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Jesus Christ is the love-gift of God. As we think of the Incarnation, we recall the celestial glory, an angel's thrilling reassurance, the heavenly "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," all combining in joyous acclaim of "a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Gratefully our hearts respond to sing,

*Love divine, all love excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!*

But it is well that we emphasize the ultimate implication and issue of this love, for the Incarnation was not an end in

The Sacrament of Divine Love

General Superintendent Benner

*That I may know him, and
the power of his resurrec-
tion, and the fellowship of
his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death.*

—Phil. 3:10

itself. The love that brought our Lord to earth was a redemptive love. It was a sacramental love that would and did bring Him to death on a cross. "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman has so beautifully expressed it,

*Flaming in victory,
Strongest in loss,
Love is a sacrament,
Made for a cross!**

This love has a deep significance for every Christian believer, for "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . ." In the redemptive plan and provision there is cleansing for every consecrated, believing heart.

And last, but not least, is the responsibility and privilege of sharing in the quality of this love as we co-operate in God's redemptive efforts. The Apostle Paul declared, "The love of Christ constraineth us." It is not enough to enjoy the benefits of this love. We are called to be "workers together" with God.

As we enter a new quadrennium, let it be with a strong determination to experience as never before, not only the blessings of God's love in saving and sanctifying power, but the sacrificial, sacramental element, "the fellowship of his sufferings," which will make us effective in our service.

*From poem "Love," in *Hilltop Verses and Prayers*, by Ralph Spaulding Cushman, Abingdon Press.

LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Muskegon, Michigan—Michigan District Sunday schools on the march: 9,715 average attendance for last 13 weeks, an increase of 1,368 per Sunday over last year. "Blue Ribbon Contest" sparked by Sunday-School Evangelist Lyle Potter and wife in zone rallies, with splendid co-operation of District Superintendent O. L. Maish, helped to produce these great gains. We are out to break all our records in the new assembly year—to increase in numbers, to properly evangelize and train in Christian service all those who are under the influence of our schools or may be reached by the 89 Sunday schools of the Michigan District.—Lloyd W. Hail, Chairman of Church School Board.

Phoenix, Arizona—Organized eighth church in Phoenix on June 10 with fine class of charter members. Rev. Edwin L. Roe appointed pastor. Parsonage and new lots for church site already purchased. Wonderful prospect for strong church here.—M. L. Mann, Superintendent of Arizona District.

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. William R. Kelloway of Melrose, Massachusetts, given by their ten children on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, was held at the Nazarene Parish House on Friday, May 18. Brother and Sister Kelloway have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for a good many years. The anniversary occasion was attended by many relatives and friends, and many lovely gifts and cards were received. The couple have twenty three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. One son, Ernest, is pastor of Bethel Methodist Church in Camden, New Jersey.

Pastor Harold M. Sanner sends word—"First Church of the Nazarene, Portland, Oregon, will have their fiftieth anniversary celebration, July 4 to 8, with Dr. D. L. Vanderpool preaching over the week end. This church was organized by Dr. P. E. Bresee on July 1, 1906. Former pastors, Dr. A. O. Hendricks and Dr. Fletcher Galloway, will be present to participate in the celebration as we think of our 'Golden Past' and look to a 'Glorious Future.' All former members and friends are invited to visit us on this occasion."

What glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God (1 Pet. 2:20).

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Give Me a Day . . .

By ILA R. MONDAY

*Give me a day with a dowry
Of sun spinning gold and jeweled dew—
A day when a song sung of Jesus
Will ring to the hearer, "It's true!"*

*Give me a day of dark clouding,
A day when the sunlight is dim—
Then each shining deed done for Jesus
Will glow all the brighter for Him!*

"I Wouldn't Trade Places with an Angel!"

It had been one of "those" days—rough, and beset with problems that seemed unsolvable. I could almost have wished that I were something other than human. Oh, I do not mean that I wished to be a nonentity. My sense of values was not completely distorted; I wanted to be sure of relationship with Deity. But think of the security, the simplicity of having been created a heavenly being, perhaps a cherub, a seraph—an angel of the Lord! Yes, any of these, only not to have been born a human, to experience the tension, the fears, the feelings of inadequacy!

And then, as the golden balm of His quietness began to soothe my heart and relax my body, I thought, If I were not human I would have missed knowing:

The understanding heart of Jesus;
The solace of His comfort;
The strength of His Word;
The inclusion of His promises;
The satisfaction in prayer;
The peace of His forgiveness;
The whiteness of His peace;
The presence of His beauty;
The love of Him as Father;
The holiness of Him as God;
The relationship with Him as Burden-Sharer;
The pride as the choice of His love;
The confidence of His guidance;
The joy of His blessing;
The touch of His healing;
The compassion of His Spirit;
The lessons of chastisement;
The magnificence of His grace;
The exercise of faith;
The long arm of His providence;
The prospect of eternity as His bride!
Why, any one of these was worth my life! So, I'll take the hazards, the problems, the heartaches—small human things. No, I wouldn't trade places with an angel!

