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THE HUMAN SPIRIT CRAVES FELLOWSHIP. COUNTLESS organizations survive because they give expression to the social instinct. Some are held together by the bond of a common interest to be promoted. But the cause that underlies all others is the cultivation of a sense of togetherness.

The Church of Jesus Christ is the world's greatest fellowship. This is true because it reaches out to all who are of "like precious faith"; and more, it reaches up to include our Father in heaven and Jesus

## "The Fellowship of the Spirit"

General Superintendent Williamson

*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

—I John 1:3

Christ, His Son, the Elder Brother of all true believers through the communion of the Holy Spirit. The Church is the "habitation of God through the Spirit." In it we "sit together in heavenly places."

This holy fellowship is highly prized by all right-thinking Christians. It extends beyond many barriers. Hands are clasped and hearts beat as one while minor differences are submerged in a boundless ocean of divine love. Those who have clear insight to spiritual values will not forfeit this sacred fellowship for superficial reasons.

Of the post-Pentecost disciples it was said, "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship." Agreement concerning truth, divinely revealed, and vital personal experience are essential to the blending of spirits in holy comradeship. "True yokefellow," "fellowhelpers to the truth," "fellowlabourers," and "fellowservants" are New Testament terms. They could be written only by those who knew the value of concerted effort to build Christ's kingdom.

The fellowship of the saints has important bearing on the ethical conduct of Christians. They find protection in hallowed associations. The wolf knows isolated sheep are easy meat. A close-knit flock will smother an attacking wolf by crowding closer together. Likewise, there is *correction* by adherence to the dictates of the group conscience. If one exaggerates minor issues, the corporate conscience will set him right. If he grows careless about major matters, the pressure of the plumb line will straighten him up. If, in a day of confusion, he loses his sense of *direction*, he can be reasonably sure the great company of the faithful will not suddenly be found without chart or compass.

According to their *Manual*, Nazarenes are to show evidence of salvation "by abiding in hearty fellowship with the church, not inveighing against its doctrines and usages, but being in full sympathy and conformity therewith."

# LATE NEWS

Evangelist M V. Bass writes that he has left the field, accepting the pastorate of our church in Payne, Ohio, as of December 25.

Evangelist J. D. Stafford has left the field of evangelism to accept the appointment as pastor of the College Avenue Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. He especially thanks pastors and churches for the calls extended and kindness shown him while he was in the field.

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**Our Life Is  
the result of**

## CHOICE . . . Not Chance

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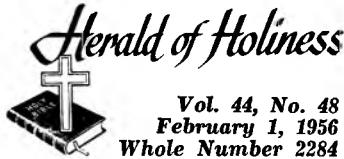
ON INQUIRY AT THE LITTLE store I was told that a certain article was only on the punchboard. I told the clerk that I was not interested, since that was a game of chance. He could not understand or appreciate my attitude and hastened to inform me that there was no harm in it and that "all life is a chance."

*But is it?* Somewhere in my early training I was taught that life is what you make it, and to this day I have the conviction that life is the result of *choice* and not *chance*.

To "choose you this day whom ye will serve" is a momentous choice and colors all of life. If we remember our Creator in the days of our youth, it is easy to think of Him as our Heavenly Father—and what child does not want to please a loving Father? This desire leads to conduct, and conduct makes a life—not by *chance at all, but by choice*.

"Give me thine heart" necessitates the choice to do or not to do. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" leaves no room for chance. And when we commit our way unto the Lord and trust, the Word says, "He shall bring it to pass," which is conclusive evidence to me that life is no chance to those who trust their Heavenly Father.

When the Lord is our Shepherd, He leads in just the paths we need to travel—no chance in that! The good things of life that come our way are designed for our needs; they do not come haphazardly. Our chastening is of the Lord. As good children of our Heavenly Father, when life's choices have all been made, we shall reach heaven at last—the climaxing experience of our life's choices!



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## GOD Uses Broken Things

By ALLEN A. BENNETT

*Between the giant crusher's jaws  
The boulders crumble small.  
Before the woodman's saw  
The forest monarchs fall.*

*With the mill's sure grinding  
The wheat is crushed so fine.  
The flowers pressed give sweet perfume.*

*The grape is turned to wine.*

*The grain that's scattered on the earth  
A useful harvest brings.  
He gathers us by sorrow torn—  
God uses broken things.*

*Fall thou upon that hallowed Stone  
And thou shalt broken be;  
For Jesus blesses broken hearts  
And says, "Come unto me."*

## A Chat With the Editor

AFTER READING YOUR EDITORIAL "Thrilled with the Holy Ghost," a number of ideas crowded into my mind. Among them was the thought of the time when the Holy Spirit came into my heart. I believe it was the greatest "thrill" I ever received. There was such a God-consciousness accompanied by sweet peace, a great calm, an assurance, wonderful joy, and an inspiration with much confidence that with God's help I could live the holy life.

Again the other day my attention was drawn to Acts 2:16, where Peter says, "This is that." Something had happened to Peter and the disciples which needed a bit of explanation. We are constantly exhorting and saying that if the people would do "thus and so" the Holy Spirit would come; but Peter was living in the present tense of the fullness of the experience.

We hear much proclaiming, exhorting, and propounding regarding the coming of the Holy Ghost. Wouldn't it be wonderful if on more occasions we could say, "This manifestation," "This outpouring," "This demonstration," "This presence of God" is what we mean about getting sanctified, "being filled with the Holy Spirit," or "baptized with the Holy Ghost"?

The doctrine is right, the theory is correct, the presentation is clear, but my heart hungers for more of the manifested presence and power of God, that we might say on more occasions, "This is what we meant all the time while endeavoring to present the truth of holiness." The thought "thrills" me.

By J. W. BROWN  
Pastor, Rock Island, Illinois

# How I entered **CANAAN**



By **NEIL M. ROBERTSON**

Pastor, Edinburgh, Scotland

I WAS BORN INTO A GREAT HERITAGE—a Christian home. I was *born again* into a greater inheritance—"the unsearchable riches of Christ." From a child in my Scottish home I had known the Holy Scriptures and soon became wise unto salvation. As a schoolboy I knelt in our little parlor and was led to Jesus by a dear missionary friend; and as they sang, "There are angels hovering 'round to carry the tidings home, to the new Jerusalem," I believe my name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

At the age of sixteen I gave my first public testimony on a gospel platform, and thereafter became eager for the salvation of the lost, and felt a definite call to full-time service.

## *Assurance of Salvation*

I received a glorious assurance of salvation while listening to a Baptist minister in a conference extolling the name of Jesus; my heart burned within me and I knew that I loved the Lord and belonged to Him.

Immediately I had an insatiable hunger and thirst after righteousness and holiness of heart and life. A golden opportunity to hear the message and receive the blessing came my way when Principal J. D. Drysdale conducted a holiness campaign in Helensburgh, my home town. I had a great desire to attend the meetings, but was warned off by "a friend" who said that he taught that sin could be destroyed in the heart. Through listening to man instead of God, I was condemned to wander in the wilderness for many years, valiantly but vainly trying to live the separated and sanctified life in the power of the flesh.

## *I Had to Learn Braille*

My life has been a battle against heavy odds. I have been attacked by physical, mental, and spiritual foes. Blindness came upon me, almost imperceptibly at first, but gradually gained the mastery. I had to learn Braille and typing to carry on my studies for the ministry. Mental foes surrounded me while studying at the University of Edinburgh and at the Scottish Congregational Theological College, where the theory of evolution was taught and the great evangelical doctrines of the Virgin Birth, the plenary substitutionary sacrifice, and the bodily resurrection of Christ were denied. Above all, inbred sin within my heart tried its utmost to reach out and co-operate with the devil to bring

about my downfall, until with Paul I cried, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

## *An Encounter with Satan*

In 1936 I was married and called to minister in a church where Satan reigned supreme. All manner of sins were practiced by the members until they were unable to blush. I tried to stem the stream of worldliness and immorality, but the Stygian river still rolled on through its subterranean course.

In 1939 we began a pastorate in Essex, England, which was to last during the war years. One evening a college friend, Rev. Jack Guthrie, arrived at our manse to spend six weeks with us. It was during our talks together, when he described to me how he had been saved and sanctified in his first pastorate in Oban, that I discovered that there was something better, and that a life of glorious victory in the power of the Holy Ghost was possible.

In 1942 I found myself at a Ministers' Conference at Emmanuel Bible College, Birkenhead. On the second morning *I sat facing the man of whom I had been warned* almost twenty years before. I was smitten by the Word of God as the Holy Spirit applied Ps. 118:27 to my conscience: "God is the Lord, which has shewed us light: bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar." I wept and humbled myself before God and my fellow ministers. I cried out, "Mr. Drysdale, pray for me; I have never had this experience."

It was a prayer meeting I shall never forget. The atmosphere was charged with power. Many of God's choicest saints were present. I was urged to receive the Holy Spirit as a gift and to say *thank you* to God. While the hands of the brethren were laid upon me, and as they sang, "Welcome, welcome, welcome, Holy Ghost, I welcome Thee," I received Him and entered into Canaan.

The next morning while I was kneeling alone, the faithful Holy Spirit brought into my mind the deeds of the old nature and assisted me to put them off and one by one I put them under the blood of Jesus; and ever since then He has taught me to put on the new man with his deeds, and to keep my God-given human nature, with its instincts and appetites, under control.

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# EDITORIALS

Stephen S. White

## Some Outstanding Events

### Of the Church Of the Nazarene During 1955

DURING THE EARLY weeks of January many summaries of the happenings of 1955 were given over the radio and through the press. Some of these dealt with the secular work, while others had to do with the religious. In harmony with this practice, several of the outstanding events of the Church of the Nazarene during 1955 are here presented. These have been suggested by the various departmental reports which have just been given to the General Board of our church at its annual meeting.

First—*the Thanksgiving Offering*. In this united effort our people laid upon the altar \$700,000.00 for the work of God's kingdom. This is the largest Thanksgiving Offering the Church of the Nazarene ever has given. Her members and friends came forward and spontaneously presented this gift to its work. And, if you feel as I do right now, you want to stop and sing the doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

Second—*the ten million dollars for world evangelism*. The General Assembly of 1952 chose this as the goal for world evangelism for this quadrennium. It has already nearly been reached. In fact, it is so near at hand that it will, no doubt, be more than achieved by the meeting of the General Assembly in June. We set a high mark for ourselves for the quadrennium which ends this year, and we are going to more than realize this objective.

Third—*the Church Extension Offering*. It is the first time in the history of the denomination that we have had a church-wide offering for this department. The date was June 5, 1955. More than \$60,000.00 was raised in this combined effort on the part of our people, and some money is still coming in for this worthy cause. Gradually the Church Extension division of our Department of Home Missions and Evangelism is building up a loan fund. Across the years this will be of immense help to our churches which need to borrow money for building new churches, or for enlarging the building facilities which they already have. We can't go forward in the business of getting people saved and sanctified without buildings in which to conduct our services.

Fourth—*the net gain during 1955 of 10,325 members*. This was an increase of 3.83 per cent in

church membership. There were 155 new churches organized; this averages one each 56½ hours. We thank God for what has been accomplished and press on to greater things in this field during 1956. After all, it is not enough to get people saved and sanctified; we must get them into the church. First of all we want them to meet our Christ and really get saved; then we want them to join the Church of the Nazarene and press on to the blessing of entire sanctification.

Fifth—*the union of the Calvary Holiness church of Great Britain with the Church of the Nazarene*. On June 11, 1955, Dr. Samuel Young presided at the service of union at Deansgate, Manchester, England. This added to our numerical strength in Great Britain about twenty-five churches and approximately seven hundred members. Since this union did not occur until after both assemblies, this increase will not appear until the total membership figures are printed for the 1956 statistical year. Calvary Holiness church is welcomed into our midst. We are glad to have the privilege of uniting with this body of people who preach the gospel of holiness as we do.

Sixth—*the opening up of missionary work in New Guinea*. The report of our foreign missions secretary, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, gives the following account of this:

"Among the advances which have been made this year is the official opening of work in New Guinea. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Knox waved good-by to the home church from the front cover of the October 12 issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Their final farewell was spoken in San Francisco at 11:59 p.m. on October 4. On the basis of reports dated November 3 and December 1, we would judge that the authorities in Port Moresby have offered several areas in the highlands as possible locations for our mission. The Minj possibilities appear to be the most promising. This valley has an estimated population of 45,000. Twelve miles northwest of Minj is a place called Kudjip with no mission of any kind and a population of 2,500 to 4,000. Language is quite general in the Minj area. Brother Knox reports that one would find more people speaking the same language here than in any other known part of New Guinea. There have been many prayers and much interest surrounding the establishment of this work." Surely this is a high light of the activities of the Church of the Nazarene during 1955.

Seventh—*the foreign visitation*. When any one of our leaders is called upon to leave home and native land and go to other lands to evaluate and encourage the workers of our church in the fields there, it is bound to be a major event in our year's work. Many of us fail to realize just what consecration and sacrifice it requires to undertake these journeys. Whenever we hear about one of our general superintendents or the foreign missions secretary undertaking some type of foreign visitation, we should all join in special prayer for that one or those who are going. The burden of our prayer should be that God will give them journeying mercies and the insight which they need in seeing the fields and making the necessary decisions. Also, that He will help them as they come back to tell the church at home about the needs over there in such a way as to inspire us to do more than ever before.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, visited the following countries and gave his report at the annual meeting of the General Board: British Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and Mexico. Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, undertook a very long journey indeed. He, in company with Mrs. Young, went to visit our work in Africa, where we have the largest foreign missionary field in our church. They were gone about three months, and God wonderfully blessed and used them as they visited the various stations and faced the needs and challenge of each. Thus Drs. Benner and Young undertook difficult and hazardous tasks for the church, and God was with them and blessed them.

In addition to these two foreign visitation trips, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary for the Department of Foreign Missions, at the request of the Board of General Superintendents, visited six of our mission fields during the past year: Haiti, Japan, Korea, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, and Puerto Rico. The report of his work was given to the General Board on Friday, January 6. God was with Dr. Rehfeldt and gave him health and a safe journey as he undertook the journeys necessary for him to visit these different fields of our foreign missionary work. He returned with reports of progress in all the fields. As Nazarenes, we have a right to thank God for the far-flung battle line we have in the fields represented by these three foreign visitation trips. We thank God, not only for the battle lines represented by them, but those represented by all the foreign mission activities carried on by us. By His grace and help we expect to press on and do all that we can to carry the light of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Eighth—*the adoption of the recommendation that our ministers participate in Social Security*. Better still there was the actual beginning of that participation by many of our ministers during 1955. Along with this entrance into the benefits of Social

## MISSIONARIES

### *placed under appointment, January, 1956*

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. McCroskey to Philippine Islands

Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Wilkinson to Argentina

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Helm to India

Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Rhoden to Japan

Rev. and Mrs. John Holstead to Formosa

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Moon to Portuguese East Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Storey to Guatemala

Miss Frances Lively to Africa

Miss Manita Clegg to Africa

Miss Hilda Moen to India

Rev. and Mrs. Brian Vanciel to Haiti

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Brown\* to Bolivia

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Heap\* to Peru

### *Missionaries who have received new assignments:*

Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Miller to Formosa

Dr. and Mrs. Quentin Howard to Africa

Rev. and Mrs. John Armstrong to Uruguay

Rev. and Mrs. Spurgeon Hendrix to Cuba

\*From the Calvary Holiness church, which united with the Church of the Nazarene in June of '55.

Security on the part of our ministers, the Board of Pensions, under the general supervision of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence, adopted the plan of providing a certain amount of insurance for each minister who participates in Social Security. We'll always link this entrance into Social Security and the establishment of this insurance system with 1955. Here, as well as with reference to all of these other activities, we come close to life and human need. Our church is interested in the welfare of its ministers, especially those who have served in this capacity for years. It has done in the past and will continue in the future to do everything that it can to make their lot as they come to years of age as happy and carefree, from the standpoint of finance, as possible.

Ninth—*two books which our publishing house has provided under the direction of the Book Committee*. In letting you know what is meant exactly by the publishing of these books, I quote a section from the report of Rev. Norman Oke, secretary of the Book Committee, to the General Board:

"A very wonderful beginning has been made in providing college-level texts for our church. This year, *Exploring the Old Testament* and *Exploring the New Testament* have both been printed. These are 450-page books, both substantial and thorough, and we feel will not only meet a very vital need within our church but we hope may be accepted by conservative schools outside our church. We

have a little sense of extra pride in announcing this project, for we trust it is the beginning of a day when our own publishing house will become a major factor in providing conservative, spiritual textbooks for our colleges."

Certainly, our Book Committee has a right to "a little sense of extra pride" in this accomplishment. For years we have needed the publication of texts for use in our colleges and the Seminary, and this is a significant beginning.

Tenth—the landscaping of the grounds of our Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, in his report as executive secretary of the Department of Education, says:

"Nazarene Theological Seminary has completed the landscaping of nearly eight acres of property. This included the removal of a good many tons of stone, the paving of a 1,200-foot driveway and a large parking lot. This work has greatly improved the Seminary site and certainly was necessary in order to give the building perspective and make it harmonize with our total relocation plans. The ministers of the church have responded well to this task. It is hoped that within a few months the major portion of this cost will be covered by the \$5.00 contributed by each of the ministers. It will be a significant illustration of their faithfulness and loyalty to the cause of God."

Dr. L. T. Corlett, president, and those associated with him on the Board who have been chiefly responsible for promoting this work deserve the congratulations of the whole church. They have made the grounds on which our beautiful Seminary building is located very attractive indeed, and a place of which we may all be proud.

These, then, are ten outstanding events of our general church's activities during 1955.

## Other Facts and Figures

THE STATISTICAL RECORD AS TAKEN from the report of our general church secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig:

Number of churches in the United States, 4,089; in Canada and the British Isles, 190; overseas home-mission churches, 46; total (domestic) 4,325, with a net gain of 125. Church membership, in the United States, 270,576; Canada and the British Isles, 7,918; overseas home-mission areas, 1,341. Total church membership, 279,835; net gain 10,325 (3.83 per cent).

Value of church property, local, \$121,497,292.00; property (district), \$4,967,666.00; international headquarters, \$518,932.00; publishing house, \$703,127.00; educational institutions and hospitals, \$8,728,022.00; property on foreign mission fields, \$4,428,752.00. Grand total (all property), \$140,843,792.00; gain, \$14,439,603.00.

Auxiliary organizations:

Sunday-school enrollment, 605,684 (gain—31,910)

N.Y.P.S. 88,523 (gain—3,984)

N.F.M.S. 120,470 (gain—10,359)

Junior Society 31,321 (gain—1,236)

We have 72 established districts in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, and our overseas home-mission fields.

Next we give the money received during the last fiscal year, as reported by Dr. John Stockton, *general church treasurer*:

"One year ago I reported to you that we had received through our office, during the fiscal year, a total of \$3,115,990.21 from all sources. This time our receipts show a total of \$3,342,445.81. The above-mentioned amount was received for the following purposes:

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|----------------------------------------------|----------------|
| General Budget                               | \$2,166,308.99 |
| Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund           | 357,100.36     |
| Nazarene Radio League                        | 42,814.33      |
| Mission Specials                             | 498,564.56     |
| N.F.M.S. Council                             | 43,132.03      |
| Organizational Contributions                 | 46,000.00      |
| Interest on Investments                      | 73,475.98      |
| Rent                                         | 21,774.00      |
| Subscription Income                          | 67,575.45      |
| Legacies                                     | 8,985.91       |
| Sundry                                       | 4,615.36       |
| Collections for Interdenominational Agencies | 12,098.84      |

There were 588 churches which gave 10 per cent or more of their income to the general interests of the church. This year, the giving all over our church averaged 7.01 per cent, exactly the same as last year. This was a drop from two years ago when the average was 7.54 per cent."

In this connection the general church treasurer has this to say: "The 10 per cent program has been a big help to the church and has made it possible to open new mission fields. But it is a bit discouraging to note that 28 districts decreased in 10 per cent giving during the last assembly year. From now on, it is our intention to keep a record of the 10 per cent giving of each church, and the Department of Stewardship has made plans to prepare a certificate to be presented in the district assemblies to those churches that have given as much as 10 per cent."

Turning to the report of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary of the *Department of Foreign Missions*, we find that two new Bible school locations have been bought during the past year, one in Haiti and the other in Bolivia. These Bible schools are absolutely essential for the training of our national preachers. In fact, as Dr. Rehfeldt says, "They are at the heart of our work in any

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# The Thirty-seventh Psalm

By **LOIS M. MARMON**  
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PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S FAVORITE PSALM was the thirty-seventh. He referred to it constantly. His worn, much-read, much-thumbed Bible opened most readily at the thirty-seventh psalm. Lincoln, torn by the strife and heartache of civil war, the greed and chicanery of his time, found help and strength in this psalm to carry on under the crushing burdens imposed on him. What these promises and truths expressed in this psalm must have meant to him!

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers"—"The meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace"—"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord"—"A little that

a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked"—"Evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth."

David, the writer of this psalm, like Abraham Lincoln, puzzled over the vexing problem of the prevalence of wickedness and the seeming prosperity of the evil against the lot of the good. We have the same problems in this day, confronted on every side by the frantic rush for material things, worldliness, and evil. We, too, can find understanding and help in this loved psalm. It points out to us the way we can live in the world—in the midst of people who ignore God and His will—and not be overcome.

"Trust in the Lord"—"Commit thy way unto the Lord"—"Cease from anger." God's people are admonished to be patient, trusting, obedient, and the glorious promise with which this psalm ends shall be ours: "The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him."

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country." In the Philippine Islands, work has been started among the native Igorots in Loo Valley, about sixty miles north of our Bible school location. This was very much needed, since there was no other mission working in this valley. Since the 1955 board meeting seventeen new missionaries have been sent to Africa, Bolivia, Guatemala, Peru, Cape Verde Islands, and New Guinea. Dr. Rehfeldt says: "The lack of progress in 10 per cent giving for world evangelism should shock every member of the General Board. Only two 10 per cent districts out of seventy after seven years of emphasis calls for grave concern. Holding our own may be an occasion for some commendation, but it certainly fails to meet the need. . . . We must find some way to challenge the district and local leaders to the point that they will strongly feel that 10 per cent giving is a must. As long as it is an ideal toward which to strive and a sort of general goal toward which to aim, we will not achieve outstanding success." Many more new fields could be opened up if all of our churches reached the level of 10 per cent giving.

Turning to the *Department of Home Missions and Evangelism*, of which Dr. Roy F. Smee is executive secretary, we find that during this quadrennium, so far, we have a net gain of 570 new churches. This is 66 more than the previous quadrennium, and 272 more than four years before that. While we can and should do better, this

shows very definite and worth-while progress in our home-mission work. The total money now available in our Church Extension loan fund is \$350,234.91—an increase of more than \$125,000.00. Needless to say, this money is all being used, that is, loaned out, and much more could be used. Let us pray that God will help us to increase the size of our Church Extension loan fund.

As we study the report from the *Department of Ministerial Benevolence*, given by Dr. M. Lunn, its executive secretary, we find that a total of \$470,370.66 was raised during the last fiscal year. Dr. Lunn is a layman, but he is personally interested in this fund and takes a delight in seeing it increase and in being able to help out those who should be assisted with these funds. On December 14, 1955, this department was granting a monthly allowance to 508; 333 elders (men and women), and 175 widows. This is enough to rejoice the heart of every member and friend of the Church of the Nazarene.

The *Nazarene Publishing House* is in the field of big business now. God has wonderfully blessed it under the leadership of Dr. M. Lunn, manager. In 1953-54 the sales from the publishing house here in Kansas City and the branch stores (Canadian, Bethany, and Pasadena) amounted to \$2,228,647.24. In contrast, for the year 1954-55, the total sales were \$2,264,274.52—an all-time high. All of us should remember that this big business

belongs to us; it is not the property of any individual, but the property of the Church of the Nazarene. All the income which accrues to the publishing house is used for the benefit of some department of the church. Dr. Lunn closes his report with a "Thank You" which reads thus:

"It may not be too thrilling to do the plodding, but the work of the House cannot be accomplished without the plodding work of some who are dedicated to the task. We are grateful and thank the men and women in every department for their loyal and hard productive work during 1954-55. As our organization can never be self-contained but is dependent upon the support, which by all means should include prayers, we also appreciate and thank the men and women of the church on a local, district, and general level who have made possible our steady growth. 'What a man reads he heeds.' A drop of ink will make a million think."

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, executive secretary of the *Department of Education*, gave his report, from which we find that the total enrollment last year in all of our educational institutions was 4,719. The total valuation of all of our educational property and equipment is \$8,750,122.00, with a total indebtedness of \$1,212,514.00. The total income from all sources was \$3,073,995.00. Three of our colleges are in the process of erecting new buildings: Bethany Nazarene College is building a men's dormitory; Canadian Nazarene College is erecting a combination camp-meeting tabernacle and gymnasium; Olivet Nazarene College is completing its fine new library. "The Fifth Educational Conference, sponsored by the Department, convened at Northwest Nazarene College, October 5 to 7, 1955. This proved to be one of the most profitable meetings we have had in recent years. It gave our college administrators an opportunity to share together important information concerning the particular problems we face in our educational work and to lay significant plans for the future."

The report for the *Department of Church Schools* was made by Dr. A. F. Harper, executive secretary. In connection with Dr. Ludwig's report, we have already given the enrollment and the increase for the year. We mention now the fact that the average weekly attendance in our Sunday schools is crowding 400,000; 144 new Sunday schools were added during the year. Also, Dr. Harper reports: "We carried on 97 branch Sunday schools with an average attendance of 2,500 pupils." "The church schools raised for all purposes \$2,600,932.00. Sixty-six per cent of this money was spent for local Sunday-school expense. The remaining \$886,000.00 was given to support other interests of the church—\$493,000.00 locally, \$188,000.00 on the districts, and \$205,000.00 for the general church." Also, 10 per cent giving by our Sunday schools is on

the increase. The Sunday schools during the past year gave to the general church about 8 per cent of all funds raised. As to the increase in the circulation of our Sunday-school literature, Dr. Harper says: "'Our literature can always be improved'—that is the slogan of the editorial staff and of the publishing house managers. Appreciation for the literature is reflected in ever-increasing circulation—68,000 larger at the end of the year than it was at the beginning. We are making a real effort to produce a literature worthy of this confidence."

As to the *vacation Bible schools* we have this report: "Last summer we enrolled 188,947 pupils in 2,405 vacation Bible schools. This represents an enrollment gain of nearly 10 per cent, and a net increase of 156 schools. Nearly 55,000 of these boys and girls came from unchurched homes. One out of every four children who came to our Bible schools was led to seek salvation and testified to being saved."

In regard to *Caravans and Camps*, the report states: "We now have one or more Caravans on 67 home districts and on 3 foreign districts. Caravans were launched this year in 102 additional churches and nearly 3,000 new members are reported. . . . The summer camping program continues to be a useful tool in our Kingdom work. Eighty-six camps were held on 52 districts. Through this one channel more than 7,000 boys and girls of Junior and Intermediate age were led to seek Christ. Eighty-six camps reported 11,515 campers—an average of 134 per camp."

Dr. Harper's report is a long and interesting account of the progress that is being made in the department of which he is the executive secretary. We thank God for the Department of Church Schools. We simply could not make it as a church without it.

Dr. L. J. Du Bois, reporting as executive secretary for the *Nazarene Young People's Society*, states: "Our membership figures this year increased about as last year, about 4 per cent. We had an

***For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall (Isa. 25:4).***

**When the fourfold blast of the enemy strikes us like a devastating hurricane, God gives to us a threefold protection of strength, refuge, and protection.—Earl F. Wilde.**



increase of 111 societies, bringing our total to 3,442. We show an increase of 4,050 active and associate members in the homeland, bringing our total to 88,589. The membership of 6,968 (1954 reports) on the foreign mission fields brings the grand total to 95,557."

The N.Y.P.S. raised for local expense \$296,475.00; for district expense, \$213,260.00; and for general expense, \$44,004.00. More than twenty thousand dollars of this forty-four thousand dollars for general expense went into the General Budget. Dr. Du Bois also gives this interesting statement: "Perhaps the most evident work that has been done this year has been with our teen-age groups. The PAL idea of week-night activity for teen-age youth has met with popular acceptance, and the reports of increased attendance in N.Y.P.S. and increased number of teen-age youth outside the church who have been won to Christ have been gratifying."

As to the periodicals, the executive secretary gives us these facts: "This year has been a peak year with *Conquest*, our average subscription list reaching 28,581. The *Young People's Journal* held to a steady 8,771, while *Teen Topics* moved up to a high of 4,164. We feel these periodicals have never been better in the history of the N.Y.P.S."

This statement is given as to camps and institutes, under the direction of the N.Y.P.S.: "The district camp and institute program continues to be a popular and profitable district project. All but five or six districts have a separate youth camp. The balance are working in some of the phases of the youth camp into their camp meetings. The figures for the camps and institutes for 1955, approximated from reports to the general office, are as follows: number of registrants—9,000; number of seekers—4,500; number of Christian Service Training credits—8,471."

Then there is this personal word from Dr. Du Bois: "I should like to close this report with just a brief personal word, even though I could be easily persuaded to make it rather lengthy. Eleven and one-half years is a sizable piece of one's life. However, from this vantage point I can say I have appreciated the opportunity of spending these years working with the youth and the youth leaders of the church. A good many hundred of intermediate youth will be moving into the N.Y.P.S. this coming year who were born the first year I was in the general office. There is no argument that stands in the face of that!"

The report of the work of the *Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society* was given by Miss Mary L. Scott, general secretary. Gains in money raised in 1954-55 are shown in all channels of their giving. "At the beginning of the quadrennium, the N.F.M.S. set a minimum of 5 million dollars for world evangelism during the quadrennium. Present indications are that this goal will be exceeded by \$200,000.00.

## NEWS in PICTURE



**Dr. Hardy C. Powers, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, presiding at the opening of the annual meeting of the General Board in Kansas City, January 6, 1956.**

Relief and Retirement funds have been sufficient this year to supply funds for all missionary pensions as well as several thousand dollars for medical aid. Membership has reached a total of 120,470 (not including mission districts), a gain of 10,371, or 9.4 per cent. Reports show that 28,813 men now are members of the N.F.M.S. . . . The study and reading program shows progress. Over fifty-seven thousand people read at least three of the missionary reading course books last year."

Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois reported for the *Nazarene Servicemen's Commission*. We quote one paragraph from this report: "*Our Program*. The contact program with servicemen has been quite constant during the year. We process many new names and about the same number are discharged. At present our total list is a bit under 10,000, with about 5,000 active any one month. We have continued sending periodicals to these in the service. This has cost \$17,804.52 for production, handling, and mailing. This is equally shared by the General Board through the Servicemen's Commission budget and the publishing house. We are in contact with about 650 pastors adjacent to military bases. These in the main are doing a commendable job for our men who are stationed near them." Thank God for the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission; it is doing a very worth-while work.

The report of the *Christian Service Training Commission* was given by Kenneth Rice, secretary and director. Brother Rice took over this work during the past year when Rev. Norman Oke resigned to become secretary of the Book Committee.

IN 1887 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE UNITED STATES SET aside a day of prayer for home missions. Early in the nineties the Baptist women appointed a day of prayer for foreign missions. For many years home missions prayer groups and foreign missions prayer groups met separately, but in 1919 they came together. In 1920 the first Friday in Lent was chosen as a day for

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

united prayer, not only in the States, but in Canada as well.

Missionaries spread the idea of a day of prayer, and at the request of Christians in other lands, the day became known as a World Day of Prayer in 1927.

On February 17, 1956, Christians of 136 countries will join in intercession for world needs. We urge every Church of the Nazarene to join in a twenty-four-hour chain of prayer—midnight to midnight.

A packet of World Day of Prayer materials has been sent to each local N.F.M.S. president and chapter chairman, which includes a poster, suggestions for services, and definite prayer requests. You will also find additional requests in the February *Other Sheep*.

Let us Nazarenes make February 17 a day of earnest, fervent, prevailing prayer for world needs.

*Mary L. Scott*

General N.F.M.S. Secretary

This is one of the most important arms of the work of the Church Schools, and God is blessing it in a special way. During 1955 there were 1,541 churches that participated, with 1,455 classes, with a total of 26,772 credits received. "A study of our Christian Service Training development indicates that our people are more program-conscious than they are training-conscious. The years that training has been a part of the Church Schools Program of Achievement have been high years in the amount of training done. On this basis we anticipate an outstanding year this next year. However, our great need is a consciousness of the need for training to reach the lost for Christ." Also, I quote this paragraph:

*"The Future of C.S.T.* The holy zeal of a sanctified heart must be channeled through a mind and a body trained to serve, if the Church of the Nazarene fulfills its mission to reach a lost world. There is a direct ratio between growth and the number of sanctified, trained workers. We need more crew members and less passengers. The dual purpose of the Christian Service Training program must continue regardless of how it is carried out as a result of action taken on correlation: (1) Every church member must be trained to serve; and (2) Leaders in every department of the church must be trained to be more effective in their work. Training for training's sake has no place in the Church of the Nazarene."

The report of the work of the *Junior Society Commission* was given by Elizabeth D. Hodges, general director. We offer these facts: "The statistical report shows an increase of 75 societies, bringing the total number of societies to 1,817; and an increase in membership of 1,228, bringing the total membership to 31,313. The total giving increased another fifteen hundred dollars, bringing the total to fifty-eight thousand dollars, of which thirty-seven thousand applied on the General Budget."

The report of the *General Stewardship Committee* was given by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, secretary. Most of its figures already have appeared elsewhere in these reports, so we will not repeat them. However, I would like to quote two paragraphs from the report:

"The year 1956 is being observed by many Protestant denominations under the slogan 'Remember the Church in Your Will.' Under the auspices of the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, American Protestantism will become aware of the fact that we can extend our stewardship 'beyond death.' Your Stewardship Committee will be presenting this same emphasis throughout our periodicals, urging our people to make Christian wills in which the world-wide program of the church will be remembered."

"The Stewardship Committee believes that our Easter Offering on April 1, 1956, should be the

best we have received during the quadrennium. It will be the last opportunity the church has this quadrennium to express its concern in a church-wide offering for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad. May God help us to do no less than our best."

Dr. T. W. Willingham gave the report for the *Nazarene Radio League*. He is its executive secretary and has carried on that work for years with much enthusiasm and success. Summing up the report, I quote these words:

"As of November 25, 1955, 397 stations carried 'Showers of Blessing', 227 of which were free. Twenty-two stations carried our Spanish language program, of which 10 were carried free. The total savings in reduced air-time rates and free time for our two programs for the past fiscal year amounts to \$231,246.78. We are producing all our programs in our own studio, and the quality has thereby been improved. We now have the widest coverage that we have had since we began broadcasting."

The *Nazarene News Service* was reported by its director, Dr. S. T. Ludwig.

Dr. L. J. Du Bois reported on the work of the *American Bible Society*, and I mention only one thing, that is, during 1955 we contributed, under the sponsorship of the N.Y.P.S., the amount of \$15,067.41. We must continue to stand by the American Bible Society, for without its help we could not get the Bible to the various peoples of the world as we do. If we teach them aright and bring them to Christ we must give them the Word of God.

In all, the year of 1955 was a wonderful year. God was with us and blessed us, and we must go forth into 1956 with the determination to make it the best year in every way that we have ever had.

## **Let's Meet This Appointment**

### **The World Day of Prayer**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, IS THE World Day of Prayer. At this time Nazarenes everywhere should gather either in their own churches or with other church groups and circle the globe with their prayers. One hundred and thirty-six countries will be taking part in this "giant prayer circle," and literally thousands of people from around the world will participate in it. Even if you are not situated so you can attend a prayer meeting on that day, you can pray where you are. Your first obligation is to get into a prayer meeting appointed for that day. But if you cannot do this, your next duty is to pray where you are. Certainly, if there was ever a time when men needed to pray for God's blessing upon the world, it is today. Let's meet this appointment—February 17, 1956; an appointment of purpose and time and, if possible, an appointment of place.

## **Abraham Lincoln**

### **A Man of Character**

THERE WERE MANY THINGS that Abraham Lincoln did not have.

He did not have wealth or social position, at least from the standpoint of the family in which he was reared. He did not have culture and refinement; he was not educated, in the sense of formal education. But there was one thing Abraham Lincoln did have, that was *character*. He knew the difference between right and wrong. No, I don't mean by this that he was always right and never wrong. I really mean that Abraham Lincoln had a right and a wrong; at this point his vision was not blurred, his mind was not confused. He knew there was a right and a wrong, and he knew it as well as he knew that he was alive.

This is the first fundamental of character. So many people today don't have any right and wrong; the two melt into each other, or fuse together. Morally, they live in a twilight world where there is no clear-cut distinction between light and darkness. This was not true of Abraham Lincoln; the difference between right and wrong stood out definitely in his mind.

Abraham Lincoln not only knew there was a right and a wrong; he stood courageously for what he thought to be right, and he fought vigorously against that which he thought to be wrong. There was no hesitation at either one of these points. He had the courage of his convictions; he had moral stamina. Moreover, I believe he was ready from the first to pay any price that was necessary in order to uphold the right. In his immortal Gettysburg Address he praised those who died there—they had died for their country, for what they believed to be right. This was true of the men on both sides. Little did he realize then that later he would give his life for what he believed to be right, dying at an assassin's hand. He was as truly a casualty of the Civil War as any man who died on either side. Feelings ran high, bitterness was on every hand, and Abraham Lincoln gave his life for what he believed to be right.

I am confident that if Lincoln had known at first what the outcome would be he would not have hesitated to champion the cause he did. That was the type of man he was. Those of us who are from the South, as well as those from the North, recognize this fact, and we rightly honor any man who knows the difference between right and wrong and then has the courage to die for what he believes to be right.

No wonder, then, that once a year, as a nation, we celebrate the birthday of this great "Commoner," this great American, Abraham Lincoln. May the inspiration of his life help more of us to differentiate between the right and the wrong, and then go forth to do battle for the former.

# When Should I Tithe . . .



# . . . Before Income Tax Or After?

By **W. D. KENDALL**

Secretary, Advertising Department, Baptist Sunday School Board

**SHOULD I TITHE ON MY INCOME BEFORE income tax is taken out or afterward?**

This question perplexed me once and led me to find out the facts on both sides of the question. It also puzzles many other Christians.

Let me show you what I discovered. The government, through its tax laws, makes it easier for you to be generous to your church without a proportionate reduction in your personal spending money.

Say you make \$4,000.00 a year. Do you realize



By **JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS**

**A Christian stands upright and bold  
Against the cults and isms of our day.  
And in love proclaims the blessed Trinity  
Of God, the Father; Christ, the Son;  
And the Holy Spirit, that faithful One  
Who guides unto eternity.**

**He stands with outstretched arms of love  
Across the world. No lack . . .  
From mansion to the lowliest shack . . .  
From snow-capped mountains . . . the plains . . .  
The burning sands . . . the billowing mains.**

**He points in warning toward a burning hell.  
He is constrained and so must tell  
For fear some soul may stumble there.  
He breathes a prayer and stands foursquare  
For truth. He is the cross of Christ in deeds  
In every path where his life leads.  
Refining fire has left no dross . . .  
And in the darkening shadows . . . shines  
As gold without alloy . . . insignia of the Cross!**

that by tithing before income tax you can give \$77.00 more to your church, yet reduce your personal spending money only \$60.00?

By tithing before deduction, the individual's gifts to his church are increased.

### **Won't Feel the Loss**

Here is what that means. If the man making \$4,000.00 a year tithes before taxes are taken out, he can give \$77.00 more a year to his church but only \$60.00 of that amount comes out of his own pocket money. He doesn't feel the loss of the other \$17.00 since he would have had to pay it to the government had he not given it to the church instead.

If your income is \$10,000.00 a year and you tithe on the full amount, you can give \$238.00 more to the cause of Christ but your spending money is reduced by only \$157.00.

Notice what a difference it makes in the case of a high-salaried person.

By tithing the full \$100,000.00, he gives the church \$10,000.00. If he waits to let the government tax him first, then the tithe on what's left will be only \$3,579.00.

Figures like these make it obvious how a little sacrifice means much financially to the cause of Christ.

This is a very generous attitude on the part of the government toward religious and charitable institutions. Under new income tax laws effective in 1954, the amount deductible for donations to churches and groups of churches rose from a former 20 per cent allowance to a new 30 per cent allowance.

### **The Money You See**

Some Christians have the attitude, "If I don't ever see the money the government takes in withholding tax, it isn't mine!" This means they try to tithe only on their "take home" pay.

This sounds very reasonable at first. However, a thorough study reveals there are at least three strong reasons for tithing before taxes.

1. This plan produces far more for missions and church budgets.

2. There is scarcely any difference as far as the individual is concerned.

3. Consider carefully what real income is. The money taken out in income taxes and for other things like retirement and insurance before "take home" pay is just as much "money" as that "taken home."—The Circle.

## Romans 8:28

Thoughts  
at a  
hospital  
by  
Grace  
Newcomb  
Hall

*How sweet, dear Father, and how  
kind  
This morn a dew-decked world to  
find  
Outside the sheltering pane.  
How could You plan Your world so  
bright?  
How count each atom, gauge it right,  
Our happiness to gain?  
Oh, that we might each find our  
place  
Here, 'neath the smile of Thy dear  
face,  
And be all free in Thee!  
Then would our cares and sorrows  
cease;  
Working together to bring us peace  
Thy hand in all we'd see.*

### Prayer Power

By Ovella S. Shafer

*Don't be blue and faithless—  
God is on His throne.  
Why, He delivered David  
With just a sling and stone  
—and prayer!*

*Don't be down—discouraged—  
God is still on high.  
He rescued dauntless Daniel  
From all the lions nigh  
—and prayer!*

*Don't be losing courage—  
God is still alive.  
He hearkened unto Hannah  
And Samuel did arrive  
—because of prayer!*

*Don't be depressed and gloomy—  
God is still around.  
Read Hebrews thirteen, eight;  
God's power doth abound  
—in prayer!*

### Stooped Shoulders

By PAULINE E. SPRAY  
Sparta, Mich.

IF I'VE HEARD MY MOTHER SAY, "Straighten up, Pauline!" once, I've probably heard her say it dozens of times. When I was a child at home, I was a constant worry to her because of my bad habits where posture was concerned.

There is another reason why people are "stoop-shouldered." King Solomon said very wisely, "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop" (Prov. 12:25).

Is heaviness of heart your trouble? If so, you are carrying a heavy load unnecessarily. Jesus bids us cast all our

By EVANGELIST PAUL MARTIN

## LIFE in a Nazarene Parsonage



"You Can't Stop a Love Gift!"

Father pastored in Claresholm, Alberta, Canada, during the last years of World War I. This was one of his most enjoyable and fruitful pastorates. God has a wonderful group of saints in this prairie town, and they love the way of holiness.

It was here that the church presented Father with a bright, shining, new Ford—Model T. All ours—no time payments, no interest charges, and no instructions on how to drive it! It was our 1917 love gift with "plenty of extras." Well, the dealer left it in Father's hands, giving him some fundamental instructions about driving. But, in the excitement of the presentation, blinded by the terrific beauty of the brass and tin, Father didn't listen too closely to the driving lecture. After all, a pioneer holiness preacher was ready for anything. And there were only three pedals, a crank, a wheel, magneto, and nearly atomic motor to worry about; oh, yes, and an emergency brake!

With Mother proudly standing safely on the porch of the parsonage, Father started the car. The motor was new and it started in a matter of ten minutes; for it meant only getting the spark and gas levers in the right place, holding the crank with thumb under, in case it kicked, running around the steering column with split-second timing to keep its first feeble "puts" putting! And how could he miss, the car was always in high—nudging you like a friendly horse getting ready to run! Yes, away he went, a pioneer of the "automobilious age"!

Naturally he wanted to show one of the farmer members his love gift. Into their farmyard he drove, around the yard a time or two, waving with glee. And then, over that happy face came a cloud of doubt—then he looked like a storm—for he didn't know how to stop it! It didn't understand "Whoa." He couldn't get the right pedal combination. His trembling foot would not press! It was a runaway love gift. I must leave the story here, for I never knew how it was stopped.

There's something about gifts of love that come back again and again to bless and comfort and encourage. For it is not the salary nor extras that really pay the preacher; it is the feeling that he is loved and supported, combined with the feeling of God's approval and blessing, that makes preaching the greatest job in the world!

burdens on Him. Look up and be of good cheer.

The Psalmist wrote, "I will lift up mine eyes." You cannot spend your time gazing in that direction and become stooped very easily.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7).

Straighten up. Cast aside the weight that is burdening you down. A heavy heart will give you "stooped shoulders."

# FAITHFUL STEWARDS

By JOHN L. KNIGHT

Superintendent of Florida District

SUNDAY MORNING THE PASTOR READ FOR his text: "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Prov. 3:9-10).

"This scripture does two things," the pastor said, "(1) it lays down a condition to be met: (a) 'Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase.'" The pastor then pointed out that tithing is the Bible plan for supporting the work of the church, and that, by so doing we "honour the Lord."

James and Lois listened eagerly. For months these young Christians had been tithing regularly—but the past month had brought problems. The union had gone on strike, the mine closed, and James's wages stopped. Though he was left without employment, the monthly bills were due—house rent, car payment, groceries, family needs. So many things came to their minds that Sunday morning!

"(2) This scripture not only lays down a condition to be met, but," the pastor added, "it promises rewards to be received: (a) material needs to be supplied, 'So shall thy barns be filled with plenty'; and (b) the spiritual life made rich, 'And thy presses shall burst out with new wine.'" Showing how "new wine" suggests spiritual blessings, the pastor emphasized the spiritual benefits that come from faithfully tithing our money.

James and Lois nodded "Amen" to the message, but no one knew of their struggle, not even the pastor—but they knew, and God knew!

Near the close of his message the pastor read: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, . . ." (I Cor. 16:2).

That settled it for James and Lois. Whether their tithe be large or small, they resolved to give as God had prospered them. From small odd jobs, James kept his weekly tithes going into the "storehouse." After months of sacrificial living and giving, tithing for James and Lois was not for financial gains, but rather it was a stewardship of trust and faithfulness to God.

In family worship the promise stood out like a neon sign: ". . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, . . . will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground" (Mal. 3:10-11). James spoke with

new assurance. "Lois," he said, "this means that God has promised to supply all of our needs. Having met His conditions, we may now claim His promises." They did. God heard them. James secured a better job than his first one.

*Months later:* Already James has received a very substantial increase in salary.

Like many of us, this young couple found that tithing is a part of the stewardship of life whether in prosperity or adversity, because ". . . it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2).

## How I Entered Canaan

*Continued from page 3*

### *Immediately After My Sanctification*

I felt the urge to write down my experience in a number of hymns. Although I did not realize it then, I know now that this was the Holy Spirit's method of bearing witness to me that my experience was real.

*I yield my heart to Thee, O Lord.*

*Do Thou Thy gracious work within;  
Wield now Thy mighty two-edged sword,  
Cut out the bitter root of sin.  
Come with Thy penetrating light  
And search out every secret stain;  
Dispel the dismal shades of night  
And let Thy radiant beams remain.*

*And may these pure and fiery beams  
Melt all the icebound springs within,  
And let them flow in gracious streams  
Across the wilderness of sin.  
Fill all my heart with holy zeal;  
Bestow Thy nature from above;  
And let my ransomed being feel  
The glow of Thine own heart of love.*

Thereafter it pleased the Lord to bring us through the fires of affliction. We went through the Battle of Britain, when death hovered overhead by day and by night. Then came the devilish flying bombs and the deadly V-2 rockets, which burst with devastating suddenness upon us. We were ringed around by a wall of death and destruction, but the Lord preserved us and our three young children through it all and brought us in the fullness of time to the Scottish capital to establish a holiness church in the city where once Satan had tried to destroy my faith.

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# IF LINCOLN HAD BEEN A PREACHER

*Abraham Lincoln was not a preacher. He did take the pulpit on one occasion to give an address before the Springfield Bible Society. Speaking of the incident, his friend James C. Conklin said: "When he had finished, he came down and slid into the seat with me. He was somewhat puzzled to understand why he had been selected to talk about the Bible." He was not a preacher, but had he been, I think he would have been one of the greatest. A careful study of his life reveals an abundance of qualifications for the ministry. It is certain that had God chosen to call him to preach . . .*



## **His Preaching Would Have Been Highly Effective**

*Lincoln knew the Bible, a must for any preacher who would be effective. Carl Sandburg, in "The Prairie Years," declares that he read the Bible closely, knew it from cover to cover, was familiar with its stories and its poetry, quoted from it in his talks to juries, in political campaigns, in his speeches, and in his letters.*

*He had a logical mind. "There are no accidents in my philosophy," he said. "Every effect must have its cause. The past is the cause of the present, and the present will be the cause of the future. All these are links in the endless chain stretching from the Infinite to the finite."*

*He had an incisive mind. He could distinguish between the fundamental and the marginal. How we preachers need this ability! Concerning the teachings of Jesus, he said: "It was a spirit in the life that He laid stress on and taught, if I read aright. I know I see it so to be with me. . . . I have concluded to dismiss from my mind the debatable wrangles that once perplexed me. . . ." Sound thinking indeed!*

*He was an artist with words. The Gettysburg Address, though but 269 words in length, stands as one of the literary masterpieces of history. His unique way with words is nowhere better portrayed than in the closing paragraph of his first inaugural address:*

*"I am loath to close. We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory, stretching from every battlefield and patriot to every living heart and hearthstone all over this broad land, will yet swell the chorus of the Union when again touched, as surely they will be, by the better angels of our nature."*

**By WENDELL WELLMAN**

Pastor, First Church, Atlanta, Georgia

Such artistry in the pulpit would awaken many a slumbering saint!

*He was a master storyteller. Was this not also true of the greatest Preacher who ever walked this earth? Lincoln knew the value of good stories, and he knew how to tell them. This ability would have made him a popular preacher.*

## **He Would Have Been a Good Pastor**

*Lincoln loved people. The closing words of his second inaugural address reflect his true feelings toward all men: "With malice toward none, with charity for all . . ." This quality would have made him a great pastor.*

*He was a man of broad sympathies. The words quoted above were followed by these: ". . . let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphans. . . ." Though extremely weary in body and mind during the difficult war days, he never turned away from one of those "widows" or "orphans" who wished to speak with him. What a shepherd he would have been!*

*He was kind to his worst enemies! He appointed many of them to important positions in the government. He declared that to his knowledge he had never harbored enmity in his heart against any man. He was too big to be little! Such men make good pastors.*

*He was a great president, possibly the greatest, and probably it is best that he served in this capacity. But I like to think of what a great preacher he would have been!*

# The Sunday-School Lesson

Fletcher  
Galloway



Topic for  
February 12:

## Teach Us to Pray

SCRIPTURE: Luke 18:1-4 (Printed: same)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much* (Jas. 5:16).

PRAYER IS THE MOST SOUL-searching activity in which a Christian can engage. He might be a Sunday-school teacher, or a church official, or even a preacher without having his soul probed very deeply. But when he gets down to pray he finds himself, at once, face to face with One who sees him through and through—even the secrets of his innermost thoughts and motives. Guilt and embarrassment keep some people from their prayer closets. In the two parables for this lesson, Jesus implies three great fundamental questions which face every man when he begins to pray.

1. *What right have I to come into the presence of an infinite God, and what reason have I to believe He will pay any attention to me when I pray?* The Pharisee's prayer went no higher than his head. He "prayed thus with himself." He based his expectation to get an answer on his unworldliness, honesty, uprightness, moral cleanness, and fasting. Jesus said he did not get his prayer though. But there was another man who prayed. He felt utterly unworthy and he did not even lift his head. But he did the two things right which got the attention of God. First, he was dead-honest about his sin. Second, he placed all his hope on God's mercy. Of course, this was before Calvary; but if he had lived in the gospel age he would have based his confidence on the merit of the blood of Jesus and would have asked in His name.

*In my hand no price I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.*

If we ever get beyond that, we take our stand beside the Pharisee.

2. *How sincerely do I want what I am asking for?* Some prayers are just benevolent thoughts. "God, it would be rather nice if You would do so-and-so"—no tears, no burden, no special concern. Jesus was realistic. If you want to get your prayers through in this kind

of world you will have to face the odds and take it by the job. The poor widow had no husband to bolster her confidence, and she was going to a judge who had the reputation of being cold-blooded, corrupt, and godless. His court was shot through with graft, but she really wanted what she wanted.

She got what she wanted because she was so persistent she wore down his resistance. God is not like the "unjust judge," but because there are so many forces against us, we have to have the widow's persistence if we are to be effective in prayer. The acid test of your sincerity in prayer is how far you are willing to go to get what you are asking for. Prayer becomes hypocrisy unless we are willing to put "feet to it."

3. *What encouragement has God given us?* First of all, He calls us His own "elect." God "elected" us. We are all "chosen people." The fact that this "election" is universal makes it none the less glorious and meaningful. Then He has made conditions that are within our reach—repentance, humility, faith, persistence. Finally, God has given His word that He will answer "speedily." The Bible tells us that it is not possible for our little human minds to comprehend how *able* God is to answer, nor how *willing* He is to answer. Glory!

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# SUNDAY-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



Last Year      December      Percentage

## Southern Zone

|                    |       |       |     |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Houston            | 3,582 | 3,730 | 104 |
| Kansas             | 7,962 | 8,199 | 103 |
| Dallas             | 5,046 | 5,144 | 102 |
| Southeast Oklahoma | 3,955 | 4,039 | 102 |
| Northwest Oklahoma | 5,989 | 6,125 | 102 |
| San Antonio        | 3,679 | 3,763 | 102 |
| Northeast Oklahoma | 3,961 | 4,006 | 101 |
| Nebraska           | 2,728 | 2,764 | 101 |
| Southwest Oklahoma | 6,277 | 6,142 | 98  |
| Kansas City        | 9,258 | 8,963 | 96  |
| Abilene            | 5,687 | 5,452 | 96  |
| South Arkansas     | 3,948 | 3,742 | 95  |

Districts not reporting: Louisiana, North Arkansas

## Southwest Zone

|                     |        |        |     |
|---------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Hawaii              | 519    | 681    | 131 |
| Arizona             | 3,683  | 4,000  | 109 |
| Colorado            | 6,334  | 6,806  | 107 |
| Los Angeles         | 9,020  | 9,561  | 106 |
| Northern California | 14,748 | 15,351 | 104 |
| New Mexico          | 3,126  | 3,200  | 102 |
| Southern California | 11,161 | 11,314 | 101 |

## Northwest Zone

|                              |       |       |     |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Alaska                       | 549   | 586   | 109 |
| Nevada-Utah                  | 893   | 945   | 106 |
| Idaho-Oregon                 | 6,179 | 6,384 | 103 |
| Washington Pacific Northwest | 5,094 | 5,238 | 103 |
| Northwest                    | 7,010 | 7,138 | 102 |
| Oregon Pacific               | 7,253 | 7,342 | 101 |
| South Dakota                 | 847   | 846   | 100 |
| Rocky Mountain               | 2,463 | 2,288 | 93  |
| North Dakota                 | 1,737 | 1,599 | 92  |

District not reporting: Minnesota

## Central Zone

|                      |        |        |     |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Southwest Indiana    | 9,359  | 9,735  | 104 |
| Western Ohio         | 14,380 | 14,851 | 103 |
| Northeastern Indiana | 9,697  | 9,989  | 103 |



|                       | Last Year | December | Percentage |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| Eastern Michigan      | 8,431     | 8,698    | 103        |
| Central Ohio          | 13,336    | 13,617   | 102        |
| Indianapolis          | 8,916     | 9,069    | 102        |
| Illinois              | 8,788     | 8,927    | 102        |
| Missouri              | 7,628     | 7,658    | 100        |
| Northwestern Illinois | 4,998     | 4,892    | 98         |
| Wisconsin             | 2,328     | 2,271    | 98         |
| Iowa                  | 6,437     | 6,192    | 96         |
| Chicago Central       | 5,494     | 5,277    | 96         |
| Michigan              | 8,347     | 7,541    | 90         |

District not reporting: Northwest Indiana

#### Southeast Zone

|                  |        |        |     |
|------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Florida          | 7,069  | 7,337  | 104 |
| East Tennessee   | 5,712  | 5,824  | 102 |
| North Carolina   | 3,670  | 3,749  | 102 |
| West Virginia    | 10,773 | 10,888 | 101 |
| South Carolina   | 4,748  | 4,813  | 101 |
| Alabama          | 7,486  | 7,367  | 98  |
| Georgia          | 5,596  | 5,498  | 98  |
| Eastern Kentucky | 5,463  | 5,287  | 97  |
| Virginia         | 3,144  | 3,019  | 96  |
| Mississippi      | 2,875  | 2,705  | 94  |
| Kentucky         | 5,682  | 4,799  | 84  |

District not reporting: Tennessee

#### Eastern Zone

|                         |        |        |     |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|-----|
| Akron                   | 11,366 | 11,670 | 103 |
| Washington-Philadelphia | 10,467 | 10,684 | 102 |
| Pittsburgh              | 8,535  | 8,740  | 102 |
| Albany                  | 3,369  | 3,391  | 101 |
| New York                | 2,137  | 2,123  | 99  |

District not reporting: New England

#### Canadian Zone

|                |       |       |     |
|----------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Canada Pacific | 1,055 | 1,049 | 100 |
| Canada Central | 1,887 | 1,850 | 98  |
| Canada West    | 4,228 | 3,959 | 94  |
| Maritime       | 1,087 | 1,010 | 93  |

#### Miscellaneous

|                                      |       |         |     |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|-----|
| North American Indian                | 1,018 | 1,174   | 115 |
| Estimated average for December, 1955 |       | 388,636 |     |
| Gain over last year's average        |       | 2,784   |     |
| Percentage of increase               |       | 1%      |     |

ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary

## At Nagoya

WE ARE ENJOYING OUR PLACE OF service here in Nagoya, where we arrived September 13. Brother Harada and Brother Helling have done a wonderful piece of work for the Master here. Brother Harada is a man with vision, enthusiasm, and good experience. We will learn much from him.

We are continuing our language study, and are taking several English Bible classes, as well as speaking in various services. A typical week here is like this: Sunday, two Bible classes as well as regular services; Monday, Sunday-school teachers' meeting; Tuesday, assisting in an English class; Wednesday, prayer meeting—it usually lasts two hours, but it is a good one; Thursday, cottage meeting; Friday, men's meeting; Saturday, a Sunday-school picnic or some other activity.

Plans for the future include tent meetings in various surrounding cities, with the prospect of starting new churches when we have secured a group of converts. These meetings will not start before next spring.—MERRIL S. BENNETT, Japan.

## Thank You for Your Prayers

AS YOU KNOW, I ENTERED THE hospital on November 27 and was operated on December 9. The doctor found two collapsed and degenerated discs. They did a laminectomy. This type of operation is followed by a great deal of pain, but thank the Lord, this has almost completely cleared now and I am feeling much better.

I have been home about two weeks now and am gaining strength every day. I shall be reporting to the doctor again on January 17 and will find out then what his recommendations are regarding my return to the field.

I have appreciated so very much the assurance of the prayers of God's people all over this land. It has been wonderful to feel the sustaining power and the uplifting of spirit due to these prayers, and I wish I could thank each one who has held on for me.—ESTHER THOMAS, Swaziland, Africa.

## Prayer Request

*We will be grateful if the church at home will join us in praying for two of our native workers who are in serious need of spiritual help. If they can become thoroughly established in the experience of heart holiness they can be of great assistance to our work.*—D. H. Spencer, Swaziland, Africa.

It is good when we prayerfully vow: "Everything I have, O Lord, is Thine to possess." However, it is better still when we prayerfully consecrate: "All that I am, O Lord, is Thine to direct."—MARY SANDERS.



# Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

## Dollars or Pains

IN A RECENT PREACHERS' MEETING in Bolivia a new missionary was asked, "What are the dues in the Prayer and Fasting League in the United States, or what do the people give?"

The new missionary wanted to become "at home" in his new country and language as soon as possible, so he replied in Spanish, "*Vienticinco centavos a un dolar.*" He meant to say, "Twenty-five cents to one dollar," but in his eagerness he misplaced an *o* for the *a* in *dolar* and actually said, "Twenty-five cents to one pain."

I wonder if prayer and fasting is a

pain to anyone at home who does not see the work out on the field that Prayer and Fasting money supports. If such a person could see the lost souls being won, the schools and churches and clinics being supported through the General Budget lifeline, there would be no more *dolor* over the *dolar* that he puts into his Prayer and Fasting envelope each month.—DALE SIEVERS, Bolivia.

## New Arrival

Martha Evelyn Spencer was born December 30, 1955, in Swaziland, South Africa, to Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Spencer. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

## Evangelistic Honor Roll

THIS IS THE SEVENTH AND FINAL LIST OF churches on the Evangelistic Honor Roll for the 1954-55 assembly year. There were 341 churches that received the Honor Roll certificate, or 8.1 per cent of the total number of churches. This was a little short of anticipation, as it was expected 10 per cent of the churches would achieve this recognition. The shortage was in Group I, the churches with less than 25 members. Their record was not as good as the year before and this lowered the percentage for the whole group.

There were 24,679 new Nazarenes received into our churches last year. This was only 1,132 less than the record that was set the previous year. Nearly all of these new members were received on profession of faith. Our churches are moving forward and the Crusade for Souls is being felt on every district.

We have mentioned each time the churches in the "over 50" group—those that have gained more than 50 new Nazarenes during the year. One more is added in this

## Hinges of Faith

By ELSIE DeRUITER

*Faith is the door that giveth us entrance  
Into the throne-room of our divine King.  
This door has three important hinges  
Upon which it will easily swing.*

*One hinge is love, that praises and worships,  
Love that constrains us, love that will prod  
Us to serve wherever He needs us.  
Who can have faith, who does not love God?*

*Another hinge is that of obedience,  
Which is far better than sacrifice.  
We cannot love God unless we obey Him,  
Who bought our redemption at so great a price.*

*Right attitudes are the third of the hinges.  
This one needs oiling again and again:  
The spirit we show in our everyday living,  
The manner we take when dealing with men.*

*Would we have faith to remove our mountains,  
Faith that will touch our Father in prayer?  
Then we must keep the door brightly polished,  
And the hinges in perfect repair.*

(Inspired by the sermon "Have Faith in God," by Dr. D. I. Vanderpool)

listing—Knoxville First Church, East Tennessee District, with Rev. J. G. Wells as pastor. All but one of the 90 new Nazarenes were received on profession of faith. The complete list of these churches is as follows:

| Church                                              | New Nazarenes |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Knoxville First, East Tennessee                     | 90            |
| San Diego University Avenue,<br>Southern California | 81            |
| Wichita First, Kansas                               | 71            |
| Kokomo First, Northwest Indiana                     | 60            |
| Ironton First, Central Ohio                         | 59            |
| Oklahoma City First, Southwest Oklahoma             | 59            |
| Phoenix First, Arizona                              | 50            |

To qualify for the Evangelistic Honor Roll, a church must receive into its membership during the year the number of new Nazarenes (not including transfers) set for its membership group, according to the following List:

| Group | Membership   | Gain Required |
|-------|--------------|---------------|
| I     | 1-24         | 9             |
| II    | 25-74        | 12            |
| III   | 75-149       | 18            |
| IV    | 150-299      | 25            |
| V     | 300-499      | 35            |
| VI    | 500 and over | 50            |

The Crusade for Souls Commission has set up the Evangelistic Honor Roll as a goal for every church in its evangelistic outreach. There are times and circumstances when a church makes little net gain in membership; but if the church has been faithful in evangelism so that new people are converted at its altars and brought into the membership of the church, credit should certainly be given for this success. The Evangelistic Honor Roll is a challenge to each church, and we trust that every pastor and every church board will feel this challenge and endeavor to qualify for the Evangelistic Honor Roll. This should be a matter of prayerful concern, for it is more than just a goal set by the church. It is a challenge to spiritual victories and the salvation of souls.

| Church                             | Group | Gain | Present Membership |
|------------------------------------|-------|------|--------------------|
| <b>East Tennessee District</b>     |       |      |                    |
| Rutledge Hill                      | I     | 11   | 21                 |
| Chattanooga Avondale               | II    | 23   | 77                 |
| Decherd                            | II    | 14   | 72                 |
| Fayetteville                       | II    | 16   | 48                 |
| Greeneville                        | II    | 13   | 75                 |
| Mayland                            | II    | 16   | 39                 |
| Morristown                         | II    | 15   | 50                 |
| Knoxville First                    | III   | 90   | 195                |
| <b>North Arkansas District</b>     |       |      |                    |
| Pleasant Hill                      | I     | 11   | 18                 |
| Fort Smith South Side              | II    | 17   | 86                 |
| Siloam Springs                     | II    | 12   | 53                 |
| Blytheville                        | III   | 18   | 159                |
| <b>North Carolina District</b>     |       |      |                    |
| Kings Mountain Grace               | I     | 9    | 22                 |
| Greensboro Northside               | II    | 14   | 74                 |
| Salisbury                          | II    | 14   | 40                 |
| Hendersonville First               | III   | 29   | 143                |
| High Point Calvary                 | III   | 20   | 98                 |
| High Point First                   | III   | 29   | 146                |
| Kings Mountain First               | III   | 23   | 102                |
| <b>South Carolina District</b>     |       |      |                    |
| Charleston Port Park               | I     | 10   | 32                 |
| Georgetown                         | II    | 17   | 49                 |
| Charleston First                   | III   | 18   | 126                |
| Rock Hill First                    | III   | 33   | 81                 |
| Columbia First                     | IV    | 31   | 223                |
| <b>Southeast Oklahoma District</b> |       |      |                    |
| Talihina                           | I     | 10   | 29                 |

# Thought for the Day

by BERTHA MUNRO



## Christmas Was Yesterday?

(Christmas was yesterday, to me as I write. Christmas was several weeks ago to you as you read; Christmas was last year. It sounds out of date to talk of Christmas. Now is the time to check—*Has the message of Christmas slipped away?*)

### Monday:

Christmas is old, but its message is never stale. Every year we sing the same carols and read the same second chapters of Luke and of Matthew. Yet, startlingly almost, every year some new facet of the story shines, as some word or phrase leaps into light. Think back. What message came to you in power for Christmas, 1955? Is it still alive for you, strengthening you, lifting you, singing through the day's routine? It was meant for that.

### Tuesday:

You were singing with the rest "Silent Night," beautiful, quieting strains, when suddenly—"With the dawn of redeeming grace"! You looked down an endless vista. Redeeming grace—how rich, yet only dawning! You felt something of the wonder of its beginning and the richness of its nature and the eternity for its proving. Today, are you resting in its fullness, exploring its resources, living in "the triumphs of His grace"?

### Wednesday:

The carolers' song burst on the night outside your door: "Joy to the world! The Lord is come." You thrilled at the glorious news for the world. But they sang on, "He comes to make His blessings flow *far as the curse is found*." Something gripped. Heart-cleansing "deeper than the stain"; all curse changed to blessing; all Satan's schemes thwarted! Today and forever no curse of evil nature or baffling circumstances yours? "Who shall separate" from His love?

### Thursday:

"Bethlehem of Judaea," "a village called Nazareth," "the house of David,"

"the fulness of time"—your pastor's prayer-meeting talk was on God's timing: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Isaiah's prophecies, the census, the threats of Herod, all woven together by unailing skill to make God's timetable accurate. According to your reading of the calendar of your own life some grave errors had been made; you were tempted to be discouraged and anxious for God's work. The Christmas timing message was for you. Remember it today.

### Friday:

The "Call to Worship" on Christmas Sunday morning shattered the silence: "*Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour.*" The responsive reading that followed confirmed: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power [authority, the right] to become the sons of God." With all your failures and shortcomings, and all the devil's taunts, lift up your head gratefully, humbly, but confidently. You have the right—through Him.

### Saturday:

The shepherds went and told—you heard the word fresh in the missionary service the Wednesday before Christmas. The speaker reminded you that the angels' song came to ordinary laymen who had an ordinary job. They were the ones who spread the news. You felt a new urge and saw new possibilities of service. Have you forgotten?

### Sunday:

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"—but also "shepherds," "prophet," "sages," "saints"—how the song gathers up all classes who had a part in the Christmas story and shows them still sharing and carrying on the work of redemption through time into eternity! As you sang, stanza after stanza, your soul was stretched with the sense of the vast reaches of the redemption in which each one of us has his own peculiar share. Have you let yourself feel small, solitary, unneeded?

Guard jealously *your* Christmas message. It was given you for a purpose.



LAURISTON J. DU BOIS

Secretary

## A Poised Christian

FAITH DOES MANY THINGS FOR us, faith does many things for others. Young people can be examples of faith in many different ways. However, in the day in which all of us live surely one of the most significant ways in which our faith can operate is through the *poise* that it gives us as we walk among the other young people of our communities.

Faith gives us poise when others are floundering in intellectual uncertainty, because it gives us a confidence that God is the final answer to the riddles of the universe, and because it assures us that the Bible is a more certain foundation for faith than the theories and the hypotheses of men.

Faith gives us poise in the midst of the clamor of an atomic age. What of the future? What of the world? What if disaster strikes? These are the questions which are coming out of the panic-gripped generation in which we live. Faith has the answer in the worth of spiritual values and in the hope of a better world; hence faith can give a poise that no other confidence can give.

Faith gives us poise in the human relationships into which all of us are thrust. Faith is active as it operates in

our Christian lives and gives us a sense of power and a sense of balance when all others around us are upset and out of sorts. For the person of faith has found that petty grievances and petty annoyances are not significant enough to cause worry or concern.

Faith also has a way of giving us an understanding and patience with others when their conduct or their reactions are not just what they ought to be. Faith looks at motives and not alone at outward acts. Faith sees the potential worth of the ideas of others and the essential worth of the persons themselves. Such an attitude gives the Christian poise when dealing with others that others do not have.

Faith makes us adequate for life. We are not weak. We have the reserve spiritual strength that keeps us ahead of our spiritual problems at school and at work. We find ourselves on the offensive as strong Christian witnesses and not on the defensive as mere nominal followers of Christ.

Yes, faith in operation will make us poised Christians. There is no better way to demonstrate to those around us that the Christian life is really worth while and to convince them that it can make a positive contribution to their lives also.



Collinsville, Oklahoma—On December 4 we closed a revival with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep, the best meeting we have had in the more than three years of our pastorate here. Brother Estep is a good holiness preacher, carries a real soul burden, and gets results. God gave some outstanding altar services, with quite a number of people saved and sanctified for the first time. Brother Estep's Scene-o-Felt pictures are beautiful and impressive. Sister Estep did a good job in directing the singing and singing solos. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Esteps with us. A class of new members was added to the church, including a young man and his wife, saved for the first time. We have a fine group of loyal folk, and are happy in God's vineyard here.—T. C. PHIPPS, *Pastor*.

Backus, Minnesota—Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Ova were the evangelists in our fall revival; they both preach, and alternated in the services. They carried a burden and joined with our people in praying for a revival. God answered prayer, giving forty seekers at the altar; several of these were new converts and others were sanctified wholly. The church is moving forward. We thank God for the Spirit-filled ministry and godly lives of Brother and Sister Ova.—David K. Ehrlin, *Pastor*.

Marion, Virginia—I have now been pastor in this mountain city almost three years, and our records show up good. We have a fine people here, and I am enjoying my work with them. Thank God for His blessings and help.—C. H. Strong, *Pastor*.

Rev. Alfredo Del Rosso writes: "The visit of Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Parrott of Flint, Michigan, was a real joy to us here in Italy. We had three blessed services, in Rome, Florence, and Civitavecchia. The Parrotts' ministry in preaching, singing, and playing was greatly enjoyed and some precious souls came to the altar to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. In Florence more than eighty people gathered in our new hall. Mrs. Parrott gave her testimony and Brother Parrott sang and preached. It was nice to see our new hall crowded and to enjoy the spiritual atmosphere. The Lord helped me in translating the message and the songs so that the unction of the Holy Spirit was with us. We thank God for all the spiritual blessings received through the visit and ministry of Brother and Sister Parrott. It was also our joy to show to the first Nazarenes the two new Nazarene properties in Italy—Civitavecchia and Florence. We do not yet have the furniture for the hall and parsonage, but we are trusting the Lord to provide. We thank God for this new hall for our services in Civitavecchia."

Lawrenceburg, Indiana—In November our church had the best revival of its history. The special workers were Rev. and Mrs. Milton Stewart. God blessed Brother Stewart's preaching and Sister Stewart's singing and playing. This young couple made an impression on those who met them because of their humble, old-fashioned, sincere godliness. Good crowds attended the services, God met with us, and souls prayed through to victory. We thank God for the ministry of these godly folks and the blessings of the Lord in our midst.—A. J. ARBUCKLE, *Pastor*.

Rev. Hubert W. Slayton writes: "I am re-entering the field of evangelism after a period of convalescence, and am now making up my slate for 1956. God has blessed my services in the past, and I'll be glad to go anywhere as He may lead. Write me, 237 N. Fifth Street, Elwood, Indiana."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Our convention with Pastor Davison of Bluffton, Indiana, saw a wholesome gain in attendance, and fine altar services over Sunday. It was a pleasure to work with this group; they treated us royally. District Superintendent Paul Updike and wife were with us in one of the services. Pastor Pasko and his people from the Ossian church added inspiration by their presence and co-operation. It was a joy to be with this pastor and people on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday, December 4, we were in the town of our boyhood days, west of Ardmore, Oklahoma. It was in this home town where we consecrated all to Christ under the ministry of the late Dr. J. B. Chapman. Thank God for the memory of those days!"

Rockdale, Texas—In December we had a wonderful revival with Rev. J. E. Threadgill. All the Christians were strengthened in the faith, and on the closing day we received eight new members into the church, six by profession of faith. God is blessing the work of this home-mission church.—Betty Earman, *Reporter*.

Dover, New Jersey—Our church held a harvest fellowship gathering at one of the member's homes early in November, with Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Stanford as the special guests. Pastor Charles G. Finney spoke on the blessings of God, the value of Christian fellowship, and our appreciation of having the Stanfords with us (recently moving from Nova Scotia). He then presented them with a large box of groceries. Special music and readings were given, and refreshments served. Brother Stanford is now retired from the active ministry and living here in Dover. He and Mrs. Stanford have nine children; one son is a pastor in London, Ontario, and two daughters are wives of pastors.—Mrs. F. L. WINGET, *Church Secretary*.

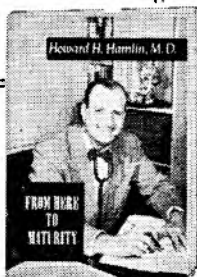
Evangelist Amil E. Petersen writes: "I thank God for His help and blessing. I have some open dates and shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. I play six different musical instruments and find that this music can be a great asset in a revival campaign. Write me, Picture Butte, Alberta, Canada."

Song Evangelist John E. Moore writes: "During 1955 I was constantly on the go, singing in twenty revival meetings. God blessed and we witnessed many wonderful scenes of people saved and sanctified and reclaimed. It has been a real blessing to me to be associated with so many of our fine pastors and evangelists. I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene. Due to unavoidable circumstances, I have some open time in March and April; would like to slate this time in the central states or east central states, north or south. Write me, % our publishing house."

Lone Pine, California—On December 11 our church closed a revival with Evangelist Thomas Hayes as the special worker. The services were blessed of God, with fine attendance and good altar services. Brother Hayes urged the people to do more praying and fasting, and endeared himself to all by his wonderful spirit.—Bill J. Prince, *Pastor*.

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The dedication of this commodious new sanctuary proved a fitting climax for twenty-one years of continual growth for the Nazarenes in El Monte. The church was organized in 1934 with 29 charter members; now has nearly 400 members, and a Sunday school that averaged 598 for last assembly year. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool was with us for a week of services prior to the dedication. The dedication service was impressive and blessed of God, with special guests—Mayor Johnson; Dr. Maxwell Chamberlain, president of the Ministerial Union; Dr. A. E. Sanner, former district superintendent; and our own District Superintendent W. Shelburne Brown. In the Sunday evening service, God seemed to give His smile of approval, as 35 souls bowed at the altar in response to Dr. Vanderpool's appeal. It was a great blessing to have Dr. and Mrs. Vanderpool with us. Valued at more than \$125,000.00, the new church has upholstered pews seating 800 people comfortably, a baptistry, space for a 40-voice choir, organ, piano; and the 40-foot-tower features four stained-glass windows. Many hours of donated labor by members and friends cut construction costs to a minimum; also much credit is due our pastor, Rev. Wm. L. McKee, and Mr. Kenneth C. Elmore, chairman of the building committee. Our prop-

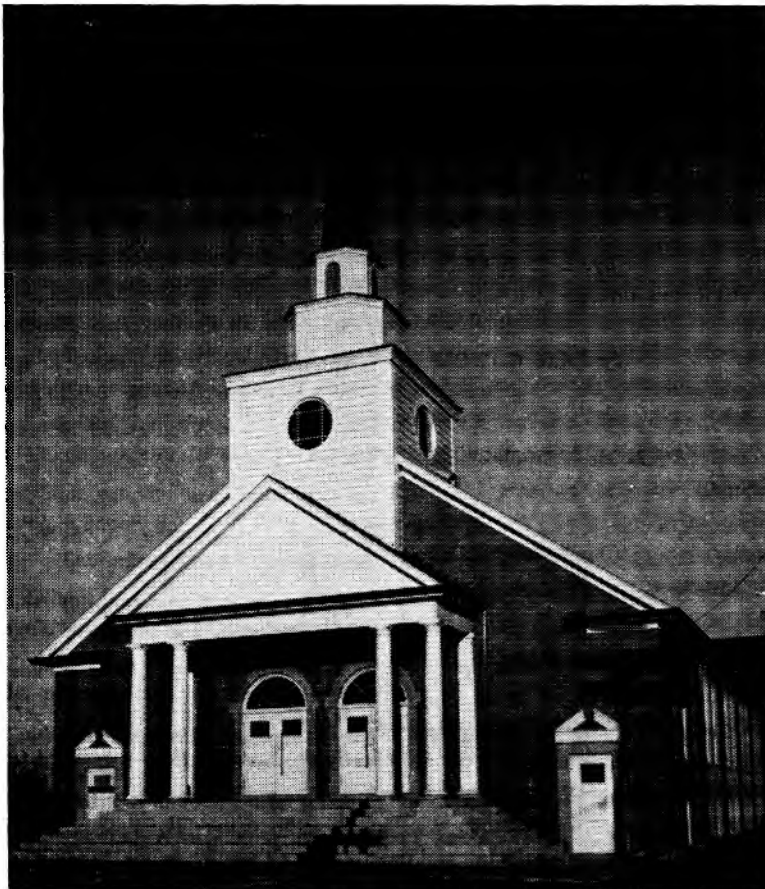
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erty now includes two annexes, a building for fellowship, a three-story educational unit, a garage (that houses our fleet of eight buses), and a large

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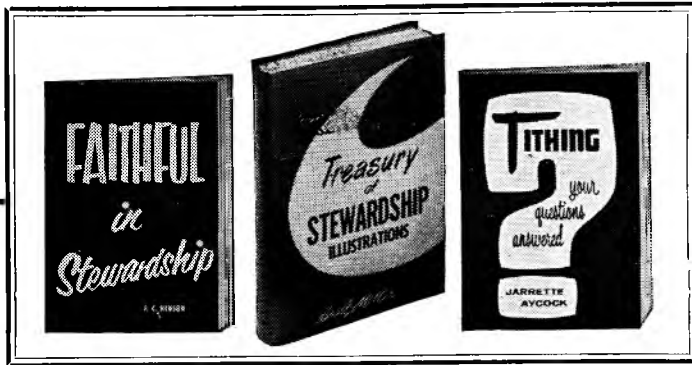
## COLLEGE CHURCH, KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS



Last November 20 was a day of tremendous historic significance to College Church in Kankakee, as the congregation dedicated their new sanctuary, the first time in nearly half a century they had worshiped in a church of their own. On both the former campus and the present one, church services were held in the College Chapel. In 1946, under the leadership of Rev. Ross E. Price, the congregation of 120 established a building fund; a goal of \$1,000.00 per month was set. The goal has been reached or exceeded each year—a total of \$115,000.00 given to the building fund during the nine years. A beautiful brick parsonage was purchased in 1944, under the pastorate of Dr. Lloyd B. Byron. Valued at \$25,000.00, it is now debt-free. The church, of modified colonial architecture, has a 60 x 130-foot sanctuary with seating capacity of 1,000 in the nave and balcony, with overflow room for 100 in the narthex. With light-colored oak paneling and open-beamed ceiling, the nave is equipped with pews and furniture to match; included are a Baldwin grand piano, and a sixteen-rank, two-manual Reuter pipe organ. (Adjacent to the building is a 100-car parking lot.) The value of the first unit is \$275,000.00. Special speakers for the dedication services were General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, District Superintendent Mark R. Moore, and former pastors, Ross E. Price and Lloyd B. Byron. Under the leadership of Pastor L. Guy Nees, and assistant, Wesley E. Bentley, the church is making unusual progress. Church membership is now 350, with average Sunday-school attendance of more than 600 during the school year. A spirit of revival prevails.—*Reporter*.

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*Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We are to be in Grafton, West Virginia, March 14 to 25, and would like to slate March 1 to 11 with any church between Bethany, Oklahoma, and Grafton, West Virginia. Also, we have open April 9 to 15. If you need our services as preacher and singers, write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."*

Johnson City Tennessee—Philadelphia Church had a splendid youth revival before Christmas with Miss Lillian Williams as the evangelist. The meeting was for only one week, due to the installing of our new furnace, but God gave us fourteen souls. Miss Williams' messages were of much inspiration to young and old. We were invited to Washington College to have the devotions each morning for one week, and in turn a number of the students came to our evening services; two of them found the Lord as personal Saviour. The last night of the meeting was unusual in spiritual power, as well as in attendance; five nationalities were represented. A Cuban girl and a full-blooded Cherokee Indian boy sang a duet. We thank God for the good accomplished. —MRS. GLENN GARBER, *Pastor.*

*Gary, Indiana—Black Oak Church recently had a very successful revival with Evangelist Fred Bouse. The church was blessed and uplifted under Brother Bouse's ministry, and several souls sought and found the Lord at the altar in saving and sanctifying power. We appreciated the old-fashioned preaching of Brother Bouse, and plan to have him again.—Maurice Light, Pastor.*

Evangelist "Bob" Rutherford reports: "God has been good in helping me to preach and witness for Him, give out gospel tracts, and do personal visitation in each revival. In four of our recent meetings, the Lord helped us to visit over one hundred homes in each meeting. In two of these places—Monroe, North Carolina, with Brother Jack Jones; and at Newport, Tennessee, with Brother Stinnett—we saw the Sunday school nearly doubled. After nine happy years in the pastorate, I am now in the full-time work of evangelism. My last meeting for '55 was with our church in Doyle, Tennessee. I'll be glad to go anywhere as God may lead; I play an electric guitar, sing, give readings, and do personal evangelism. Write me, 906 Twenty-third Street, Orlando, Florida."

*Pastor Frank McConnell writes from Bethany, Oklahoma: "November 13 to 20 was a time of great blessing for our Williams Memorial Church, as Evangelist Jimmie Allen was with us in a Sunday-school revival. We feel Brother Allen has the proper combination—personal and mass evangelism. Many calls were made, new persons contacted, and fifty-one different people prayed through to definite victory. We thank God for Brother Allen's ministry with us. God is blessing here and we give Him praise."*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTICE**—Thirty-first annual Florida Holiness Camp Meeting, February 16 to 26, at Lakeland, Florida. Special workers: Dr. Russell V. DeLong, Dr. Z. T. Johnson, Dr. T. M. Anderson, Dr. J. Percy Trueblood, and J. Byron Crouse. For further information write Rev. H. H. McAfee, Box 534, Lakeland, Florida.

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Barbara Milstead of Washington, D.C., and Mr. Quentin Clinger of Youngstown, Ohio, were united in marriage on January 7, at the Nazarene Theological Seminary Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, with Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of the Seminary, officiating.

Miss June Kelly and Mr. Glyn S. Crane, both of Shreveport, Louisiana, were united in marriage on December 23, at the Queensboro Church of the Nazarene in Shreveport, with the father of the groom, Rev. E. J. Crane, officiating, assisted by Rev. Elbert Dodd, district superintendent.

Miss Naomi Bolerjack, professor of Spanish, and Mr. J. Robert Emmel, professor of speech, at Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on December 13 at First Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, with Dr. E. S. Phillips, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. A. Bolerjack, father of the bride.

Miss Winona Christenson and Mr. Paul M. Skinner of Lone Pine, California, were united in marriage on December 4, in the Lone Pine Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Bill J. Prince, officiating.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. William E. Harsin of Kings Mountain, Kentucky, a daughter, Rebecca Jean, on January 3.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ted J. Douglas of Houston, Texas, a son, Larry Graham, on December 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Walter R. Mallard of Nashville, Tennessee, a son, Steven Walter, on December 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Gene Fuller of Streator, Illinois, a son, Paul Lynn, on December 18.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in Ohio that God will undertake for her, as her eyesight is failing;

by a "Herald" reader in Pennsylvania for the healing of a Nazarene brother afflicted with cancer, also a special unspoken request;

by a preacher in Illinois that God will undertake in a special way for a lady in California who had an operation for cancer—seemed to be doing fine, but is now seriously ill again;

by a Christian mother in Kansas that God will send mighty, Holy Ghost conviction on her children and husband—for a real revival in their church—for healing for a friend—for several unspoken requests for personal problems in the home, also that God will open a way for her to be used in His service;

by a Christian lady in Pennsylvania, converted three years ago, that her family might find Jesus—she needs help in praying for them;

by the wife of a retired minister in Arkansas, who has cataracts on both eyes and specialists say she must have an operation—she believes God is able to heal her.

## DEATHS

**REV. EVERT BAKER**, a Nazarene minister for over thirty years, died in Indianapolis, Indiana, December 4, 1955. A native of Martin County, born March 1, 1891, near Indian Springs, Mr. Baker served Nazarene churches on four different districts besides three years in the evangelistic field. He pastored churches in Crothersville, Monroeville, Churubusco, Alexandria, Bluffton, and Modoc, in Indiana; College Corner, Ohio; Newport, Continued on next page

# Servicemen's Corner



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"I will soon be rotating to the States, and upon my release I intend to continue my studies at Bethany Nazarene College. There I will prepare for God's calling in my life.

"During my tour of duty here, my spiritual life has been enriched by the Nazarene periodicals that the Servicemen's Commission has sent to me. The *Conquest* has been a favorite with the Korean Nazarene young people as well as with the servicemen.

"Being sent to Korea has been a blessing to me instead of misfortune. Being a Christian has given me constant peace in spite of the perverse conditions, and the Lord has given me many opportunities to witness to others. While at Pusan, it was a glorious privilege to work with and help teach an English Bible class at the mission. The earnest desire to learn more of God's Word on the part of the young people was a blessing within itself.

"Though a great need of this land is material assistance for the poverty-stricken people, still a great need is the gospel. Though our missionaries are helping to fulfill this need, it is vital indeed that the Church support them by prayer.—CPL. NORMAN ENTERLINE."

*Chaplain Herbert J. Van Vorce writes:*

"I am gradually getting adjusted to my new assignment here at Fort Meade, Maryland. It is a very nice post, with fully equipped chapels, but the attendance is small in comparison to my work overseas. Of course, many of the men live off-post, and are attending church with their families and friends, and many others are given week-end passes and leaves. At present I do not have a steady place to preach but am filling in each Sunday for some of the chaplains that are on maneuvers in Louisiana. This affords a good opportunity to reach more men with the gospel of Christ, but it's rather hard to establish a stable work.

"One of the most interesting experiences of the month, and I might say of all my ministry, was the privilege I had to preach to over 400 Boy Scouts who were here on the post for a mass rally. They listened with much earnestness as I tried to point them to life abundant and life eternal in Christ. I didn't have time for an altar service, as I had another appointment, but I felt that many who stood up did accept Him in the closing prayer."

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Tennessee; Linton, Salem, and Crothersville, Indiana, thus starting and closing his ministry in the same church. He was known as a Bible preacher and prayer warrior. His first wife preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Viola Craig Baker, of Bedford, Indiana, to whom he was married in 1930; two sons: 2nd Lt. Eugene E., of Fort Lee, Virginia; and Gerald E., of Marion, Indiana; also two stepchildren, one sister, and two brothers. Funeral service was conducted in First Church, Bedford, with Rev. Leo C. Davis, district superintendent, Rev. C. W. Johnson, and his pastor, Rev. W. Emerson Chapman, officiating. Interment was made in the Beech Grove Cemetery.

**MRS. SARAH B. ISABELLE SCHOONOVER** (nee Double) was born January 1, 1883, in Waldron, Michigan, and died at her home in Morenci, Michigan, August 17, 1955, at the age of seventy-two years. On March 19, 1901, she was married to Mr. Moses Schoonover; to this union were born twelve children, all of whom survive. She was a charter member of the Morenci Church of the Nazarene, and was faithful in attending the services until the last few weeks of her serious illness. She was survived by her husband, Moses; five sons, Clifford, Harvey, James, Vaughn, and Modie; and seven daughters, Mrs. Velva Ballmer, Mrs. Mildred Ledyard, Mrs. Edna Keller, Mrs. Violet Deming, Mrs. Theima Good, Mrs. Rosie Panches, and Mrs. Joy Miller; also one brother and one sister. She has given two sons and one grandson as ministers. Funeral service was in Morenci Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Harold Frye of Fayette, Ohio, officiating; and interment in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**MOSES SCHOONOVER** was born in Putnam County, Ohio, April 12, 1875, and died in Countryside Church of the Nazarene, Centerview, Missouri, October 26, 1955, at the age of eighty years, just ten weeks after the death of his wife (whose death is recorded above). He was preceded in death by his wife, six brothers, and four sisters; and is survived by all twelve of their children (five sons and seven daughters), also one brother. He was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Morenci, Michigan, and was faithful in attending the services to the last. He had been visiting in the home of his son in Missouri for two weeks when death came (Rev. Modie Schoonover, pastor of Countryside Church of the Nazarene, Centerview, Missouri). Funeral service was held at the Morenci church, with his two sons, Modie and Harvey, officiating, assisted by Rev. Harold Frye and Rev. Verl Ballmer (grandson), with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery.

**MRS. LYDIA HANNAH PROCHNOW** was born October 20, 1878, in Kewanee County, Wisconsin, and died in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, June 15, 1955. In 1897 she was united in marriage to Frank Prochnow. In 1949 they moved to Oshkosh, where her husband preceded her in death three years ago. She was converted at the age of fifteen and lived a beautiful, consistent Christian life. In later years she was sanctified wholly. She was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene, and is greatly missed in the church. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Mark Jensen.

**MRS. FLORENCE (JOB) WESTMORELAND**, widow of the late George Westmoreland, was born August 14, 1877, near Prescott, Arkansas, and died September 22, 1955, after a brief illness, at the home of her oldest grandson, Trafton Parker, in Houston, Texas. She was converted and sanctified in the same revival, forty-five years ago, and never broke step with God. She was a faithful tither and always found in her place at all church services. Her husband died in 1934. She was the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom survive; a son, Paul, died in 1928. The six daughters are Mrs. J. E. Moore, Mrs. Coy Parker, Mrs. Arthur Garrett, Mrs. Thelma Reeder, Mrs. Reginald Berry, and Mrs. Maurice Hamlin; and the five sons, Carl, Powell, J. Milburn, Bresee, and Bennie. She is also survived by two brothers and two sisters. Funeral service was held in First Church of the Nazarene, Houston, by her pastor, Rev. L. P. Jack Durham, assisted by District Superintendent V. H. Lewis, with interment in Forrest Park Cemetery, Houston.

**SIRRENE SPENCER**, member of First Church of the Nazarene, Valparaiso, Indiana, for over twenty years, died August 13, 1955, at his home. He was a faithful member, having an active interest in all phases of church work. He is survived by his wife and children. Funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. E. Myers.

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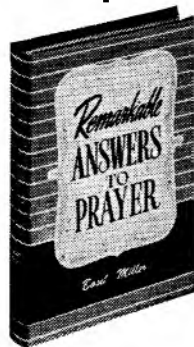
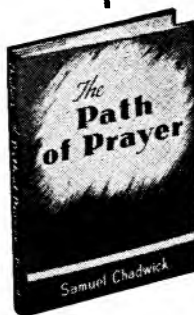
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