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SAMUEL CHADWICK HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE RESURRECTION of Christ from the dead is the New Testament standard of power. In the Old Testament, when God's messengers sought to inspire God's people, they pointed back to the mighty, miraculous deliverance at the Red Sea when God brought their fathers out of the land of bondage into the Promised Land. This wonderful event was frequently used in an effort to inspire the faith and loyalty of God's ancient people. However, all too frequently the recitation of this event by the prophets of old failed in its purpose, for the people were ever prone to forget that dim, distant, and long-since-passed miracle.

But in the New Testament the deliverance at the Red Sea was replaced by the empty tomb as the symbol of God's power and the source of the believer's inspiration and encouragement. Often we are disposed to wish that we could have been present when Christ performed His miracles on earth. What an exulting lift must have come to the faith of the people present when He touched blinded eyes and restored sight! How thrilling it must have been to hear the first words ever to be spoken by the dumb man or to witness the amazed joy of the man whose withered arm was restored! We are inclined to look back on such events with longing and wish we had been with Him then. We imagine our faith would have been strong and unshakable if only we could have been present during those wonderful days.

Actually we have a source of greater power available to us today and every day. It is the inspiration of the empty tomb of the resurrected, ever-living Christ. His resurrection was a demonstration of God's supreme power, not only to restore life partially, such as the restoration of sight, speech, and locomotion, but to restore life completely both physically and spiritually. It was the validating of His claim that He had power on earth to forgive sins and bestow eternal life. It proved Him to be the ever-living Christ capable of fulfilling His promise that He would come and dwell in the human heart through His Spirit in sanctifying power. Hence, our day is better than the day of the fathers who sought inspiration from the merely historical fact of the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. Our risen Lord delivers His children daily from the snares of more powerful enemies than those encountered at the Red Sea. To live victoriously in a wicked and perverse generation is a daily demonstration of a miracle far greater than the crossing of the Red Sea. At this Easter season the exuberant song of the redeemed is: "He lives, . . . Christ Jesus lives today!"

On this glorious Easter Day can any professing Christian through indifference or sinful covetousness deny others this joyous message of inspiration for every day? I beseech you, therefore, by the mercies of God that the church everywhere give liberally of its love, prayers, service, and money that others may know Him—the resurrected, living Christ.

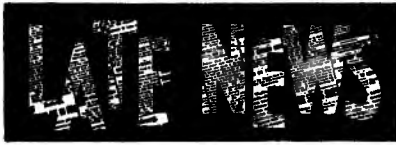


**Easter...
the inspiration
for every day**

**General
Superintendent
Powers**

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

—I Pet. 1:18-21



Telegram

Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. Edward Lawlor greatly used of God in tri-state holiness convention in Ironton, Ohio. Convention, sponsored by twenty-two Nazarene churches in three states, saw Spirit move in mighty power under inspired preaching. Altars filled, hearts cleansed, churches inspired, by two of our greatest holiness preachers.—J. C. Wallace, Secretary.

Mrs. Eva S. Norris, of Sebring, Florida, died February 8, at the age of ninety. She was one of the pioneers in the Church of the Nazarene; also the mother of Mrs. H. B. Macrory.

Secretary John Manley sends word from Columbus, Ohio: "Warren Avenue Church on Sunday, February 5, extended to Rev. Harris B. Anthony his seventh three-year recall by a vote of 151 yes and 3 no. Dr. W. M. McGuire, superintendent of the Eastern Michigan District, was guest speaker for the day and held the recall. Since Brother Anthony became pastor of this local church a new brick parsonage and stone church building have been built. The present indebtedness on the church is approximately \$45,000.00. The Lord has greatly blessed this church and its members and we look forward to even greater accomplishments for the Master."

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Campbell, formerly of Maxwell, but who have made their home in Arnold, Nebraska, for the past eight years, observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 26. They are the parents of four children: George and Dorothea of Santa Ana; Clarence of Beaumont, California; and Mrs. Nancy Gill of Arnold, Nebraska. The Campbells have attended the Church of the Nazarene for over forty years.

Pastor J. Donald Freese writes that on March 4 he will begin his ministry with First Church in Orlando, Florida, after nearly five years with the East Liberty Church in suburban Akron, Ohio. He and his family went to the East Liberty church in the spring of '51, upon his graduation from the Seminary, and he says, "God has given us a good ministry with these grand people."

Rev. Charles O. Slusher has resigned as pastor of the church in Mineola, to accept the call to pastor Grace Church in El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Ethel M. Sharp, wife of Rev. L. D. Sharp, and mother of Rev. David M. Sharp of Pasadena, California, and Jonathan Sharp of Denver, Colorado, died February 13, at Wichita, Kansas.

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A LIFE ADRIFT



By *Harold M. Daniels*

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OFF THE COAST OF OREGON IS a lonely rock upon which has been built a lighthouse warning ships at sea concerning the peril of the dangerous rocks. This spot, known as Tillamook Rock, has been described as the loneliest place on earth.

One day, a few years ago, keepers of the light saw the hulk of a great ship looming up out of the fog. The ship came slowly nearer and nearer. In spite of the drone of the foghorn, and the flashing of the light, nothing that the keepers could do attracted the attention of any of the crew on board; they continued to shout their warnings as the vessel came nearer. Then they saw that the deck was warped and unkept, all metal parts were rusted; there was no sign of life aboard the ship. Then they realized that here was a ship without a crew, a ship just driving along the Japanese current in the vast Pacific.

Just as they thought the ship would crash upon the rock, it seemed that an invisible arm turned the ship away from the rock and on it drifted. As it turned, the rudder struck the rocks and broke off; later it was seen floating on the surface of the sea. Unanswered questions were raised: "What happened to the crew?" "How long had it been drifting?" Possibly that ship is still afloat somewhere along the great river of the Pacific, the Japanese current.

The writer to the Hebrews admonished his readers, and us, "Give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip" (or, drift away from them)—Heb. 2:1. It is an easy thing just to drift. We know what is right, but we just drift on and on and on, coming to no place of repentance. Drifting, as one writer describes it, is "carelessness in paying attention to what God has to say; back of that carelessness is the desire to have our own will."

After we have found spiritual life through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, still the admonition is to us, "Give the more earnest heed . . .," lest we drift away from them. We are in danger of losing gospel truth; and if we lose it, great is the loss. Take heed, friend, lest ye drift!

WHICH INSTRUMENT SHALL I USE?



THE MEDICAL DOCTOR and the attending nurses must know their instruments when they are ready to perform surgery. Each instrument is designed for its specific ministry and must be at hand, sterile and ready for use at just the precise moment of time when it is needed. We surely would not trust our lives to this noble profession if we did not know that these men and women knew their instruments, along with the knowledge necessary to perform the surgery.

If it is that important to the saving of physical life, is it not equally important that we know our instruments in the spiritual sense as we endeavor to rescue souls and save them to eternal life? There is no room for careless, slipshod methods and procedures in the handling of the delicate destiny of the soul. We must know our instruments, along with the sane and sanctified ability to use them at just the right moment. Along with that, we need the ability and wisdom to lay aside one instrument or the other and use the needed one, rather than always trying to use the same one. It further requires a constant study that we may use only the best and most effective techniques, for we live in a complex age with many spiritual problems requiring our help.

The Word is the spiritual X-ray machine that can tell us what resides in the depths of our souls. How foolish to rely on outward appearances only when the Word would aid us in revealing the deep secrets of the heart! Learn to use the Word effectively. At times it becomes a sharp knife, "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). The Holy Spirit can cause the power of the Word to penetrate to the place of deepest need. Beware, however, of wielding the knife carelessly to the injury and destruction of souls!

Then there is the *microscope, which greatly en-*

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larges things close at hand and helps medical science to accurately determine the disease and the need. This is a very essential instrument. We should often look through it to see our own needs, close up, without any false presuming on what our condition might be. The Psalmist prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts" (Ps. 139:23). If we will spend some time close to the Word, illuminated by the light of the Holy Spirit, God will faithfully reveal our need to us.

However, we must not always sit at the microscope, seeing only the need next to us, for there are times when we need to use the *telescope to see the regions beyond*, as well as those at our own feet. We need the ability to change the instrument from time to time, so that we may receive a balanced view of the whole picture of the spiritual needs around us. Let us not be just microscope-Christians, who see no farther than our own little church or group, nor those who always use only the telescope and see only the needs of the heathen in far-off places. Use the right instrument at the right time!

Medical science has numerous other instruments which we cannot mention here. Suffice it to say that they have instruments to close up wounds, to retain fractured limbs in proper position until they knit, to draw away poisons, etc. We can use the instruments of kindness and love to soothe broken hearts and to close their wounds; we can render aid that will support those who falter and have been broken by sin; we can invite them to the fountain that has been opened for all uncleanness, to purge sin from blighted souls, as they come to Jesus Christ.

Which instrument shall I use? Look to the needs and ask and receive wisdom from the Holy Spirit to use the instrument that is needed at the proper time that "by all means" you might "save some."

GOD DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE

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ABRAHAM'S WIFE HAD TWO LAUGHING spells. When the Lord gave to her and her husband the good news that they would have a child in their old age, the promise seemed so impossible that it made her laugh. But her laugh did not sound good to the Lord because it had in it some misgivings. The Lord gave her a gentle rebuke: "Is any thing too hard for the Lord?" According to the promise God gave them, in due time the child Isaac was born. When this took place, Sarah had another laughing spell. She said, "God hath made me to laugh." This laugh was without stagers. She then could see how miraculously God fulfilled His promise to them, and out came a holy laugh that glorified her Lord. The promise being fulfilled, no doubt it made both Abraham and Sarah feel that their mighty God was able to do that which seemed impossible to human reason.

Many have seen obstacles, but have failed to see a God who is able to do the apparently impossible. It was a crisis time in the life of God's people when the twelve spies were sent over into Canaan to spy out the land. Evidently God, wanted them to see giants and walled cities and a fruitful land flowing with milk and honey. He also wanted them to see a mighty God who was able to give them possession of the country He had promised to Abraham and his posterity. The tendency of unbelievers is to magnify impossibilities and minimize their own ability with God's help. Ten spies surmised that they looked like grasshoppers in the eyes of the inhabitants of the land. Evidently the very opposite was the case. Rahab said to the two spies later, "Your terror is fallen upon us, and . . . all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you" (Josh. 2:9). They had already heard how God delivered His people from Egypt by His mighty power.

Ten of these spies brought back an evil report which discouraged the hearts of the multitude and their carcasses fell in the wilderness. But Joshua and Caleb brought back a good report of the land. They said: "The land, . . . is an exceeding good land. . . . Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land." This report infuriated the other ten spies and they wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb to death. This is what men will do when they rebel against God's plans. By faith Joshua and Caleb could see God's powerful hosts exterminating the "ites" of the land and His people dwelling in walled cities. Their faith in God brought them into the promised land.

God would have His people trust His promises when nothing is in sight. The Apostle Paul said, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." How prone man is to want to see his way through, when God wants to take him through without seeing! Doubts and fears come from Satan and they impede the progress of souls in the spiritual life. Unbelief is an insult to God because it assumes the position that He lies. Faith honors God because it takes the attitude that He always tells the truth. If God could feed a large multitude of people on angels' food in the wilderness for nearly forty years, how much more can He feed and clothe those who put their trust in Him!

On one occasion our Lord delivered from Satan's power one of the most desperate characters that ever lived. He had his dwelling place among the tombs in the country of the Gadarenes. He had in him a legion of demons and he could not be bound with chains nor fetters. There are many great surgeons that are performing operations that seem almost like miracles, but they work on the line of the natural. There are not enough surgeons in the universe to put this Gadarene man on the operating table, take the devils out of him, and clothe him in his right mind. That which would have been impossible for great surgeons to do, our mighty Christ did accomplish for the glory and praise of His name. Jesus sent this man to his home community to tell his old neighbors what great things Christ did for him. Evidently his old acquaintances could see a marvelous change had taken place in this man's life. The effect of his testimony was: "And all men did marvel."

Many have been guilty of limiting the Lord's power to do that which appears to be impossible. They believe the Lord can do some things, but they do not believe that "all things are possible to him that believeth." This was the case with the disciples before they received the Holy Ghost on the Day of Pentecost. They believed that Jesus was the Messiah who was revealed to them by His good works and also by a divine revelation, but His death and resurrection staggered their faltering faith. When the women gave them the good news of the Lord's resurrection, their report seemed like idle tales and they believed them not. After the ten had seen Him, they told Thomas that Jesus was risen from the dead, but he doubted. Later when he saw the print of the nails and the wound in His side, faith gripped his soul and he exclaimed, "My Lord and my God." He saw and

was convinced, but the Lord's blessing was given to those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

The greatest work our Lord did while on earth and also the greatest work that He has done since His ascension to heaven is the salvation of souls from the terrible curse of sin. No surgeon can cure this awful malady. Jesus came to do the impossible. The medicine that can cure the plague of man's wicked heart is the blood of our Saviour shed on the cross. This remedy is very costly and it is more powerful to effect a cure than sin is

in its work to contaminate the soul. "Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." The most wicked, depraved characters, even in pagan lands, have been saved and transformed by the efficacious power of the blood of the Son of God.

The Apostle Paul said: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [a new creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." These things reveal what our Lord is able to do, and what man with all his skill and learning cannot do.



"CANAAN"

IN CONTRAST TO THE NAME *BEULAH*, there is the word *Canaan*. Whereas *Beulah* brings to mind the blessings of a land where God is married to His people, *Canaan* stands for territory appropriated from humbled inhabitants. Although the word applied to the people called Canaanites refers occasionally to merchants or traffickers, the Hebrew original retains the idea of its verbal root, which means "to bow" or "to be low." Hence, a Canaanite was one whose name implied being humbled. The less common meaning arose from the fact that some of the debased Canaanites were known for their business transactions.

According to the Mosaic record in Genesis, the tribe of Canaanites descended from Ham, the son of Noah. Divisive critics deny this statement because the inhabitants of Canaan spoke a Semitic language. However, the story of the Tower of Babel does not imply that the diffusion of languages followed family lines. Therefore it is not impossible that the Canaanites were related to Ham by blood and to Shem by language. When the Canaanites entered the land, the individual tribe mingled with many other races and gave its name to a collection of tribes bound together by the Semitic language and the Baalite religion.

Some think that the word *Canaanite* suggests that the people lived in "low" country in contrast to

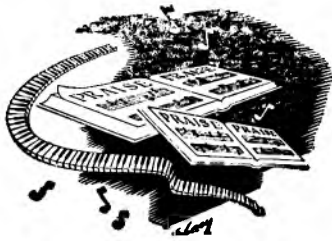
the Amorites, who dwelt in the highlands. However the name calls to memory the fact that their father, *Canaan*, was brought low because of the sin of Ham. Thus all Canaanites were humbled because of the curse upon their ancestor.

Another humbling curse came upon the Canaanites when God commissioned Israel to exterminate the race from the land. This doom became necessary because of the incurable vileness of the people. They were corrupting their society and would debase Israel if allowed to remain in the land. To purify a chosen people God had to decree the destruction of the infectious race. Consequently the name *Canaan* became the symbol of God's humiliating judgment upon a sinful society.

Because of the wickedness of the inhabitants, *Canaan* was given as an inheritance to the people of the true God. Actually, the only claim of the Canaanites to the land was the right of possession. This they forfeited by desecrating it. To the Hebrews, *Canaan* was given as a homeland in which to prepare for the coming of the Saviour of mankind. Where sin had deprived one people of the land, grace gave to another nation the assurance of God's redemptive promises sworn to Abraham. In this the word *Canaan* lost the idea of lowliness except for the reminder that all of God's blessings are contingent on an attitude of humble submission to the law of God.

On the other hand, possession of the land of *Canaan* involved the challenge to conquest. There was implied a struggle for victory over the workers of iniquity and the capture of all the bounties of a fruitful land, for which one did well to contend. In like manner, the Christian believer must press on and conquer the goodly land of blessing by utterly casting out the Canaanite in his life. Hence, when he has gained the victory, the sanctified soul sings of a kindred experience: "I'm over the Jordan tide," where I find, "'Tis good to live in Canaan." To all Blood-washed believers, he cries, "Come over into Canaan land."

By
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*Many instruments,
many musicians, but*

"A Symphony of Souls"

By W. SHELBURNE BROWN
Superintendent of Los Angeles
District

MOZART'S "JUPITER" SYMPHONY WAS ON the record player, and as its beauty melted into my soul, I began to reflect. What diversity, what differences, and yet what harmony! The instruments didn't play all at the same time. For a while there were stringed instruments; then they paused while the brass section came in. From time to time the roll of the thundering timpani was heard, but at other times they were silent. In that NBC recording orchestra there must have been fifty or more musicians and yet all of them were playing different notes. Had someone insisted on their getting together, the result would have been an unbearable monotony. And I doubt that any one member of that orchestra had time to consider whether another was playing his or her part right. There must have been such confidence in the desire of the other members and such concentration on the individual musical score in front of each one that none but the conductor took time to listen to anyone else.

Actually, they had very few things in common. The conductor for one was the conductor for all. Their parts were all parts of the one great symphony. The "beat" was strictly adhered to by every musician. They were of one accord in their desire to render beautifully this particular production. But in spite of their vast differences and a few similarities the result was a soul-thrilling musical treat.

And then my mind turned toward our church. What differences! What diversity! We live in such varied places and under such varying conditions! Our backgrounds environmentally and hereditarily were so widely divergent! Our talents seem to be as individual as our faces. We approach our spiritual problems with such differing ways that no one of us is just like another. We are affected by our geographical location. Local custom with its influences plays upon our spirits. It never behoves the "drums" to insist that the "piccolo" make the same sort of noise that they produce. Nor does the pianist insist that the trombone be operated by the striking of keys or it isn't being properly played.

There are some things that we too have in common. We have one great Conductor, Jesus Christ. We have the same symphony to play—that of sal-

vation for all men. Our spirits unite in trying to render the best production of that theme that is possible. There is so much for each of us to do in the realm, and God has so graciously granted us a good "score" to play, that there really is no time for me to look at my brother to see if he is rendering his part of it just right. If I do, I'll surely make some mistakes in my own part. But I'm sure my brothers in every part of God's orchestra are doing their best to finish this task beautifully. So with confidence that each of them is following the Conductor, I'll do my best to add my bit to this symphony of souls.

IN DEBT

*to the
present*



By B. V. SEALS

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YESTERDAY'S "GONE" CANNOT BE RECALLED; tomorrow may never come; so we actually can live only in the eternal "now." However, as Nazarenes we have an obligation to three generations—past, present, and future. Our forefathers went out under the stars and, at great sacrifice, established the Church of the Nazarene. They did it in order to be free to teach and preach the doctrine and experience of heart holiness.

I heard "Uncle Buddy" Robinson say he turned down a call from a large, worldly church for a ten-day campaign when they offered to guarantee him \$1,500.00 and the finest entertainment in a hotel. The same ten days he went to hold a revival for a young pastor in a home-mission church, lived in the parsonage with the young couple, and received \$150.00. This type of sacrifice was multiplied many times in the early days of our church.

We cannot be honorable and accept the equipment the church now has (and we have 4,040

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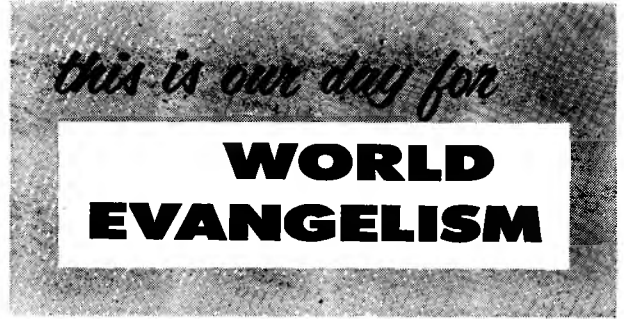
is the last church-wide offering this quadrennium. What will the record be? It can be good. Let us do our best to make it so.

churches, 8 colleges, and 1 seminary, good salaries, and many of our pastors have good homes to live in)—we cannot accept all of this without accepting the responsibility that goes with it. I know that many of our preachers are still making great sacrifices. The only man who is free to preach and teach whatever he desires is the man who goes out and builds a denomination of his own. Otherwise, it is a betrayal of a sacred trust. *We must keep faith with the past.*

Then we have an *obligation to the present*, and oh, what an obligation! The generation that lives while we live will die while we die, and will have only such opportunities of salvation as we give it. Our work is cut out for us. The present generation is knocking at our door. Will we rise in the spirit of one of old and say, I've "come to the kingdom for such a time as this," and offer ourselves as expendable for this generation? No living, needy soul has need of any credential to commend him to us, except his need. We will pour out our lives in vicarious living, until there is no more to give.

We also have an *obligation to the future*. We are building the kind of world our children and grandchildren will have to live in when we are gone. We would have to get "off the beam" only a little now to be away off twenty years from now. We should give some thought to the future Nazarenes, plant some trees for them, build some bridges across dangerous gorges, some sweet flowers of memory, too, so their way will be not only safe and secure, but fragrant.

It's grand to be a part of three generations. We can be true to the past; we must do our best in the eternal *now*; and by God's grace and help, we will make the church safe for the next generation. No church ever backslid in one generation, and we don't have to ever do it, thank God!



From various sections of the world we have received warmhearted appeals. Out of the very deep shadows of heathenism, idolatry, and witchcraft comes the call for gospel light.

Rev. Donald Ault in British Guiana writes, "Northern Brazil yawns at our borders and gnaws at our heartstrings."

Having spent one year in the Virgin Islands about twelve years ago, Rev. Lyle Prescott, mission field superintendent in Cuba, recently said: "I decided to make a visit to the field where we first served the Church of the Nazarene as missionaries. Brother William De Grosse, our former national worker, in Christiansted, said, rather sadly: 'If the Nazarenes had stayed in St. Croix we would have swamped the island by now!'" Brother Prescott's conclusion about the Virgin Islands is, "A missionary of both English and Spanish speech should be sent."

These are but two examples. Think of what could be said for Central Africa, Portugal, Portuguese Guiana, Spanish Honduras, Costa Rica, San Salvador, Panama, Jamaica, Okinawa, Grenada, Curacao, and other needy places. The Easter Offering is indeed a challenge! This is our day!

Remiss Rehfeldt

REMISS REHFELDT
Executive Secretary
Foreign Missions

By DOROTHY BOONE KIDNEY

I
Have
Found
a
Friend

*I wished upon each distant star . . .
To find each star would fail me;
I stained the years with bitter tears,
And wondered what could ail me!*

*I walked a lonely road alone . . .
And found I had no brother;
I sang an empty song all day
Because I knew no other.*

*I knelt and made a fervent prayer,
Which no one ever taught me;
I read some shining Bible words,
That Christ one day had "bought me."*

*I saw a cross with arms outstretched
In gray-skyed, cloudy weather . . .
Christ came down; we linked arms
And now we walk—together!*

A lonely sailor, bad news,
and then . . .



THE GRAND OLD HYMNS

By **WALTER E. SIMONSON**
Lynbrook, New York

SLOWLY OUR LITTLE ESCORT SHIP, THE the P.C. 1211, nosed its way toward the dimly lit pier at the Cocoa Solo Naval Base in Panama. Quickly lines were thrown over to waiting hands and the ship was made fast to the dock. Another trip had been completed, and another convoy brought safely into the harbor.

The pounding of the engines had scarcely ceased, when the gangway was put over the side; and although it was 2:00 a.m. the yeoman was on his way to the base to pick up the mail. No one thought of sleep, tired as we were. News from home came first!

Soon he was back with the sack of mail, and in just a few minutes the letters had been distributed. For some there were a number of letters; for others, none. There was just one for me.

Quietly the men scattered to various parts of the ship to read their mail. I started to read mine, and as I read I quickly discovered that the news it contained was not good. In fact, it was just about as bad as it could be. The bottom seemed to drop out from everything. I felt discouraged and helpless. Many hundreds of miles of ocean separated me from home. There wasn't much I could do.

I slipped off the ship, and made my way down past rows of ships gently rocking with the harbor swell, to the end of the pier. There I raised my eyes toward the inky black sky, and poured out my heart to God. Tears flowed freely as I told God all about it. Then came the familiar words of that old hymn, "Jesus Never Fails." Everything else may fail us, but thank God, "Jesus Never Fails." I had sung that hymn many times, but now it held deep meaning for me. How it lifted my sagging spirit and discouraged heart! I didn't know the answer, but I did know that Jesus never fails.

Many times since that dark night, when the burdens and cares of life have pressed close, I have lifted my heart in song. Time after time the grand old hymns have lifted me up, and sent me on my way encouraged. This has been the experience of countless thousands down through the years.

Are you discouraged today? Do the difficulties of life loom large on your horizon? Look up! Sing one of the grand old hymns. Let their words sink deeply into your heart and mind. You too will discover how they can lift the soul above the temporal things. Let them remind you once again that "God is still on the throne," and that He cares for you.

The Easter Offering and Evangelism

THE PIONEERS OF OUR CHURCH WENT "OUT UNDER THE STARS" to evangelize and spread scriptural holiness over these lands. Bresee, Reynolds, Cornell, Bud Robinson, Schmelzenbach, Winans, and scores of others possessed an undying passion for the souls of men. They felt that they must "go into other towns also" as well as other nations and the isles of the sea with the message of full salvation. What a glorious heritage is ours today! Our church was born in an atmosphere of evangelism. If we would keep faith with the past and accept the challenge of this present day we must work constantly at the task of soul winning.

Those who labored so faithfully and successfully in the early days would surely give wholehearted approval to the Crusade for Souls of our day. This Crusade includes the establishing of new churches in this country as well as advancing in home and foreign mission work across the seas. Our overseas home-mission work is making good progress. Souls are being saved, new churches are being organized, and young people are being trained in our Bible colleges. This work is made possible through the General Budget.

Let everyone plan and pray now for the largest Easter Offering in our history. Remember this is the last great missionary offering before the General Assembly. By giving in the Easter Offering we are assisting in this all-important work of evangelism.



By
RAY HANCE

Chairman
Department of Home Missions
General Board

I SAW A SHIP IN DISTRESS TODAY



By
E. E. WORDSWORTH
Pastor, Goldendale, Wash.

WHILE VACATIONING at Long Beach, Washington, one afternoon we looked out of our cabin window to scan the horizon of the sea. The tide was coming in, the mighty waves were roaring and the breakers spending their force upon the beach in ever restless motion.

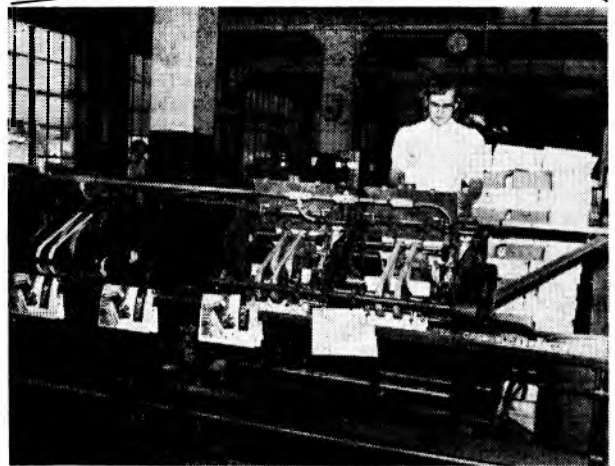
But farther out to sea, beyond the breakers, was a vessel in great distress. Fortunately, it was anchored to keep it from drifting toward shore, and with the receding tide to send it forth to meet the merciless waves of the deep. Someone aboard the ship sent out the S O S call for help. We beheld the signals, perhaps a flag, being waved frantically from the distressed ship—from one side to the other. This continued for a long time and until an answer was given by a man on the shore. He seized a long pole, fastened a white bath towel to it, and waved back to the ship several hundred yards away.

What was wrong? It was believed the motor, the engine of the vessel, had suddenly "died." To make matters worse, a fog was gradually beginning to settle down over the coast and was enveloping the ship. But a man on shore hastily called the Coast Guard for help. He was promised quick assistance. However, coming from the south waters, he failed to cross the bar for some time, despite heroic efforts. This only added distress to agony, for everyone seemed anxious about the rescue, lest the distressed ship and all on board

The risen Christ

calls His Church to ACTION. "Even so, send I you," are His words. May we heed His call by giving gratefully at Easter time that others may have the Bread of Life.

NEWS in PICTURE



Special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS (March 7) coming off the Sheridan automatic stitcher-trimmer at the Nazarene Publishing House. A total of 965,000 copies of this attractive, two-color number have been printed. You may still send in your order for additional copies.

become victims of the open sea. It seemed ages before the Coast Guard vessel finally came to the rescue and ere long was seen pulling the ship safely to harbor; but the victory was gained and anxious men and women on shore felt relieved and fears were allayed.

Life is like that. Many start out from the docks or home port and go well for a while. They seem masters of wind and wave, but ere long the engine stops, the inner force ceases, and life breaks down.

The prodigal son felt quite "capable of paddling his own canoe," of "running his own affairs"—he was strong, healthy, and hearty. Wait a while! His money is spent, his pride is humbled, and his stomach gnaws with pangs of hunger. Now, since life has lost its inner motion, he calls for help—sends out his S O S, and would return home to his father.

But often the church is hindered, or slowed down, in going to the scene of rescue. Is it Satan who prevents the crossing of the bar? Is it our own indolence and carelessness? Is it a lack of interest, as with those on the golf course nearby who continued their sport though knowing full well the danger of the ship? Why do we often fail to cross the bar and hasten to the scene of rescue? Let the distressed ship symbolize lost souls today. What is your answer to the call?

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

Social Security for Ministers

THE NAZARENE MINISTER is in the most favored class in Social Security.

In the first place, all ministers are classified as "self-employed" men and the tax for the "self-employed" person is only 75 per cent as much as the tax for an "employee"; yet the "self-employed" minister gets the same benefits as the "employee" whose tax is 33 1/3 per cent higher. Thus he reaps benefits from the larger payments of the "employed."

In the second place, most of our ministers have less than \$350.00 net monthly income from their ministry and, therefore, their pensions will be proportionately higher than men of larger salaries, because Social Security is geared for the special benefit of low-salaried men.

To illustrate: A person who, with his wife, retires at age sixty-five having earned salary averaging \$110.00 per month would draw a pension for himself and wife of \$90.80 per month. This is over 82 per cent of his average past salary. His total tax at the current rate of 3 per cent would be \$3.30 per month.

On the other hand, the man who, with his wife, retires at age sixty-five having earned an average monthly salary of \$350.00 would receive a pension for himself and wife in the amount of \$162.80 per month. This is only 46 per cent of his past average taxed salary, and the total tax cost would be \$10.50 per month.

Thus the man who pays tax on a salary of \$110.00 per month receives more than one-half as much pension as the man who pays tax on a salary of \$350.00 per month, which costs him more than three times as much. Therefore, in Social Security the men in the higher income brackets, in addition to paying for their own pensions, are paying a large portion of the pensions for men in the lower income brackets.

In other words, the man who earns \$350.00 per month must pay approximately twice as much for each dollar of pension which he is to receive as is paid by the man who earns \$110.00 per month. Men in the lower income brackets have every advantage.

In the third place, ministers are the only group of persons among the "self-employed" who are being assisted with their tax payments, and the Nazarene minister is especially favored in this regard since very few ministers of other churches are receiving such help, and in addition to this the general church is paying premiums on a \$1,000.00 insurance policy for participating ministers.

And finally, no insurance company can offer such large benefits to a young man with children at the price he can obtain such benefits through Social Security; and as for the older men, Social Security offers them a retirement as a virtual gift.

No minister should turn Social Security down without due consideration. And remember, your earnings as a minister are not covered just because you have a Social Security card; the "waiver" must be signed and delivered before your ministerial earnings can be included in the Social Security program. *Join before April 15, 1956, for best benefits.*

T. W. WILLINGHAM
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JESUS

... the Lamb and the Lion

THERE ARE MANY scriptures and Biblical expressions that convey ideas which seem to be opposite. This is also true of the names given to Christ. He is called the Lamb of God, as well as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. No two animals are more different, yet there is a harmony of the characteristics of both in Jesus.

In Leviticus we read of the lamb as a sin-bearer, in symbol of the great Sin-Bearer, the Lamb of God. Isaiah, in his immortal fifty-third chapter, prophesied of the Lamb, meek and opening not His mouth. The blessed privilege of introducing this Lamb was bestowed upon John the Baptist; while St. John in the Revelation pictures for our edification the Lamb victorious.

When Jacob blessed his sons, he spoke of Judah as a lion, from whom "the sceptre shall not depart." Christ, as the Lion of the tribe of Judah, shall rule "with equity." Hosca also called Him a Lion because of His judgment. This is further pictured in the opening of the seals of judgment in the Apocalypse, for none was found worthy to open the book but "the Lion of the tribe of Juda."

It is quite evident that Christ is symbolized as the Lamb because of His redemptive work and the Lion because of His office as Judge. If we accept the Lamb, we need not fear the Lion.

Let us look at the manifestations of these characteristics of Christ while on earth, for He was then as truly the Lion of the tribe of Judah as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." In the judgment hall, He was the Lamb who opened not His mouth; whereas in the Temple He was the Lion who drove out the offenders in the house of prayer. To the woman beguiled by Satan, He spoke as the Lamb, "Neither do I condemn thee"; but to the hypocrites of high degree, He called, "Woe unto you!" His attitude toward the sinner was tender and gentle as a Lamb, with forgiveness; but to the willful hypocrite, it was that of a fearless Lion in judgment.

As a Lamb, Jesus died meekly, bearing the sins of the world; but as a Lion, He shook the earth with His death and men smote their breasts, judged for their sins.

By **LEAH WHITCANACK SMITH**

Nazarene Laywoman, Kankakee, Illinois

THE TRAGEDY OF THE GOSSIPER

By A. S. LONDON

Sunday-School Evangelist, Oklahoma City, Okla.

A GOSSIPER IS A PERSON WITH AN UN-controlled tongue. He is one who scatters groundless rumor. A gossip is a troublemaker, a busybody, a critic, and a slanderer. It is a tragedy for any man or woman to fall into the habit of gossiping.

"Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile" (Ps. 34:13). "He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction" (Prov. 13:3). "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (Jas. 1:26). "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (I Pet. 3:10).

A gossip brings sorrow to human hearts, blasts parental hopes, and leaves whole communities in the black shadows of bleak bereavement. It thrusts thorns of suffering into loving souls.

A gossiping tongue is a curse to any church or community. "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (Jas. 3:8). The gossiping tongue is a little member, but it can break up homes, divide churches, create discord in a community, and leave desolation in its trail.

"Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter

a little fire kindleth! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell" (Jas. 3:5-6). The tongue has power to make or break. It can bring joy or sorrow, lift up or cast down.

Joseph, as recorded in the Word of God, was slandered maliciously and made to suffer. It took fourteen years for his good name to be vindicated. Someone long ago said that even a lifetime may be too short to clear the name of one who has been the victim of a gossiping tongue.

A gossip is a reckless person who cares not for the feelings of those he desires to slander. He wrecks lives, destroys happiness by his lying words, and is as dangerous as a drunken driver who goes down the highway in a high-powered automobile.

Solomon had some strong words against those who seek to destroy with their tongues. He says, "An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbour: but through knowledge shall the just be delivered" (Prov. 11:9).

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. It has been the assassin of many, and the atom bomb that has brought havoc to millions. May God help us to keep our mouths shut, and be free of this deadly poison, is our prayer!

Reasons for Tithing

By OVELLA S. SHAFER

*Why tithe? Because our God commands it
In the Old Testament and the New.
God demanding—Christ supporting,
The tithe is giving God His due!*

*Why tithe? Because it is good business,
A system with one-tenth, so rare;
Nine parts remain—there should be offerings.
Who who receive so much should share!*

*Why tithe? The Church, God's institution,
Needs funds to carry on and thrive;
This method frees from deficits,
Eliminates an every-Sunday drive.*

*Why tithe? Because the gospel needs promoting
At home—abroad—so many in distress.
This is God's plan of finance for His kingdom—
Cheerful tithing givers—God will bless!*

We are to follow peace, and holiness, practical holiness, the opposite of impurity, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. It is conformity and obedience to the will of God; it is the Spirit's work in the soul by which a man is made like God, and becomes a partaker of the divine nature, being delivered from the corruption that is in the world through lust. There are some who for reasons best known to themselves do not like it, just as no thieves ever like policemen or jails, yet there it stands, and it means no other than what it says: "Holiness"—practical, personal, active, total holiness—"without which no man shall see the Lord."—C. H. Spurgeon.

The Annual Special Issue Next!

THE NEXT NUMBER OF THE HERALD OF HOLINESS, March 7, will be the annual special issue for 1956. I believe that our people everywhere will like it. According to my opinion, it is the best special issue yet. The theme is "The Word of Life." Thus the entire issue is on the Bible; and what a subject this is! The churches which have bought bundles of this special issue to distribute will feel that they have received more than full value for their money. The total number of copies sold to date is 955,000. However, there are still some copies of this issue on hand. If you want more, write for them at once.

All that I have said I couldn't help but say; I am so pleased with this special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. However, what I chiefly had in mind when I started this article was to thank those who helped make this issue possible. It was not the product of one individual, but the result of the work of many people. In fact, the whole church really joins in making this annual issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS a success. The general superintendents and the general officers here in Kansas City have helped with many valuable suggestions. Then there have been pastors, evangelists, and district superintendents who have made helpful criticisms. In addition, there are the pastors and churches which have bought many copies of this special issue. They buy them first, possibly, because they like them, and second, because the general superintendents and district superintendents all have boosted for them. I thank our leaders and our people everywhere for their help in making this year's special issue what it is.

Also, I especially thank the contributors to this issue. Certainly, we could not have made it at all without them. They provided the content for the issue. I extend a special "thank you" to those who have worked with it in the office in connection with the layout work. These are Miss Velma Knight, the office editor; Mr. Dave Lawlor; Rev. Norman Oke; Rev. Alpin Bowes; and Rev. Fred Parker. They really represent the "brains" back of the layout work in connection with this special issue; they have ideas, and they know what they are doing. They were ready to give willingly of their time and ability to make this issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS the best so far. Rev. Fred Parker, editor of *Conquest*, is due a special word of appreciation. He was the person who went over all the suggestions which had been made by different individuals as to subjects and writers and helped the editor to co-ordinate them. In this connection he gave some excellent suggestions to the editor from the standpoint of the whole picture. For several years I have chosen some one individual who would do this from the standpoint of the

proposed material, before requests for the material were finally sent out. So, I say again, a special "thank you" to Rev. Fred Parker for his assistance.

Also, the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism deserves special mention in connection with these annual special issues. Dr. Roy F. Smee is the executive secretary of this department. He and Rev. Alpin Bowes, his secretary, always have been ready to give unstintingly of their interest and advice in connection with the annual special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. In fact, it is the "child" of the Crusade for Souls, and, therefore, has been promoted especially by the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

Editorials

Finally, Messrs. M. and "Bud" Lunn, manager and assistant manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, have co-operated with us in promoting this project one hundred per cent. And it is needless to say that without this co-operation the annual special issues such as we have had would not have been possible.

Next week, then, you will receive the annual special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS for 1956. Don't let it lie around and be unused. It doesn't have feet and hands—you'll have to give feet and hands to it. It's one thing to buy copies of this issue; it's quite another thing to use those copies, to give them out to people who need them and who will be blessed by them. Please see to it this year that every copy that comes to your church is put into the hands of someone and given a chance to speak for itself.

I Second the Congratulations!

IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE HERALD OF HOLINESS (Feb. 22), the Nazarene Publishing House, which sponsors the subscription campaigns for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, congratulated certain districts for their achievements in the 1955 campaigns. As editor, I now second these congratulations.

First, I extend my congratulations to the five districts which won top place in their respective groups. They are as follows: Central Ohio District, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent, and its campaign manager, Rev. Jay H. Keiser, of Group I; Kansas District, Rev. Ray Hance, superintendent, and its campaign manager, Rev. Sam Stearman,

of Group II; Northwestern Illinois District, Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, superintendent, and its campaign manager, Rev. Riley Laymon, of Group III; Albany District, Rev. Renard D. Smith, superintendent, and its campaign manager, Rev. Roy Carnahan, of Group IV; and South Dakota District, Rev. Crawford Vanderpool, superintendent, and its campaign manager, Rev. Vearl A. Fisher, of Group V.

Second, I congratulate those districts which, while they did not make first place in their group, they did reach or exceed the quota of subscriptions set for every district—60 per cent of its membership. They are: Kansas City District, Dr. Jarrette Aycock, superintendent, and Rev. George Rice, campaign

STEPHEN S. WHITE

manager; New York District, Rev. Robert Goslaw, superintendent, and Rev. Samuel Smith, campaign manager; Arizona District, Rev. M. L. Mann, superintendent, and Rev. F. Cullumber, campaign manager; North Dakota District, Rev. Harry F. Taplin, superintendent, and Rev. Claire W. Kern, campaign manager; and Maritime District, Rev. J. H. MacGregor, superintendent, and Rev. Owen Underwood, campaign manager.

Third, I congratulate those districts which, while they did not reach their 60-per-cent quota, did get 85 per cent or more of that quota. In this class are the Nebraska District, Rev. Whitcomb Harding, superintendent, and Rev. James Wallick, campaign manager, with subscriptions totaling 97 per cent of their quota; Pittsburgh District, Rev. R. F. Heinlein, superintendent, and Rev. F. Franklyn Wise, campaign manager, with 90 per cent of their quota; Washington Pacific District, Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent, and Rev. Thaine F. Sanford, campaign manager, with 90 per cent of their quota; Western Ohio District, Dr. W. E. Albea, superintendent, and Rev. Lowell B. Garvin, campaign manager, with 89 per cent of their quota; and Akron District, Rev. C. D. Taylor, superintendent, and Rev. Robert Shoff, campaign manager, with 87 per cent of their quota.

Many more deserve congratulations for their work in these campaigns. Among them is the Nazarene Publishing House, and especially those of its numbers who have borne most of the responsibility for promoting these campaigns from this end of the line. And then there are the general superintendents, the district superintendents and campaign managers of the other districts, all of our

As to Pictures of Parsonages

Beginning with Volume No. 45 and the issue of March 7, 1956, no more pictures of parsonages will be placed in the "Herald of Holiness." This limitation will help to take care of the ever-increasing demand for space in our church paper. However, it does not mean that reports on parsonages which have been built are banned. Mention of them may be made in the regular church reports which are sent from time to time. Providing the proper places for our pastors and district superintendents to live is a part of the work of the church and may be reported along with the other activities of the church. It should also be said that the barring of pictures of parsonages does not mean that pictures of church buildings will be excluded. They and the news about their construction will still be welcome, as they have been in the past.

pastors, who are key men in the campaigns, and the great host of laymen who subscribe for the HERALD for themselves, their kinsmen, and their friends. The HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns made very commendable progress during 1955 and we are expecting them to accomplish even more in 1956.

The Wesleyan Teaching As to Christian Perfection

R. NEWTON FLEW IN HIS BOOK *THE IDEA of Perfection in Christian Theology*, written more than twenty years ago, gives an interesting outline of John Wesley's teaching as to Christian perfection, under seven points:

1. The necessity of aiming at perfection. This is where Wesley begins.
2. This perfection is love.
3. Love includes the keeping of all the commandments.
4. Perfection is freedom from sin. It does not mean freedom from ignorance, nor from mistakes.
5. A sanctified person is saved from voluntary, but not involuntary, sins.
6. The reception of the experience is instantaneous.
7. One can know when he is sanctified; he gets the assurance of the same.

This is certainly an excellent summary of Wesley's teaching, and not only his, but also that of the Church of the Nazarene. We do not worship any man, but we believe that Wesley clearly interpreted the Bible in his teaching as to Christian perfection, or entire sanctification.

The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER
GALLOWAY



Topic for
March 11:

SIGNS OF THE SECOND COMING

Scripture: Luke 21:5-38 (Printed: Luke 21:25-36)

Golden Text: *Then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory* (Luke 21:27).

THE DIVINE PLAN OF REDEMPTION stretches from eternity to eternity. Jesus is not only the Alpha, He is the Omega. He is not only the Author, He is the Finisher, of our faith. Even in those dark days just before His crucifixion, when the bitter hatred of the Jews was closing in for the kill, He looked out across the centuries to the time of the ultimate triumph of His Church through His own glorious return. While He was telling them about the persecution and opposition they would have to endure, He lifted His eyes beyond this and gave them the promise that He would return on the clouds with power and great glory. The exact time of His coming is kept in secret, but the signs of the age-end period were revealed.

There were two questions which the disciples asked. They asked about the destruction of Jerusalem and also about the Second Coming. They may not have been clear in their own thinking about this but it is evident now that the two have a direct relationship in the divine program. "Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." For nineteen hundred years the Jews have been wanderers. One of the miracles of history is the fact that they have been able to maintain their race identity in spite of the fact that they had no national home. But now in our very day, the Star-of-David flag flies again. It is true that not all of ancient Palestine is in Jewish hands. It is true also that the Jerusalem of Jesus' day is still in Gentile hands, and only the new part of the city is now Israel. However, it was a thrill to me to see flying over Mount Zion—the tomb of King David—the flag which identifies modern Israel with the ancient kingdom. Near King David's tomb were displayed the desecrated scrolls and prayer books, evidences of Nazi persecution; also bars of soap made from Jewish bodies in Buchenwald. The olive tree is the Bible symbol of Israel's covenant relationship, the vine its spiritual re-

lationship, and the fig tree its national relationship. Jesus said when the fig tree buds summer is nigh.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear" is another sign of the nearness of His return. A few years ago it was popular in some religious circles to talk about the bringing in of Christ's kingdom through the wonderful progress of culture and education. The marvelous strides of science and discovery were about to bring in utopia. There has been a strange turning of the tables. The scientists now are the preachers of doom. The scientists now illustrate their magazine covers with the hands of the clock of civilization about to

strike midnight. They tell us we only have a few years at the most, unless atomic war is somehow resolved.

Jesus warned His Church about being so prosperous and preoccupied that we too would get caught unprepared when He returns. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

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Nazarene Young People's Society

LAURISTON J. DU BOIS



Secretary

Faith in Action

WE ARE QUITE ABLE TO DESCRIBE faith in terms of spiritual experience. That is, we know that to be saved we must confess our sins and then believe that the promises of God are for us and that by His mercy and grace we come under His atoning sacrifice and that He thereby saves us "now."