By Elizabeth Herrell
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The Meaning of Eternal Life

*Excerpts from Dr. Purkiser's book,
Security: the False and the True.

Many gracious promises of eternal life are found in the Bible. Some of these have reference to the future state, but others speak of eternal life as now given to the believer.

These promises have been made one of the arguments for a false security teaching. It is said that eternal life has no end; therefore if one has God's gift of eternal life he can never be lost, otherwise the life would not be eternal. We could ask, in passing, whether a pearl of great price might not still be a genuine pearl, and even eternal, though it be lost by a careless and self-confident owner.

But the real issue lies in the right understanding of the nature of eternal life, and the teaching of the Word concerning it. The crucial question is by what right anyone who lives a life of sin may claim to be in possession of eternal life. Jesus said: "Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: as thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:1-3); and John adds, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

Thus, eternal life is not merely unending existence. The finally lost will exist forever. Eternal life has primary reference to the *quality* of life, not to its *length*. Eternal life is in Christ, as John says: "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (I John 5:11-12). "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9).

Eternal life, therefore, is not something abstract and separable from the abiding presence of Christ. Christ "only hath immortality" (I Tim. 6:16) as inherent in His nature. Our immortality is conditioned by and derived from Him. "He that hath not the Son . . . hath not life," whatever his past state may have been.

It is obvious, of course, that a living being may

die. Paul states, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live" (Rom. 8:13). This plainly is not physical death, for it is appointed to all men "once to die" (Heb. 9:27), faithful Christian men as well as all others. This is spiritual death, whose genealogy is given in Jas. 1:14-16: "But every man [including the Christian man] is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."

To whom then does God give eternal life?

Jesus answers, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death" (John 8:51).

Paul replies that God "will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life" (Rom. 2:6-7).

The writer to the Hebrews states that Christ is "the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" (5:9). John adds, "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life" (I John 2:21-25).

This is an impressive array of clear-cut answers. Who has and shall have eternal life? Those who keep Christ's sayings; those who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality; those who obey the Lord; and those who continue in the Son and in the Father. *None other need apply.*

True security for the trusting soul is found in the "path of the just," which "shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Prov. 4:18). While no sinning "saint" has the right to hope in eternal life, no obedient believer need fear the tempter's power. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Cor. 10:13).

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General Superintendents' Quadrennial Address

Preamble

Mr. Chairman, members of the Fourteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, and friends from everywhere, I bid you, "Good morning." This salutation seems appropriate, not only because it is before noon of this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord, 1956, but more significantly because in the language of faith employed by our founder, Dr. Phineas F. Bresee, "It is morning in the Church of the Nazarene, and the sun never sets in the morning." Living in that fresh and forward-looking mood, Dr. Bresee greeted everyone any time of day with a cheerful "Good morning."

It is *still* morning in the Church of the Nazarene. Our sun has not reached the zenith. God grant that it may continue to shine with increasing splendor for many generations to come.

In World Affairs

It is probable that no General Assembly has gathered under such auspicious circumstances. In world affairs we rejoice in an era of peace, uneasy though it be. But for many months now there has been nothing more than local warlike disturbance. United Nations is functioning, and instead of a rain of atomic and hydrogen bombs upon our centers of population, representatives of seventy-six nations are gathered around conference tables. Ideologies are varied, and disagreements are sharp, but the will to have peace persists. Let us hope that the knowledge of possible destruction to vanquished and victor alike will cause men, in the fear of Almighty God, to spare themselves and their posterity from the unthinkable disaster of a war fought with nuclear weapons. We pray for that righteousness that will secure and preserve peace.

We also enjoy prosperity, and with a rapid growth in population to support production and expansion, material abundance seems reasonably assured for years to come. It is a time for disciplined conduct of ourselves. Let us turn away from love of ease and luxury and use our means and opportunities for a spiritual advance.

But for us the most meaningful portent of our times is the great upsurge of interest in religion, especially *heartfelt religion*. In many countries this is a day of unprecedented opportunity for preaching the gospel of Christ. There is a clarion call for action, for prayer, for sacrifice, and for spiritual aggression. Let us not miss the full tide which is now coming in, lest being tardy in launching our undertakings, we should lose our ventures.

Honor to Leaders of Other Years

Before we give attention to those facts of record and those plans for future action that must absorb our attention, we should pause to honor the great men and women who have engaged in sowing the seed for the harvest we are now reaping. The names of Phineas Bresee, William Wilson, Edward Walker, Hiram Reynolds, Joseph Morrison, John Goodwin, Roy Williams, James Chapman, Howard Miller, