna blew it over and completely destroyed it. The people of the church and community responded in this disaster, and the new building will be a fine addition to the churches of the Maritime District.

On the return trip from Moncton we had time between trains to look up our church in Montreal on the Canada Central District and slip into a service. This is our only church in the province of Quebec. It is 120 miles from the nearest Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Harvey Bye, the young pastor, is doing a fine work and there is an excellent group of very loyal people in this church.—ALPIN P. BOWES.

More reports of Crusade conferences will appear in the December 22 issue.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for December 19: The Christian Evangel

Scripture: Luke 2:10; Acts 1:8; 8:4-8; II Cor. 5:17-20; Rev. 11:15; Matt. 24:14

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GOLDEN TEXT: *Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people* (Luke 2:10).

The supreme purpose of the sanctified Christian is to make Christ known, trusted, accepted, and loved. This, beyond all doubt, is incomparably the most important work of every Christian. This, in essence, provides the reason for our existence. When William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was asked what it was that caused him to give his life to the wretched, poverty-stricken souls of the London slums he replied, "The impulses and urgings of an undying ambition to save souls." Paul voiced the same note—"For to me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). There is no other mission big enough to save us from feverish restlessness or worldly ambition, or from becoming lost amid the multitude of meaningless trivialities. Throughout the church there is need for a summons to evangelize.

Methods and promotional plans have

their place and ought to be carefully received. This world is so pitifully sick and so hopelessly lost, while so few are doing anything about it, that we ought to humbly thank God for every effort we see. God help us to be big enough to rejoice in the success of others. Think of those who are living without the Saviour, indifferent, apathetic, and unresponsive. Only a passionate heart will move souls so habit-bound and sin-controlled. We need to have a profound understanding of the faith we profess through study of God's Word. We need, too, to familiarize ourselves with the battleground of those whom we would win; to know above all that God's grace is limitless, that the resources of the living God are adequate in every case; that is, to really believe in Jesus Christ.

It is the call of every follower of Jesus to be an evangel. We are His ambassadors. Each must serve in his respective sphere and in accord with his various traits and abilities, but

nevertheless the call rests upon all. Dwight L. Moody said, "I would rather set ten men to work than to do the work of ten men." Thank God for every effort of mass evangelism, but this is a ministry to which we have all been called and ordained.

May the Spirit of Christ enable all of us to identify ourselves with the desperate need of our day, to practice our religion, to live Christ-controlled lives that will let the world see the glory of our Saviour. This is the only picture many are ever going to receive; may it not be blurred nor out of focus. So dominant and urgent was this responsibility in the life of Paul that he declared, "For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3). So Christ looks into our individual hearts, saying, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21). This is the call of the Church of the Nazarene. We have no time, energy, nor money for less.

THE QUESTION BOX

Q. *In the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13), were the five foolish virgins born-again Christians? Were the five wise virgins born-again and sanctified Christians? Were the five foolish virgins lost?*

A. All of Jesus' parables were illustrations. They were given to teach a single truth and should not be applied otherwise. The Parable of the Ten Virgins brings to us the truth that some will be ready when Jesus comes, and some will not. The five wise virgins were prepared to meet Jesus when He came, while the five foolish were not. The first five went into the marriage, but the others were shut out. The purpose of the parable was not primarily to teach that one group had a certain state of grace, while the other did not. However, it seems to me that the parable implies that the wise virgins at least had an up-to-

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date Christian experience—were saved and walking in the light—whereas the foolish were not in this class.

Q. *Are sins of ignorance synonymous with mistakes, and are sins of omission equal to willful sins?*

A. I would answer "yes" to the first part of your question and "no" to the second. There may be some sins of omission which are willful, and some which are not—they are mistakes, or sins of ignorance.

Q. *At times I am deeply troubled because of my past sins. I know God's grace is sufficient to overcome this, but is it the devil that is causing it, or will I have to go through this the rest of my life? I love Jesus and want to*

do everything I can to make up for my past sins. I beg God to forgive me, but this nagging as to what I once did stays with me.

A. Have you repented of your sins—turned your back on them, by making right the ones you can and forsaking all of them? In other words, have you had such a godly sorrow for your sins that you have gone out of the sin business? If you have, then you have a right to trust Christ as your Saviour now. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us" (I John 1:9). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). I believe from what you write that you have met the conditions and have been forgiven of your sins. No doubt it's the devil who

is hounding you with your past sins. Tell the devil to get behind you, and look to Jesus. He has cast your sins into the sea of forgetfulness and will remember them against you no more. God never brings up forgiven sins!

Q. *Is it the policy of the Church of the Nazarene not to receive into its membership those who have been divorced, either for Bible reasons or otherwise, even though they have been saved since the divorce took place?*

A. The Church of the Nazarene does receive persons into the church who have been divorced on the Bible ground of adultery—that is, the innocent party is received. Others who

have been divorced are excluded according to the ruling of the *Manual*.

Q. *My neighbor and I were discussing the following questions: Should Christians vote? Should our boys go to war to kill and be killed? My neighbor, who is of a different faith, says that Christians should not vote or take part in political affairs. She holds this view because she believes that all politicians are vile and corrupt, and it displeases God whenever Christians vote for them. She also claims that our boys should not go to war since the Bible teaches us to love our enemies and not kill them. I sincerely believe in the teachings of the Church of the Nazarene, but what*

is your opinion regarding these subjects?

A. Some politicians are not vile and corrupt. Further, if all Christians would go to the polls and vote intelligently and conscientiously, there would not be so many vile and corrupt politicians as there are. It is the duty of Christians to vote. War is a terrible thing, but sometimes it is unavoidable. It is better for our boys to fight than for all of us to become the slaves of a people who would do away with our freedom and religion. We should love our enemies even when we have to defend ourselves against them. Thank God we are not at war now! Let's pray that God will help the world leaders to solve the problems which face them without another terrible war.