We know also that to be sanctified we must consecrate all of our redeemed powers to God as a gift to Him, pledging ourselves to a life of complete obedience to His will as we see it and know it, and that then we must have faith that the "altar sanctifieth the gift," that He has received the offering of our lives and has cleansed our hearts.

But we see beyond these basic crisis experiences that the Christian is also to live by faith. This certainly means that we are to "hold fast the profession of our faith" and believe God that, just as He saved us and later sanctified us, these works still hold good down across the days and years. It also means that we are to demonstrate our faith through our lives and by our achievements for God.

James said he liked to prove his faith by his works—not that he wanted to substitute works for faith. He meant,

rather, that it takes real faith to step out to *do* things for God and he wanted to be an example of the believers in this aggressive, achieving sort of way.

All too many Christian people are earth-bound. They venture out and up no further than their human abilities and resources will let them. Some see no further than the human eye can see. But faith cries out for us to take God into account in our exploits of Christian service, first seeing what God wills and then believing that His resources will be available if and when we strike out to do His will. That is faith in action.

A young person who believes it is God's will for him to go to a holiness college and moves out on that belief, not knowing where the where-with-all is coming from, is demonstrating his faith. A young person who sees that it is a command of God that he should be a witness and a soul winner and who moves out to try, to learn, to start, in spite of his fear and his sense of inability, is proving his faith that what God commands God will provide.

Faith, then, is one of the great fundamentals of the Christian religion. It is applicable to the believers of every race, nation, and stratum of life.



Foreign Missions

New Arrival

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Hunter, in Bolivia, have announced the arrival of Samuel Richard, on February 6, 1956.

From Tampico, Mexico

I HAVE BEEN AT TAMPICO SINCE the assembly five weeks ago, and I have had the privilege of preaching every

REMISSE REHFELDT, Secretary night to more than two thousand people. The greatest joy has been seeing over three hundred at the altar night after night. There was no space in the building for any more people to sit, and many were standing in the aisles and between the front seats and the platform.

Regarding the clothing that people sent to us after the cyclone last fall, I wish you would express my gratitude to all the missionary societies and every

person who helped out in this matter, and tell them the fruit of their efforts was enough to clothe more than eighteen thousand people. Best of all, hundreds of people have testified to salvation through Jesus Christ.

The newspapers carried accounts of the work, a privilege we have never had before—that of being on the front page of our daily paper.—CARLOS STOPANI, *North District of Mexico.*

Change of Address

Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Church, Africa, give their latest address as:
Caixa Postal #410
Lourenco Marques
Portuguese East Africa

British Honduras

A TERRIBLE COLD WAVE HAS been tormenting us here. The temperature has been so low I think it might freeze. As I write this I am sitting with a hurricane lantern at my feet to try to get some warmth. The houses are not built for cold and the people are suffering greatly. I can at least get my fingers warm over the lantern now and again. We hope it will get warm again soon.

We have rented a building in Stann Creek, the last political district for us to enter. It is a large town, the capital of the district. We have a road to it, and we can also go by boat. We are trusting God to give us a good work there in Stann Creek.

We had a gracious time on Christmas with 1,886 folk attending our Sunday schools throughout the district. Crooked Tree and Cayo broke their records, and Corozal as well. We had 532 in Belize, but our record is 600, so we did not break ours.

God is saving souls in all the stations. We have had some outstanding conversions recently. One young lady who has been a soloist for our radio station here met God at our Belize altar and has given a wonderful testimony and sings in church for the Lord now. We had no preaching on January 1, in the morning, but about fifteen at the altar. Praise His name!

Corozal has become a government development project and they are assigning lands to the various churches and schools. They may give us two lots nearer the center of the town plan in exchange for the one we bought. At any rate, we will soon be allotted either new land or the privilege to go ahead and build on our own lots, which we feel are in a very good location.

Our Nazarene teachers' vacation course was the best ever according to the teachers.—RONALD BISHOP, *British Honduras.*

Answered Prayer

THE LORD HAS ANSWERED prayer in regard to the purchasing of property for the Passe Reine church. Today we surveyed it—something over one-half acre on the same road as our house. It is about three miles north of our dispensary property. It is walled on three sides by mountains of limestone which we hope to dig out for building purposes. Across the road from it is a stream. The men of the church

HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

New Churches

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT D. W. Thaxton organized a new rural church near Chesnee, South Carolina, on January 17. The Sunday school averaged fifty-one during the month of December. Rev. Jesse Jones has been appointed pastor. This is the twelfth new church on the South Carolina District this quadrennium.

ON JANUARY 22, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT E. E. Grosse organized the Community Church of the Nazarene at Northfield, New Jersey. Rev. James Ressler has been appointed pastor. The organization was brought about by the faithful labors of the pastor and at the conclusion of a home-mission campaign by Rev. Claude Jones. This is the thirteenth new church on the Washington-Philadelphia District since the General Assembly.

General Church Loan Fund NEWS

IN THE PAST TEN DAYS WE HAVE received letters from two parties interested in making a loan to the General Church Loan Fund and inquiring if they could arrange so that the money would be a permanent part of the fund if their death should occur before the loan falls due. There are many people with a little money put away in case of a need in the later years of life who do not have close family ties where this money would be needed in the event of their death. Unfortunately there are many times when such money is a source of hard feelings and arguments among unsaved heirs, while the church that they loved and appreciated throughout the years receives nothing from their estates. It is possible to invest such savings in the General Church Loan Fund and receive a better interest rate than to be secured from government bonds or savings accounts and, at the same time, have the money working for the Lord and the church. It is also possible to request the note that is made for these savings to be prepared in a way that the money will become the permanent property of the General Church Loan Fund in the

event of the death of the lender before the due date.

This week we have completed a loan to a church for \$15,000.00 that will enable them to build immediately. A member of the church was able to raise enough money to make the loan, but did not wish to make the transaction directly with the church because of his personal involvement. Instead he made the loan to the General Church Loan Fund; and the Division of Church Extension, after making sure that the loan to the church met with the requirements of the policy set up by the General Board, loaned the money immediately to the church for its building project. This is an excellent example of cooperation in getting the job done.

We have a backlog of loan applications now waiting for funds. Whenever we receive a loan from someone on a district where we have an application waiting, we earmark that money for that particular application, so that the money can be available as soon as possible. In this way your savings invested in the church go to work immediately on your own district, but the General Church Loan Fund assumes the full risk of making sure that the loan to the church is a good and safe investment and will be repaid.

We have had to say to some who are writing in for loans that we will be glad to receive their applications, but it will be some time after the General Assembly before we have sufficient money to complete the loan. There is one church building that is standing uncompleted until the church can receive a loan from the fund. The application has been approved, but they will have to wait their turn. If you have been considering making a loan to the General Church Loan Fund, why not write today to the Division of Church Extension, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri?

We have folders giving complete information that may be had on request. Why not make this fund your savings account—for a rainy day, for the children's college education, for some special future project? It will be earning you a good rate of interest while the money is working for the church. These dollars keep building churches as long as they are in the fund.

cleared out the undergrowth today and we are starting our lime kiln next week, God willing. We also have a promise of a piece of property in the mountains for our Des Mon chapel.

We have been advised that the deeds for completing the recording of the Plaisance church property should be finished any day now.

We have set the date for opening the dispensary at Gonaives for March 6. The government requires us to hire a private doctor and a registered pharma-

cist, and the hospital director has said that he wants to come out some and help us free of charge. With this staff, and Mrs. Conder as a nurse, we feel we can render a real service to these people who are so far from adequate medical centers. Continue to pray as we start the wheels of operation moving. We do not want this to become an end in itself, but simply a much-needed and wonderful means of opening doors for spiritual help for the Haitian people.—MAX CONDER, *Haiti.*

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

"IF" . . . Look to the Cause

Monday:

"Attend to the causes; God will take care of the results" (J. S. Logan). It is comfort for a soul seeking God; it comes as challenge to all who would not prove unprofitable servants. If small results, look to the causes. (I Thess. 5:24.)

Tuesday:

Some "if's" are negative and shriveling. They are not God's cause-and-

effect logic. Martha's very human "If thou hadst been here," with all vain regrets for past failure to accomplish; Satan's diabolic "If thou be the Son of God," with all false humility and self-distrust—these are equally sterile. But when God says, "If"—! (John 11:32; Luke 4:3, 9.)

Wednesday:

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Natural sometimes to question the "good"; things aren't going so well, etc., etc. Whatever the weekly payoff, our cue is to trust God's judgment on salary. If we serve for love of the Lord, His honor is pledged to give us life's best. (Isa. 1:19.)

Thursday:

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible." You have felt the stirrings—faint but unmistakable—awakening of deep desire, suggestion of power and will turned your way, urge to stretch out your hand to receive. Mustard seed—tiny but alive—ready for planting. Cherish it, plant it, water it—do not let it die. "If thou canst . . .," no limit! (Mark 9:23.)

Friday:

"If ye abide . . . ask what ye will, . . . it shall be done." Blanket promise, but strict conditions. Unanswered prayer? Look for the "if." First, be identified with Christ, your desires His—no others. The reason of an empty prayer life lies deep in our own natures. Selfish prayer is always barren. (John 15:7.)

Saturday:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, . . . then will I . . . heal their land." A sick situation? Conditions dishonoring God and Christian profession—and no relief? Look to the cause: a careless conscience and a prayerless life. "Turn" and "pray"; else no cure. (II Chron. 7:14.)

Sunday:

"If we faint not"—reaping is guaranteed by persistent faith. Build on God's "if's." If any promise leaps from the page as meant for you, grasp the "if clause" and hold on doggedly. The other clause is God's. (Gal. 6:9.)

And his name shall be called Wonderful (Isa. 9:6).

JESUS

. . . Wonderful Jesus!

HOW TRAGICALLY true it is, even among Christians, that we think of Jesus in the past tense, the Christ who "was"; or in the future tense, the Christ who "will be"; but forget Him in the present tense, the glorious, eternal "I am." We reverence the Jesus of history. Our hope for the future is "built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."



By CLYDE W. RATHER

Pastor, El Centro, California

manded the raving maniac to be still and he was silent. He said, "Follow me," and the fisherman dropped his net, and the tax collector rose from the money table. He is wonderful in *works*. He stopped the funeral procession and restored to a sorrowing mother her only child. He is the great Physician and divine Surgeon for all the sick in soul and body, yet He never maintained an office equipped with medicine and surgical instruments. He is the Bread of Life for those who are hungry, yet He never owned a wheat field. He is the Living Water, yet He never digged a well or owned a cistern.

But, oh, how we need, in these days of confusion and struggle and darkness, the assurance of a Companion on the way, a Guide for our moments of decision, a Comforter in the hours of distress, a Saviour who is able even now to lend strength to live, to overcome, to attain!

Jesus lives now; Jesus is able now; Jesus is "Emmanuel, God with us" now. We need not face life alone nor in our own strength. With all His wonderful attributes and supernatural qualities, *His greatest work is to save men from their sins*. "He shall save his people from their sins." He is the world's only Saviour. He is the sinner's best Friend. Jesus is the Hope of the world!

"And his name shall be called Wonderful." He is wonderful in *words*. He com-

Servicemen's Corner



Word has come recently from several service fellows asking if it would be permissible for them to send in the name of a buddy in the service to whom the periodicals of the church might be sent. Certainly this is all right to do. All we ask is that those sending names be quite sure that the service fellow will welcome the material. We do not want it wasted by being thrown away, and we do not want to embarrass the service fellow or bother him if he does not want it. But by all means, send the name of a buddy if he tells you he would like to receive the *HERALD OF HOLINESS, Conquest, or Come Ye Apart*—or any one of these.

Chaplain Leonard W. Dodson writes from Pasadena, California:

"Several weeks ago we had one of our high-ranking officers in our services. He was moved by the Holy Spirit as the service progressed. After the service was over, he invited me to his office and asked if I really believed that religion could change a man on the inside and make him feel and live differently. This was a real opportunity for which we had been praying, and in the next hour and a half we gave to him the plan of salvation and had a season of prayer together.

"This man is one of the most rigid officers on the base and is feared and respected by officers and men alike. I must admit that I felt it was almost impossible to get in behind the hard and calloused exterior that he showed. After our interview I asked God to help me never to judge a man by his outward appearance, for the Holy Spirit always has a way to get to a needy and hungry heart.

"He didn't find God in this meeting but we did pray and trusting God that He will give us this soul before too long.

"I feel that we are just beginning to get a foothold in this largest of reserve naval air bases. It has been difficult to bring a religious program before the personnel but this last month has been one of the best that we have had as yet. The first communion service that we held on the base, we only had five who came forward for Communion. The first Sunday of last month we had sixty-nine who received Communion. We give God the praise. Never have I felt more the needs of the men and how desperately they need God. My prayer is that God may use me in some way to be a faithful messenger to their needs."

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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Please explain the difference between a backslider and an apostate. How is it that a backslider can get back to God and an apostate cannot?

A backslider is a Christian who has turned his back on God. He has been born again and perhaps sanctified wholly, but now he has gone back into sin. An apostate is a person who has done the same, that is, he has turned from a Christian experience to a life of sin. But more than this, he has gone so far in his life of sin that there is no longer any hope that he will ever come back to God. His abandonment

of God and the Christian religion has been so complete and determined that it has become final. He has so embraced sin that it has become impossible for the mercy of God to reach him. There may be some backsliders who have become apostates, but since I am not omniscient and cannot know for sure that this is the case, I assume that all backsliders are still within the limits of the power of the Holy Spirit.

Are some people slipping into hell because Christians do not pray until God puts them under conviction? If this is the case, then it seems to me that their everlasting destiny would not hinge entirely upon their own decision. It would depend somewhat upon the action of others. This seems contrary to the teaching of the Bible which says that every man shall give an account of himself.

You are right in saying that the Bible teaches that every man shall give an account of himself. However, it also teaches that I am my brother's keeper. The sinner's blood will be upon my hands if I come short of my duty as a Christian. This is taught very vividly in Ezekiel, where the lesson about the watchman on the walls is brought to us. This may seem like a contradiction, but it is not. The sinner will get enough

light and conviction so that he will be without excuse when he comes to the judgment, even if Christians fail to do their part. Still, more of them would be saved if those who are Christians would be more faithful in bringing light to them and praying them under conviction. There is a tremendous responsibility on us as followers of Jesus Christ. God help us! Each of us should be a crusader for souls.

If a person makes a promise to God, is he obligated to keep it? For instance, if a person, to keep from committing a certain sin, were to tell God that he would never commit this sin again, and also that if he did, he would never ask God to forgive him for it, would this promise be settled forever?

Such a promise as you mention would be foolish; and a foolish vow, or promise, is better broken than kept. It would certainly be all right to tell God that with His help you never intended to commit that sin again, but to go further

and vow that you would never ask Him to forgive if you did commit it again would be going too far. Such an extravagant and unreasonable pledge should not be kept.

If you pray for something and it comes to pass, can you be sure that God answered your prayer? This may seem like a silly question, not worthy of an answer, but let me explain. I do not mean to be critical, but what about people who believe in speaking in tongues? They pray to God for the gift of tongues and get what they claim to be an answer to their prayer. In other words, they are sure that what they have received is God's answer to their prayer. Is what we get when we pray for a thing or an experience always God's answer to the prayer which we prayed?

I would surely have to answer your question in the negative. I believe that the devil sometimes answers people's prayers. Also, their own wishes may answer them. They may want what they have prayed for so much that they go out and bring it to pass and then attribute their success to God. He, they say, has answered their prayer. The fact that we have prayed for a thing

and received it does not in every case imply that God answered our prayer. Certainly I believe that God answers prayer, but we must not conclude from this general principle that everything that we pray for and get is an answer from God. He does not give us that which is out of harmony with the teachings of the Bible, even if it might sometime seem that He does.



Pasadena, California—For the past several months First Church has been experiencing some of its finest hours, as laity and pastor, under the anointing and leadership of God, have endeavored to find His will in all things. Some two years ago, after prayerful deliberation, the membership voted to purchase a large piece of property in East Pasadena and relocate the church. The unmistakable direction of God has been evident, and construction of buildings is now scheduled to start in March of '57. At the beginning of '55, Pastor J. W. Ellis challenged his people to make the year one of Bible emphasis. The response was unusually good, with a marked effect upon the spiritual life of the church. This past April saw the start of a spontaneous revival of prayer that has carried on down through the months. With the theme, "Our Golden Past and Glorious Future," October 28 to 30 featured three days of activities with special speakers, and Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, highlighting the list. A recent evangelistic effort with Rev. Maridel Harding and Dr. W. Carlton Booth as special workers resulted in great gains registered for the kingdom of God. In January our people gave our pastor, Rev. J. W. Ellis, a nearly unanimous vote for his second three-year call. Pasadena First Church is on the move—east physically—up spiritually.—WILLIS GRAY, *Church Reporter*.

Evangelist R. L. Granger writes: "I will be in St. Louis, Missouri, April 18 to 29, then have the month of May open, and would like to slate that time somewhere in the Middle West. I also have some time open in the fall. Write me, 1143 Treat Lane, Concord, California."

St. Clair, Missouri—This church is moving forward and God is in our midst. For fifteen years the congregation had been worshiping in a basement. When we came as pastor three years ago we began at once working on plans for the superstructure. We had no money, and few members; but after two years of much prayer, with the co-operation of these good folk we began the task of building. In March of '55 we began the actual building (the sanctuary and parsonage are under one roof); early last September we moved into the parsonage, a nice, four-room, all-modern apartment at the rear of the building. On October 30 we had our first service in the new sanctuary, with Rev. and Mrs. Udell Moss as the special workers. Since then we have seen a steady growth in all departments. Recently we had a wonderful revival with Rev. W. H. Pratt as the evangelist, and several new folks were added to the membership. We give God praise for all His blessings, and are thankful for a place to work in His vineyard.—HARRY H. DOERLE, *Pastor*.

Evangelist J. W. Short writes that he will be in a holiness convention with Rev. J. V. Jones in Little Rock, Arkansas, March 21 to 25; then because of a cancellation by a pastor, due to a conflict in dates, he has open time, March 27 to April 1. Write him, c/o the publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

Coffeyville, Kansas—Central Church enjoyed a very successful youth revival with Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London as the special workers. The Londons are among the finest, and their work among the young people was outstanding. Their messages in sermon and song presented a challenge we shall not soon forget. The closing Sunday, 213 people were present, with 83 men filling the choir loft during the worship service. A class of fine young people was received into church membership. Pledges were taken to defray the expense of a visitation evangelism program through the Sunday school, and a fine love offering was taken for the parsonage family. We are thrilled to be with the fine folks in Coffeyville, and these are some of the greatest days of our ministry.—RALPH G. JARED, *Pastor*.

Goodland, Kansas—In January our church had an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost revival, with Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Drye as the evangelist and singer. Brother Drye preached the rugged Bible truth and God honored His Word. A goodly number of souls prayed through at the church altar and in their homes. Surely, God blessed the ministry of these fine evangelistic workers. Good crowds attended every service. This church is two years old and God is surely blessing the efforts of these fine people. We count it a privilege to serve here and with our fine district superintendent, Rev. Ray Hance—Arthur Myers, Pastor.

Rochester, New York—Lake Avenue Church recently closed a splendid Youth Week convention with Professor Timothy Smith as the special speaker. The other two Nazarene churches of Rochester, with Pastors Thomas Younce and Roy Carnahan, participated, giving us an average attendance each service of 125. Brother Smith's messages were timely, instructive, and inspiring. Lake Avenue Church, with Pastor Morris E. Wilson, has averaged for the past eight months of this church year 245 each week in the Sunday school—a splendid increase over last year. This church was started in 1944 with 35 charter members; the membership now is 182. Our last Thanksgiving offering amounted to \$1,200.00, and the church gave \$2,400.00 for foreign missions last year. Brother Wilson has been with us since the church started, and in January he was extended another three-year call, which he has accepted.—*Reporter*.

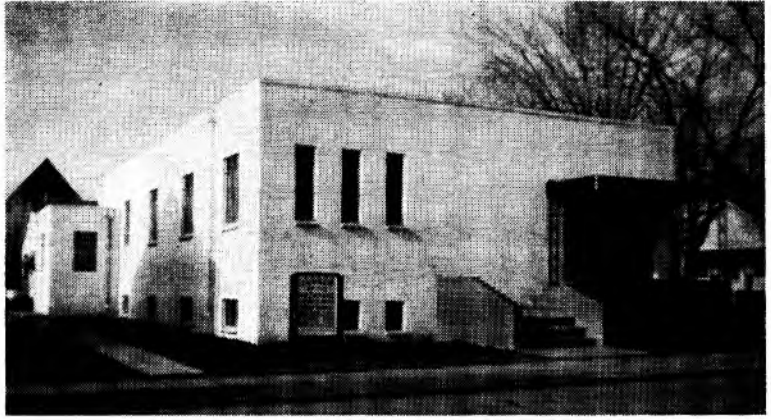
Evangelist A. E. Collins reports: "Since our report last fall we have been busy in revival work. Early in November we were with Pastor H. V. Muxworthy and our church in Brighton, Ontario, where the Lord gave us some hard-won victories; then to Plattsburg, New York, with Rev. Roy M. Henck, where the Lord gave a goodly number of seekers and happy finders. In December we conducted a three-week union holiness revival at Athens, Ontario, and God blessed with definite victories for conversion, restoration, and sanctification. We began 1956 with a three-Sunday revival at Potsdam, New York, with Rev. Samuel Livingstone and people. God gave some outstanding cases of divine healing, besides wonderful results in conversion and sanctification. We have been slated solidly from last September to April 15, but have some open time after that. Will go as the Lord may lead; write me, P.O. Box 682, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada."

Rev. Betty Wagner and Helen Lavelly, evangelist and singers, write: "The Lord has been with us in our recent revivals. In January we had a good Youth Week with Rev. Paul Lee and his fine people in Mt. Vernon, Illinois; also a good Youth Week with Rev. Ora Sciscoe and his people of North Side Church in Vincennes, Indiana. We have been busy and have enjoyed working with our good pastors and people. We have some summer dates open and shall be glad to slate them anywhere. Write us, P.O. Box 53, Carrier Mills, Illinois."

Lakeland, Florida—South Florida Heights Church was privileged to have Dr. Russell V. DeLong with us February 20 through 22. It was a time of great feasting on the wonderful truths of God's Word. Doctor DeLong's messages were inspirational and instructive, and the Lord's presence was felt in an unusual way. In the Sunday morning service the entire altar and several of the front seats were lined with both young and old seeking God for pardon or entire sanctification. The church has been going forward in a marked way under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Howard T. Warwick, who came to us one year ago. He is a man of God, wide-awake, and a builder for the Kingdom. Since Brother Warwick came we have purchased a large lot adjoining our present church property, with plans to build our sanctuary there in the near future. Last November, Dr. John L. Knight, our good district superintendent, was with us in a revival; it was a time of feasting and edification. At the close of that meeting, Doctor Knight received a fine class of twenty-one new members into the church. Visit our church when you are in Florida.—HULDAH WAY LAYNE, *Reporter*.

Loveland, Colorado

Sunday, June 19, 1955, marked a day of thanks to God from members and friends of First Church in Loveland as we dedicated our new church to the Lord. Dr. O. J. Finch, district superintendent, brought the dedication message. When we came here as pastor in August of '54 we began to pray and work for a much-needed building. In March of '55 the church voted to build. The old building was sold and moved off the lot, and excavation work started on April 6. Thanks to faithful, loyal, and hard-working members and friends, much was saved in the cost of labor. On May 20 the congregation met for the first time in the new building, which is 38 x 68 feet, with choir loft, nursery, and furniture in blond oak. The building has full basement, with classrooms and young people's auditorium. The church seats about 250, and is valued at \$40,000.00. We have had two



good revivals in the new church: with Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis, and Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Drye. We appreciated the ministry of all these

fine workers. Every department of the work is growing, and we praise God for His help and blessing.—BERT EDWARDS, JR., *Pastor.*

A Minister's Musings:

"My Best Sermon"

By ROB L. STAPLES

Pastor of Brentwood Church, Bakersfield, California

I preached my best sermon today—and nobody heard it! It wasn't meant to be heard; it was meant only to be seen, and felt. It was a silent sermon, for I said not a word—and it was the silence that did the preaching. It wasn't in the pulpit that I preached this sermon—not even in the church. There was no large congregation—just one man.

You see, I was standing on the street corner talking to a friend. He spoke a harsh and unkind word to me. And it hurt! It cut to the quick like a dagger to my heart. But I preached a sermon to my brother. And I think I preached as Jesus would have preached, for I *opened not my mouth!*

I hope he got the message, and I rather think he did, for he looked a little ashamed as he walked away.

This was the best sermon I ever preached. I pray that I may cultivate this sermonic style.

***Let the other fellow do the talking
Till the storm has rolled away;
Then he'll do a heap of thinking
'Bout the things you didn't say.***

Evangelist Guthrie Hughes reports: "In twenty-three revivals in twelve states, during 1955, God saw fit to give many souls praying through at the altar to be saved or sanctified. There were one or two outstanding revivals. I appreciate the prayers and co-operation of our pastors, laymen, and co-workers. At this writing I am in a revival in Frankfort, Kentucky. It is my desire to manifest a spirit of love and sincere interest in lost souls. My address, Greenfield, Indiana."

Evangelists A. G. and Elveda Johnson report: "Last September we closed our pastorate of the Batesville, Arkansas, church, where, with the splendid co-operation of the people, we were able to make some excellent improvements. Our first revival was at Carnegie, Oklahoma, with Pastor Keswater, and the Lord gave some precious victories. Then to Oberlin, Kansas, with Rev. E. L. Vanpelt; to Glenwood, Iowa, with Pastor Charles Mayfield of the Pilgrim church; at Heber Springs with Pastor Swanson, and Hickory Plains, with Rev. Lola Wilkins, and at Alix, with Pastor W. A. Sharpton (these three in Arkansas)—in each place God met with us. Following the holidays we were with Pastor Beeman at Carrizo Springs, and at Mission, Texas, with Pastor Tiberghine; and at this writing are at Moriarty, New Mexico, with Rev. L. R. Seago. The children's services conducted by Mrs. Johnson have been a real asset. We have some open dates scattered through the year; write us, 355 61st St. N.W., Albuquerque, New Mexico."

Evangelist W. T. Elkins reports: "God is giving gratifying results in our youth revival with Pastor J. M. Wienecke and the fine people of First Church in Irvine, Kentucky. These are good revival days and we give God praise that the Holy Spirit is honoring our ministry and giving souls. I am now making up my slate for the remainder of '56 and into '57; will go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, Wurtland, Kentucky."



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Pastor Emory Lindsey writes from Tennille, Georgia: "Five and one-half years ago I organized the Church of the Nazarene here. Since that time we have converted an old metal shop building into a beautiful church auditorium with stucco Sunday-school rooms on the front. Recently we have completed a pastorium valued at \$8,000.00 with an actual cost to us of \$4,000.00. We are now averaging around one hundred in Sunday school. We have a wonderful group of people and enjoy our work with them. In January we had a good revival with Evangelist Hugh Slater. He preaches with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and many souls found God. We appreciated Brother Slater's ministry with us."

St. Louis, Missouri—On June 5 last year Superintendent E. D. Simpson organized the Page-Warson Church here, with 20 members, and the writer was appointed as pastor. Our Sunday school has grown from 25 to 120; church membership from 20 to 29; finances have averaged over \$100.00 per week, enabling full self-support; 90 different people have found help at the altar; approximately \$400.00 has been given to General Budget, with district, home-mission, and educational budgets paid. Organized visitation has brought many new people into the church. We have had two successful revivals, with Rev. S. T. Sumners and Rev. W. E. Carlton. In the eight-day revival in January with Brother Carlton, 38 people sought God, 7 joined the church, 6 wage earners pledged to start tithing, and the pastor was voted an eight-dollar-per-week increase. Truly, Brother Carlton was God's man for the hour, with his Biblical and anointed messages, plus the prayers, fasting, and visiting of the people.—NOBLE V. HUNT, *Pastor*.

Lemoore, California—In January our church had one of the best revival meetings in its history. Evangelist R. F. Lindley and wife were the sincere, faithful workers, and we greatly appreciated their ministry with us. Each night God gave victories at the altar, with a total of forty-four seekers. A wonderful spirit prevailed in the services, and on the closing Sunday eight new members were added to the church.—Mary Parrott, Reporter.

Evangelist H. N. Dickerson reports: "The year of 1955 was one of the good years of my ministry, and I closed out with good crowds and good results. With my son, Kline, in Detroit Bethel Church (Michigan) we had wonderful crowds and results; more than seventy-five seekers at the altar on both Sundays. At Lake Charles, Louisiana, with Pastor Paul Pitts, God came on the scene and in one service we had no preaching, but about three different altar services. At First Church in Shreveport, with Pastor Louis King, we had another fine revival. We closed the year in a good revival with the Pilgrim Holiness church at Oblong, Illinois. At this writing I am in a revival with the church that I first pastored some thirty-five years ago. The people are coming, conviction is on, and already God has broken through and given souls. I desire only to glorify Christ and honor the Holy Ghost. I have one cancellation in March. Write me, 2235 N. Alabama, Indianapolis 5, Indiana."

Coalinga, California—In January our church had a good revival with Evangelist Max Peters as the preacher and singer. He is a very sincere preacher, and has a real burden for lost souls on his heart. We appreciate his ministry with us, and the entire church was helped by his messages. Souls were saved and sanctified, and others received needed spiritual help.—Orvil T. Wright, Pastor.

Evangelist Lum Jones writes: "I will be in a meeting in Toledo, Ohio, April 25 to May 6. However, I have two open dates—April 11 to 22, and May 9 to 20—which I'll be glad to slate anywhere, but prefer them back East. Write me, 630 West 9th Street, Ada, Oklahoma."

Evangelists J. W. and Frances Short report: "We thank God for another good and busy year in His service, and for His protecting hand as we traveled in twenty states, from the Dakotas to Florida, and from North Carolina to Texas. We have conducted 11 revival meetings, 12 holiness conventions, 2 district home-mission tours, and 1 preachers' meeting, besides giving special services here and there, on 10 districts. We attended our own district assembly, also our own camp meeting. We had the blessed privilege of preaching 260 times in 1955, without missing a service. After fifty years in the service of our King, we want nothing more than to live the Spirit-filled life, under an open heaven, in God's will. Mrs. Short has helped in many ways, conducting missionary services, giving messages to our young people's groups, and teaching Sunday-school classes. As we start our forty-sixth year as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, we praise God for the open doors of service."

Wichita, Kansas—Last December, the pastor of First Church, Rev. G. A. Gough, was stricken with a severe heart attack; his condition confined him to his home in bed for nearly six weeks. However, his health has now greatly improved, and he hopes to be able to return to his pulpit by late February. A devoted congregation has made it possible for Brother Gough to visit Central and South America before he returns to his preaching duties. He will be accompanied by Rev. Ken S. Armstrong, associate minister, who has served the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. We are grateful for the prayers of the people, that Brother Gough's recovery has been so rapid. First Church moves on with its greatest attendance thus far, and the best financial level of its history.—R. W. Babcock, Chairman of the Board.

New Castle, Indiana—South Side Church had a very good revival in January with Evangelist H. A. Casey as the special worker. Brother Casey believes in knocking on doors and inviting the people to service, and many new contacts were made for the church. Also, Brother Casey's messages resulted in a number of seekers at the altar, and he helped to pray them through to victory. He is also very talented, playing several musical instruments, besides directing the singing and singing specials. God gave eighty seekers at the altar, many new tithers, and one family united with the church. We thank God for old-time preachers and old-time revivals. A high tide of revival has been on the church since the meeting, with souls seeking God at the altar.—S. T. MOORE, *Pastor*.

EASTERN KENTUCKY DISTRICT

Crusade for Souls Conference

The Eastern Kentucky District Crusade for Souls Conference at First Church in Ashland, Kentucky, was a great success. Rev. D. S. Somerville, district superintendent, presided with grace and efficiency.

The special workers were Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Dr. Roy F. Smee, and Dr. Cecil D. Ewell. Each one was at his best in every service. We can never forget the Spirit-filled, God-anointed messages of these men; we will not be the same after hearing them. We were made to feel that the task of winning souls to Jesus is a thrilling one. We believe that many more souls will be in heaven as a result of this conference.

There was a good attendance of the pastors, and the crowds came and filled the large auditorium again and again.

Pastor Lawrence B. Hicks made all feel welcome and provided every comfort and convenience.—ASA H. SPARKS, Reporter.

Osgood, Indiana—This church was organized last July with thirteen members. Recently we closed a meeting with Evangelist Fay A. Fouse—a God-fearing man, and a challenging evangelist. God blessed his ministry and gave six seekers, and we added six members to the church. We closed on Sunday with sixty in Sunday school, breaking our previous record of forty-five; this gave us an average of thirty-seven for January. Please pray for the work of this new church.—Lloyd Hughes, Pastor.

Pastor Ruth E. Hieftje reports from Sault Ste Marie, Michigan: "I came here on August 1, 1954—my first pastorate. We worshiped in a home for six months; the first Sunday there were eight in attendance, and the first month we averaged eighteen in Sunday school. Our little group began to knock on doors; then we purchased a building and converted it into a church; this past summer we put a basement under it. God has marvelously answered prayer—in giving seats for the auditorium, a piano, and a new pulpit. February 5 marked one year of worshiping in our chapel, and we had thirty-five present. We thank God for His blessings. Sault Ste Marie is in the upper peninsula of Michigan, with the Camp Lucas Army Camp and the Kinros Air Field near. If you have friends in either place, write us (P.O. Box 382) and we'll be glad to contact them for the church."

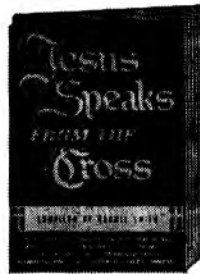
Pine Mountain Valley, Georgia—On January 27 we closed the greatest revival in the history of this church. Rev. R. L. Pitts was the evangelist. We had a record attendance each night, with the altar lined with seekers almost every night. We have doubled our Sunday-school attendance since Rev. W. M. Farr came as our pastor six months ago; also ten new members have been added to the church. God has heard and answered prayer, and all departments are enjoying the blessings of the Lord.—Reporter.

Concord, North Carolina—The past two years has been a time of victory for the Oakdale Park Church. God has blessed, and we have seen miracles wrought in all departments. The Sunday school has increased from 67 in 1953 to 106 in 1955, with proportionate gains in membership. In the summer of '54 Evangelist George Woodward gave us a splendid revival; in the spring we had the McAllens and "Gospel Pete" with us—a double revival, in the morn-

ing in the school system, and in the evening in the church, with wonderful results. In the summer of '55 we had another great revival with Miss Sandra Cox as evangelist. During these two years, under the blessing of God, we have been able to tear down the old church and build a beautiful, new, brick-venered building. It stands as a monument to this wonderful group of sacrificial people.—RAYMOND M. HAYSE, Pastor.

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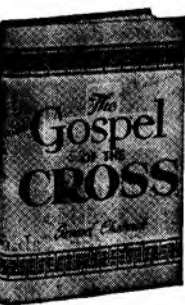
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Colton, California—Sunday night, January 29, marked the close of a successful revival campaign conducted by Evangelists C. C. and Flora Chatfield. Much prayer preceded the campaign, and due to much visitation new people attended the services. God used the diligent and faithful efforts of these evangelists to bring

about a gracious outpouring of the Spirit. Many souls were saved, a number sanctified, and ten people united with the church, four of whom were by confession of faith. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Chatfields. Both pastors and people were much encouraged.—J. P. and Rosa L. Ingle, Pastors.

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Evangelist F. B. Whittaker writes: "The Lord has been blessing my labors in the evangelistic field. In my last five revivals, forty people have joined the church on profession of faith. I appreciate working with our good pastors. I will be in Texas this fall and have an open date, November 21 to December 2, I'd like to state while in that section. Write me, 273 W. Locust Street, Newark, Ohio."

Brownwood, Texas—God has abundantly blessed the labors of church and pastor since Rev. J. Marvin Harrison came to First Church in March of 1953. A spirit of revival broke out and many souls have been saved and sanctified in the regular services. In 1954 we paid off the church debt—about two years before due date. The church has recently been re-roofed, a rest room added, and other improvements made. Also, the church has purchased a seven-room parsonage, which now has an indebtedness of less than \$3,500.00. We have had an approximate increase of 23 per cent in church membership. Finances of the church are in excellent condition; budgets are being paid, and pastor's salary has been increased twice; the second time, ten dollars per week.—Reporter.

Evangelist Andrew Johnson reports: "I have been evangelizing among the Nazarene churches in the state of Mississippi, conducting four holiness conventions: in Grace Church, Jackson, with Brother Comfort as acting pastor; in the Van Winkle church, with Pastor M. L. McCaskell; the Union Church near Thaxton, with Rev. N. A. Nabors; and the First Church in Hattiesburg, with Rev. M. L. Turney. God blessed in each place, souls were saved, the churches edified, and new members added to the Hattiesburg church."

Big Spring, Texas—As of January 1 we had received eleven members by profession of faith, and one from another denomination, during the first eight months of the assembly year. This places our church on the evangelistic honor roll for this year—the local church reported seventy members on last May 1. Our Thanksgiving offering was \$515.00. Big Spring continues to be a 10 per cent church for world missions. Five months ago, God led these fine people to begin a building fund and, of the \$6,000.00 pledged, \$4,500.00 already has been paid. "The Nazarene Gospellers" is the live radio program which we broadcast every Saturday, 6:30 p.m., over KTXC. We appreciate the leadership of our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Orville W. Jenkins.—L. V. REAZIN, Pastor.

Rev. Olen C. Granger writes: "After serving twenty years as pastor I feel, after much prayer, that God is leading me back into the field of evangelism, where I spent eight years previous to my pastoral work. I am an ordained elder on the Missouri District, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. I am now slating meetings for the fall and winter, 1956 and '57. Write me, 2842 Michigan Avenue, St. Louis 18, Missouri."

Evangelist Hugh Slater writes: "I have some good dates open for revival meetings in March and April, and will go anywhere for entertainment and freewill offerings. God is giving good revivals these days, for which we praise Him. Write me, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Argo, Illinois—Our church was blessed in having Rev. Ray Tucker of Berne, Indiana, as the evangelist for special Youth Week services. God blessed, a number of folk found real victory at the altar, and a spirit of revival came upon the entire church. In our previous revival meeting, Rev. C. Wm. Fisher was the evangelist. According to our people it was one of the best revivals the church has had. We are enjoying ministering to the good people of Argo in a community where there are thousands of unchurched folk.—H. L. Johnston, Pastor.

Evangelist Herman L. Ridley writes: "I will be closing a meeting in Monaca, Pennsylvania, on February 19, then have open dates for the months ahead. My wife, Lucile, will be traveling with me as singer and children's worker. Write us, R.D. 3, New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Barr of Mahomet, Illinois, a daughter, Virginia Louise, on February 6.

—to Jerry and Carol Holte of Pasadena, California, a daughter, Denise Carol, on February 3.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Powers of Stillwater, Oklahoma, a daughter, Janna Eileen, on January 30.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris of Little Rock, Arkansas, a daughter, Cheryl Delayne, on January 22.

—to Herbert and Betty McGinty Goode of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Herbert Silvester, Jr., on December 31.

NOTICE—Rev. Leo Darnell, who for the past five years has served as pastor of the Seymour, Indiana, church, is entering the evangelistic field, and is available to our pastors and churches after March 1. Seymour church has grown and enlarged under his ministry, and its beautiful new sanctuary and Sunday-school annex has been completed. Brother Darnell has spent ten years in the field of evangelism and is well qualified for this work. Mrs. Darnell is assisting her husband in the work and the two will carry a full program

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by a Nazarene in Michigan, quite sick in body, and doctors do not seem to know what is the trouble, that God will undertake in a special way, as she wants to do His work in His way; also for an unspoken request;

by a mother in Florida for a son who is away from his family, and in deep sin—he needs salvation and also healing for his body; also for the salvation of her husband, and two other sons and two daughters, an unspoken request, and for their church in that place;

by a man in Illinois, wife in the hospital, bills piling up—that God will undertake and heal her—they do have faith for her healing—and also help them in every way;

by a lady in Missouri for healing of her eyes and ears;

by a mother in Colorado for her daughter, in New York, who is backslidden and married to a man of another faith, that God will help in the whole situation; and for a brother in New Mexico.

DEATHS

MRS. CHARLOTTE DE LONG, better known to her friends as "Lottie," died on November 2, 1955, at the age of eighty-four years. Born in the province of Ontario, Canada, she was soundly converted while still a girl. Coming into touch with the holiness movement in Lowell, Massachusetts, she accepted the truth of full salvation and entered into the experience. She was married to Rev. T. W. DeLong and gave many years of her life working with him in the Nazarene pastorate. Sister DeLong's outstanding qualities were a triumphant, happy spirit, an unflinching charity, and an uncompromising loyalty to the doctrine and experience of Christian perfection. Truly, she adorned the gospel of Christ. She is survived by one son, Dr. Russell V. DeLong, Nazarene evangelist; and three daughters, Bertha, Mrs. Laura Pope, and Mrs. Reita Rundlett. Her husband preceded her in death by some eleven years. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene in Waltham, Massachusetts, where with her husband she had given many years of pastoral service. Service was in charge of Rev. J. C. Albright, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. C. I. Willwerth, Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, Rev. Wm. Benson, and Dr. J. Glenn Gould, with interment in Lexington, Massachusetts.

MRS. MARY ETTA GARRETT (nee Babbitt) was born April 6, 1888, in Girard, Alabama, and died October 26, 1955, in Columbus, Georgia. She united with First Church of the Nazarene in Columbus in 1928, and in 1934 became a charter member of the Downtown Church. She was a devoted and faithful wife and mother, an ardent Christian believer in holiness, and a tireless servant in the church. For many years she was a local N.F.M.S. president. Her influence and prayers have reached far and wide. She died triumphantly. She is survived by her husband, T. C. Garrett, and a daughter, Mrs. Mortimer Taylor; also two brothers. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Byron E. LeJeune, with interment in Parkhill Cemetery, Columbus.

MRS. ANNA GREY was born May 11, 1872, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She came to Henderson Township, near Cadillac, Michigan, with her

parents in 1874, and lived her entire life in Henderson, Cherry Grove Township, and Cadillac. She was married to Arthur Grey, who preceded her in death in 1950. Mrs. Grey was converted at the age of forty-eight, and since that time had carried a real burden for the salvation of her neighbors and friends. She was a member of the Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene, near Cadillac, where she was a faithful, loyal, and active worker until illness prevented her. She died October 21, 1955. She is survived by four children, also one sister and one brother. Funeral service was in charge of her pastor, Rev. D. Dravenstatt, assisted by Rev. John Cole, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery, Cadillac.

JOHN STADLER, charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Santa Monica, California, died November 8, 1955. Born in Spring City, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1895, he had been a resident of Santa Monica for thirty-one years. The church will miss his radiant spirit, his words of encouragement, his faithfulness to Christ and the church, and his violin music. He is survived by his widow, Jessie; a son, William K.; a daughter, Mrs. Joy I. Hertenstein; also his mother, three brothers, and one sister. Funeral service was in charge of his pastor, Rev. A. J. Edwards, assisted by Rev. R. W. Hertenstein, with interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Santa Monica.

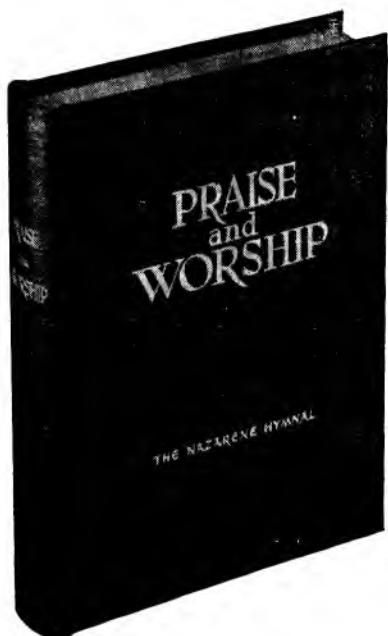
WILLIAM BRINKMAN was born October 24, 1890, at Hull, Illinois, and died November 3, 1955, in Toledo, Ohio, as the result of a heart attack. When a young man he joined the Church of the Nazarene and across the years served faithfully the church which he loved. For twenty-seven years he served as a Sunday-school superintendent. In 1917 he was married to Miss Ollie Cashman. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen Murdy and Mrs. Marjorie Garvin; also one sister and four brothers. One of his brothers is Rev. George Brinkman, Nazarene evangelist. He was a member of the Jackman Road Church of the Nazarene in Toledo. Funeral service was conducted at Hull, by Rev. W. S. Purinton, district superintendent, assisted by the Reverend and Mrs. Fritsch and Rev. Richard Brinkman.

MRS. SARAH ANN WHITE was born November 28, 1874, in Smith County, Tennessee, and died November 18, 1955. Her husband, Samuel P. White, died in 1899. Soon after that she came to Durant, Oklahoma, where she was sanctified and joined the Holiness church (later Church of the Nazarene), where Rev. J. B. Chapman was organizer and first pastor. She was a devout Christian. She is survived by one son, Paul S.; and two daughters, Kirkie L. Clark and Elizabeth Brannon. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Harold C. Harcourt.

SAMUEL W. CARNEY was born September 8, 1877, in Homestead, Pennsylvania, and died November 4, 1955, at his home in Pasadena, California. In 1901 he was married to Jessie A. Garrett. He was converted in 1914 and became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Ridgefield, Washington; later at Brentwood Church in Portland, Oregon; and in 1939 they moved to Pasadena, California, where they united with First Church of the Nazarene. He was a faithful member until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Carney celebrated their fifty-fourth wedding anniversary in 1955. He is survived by his wife, Jessie; two daughters, Mrs. Effie Bottemiller and Mrs. Norma O'Neil; and two sons, Vernon R. and Clifford E.; also three brothers and four sisters. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. W. Ellis, assisted by Rev. Leslie Freels and Mrs. Bertha Schwab, with interment in Mountain View Cemetery, Pasadena.

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