NEWS of the Churches



Rev. A. C. Rowland writes that he and his family closed a wonderful revival with the Coshocton church in Ohio: "Rev. W. E. Zimmerman is certainly doing a commendable work in this nice city of 15,000 population. We were able to assist him in raising money to build a new auditorium that will seat one thousand people, at a minimum cost of about \$70,000.00. The prearrangements for the revival were well taken care of, and the revival results were far-reaching. Many times the altar was lined with seekers. On the closing Sunday we gave out more than fifty application cards for church membership. This was our second revival with this good church and, we feel, the best."

Cincinnati, Ohio—Lockland Church recently experienced one of the greatest revivals we have had in years. It has been our privilege to see God work miracles in the heart and lives of people, for which our good folk have been praying for years. From the very first service, God seemed to settle down on the services. Evangelist Ellis Lewis preached under the anointing of God from night to night. His messages were scriptural, yet pointed and rugged truths, given under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. God honored the preaching of this good man and the prayers of our good people. People were saved and sanctified wholly, backsliders were reclaimed, restitutions were made, and glorious victory came to the hearts of many. This was Brother Lewis' second meeting with us, and we think it was the best of the two. Our music was under the direction of our own minister of music, Rex Baker. He presented us with a fine musical program each evening. Our attendance was the best; finances came easily; God is blessing, and we are rejoicing in His service.—O. V. Mewbuorn, Pastor.

Correction: CARE Mailing

It will be necessary in sending CARE parcels to Korea, as announced to local N.Y.P.S. presidents as a part of the December "Share" project, to send them to Rev. Owens' native address rather than his APO mailing address. Please note this correction. The address is:

Rev. Don Owens
Care of Nazarene Mission
311-7 Sajik Dong
Chong Ro Ku
Seoul, Korea

Bedford, Indiana—Valley Mission Church recently closed the greatest revival since the church was organized about four years ago. Rev. Evert Baker was the evangelist, with Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Kirkman and the Valley Mission Trio as special singers. The church received much benefit from the great preaching of Brother Baker, and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. Brother Baker's messages on holiness were so plain and penetrating that it was almost impossible to reject. Every department of the church was helped; and a goodly number were received into the church membership. God is blessing and leading on to victory. We have some great people here in the hills of southern Indiana.—I. D. Horine, Pastor.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with our district superintendent, Dr. John L. Knight, as the evangelist. God blessed the faithful ministry of Dr. Knight in an unusual way to our own people and also to outsiders. Every service was marked with

victory. Morning services were also conducted and proved a real help to the Christians. Seventy-five different people bowed at the altar, and at the last service thirteen were received into church membership. Dr. Knight has indeed endeared himself to the Fort Lauderdale Nazarenes.—George Kercher, Pastor.

Middleport, Ohio—Our church closed a good revival with Evangelist John W. Harrold on October 17. Twenty-four souls found help at the altar, and the people were revived more than in any other revival for over two years. Two souls have been sanctified since the meeting; and we are enjoying the blessing of God.—R. F. Styers, Pastor.

Modoc, Indiana—Recently the Lord gave us a good revival with Evangelist Lowell Yeatts as special speaker in this, his second, meeting here in the Modoc church. Brother Yeatts preached the Word, close and searching, with the anointing of God upon him. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Buckles sang in the Spirit, and God's blessing was upon the services each night. A number of fine young people sought God and found Him able for their need. There are good days ahead for the church in Modoc as we press forward for God and souls.—H. W. Spencer, Pastor.

Mooresville, North Carolina—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. C. C. Brown as evangelist. The Lord met with us in a wonderful way in each service. Mrs. T. J. Tipton and daughter, Anita, were a great blessing and added much to the revival with their Spirit-filled singing and music. At almost every service there were earnest seekers at the altar and fifteen souls prayed through. The church remembered its pastor, Rev. C. P. Mason, and his family with a

pounding and a cash love offering during the revival. We appreciated Brother Brown and his good ministry; he is surely anointed of God, and has a real message and carries a heavy burden for the unsaved.—Mrs. Robert Daniels, Reporter.

Madera, California—We recently closed a good revival with L. C. and Ruth Messer, song evangelists, and Rev. P. H. Hampsten, the pastor, as evangelist. The Messers were a great asset, and we deeply appreciate those who gave of their consecrated talents in music and song. Under the Spirit's anointing, Brother Hampsten's sound, doctrinal, Holy Ghost messages brought conviction to sinners and blessings to the saints; and waves of glory and shouts of victory came on the services. Contacts made for the revival in person and by phone brought many new people to the services. Our church is solidly united, wholeheartedly back of the church program, and supports the 10 per cent plan for missions. We love our pastor devotedly; and as a token of our deep appreciation for the fine ministry of our pastor and family a love offering of \$160.00 was given to them.—Neva C. Brewer, Reporter.

Memphis, Tennessee—God has wondrously blessed the Brooks Avenue Church under the leadership of Rev. Jacklyn Shockley. Last assembly year the church membership was doubled. On October 17 we closed a ten-day revival with Rev. Ralph Miller, pastor of the Southside Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas. He brought some soul-stirring messages. Some forty persons prayed through at the altar, and the crowds were wonderful. On Sunday morning of October 17, our record attendance was broken. Nine members were received into the church, all by profession of faith. One entire family of seven were saved and sanctified during the revival and received into the church. We give God all the glory, and thanks to Brother Miller.—Mrs. Harvey Jackson, Reporter.

Charleston, West Virginia—We came to the pastorate of Cross Lanes Church last August, to succeed Rev. O. R. Gunnoe, who was the fine pastor here for two years. We found a group of Nazarenes who are capable and willing. Under the leadership of some of the fine ladies of the church, a vacation Bible school was conducted with an average attendance of eighty-seven, after which a Junior Society was organized. Last month our district church school chairman, Rev. Hadley Hall, assisted in establishing a Sunday-school workers' conference; the first meeting was a great success. Six new Sunday-school rooms are nearing completion and the finances have been raised for this accomplishment. Two new floor furnaces have been installed in the auditorium of the church and one was recently installed in the parsonage. Also, an electric organ has been purchased for

the sanctuary. The parsonage has been redecorated and several improvements made at an approximate cost of \$1,000.00, including the labor which was donated by the members and friends of the church. In the annual fall revival Rev. C. S. Nutter preached challenging messages under the unction of the Holy Spirit. The Lord blessed with souls praying through to definite victory, which resulted in some additions to the church membership. The church is located in an expanding community; the prospects are good, and a spirit of unity and harmony prevails in the church.—Carl W. Gray, Jr., Pastor.

Bruceton Mills, West Virginia—Little Sandy recently closed a most spiritual revival. Rev. Hazel M. Fraley was the evangelist, with Ethel Scharr and Mabel Martin as singers. Sister Fraley was God-anointed and her messages were deep and helpful to all. Our church was helped by her plain Bible preaching and holiness teaching. God honored us with His presence; the saints shouted and praised God; there was no preaching in some services. Altars were lined and new contacts were made. In the closing service God came and the altar was lined with young married couples. The pastor was given a most generous love offering. We are closing our fourth year as pastor at Bruceton Mills, and we feel that they have been most profitable years in our ministry. Our Nazarenes at Little Sandy are revived and on the move for God and the church.—William R. Dillon, Pastor.

Connersville, Indiana—First Church recently closed a good revival with Evangelist C. W. Henderson and wife, and Song Evangelist Douglas Slack. Good crowds were in attendance throughout the meeting with many seekers; and 314 present in the Sunday school on the last Sunday. We received 5 new members into the church during the meeting, making 22 since coming here a year ago last September; we have received 8 of these since the assembly. There are no better workers than the Hendersons and Douglas Slack; we plan for their return. We have had two other good revivals since coming here: the first with the Rushing Family, the pastor doing the preaching; and the second with Rev. Leila Dell Miller. Capacity crowds were in attendance at both these meetings with many seekers at the altar. These workers are also among the best. Rev. and Mrs. Lelan Rogers were with us for a week last spring, which was a great blessing to the church. The church building has recently been improved with Indiana limestone veneer, and is now considered one of the most beautiful churches in the community. The interior of both church and parsonage has been redecorated, and other improvements made. We now need more room, and are planning the building of an educational unit as soon as possible, and to enlarge the main auditorium.—H. J. Rahrar, Pastor.

Azusa, California—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. R. F. Lindley as special worker. The messages of the evangelist stirred the hearts of the Christians and challenged the entire church to a greater devotion to God. Brother Lindley preached each night under the unction of the Holy Spirit. On the last Sunday morning of the revival fifty children and young people knelt along the altar and front seats of the church, asking God for forgiveness. The evening service climaxed the revival with victory around the altar. The evangelist raised a good "appreciation offering" for the pastor, Rev. Boyd Davis. As a result of the revival the church is looking forward to continued victories and the accomplishing of greater things for God.—Reporter.

Fitchburg, Massachusetts—We have been blessed with a gracious refreshing from the presence of the Lord under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Manuel Chavier. It was a time of deepening in spiritual things for the church, and a time of conviction and repentance for those not walking in the light. Souls were saved and believers sanctified. Brother and Sister Chavier endeared themselves to young and old, with their beautiful Christian spirit. Certainly God used these workers in an outstanding manner to advance His cause in the church. It has been years since I have witnessed such a mighty spiritual uplift. Four new members were received into the church. We praise God for the Fitchburg people and the opportunity of serving in this field.—Curtis L. Stanley, Pastor.

Greenfield, Ohio—We recently closed one of the best revivals our church has had, with Rev. R. E. Bush as the evangelist. Our church was greatly helped spiritually. Several were at the altar and prayed through for saving grace or sanctifying power, and five new members were received into the church. Brother Bush preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and brought messages that made hearts hungry for the gospel. An electric mixer was given by the people and evangelist to the pastor and wife as a love offering. We have a fine group of Nazarenes in Greenfield.—Charles Keel, Pastor.

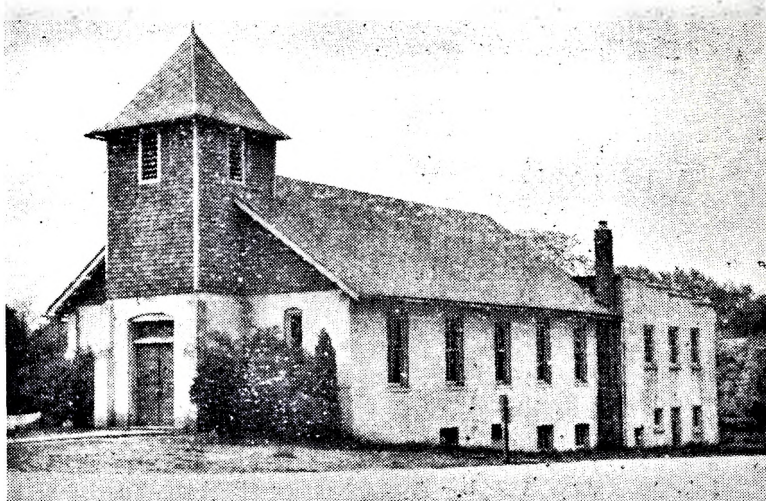
Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "The Kansas State Sunday-School Association convention met in our First Church, Hutchinson, with Pastor W. R. Lanpher. The building was filled to its capacity. Ministers and laymen from about all denominations of the state were in attendance. It was a great gathering. It was our privilege to give the opening address at the banquet held in a hotel. The people were responsive, appreciative, and co-operative. It was a joy to speak to them. Dr. Lee Robinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a Sunday school of more than four thousand, gave great addresses. He has one of the largest Sunday schools in

the nation. He has more than three hundred personal workers out each week in a visitation program. His messages were educational, informational, inspirational, and deeply spiritual. The workshops of the convention were held by ministers and educators from over the state. Pastor W. R. Lanpher of First Church of the Nazarene was elected president of the association for the coming year."

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky—These are great days for the Mt. Sterling Nazarenes. God is blessing in a special way. Our church is spiritual, friendly, and co-operative. We have pastored this church for nineteen months; God has given us a fine class of members, and all departments of the church are going forward. In the past nineteen months we gave several of our good people to organize three Nazarene churches, and we have another good prospect. Last year we had an increase in our Sunday-school attendance of 44 per Sunday. Our enrollment showed an increase of 161. Last fall in our rally we set a new record with 418, but we broke that record on October 10, with 463. Evangelists Eddie and Ann Burnem were with us in our fall revival, and God used them in a wonderful way. Our attendance was very good, and several folk sought God at an altar of prayer. Our church appreciated the Burnems. We have never worked with finer people than the Mt. Sterling Nazarenes. They have co-operated with us one hundred per cent, increased our salary two times, and gave us several nice gifts. We love our people, the Church of the Nazarene, and the Lord Jesus Christ.—Frank W. May, Pastor.

Rev. G. Franklin Allee writes: "With a strong assurance that God was calling me back to the evangelistic field, last August we asked the church at Bremerton, Washington, to release us from our call there; and in September we said good-bye to a people we dearly loved and whom we had served as pastor for a near total of seven years in two separate terms. At the time of leaving, the church was within four hundred dollars of having the entire indebtedness on its fine, commodious building liquidated. A coat of stucco paint had been given the exterior during the summer, and other improvements added. During the past three years church and Sunday-school attendance has increased by more than 50 per cent, with a 40 per cent increase in church membership added to the roll. At this writing I am in a revival with Rev. E. E. Crawford and his good people at Kirkland, Washington, where a beautiful new church edifice has recently been erected. God is wonderfully blessing, and we are seeing many souls find victory through the mighty power of our Lord. I am to be in California in late winter and have one date open at that time that I would be glad to give to some church in that area. My home address is P.O. Box 687, Moses Lake, Washington."

First Church, Newport, Tennessee



First Church was organized last June 6 with 22 charter members by District Superintendent Victor E. Gray. The fine property pictured here was purchased from the Baptist people. The building has an auditorium seating more than 250 people,

and also thirteen classrooms. Rev. Lawrence Adams came to us from Kentucky to accept the challenge with this good people to establish the Church of the Nazarene in Newport. —Reporter.

Evangelist Bernard Greene writes: "Since our entering the evangelistic field last January, God has given us some good revivals, though our time has not been fully slated. It has been our lot to move three times, making it very difficult for our mail to reach us on time. Some of our letters were as much as six weeks' old when we received them. We have purchased a home now, and our permanent address is 314 East 16th Street, Bloomington, Indiana. We have some open time and will be glad to go anywhere as the Lord calls."

Van Horn, Texas—We feel that our fall revival with Rev. C. A. Higgins as the evangelist was one of the best we have had. Brother Higgins is a strong preacher of holiness, and a wonderful man of God, also an outstanding Sunday-school worker. Our Sunday school, which had been running about fifteen, increased to twenty-seven on the second Sunday. The church was helped in all departments, and the people blessed. On the closing Sunday, God came on the scene in a special way, and three souls were saved. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Higgins with us.—James Walker, Pastor.

Evangelist Paul A. McGuire writes: "While we were in Paonia, Colorado, church in October, Mrs. McGuire suffered a broken bone in her hand, necessitating a bone graft operation. We found it necessary for our daughter, Angie, to take her to Nampa until she recovers. I am continuing in the field alone until she is able to resume her place in the party, which will not be until after the first of the year. We trust then she will be able to travel and care for the children's work

in our meetings. I am now slating for 1955, and will accept calls alone or with Mrs. McGuire, as the church may desire. I will be closing a meeting at Hemingford, Nebraska, on December 19 and will slate as the Lord may lead. Our address is 901 Kelly Drive, Barstow, California."

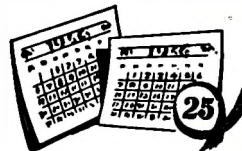


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Rev. L. T. Edwards writes: "During the last assembly year Mrs. Edwards and I were kept very busy in the evangelistic field. God came and gave us wonderful victories with many fine pastors on the North Dakota, Northern California, Colorado, Kansas City, and Oregon districts. Every church but one gave us a call to return. After closing in Oakridge, Oregon, with Brother Leroy Harris, I suffered a slight heart attack and the doctors ordered a definite slowdown. We prayed and asked God to open the door to a small church where we could pastor and gain back our strength. God answered and we were asked to take the 'Chapel in the Pines' at Prospect, Oregon. The Lord has helped, the Sunday school has been steadily gaining, and in October we purchased a 42-passenger school bus. The school has been running over one hundred since that time, with a high of 123—this small mountain village records only 198 people. We have refinished the church inside and out, the former parsonage has been made over into four more Sunday-school rooms, and the church recently purchased a two-bedroom parsonage. Finances have been coming in well, with budgets paid, including Seminary apportionment, cash paid for the bus, and the pastor's salary the highest ever. Recently we had a gracious revival with Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke; new adults were brought in and saved from sin. We thank God for the group of loyal and sacrificing people we have here."

Missionary C. S. Jenkins writes: "It was our joy and privilege to spend September 22 to 28 at our home for retired missionaries (Casa Robles), at Temple City, California. We were met at the airport by Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Sanner, superintendents of the home; also Miss Eva Rixse, with whom it had been our privilege to labor in Africa for years, and Mrs. Inez S. Elder, member of our Los Angeles First Church, a friend for years. No words of commendation are needed for Dr. and Mrs. Sanner, as their efficiency and devotion have been known throughout the church down through the years. Now we see them serving in a new capacity with the same dedication to the task which has always characterized them. God bless them. The administration building, in which we stayed, is beautiful. The cottages, self-contained units, are as fine as they can be. What a credit to the Church of the Nazarene is Casa Robles! Someone who was investigating such homes said that Casa Robles is the best he had seen. What a joy it was again to see some of our retired missionaries with whom we had joyfully labored in Africa: Misses Eva Rixse, Anna Lee Cox, Bessie Seay, "Grandma" Schmelzenbach, whom the Africans call *Vulindela* ("the Blazer of the Trail"), and Mrs. Ora Lovelace West; Miss Dora Carpenter was in Arkansas visiting—then also other retired missionaries for whom we had prayed for years: Brother and Sister Coats, Brother and Sister Winans, Brother Ferguson, Sis-

ter Miller, Sister Ainsworth, and Misses Pannell, Flagler, and Thompson. On Sunday morning it was my joy to speak in our Temple City church, and what an inspiration it was to look into the faces of these servants of the Lord! We enjoyed the fellowship of our fine pastor, Rev. Doil Felts. In the evening, the Sanners drove us to Garden Grove, where Rev. L. D. Meggers is in a new home-mission project. He is a brother of Mrs. Carl W. Mischke, one of our fine missionaries in Africa. After these precious days at Casa Robles we 'took off' on the PAA for Honolulu, Canton Island, Fiji, and Australia, where we are now engaged in a tour on our district. We are traveling with our splendid superintendent, Rev. A. A. E. Berg."

East Liverpool, Ohio—First Church was organized October 24, 1910, by District Superintendent C. A. Imhoff with 21 charter members—9 of those charter members are still living. We recently had our fall revival in connection with our forty-fourth anniversary services, concluding on Sunday, October 24, with 795 in Sunday school. Seven ministers participated in the special services: Rev. Eddie Patzsch, Rev. O. T. King, Rev. Lewis Legg, Rev. J. Lester Seel, Rev. William Mautz, Rev. C. D. Taylor, and Rev. H. Dale Mitchell. The \$300,000.00 church edifice will be cleared of debt in six years. The beautiful structure is well within the means of the congregation. The church is blessed with a splendid choir and music department, and an excellent church school. On October 24 we had a great inspiration in the afternoon, and a great evening service with the altar filled with seeking souls. The glory of God is on the church. Five new members were received into the church. The children's church on Sunday mornings and the boys' and girls' Bible club on Tuesdays are proving of great blessing to the children.—L. D. Morgan, Pastor.

Lebanon, Tennessee—We recently closed one of the most profitable revivals in the history of our church. Rev. O. C. Mingleorff was the evangelist. Our church was greatly helped spiritually; many were saved and sanctified and some reclaimed. We had thirty-seven victories at our altars. Last Sunday we received eight new members into the church. Also the church was built up in the faith and was challenged to do more in the Crusade for Souls. We have just had our best month in all departments in the history of the church. We appreciate this fine group of loyal people.—Harry L. Hasty, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We are to be in Terra Bella, California, February 23 to March 6, and would like to slate the date, February 10 to 20, in New Mexico, Arizona, or California. Any church needing our services as preacher and singers, please write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

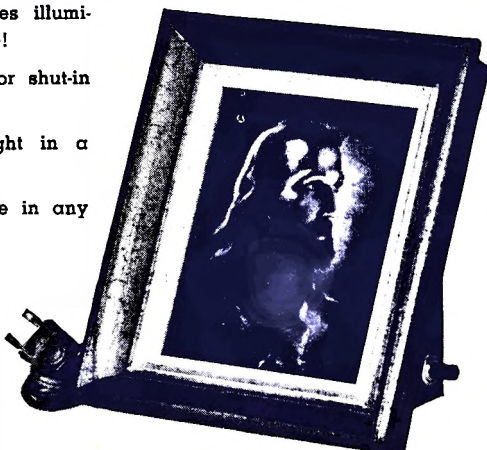
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Evangelist Bernice L. Roedel writes: "This has been a good year in the work of the Lord with co-operative pastors and laymen. Since the first of the year, I have conducted revivals in the following churches: Owensville with Pastor Venus Bailey; Roachdale with Pastor Samuel Taylor; Carlisle with Pastor James Mahan; Clermont with Pastor Jesse Towns and local singers, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Jones; Winamac with Pastor Truman Carter, and the Jarvis family as singers; Freetown with Pastor Russell Knudson, and the Newby-Hegwood Trio as singers; North Vernon with Pastor Lowell Listenberger; and Linton with Pastor Jett Reynolds, and Violet Coulter as singer, all of which are in Indiana; and Colledge Corner, Ohio, with Pastor Paul Cable. I have also supervised vacation Bible schools at Mackey, Princeton, Greencastle, and Tennyson (Free Methodist), Indiana; and held special or week-end services at Dalton (Immanuel Methodist) and Brunswick, Missouri; Mt. Vernon, Boonville, Stinesville, Clay City, and Dale, Indiana. After an extended rest at home I am making up my slate for 1955. Write me at 423 East Maple Street, Boonville, Indiana."

The Nazarene ministers of this area met at the Town House in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 26 and organized the Atlanta Zone Ministerial Alliance. The following officers were elected: president, George Privett; vice-president, John Taylor; secretary, Paul M. Lawrence. This organization plans to have regular monthly meetings and to arrange programs for special occasions. A union service was planned for Thanksgiving Day at the First Church in Atlanta.—Paul M. Lawrence, Secretary.

Daytona Beach, Florida—Recently we closed a gracious two-Sunday revival meeting with Rev. D. E. Patrone, preacher and violinist, and Warren Whiting on his Hammond organ. Mrs. Whiting, soloist, also led the song service. Hearts were stirred to action by the fearless preaching of Brother Patrone, and his "ministry on the violin" was a blessing never to be forgotten. The common feeling was that the hymns which he played from night to night will always hold a richer blessing because he played under the anointing of God. The Monday night sacred concert was a time of special inspiration. A break came on the first Sunday night of the revival, and souls lined the altar, seeking and finding God in pardon and sanctification. The church board unanimously called Brother Patrone for another three-week revival at his first open date. The local radio station gave a fifteen-minute spot on the air each morning during the revival campaign, featuring D. E. Patrone and his violin, with Warren Whiting on the Hammond, and the pastor reading a portion of scripture. Because of this program, the radio station has given the local church a

fifteen-minute spot every Sunday night for a similar program.—Gordon V. Woods, Pastor.

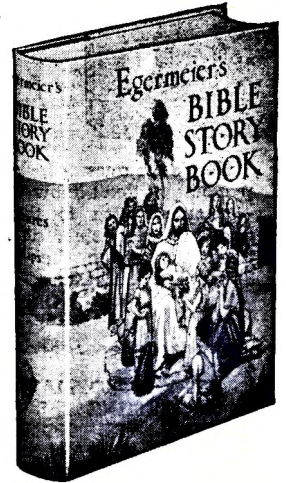
Evangelist R. L. Ihrig writes: "Due to unavoidable cancellations, I have open dates in January and February. At this writing I am in a meeting with our First Church in St. Louis, Missouri, where Rev. O. A. Shearer is the good pastor. Professor James Cook is leading the singing. Write me, 29 Hollywood Drive, Florence, Kentucky."

Evangelists Harold J. and Mae Willis report: "As we close the year of 1954 we are made to realize that it has been one of the best of our nine years in the evangelistic field. On December 19 we will be closing our twenty-third revival campaign for this year. At this writing we are in a fine meeting at La Junta, Colorado, with Pastor C. K. Helsel. En route from Austin, Texas, to begin our '55 slate on the Northern California District, we have January 9 to 16 available for a Youth Week revival or holiness convention. Also we have time available later in '55 and in '56. Write me, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Parkersburg, West Virginia—First Church had a very fine fall revival with Evangelist A. E. Kelley and the Pierce Family as the special workers. God came in a most wonderful way—backsliders were reclaimed, believers sanctified, and the church stirred. New folk attended the services, giving us the best total attendance during this meeting the church has seen in years. Many good contacts were made. We thank God for the ministry of these good workers.—H. Harvey Hendershot, Pastor.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—God is continuing to bless the Holten Heights Church. Since the beginning of our assembly year last June, our Sunday school has averaged 248 people each Sunday. Up to October 31 last year, our school averaged 222 a Sunday. On October 31, we received 7 adult members into the fellowship of the church, making a total of 38 members received during our ministry with this people in the past nineteen months. In September we had a revival with Evangelists Eddie and Ann Burnem; in October the "Evangelaires Quartet" were with us for a week-end revival in which the pastor did the preaching. Our regular services are times of blessing and rejoicing as new people seek God for pardon and purity. There is a marked interest in all departments of the church. The financial condition of all departments was never better, with several new people paying the tithe of the Lord into the storehouse. Improvements are being made continually to church and parsonage property. We love and appreciate our people, and we feel that some of God's very best Nazarenes are found in the Holten Heights Church.—Donald K. Ballard, Pastor.

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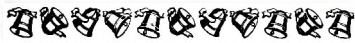
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Wisconsin District Convention

A Crusade for Souls Conference was held on the Wisconsin District at Richland Center, October 26 to 28. The special workers were Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. Edward Lawlor, and Rev. Alpin Bowes. Not only were messages given, but discussion periods were opened so that any question as to methods in the "Crusade for Souls, Now," could be asked.

Even though Wisconsin is a very difficult area for our church to break through, it was the feeling of the pastors that they could return to their respective churches and inspire their people to follow them in the work of visitation.

Dr. C. A. Gibson, who has given strong district leadership in our church for so many years, is now in his tenth year as the superintendent of Wisconsin. He is very considerate and understanding of his pastors and their situations, yet he presents them with a tremendous challenge to face the need and by the help of God do something about it. Dr. and Mrs. Gibson are greatly loved and appreciated by the entire district.

One of the high points of the conference was in the presentation to Dr. Harold W. Reed of a check for the Olivet Nazarene College budget paid in full for the sixth consecutive year. Much credit is due Dr. Gibson for challenging his pastors and people to co-operate in establishing this most unusual record. The entire Central Educational Zone has been inspired by what the Wisconsin Nazarenes have done for these six successive years.

Rev. A. E. Gerdes, pastor, and the people of Richland Center were wonderful hosts.

J. W. SWEARENGEN
Field Secretary
Olivet Nazarene College

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (Gal. 5:1).

Pasadena College

The fall revival at Pasadena College was a time of great spiritual awakening. The students and faculty joined in preparation for revival through prayer; and when services began on Monday, October 18, there had already been many conversions in the campus prayer meetings.

Evangelist Harold Volk brought excellent, scriptural messages, sound in doctrine and practical in appeal.

On Wednesday, October 20, the response to the message was, according to Brother Volk, "one of the greatest I have ever seen." Students came forward quietly, for the most part, and steadily until there was no room to deal with the seekers individually. Prayer continued for several hours.

Again on Friday, the Holy Spirit moved on the student body, bringing a great response.

Prior to the revival, Dr. W. T. Purkiser said: "We are praying that God will come again to Pasadena Col-

lege in Pentecostal power. We always have fruitful meetings; but we are praying for the unusual this fall; with that measure of divine blessing and glory in which we were born and which is the crowning characteristic of our spiritual life." The college is rejoicing that this prayer was answered.

WILLIAM A. WELCH
Director of Church Relations

Olivet Bible Conference

The second annual Bible conference held at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, September 28 to 30, was a real success and blessing in every way. The attendance was good. About seventy registered for the full conference, including a choice of the seven seminars of five sessions each. Forty-two visiting ministers and many students and faculty members participated. The entire program was Bible-centered and is a vital part of the sincere effort of the college to do everything possible to encourage and aid in a Bible-centered ministry in preaching and teaching.

The Book of Romans was chosen for study, with "Holiness in the Book of Romans" as the general theme. Dr. Ralph Earle, of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, was the principal conference speaker. His messages were scholarly and scriptural, and glowed with a passion for true holiness evangelism. He spoke at each of the five sessions, twice to the student body in the chapel services, and to the general public in two evening services. His messages throughout were most inspiring. The Thursday morning chapel service closed with a tremendous demonstration of the Holy Spirit, culminating in a great altar service with more than fifty seeking God for pardon or sanctification.

Deep interest was shown in the seven seminars, with serious consideration and study given to Romans. At the request of the conference the outlines of the seminars were mimeographed and made available to all registrants and to others interested, as a basis for future study.

The seminar leaders were: Dr. John Cotner, acting chairman of the division of religion and philosophy; Dr. C. E. Demaray, chairman of the department of Biblical literature; Professor R. L. Lunsford, chairman of the department of practical theology; Dr. C. E. Olmstead and Dr. J. F. Leist, professors of Biblical literature; Professor Carl Bangs, professor of philosophy; and Rev. L. S. Oliver, pastor, First Church, Danville, Illinois, a former instructor at Bethany-Peniel College.

The conference was sponsored by the division of religion and philosophy, with Dr. John Cotner, acting head of the division, as general chairman. President Harold W. Reed gave the keynote address. His emphasis on a Bible-centered ministry of preaching and teaching was most helpful and timely. His own deep concern along these lines is shared by all those participating in the conference. All

of us at Olivet are grateful for his leadership and particularly for his guidance in the conference along with that of Dr. Earle. We are already making plans for an even greater 1955 conference, which is scheduled for September 27 to 29.

We were privileged to have with us during the conference six district superintendents: Dr. C. A. Gibson, Wisconsin; Dr. W. S. Purinton, Illinois; Rev. Leo C. Davis, Southwest Indiana; Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, Northwestern Illinois; Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, Northwest Indiana; and Rev. Mark R. Moore, Chicago Central.

J. F. LEIST, Reporter

Orientation Week Canadian Nazarene College

The opening week of the college year at Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, was a time of spiritual as well as social and academic orientation for the students. They were privileged to hear the inspiring messages of Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene and executive secretary of the Department of Education. Dr. Ludwig covered in an interesting manner "The Four Dimensions of Life." The week was climaxed by an enlightening lecture on the past development and futuristic view of the Church of the Nazarene. He addressed in special sessions both the faculty and the ministerial students. His presence on the campus made us of the northland feel closer to the heart of our church.

This fall witnesses the greatest improvements on the campus since the building of the administration building in 1946. The residences have been renovated, new classrooms have been added and old classrooms enlarged, a new football field and skating rink have been added, and further landscaping of the campus has been undertaken. It is, however, the beautiful King Memorial Chapel, having a seating capacity of five hundred, for which we give special thanks.

The enrollment of resident students slightly exceeds that of last year. Especially is the increase noted in the college department. Both staff and student body are responding with confidence to the new policies adopted by the administration for the program this year.

LEO D. STEININGER, Registrar

Albany District Sunday-School Tour

Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter recently closed a most successful one-month district Sunday-school tour of the Albany District. The Potters traveled nineteen hundred miles and spoke and sang in thirty services. These special services were in the nature of workshops, clinics, banquets, and evening inspirational services. Already results indicate how profitable and effective this tour has been with such outstanding Sunday-school specialists.

For the first five months of this church year our Sunday schools show a monthly average increase of 360 over a year ago. Our past yearly average

was 3,190 for each month, and our goal for this year is 3,500 monthly average.

The district has been divided into four teams (Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force), each of twelve schools with equal average attendance as reported in the 1954 district minutes.

A captain has been appointed the head of each team to stir up interest and suggest methods and ways. Our slogan is, "Ten More in Ten Weeks." Points are also given for calls made, cards sent, and telephone contacts. A marked district interest in Sunday-school activities is already noticeable.

The Boys' and Girls' Camp with Rev. John Moran as director registered 125. The N.Y.P.S. Institute, with Rev. Stanford Ernest as director, registered 150. Rev. L. J. MacAllen was the special worker for the Boys' and Girls' Camp. Dr. L. T. Corlett and Mrs. Estelle Crutcher were the special speakers for the Institute.

We thank God for the spirit of unity and fellowship that characterizes our district.

MORRIS E. WILSON, Chairman
Church School Board

Mississippi Valley Preaching Mission

The greater Burlington area just closed one of the most heart-searching crusades that it has ever known. Since the days of Billy Sunday, no one has ever preached with such conviction and burden as Dr. R. V. DeLong. Without compromise, Evangelist DeLong preached the truth to people of all walks of life representing thirty-eight co-operating churches.

With love permeating each service and unity at its best, the mission found nearly two hundred renewing their souls, ninety consecrating their lives, and seventy finding Jesus for the first time. The last service seemed to put the seal on it all as one thousand people left their seats and came forward promising God that they would carry the torch of salvation and work hard till Jesus comes. Never has the Burlington area witnessed such a dynamic preacher.

The first part of the mission was held in the First Methodist Church, with Dr. Harry Clarke leading the singing in his own way. The last part of the revival was held in the municipal auditorium, with Rev. Walter Hubbard singing as only he can with the Spirit of God upon his soul. Other guest artists were: Karle Steele, famous black-light artist from near Chicago; and Les Barnett, converted Hollywood organist, who not only played at his best the gospel hymns, but gave one of the most inspiring personal testimonies ever heard.

But as the hundreds filed in nightly, the success of the mission went to the chairman and president of the Des Moines County Ministerial Association, Rev. George Lake, pastor of First Church, Burlington, Iowa. Because of his untiring efforts, greater Burlington area had a chance to hear the truth again.

J. V. Morsch, Reporter
(Nazarene Pastor, Lomax, Illinois)



Chaplain Albert Gamble, who is currently stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, writes: "I still feel that the work among the basic trainees as they are adjusting to their new life is very important. This has been a good month with a number of wonderful conversions. The services also have been gratifying. God has blessed our ministry, and certainly we give Him the glory for all that has been accomplished."

Chaplain Herbert Van Vorce sends this gratifying report from the European area. "We were away fifteen days during the month of October but we are happy to be able to report that it was a good month with our work, and God has richly blessed in every way. All services were arranged for and were carried on while we were gone; the Sunday morning services were conducted by a chaplain from a nearby unit, and the Sunday evening and Wednesday evening services by members of our own group. The Lord seemed to bless the services in a wonderful way. One of the blessed high points of our 'leave' was the wonderful privilege of meeting and visiting in the home of Brother and Sister Earl Morgan, our missionaries in Florence, Italy; also meeting the Del Rosso family was a joyous experience. Such wonderful Christians, and such a marvelous work they are doing in Italy for our Lord! We were with them for a Sunday morning service and shall never forget the wonderful spirit that we felt as Brother Morgan brought a message on holiness of heart and life."

From Fallon, Nevada, Chaplain R. A. Berry writes: "This station is known as the 'Biggest Little Air Station in the World.' Pending the building of a completely new base here, we have constructed a temporary chapel within a larger building. The new chapel is quite adequate and lovely."

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully (II Cor. 9:6).

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British Honduras Council Meeting

Three especially gracious times of prayer accented our annual missionary council meeting, held October 11 to 15 at Benque Viejo. The first was on Monday night, when after a moving message by council president, Rev. Ronald Bishop, we seemed to touch God for the guidance and unity we needed for the business sessions that were to follow. Again on Thursday we fasted and prayed during the breakfast hour, and each missionary was melted and blessed. Then after the actual council business was over, at a meeting with our national preachers, an opportunity came to pray for an entire morning until every one, missionary and national alike, was rejoicing in the knowledge that God would give great victories in the coming year.

Other prayer times proved blessed as we made plans for crusading for souls in British Honduras as we have never before crusaded. With the arrival of the Dr. Quentin Howards and the Ashleys, our mission council totals thirteen members. How we praise God for the progress made in these few short years in British Honduras! But how deeply we feel the responsibility for evangelism in our churches and in the many new areas where the gospel has not yet gone!

MRS. INA ASHLEY, Reporter

Southern California Church Schools

The District Church School Board of the Southern California District recently concluded another very successful district tour. This year's speaker was one of our own members,

Rev. Herman Burton, who challenged the teachers and officers of our Sunday schools to do the job of an evangelist and win the pupils to the Lord. There were over sixteen hundred attending the ten rallies.

Rev. Clyde Rhone impressed each with the necessity of Christian Service Training and obtained over seven hundred members for the Church Schools Reading League. Rev. Andrew Young presented the district-wide fall "push" which is in progress at this time. Other members presented a phase of the Sunday-school program; these were Rev. Don Leetch and the writer. All of this was directed by our efficient district chairman, Rev. William Howard. His leadership is appreciated on this district. Dr. R. J. Plumb, district superintendent, attended every meeting. He is a real booster for Sunday schools.

A feature of the tour is the pastor-and-superintendent-conference which is held on Saturday afternoon and early evening. Over two hundred persons attended this helpful conference.

The Sunday schools of the Southern California District are on the march. We are serious—there'll be more in '54, and you will find us alive in '55!

FRANK C. WATKIN, Secretary
District Church School Board

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. John Barrick of Marshall, Illinois, a daughter, Jonna Elaine, on November 15.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James Hazelwood of Green Rock, Illinois, a son, Marc Timothy, on November 15.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Don Hughes of Santa Paula, California, a son, Ronald Wayne, on November 14.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith of Jacksonville, Texas, a daughter, Marlena Gail, on November 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gray of Dickson, Tennessee, a son, Donald Mark, on October 18.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Joan Watkins of Odessa, Texas, and Pvt. Doug. Combest of Ft. Bliss were united in marriage on November 3, in the Odessa Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Mrs. Pearl Keeton, officiating.

Miss Peggy Lou Dodd of Charleston, West Virginia, and Mr. Glenn D. Keys of Nashville, Tennessee, were united in marriage on September 14, at First Church of the Nazarene in Charleston, with Rev. Clifford E. Keys, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wm. O. Blue, pastor of the church.

Virginia Lynn Rogers of Houston, Texas, and Rev. Calvin B. Oyler of Wichita, Kansas, were united in marriage on September 3, in First Church of the Nazarene, Houston, with Rev. Kendall S. White officiating, assisted by Rev. Granville S. Rogers, father of the bride. Mr. Oyler is now a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by an elderly brother in California who is bothered with a persistent cough, which is getting worse, that God may undertake;

by a friend in Michigan for a lady who is not well, that God will touch her body and help her to be strong in the faith; also for a neighbor lady who needs God very badly; and an unspoken request that God may get all the glory;

by a patient in a veterans' hospital in California, that God may give him help.

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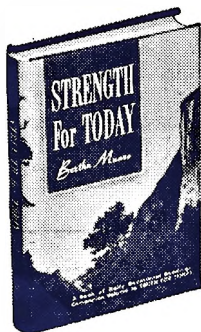
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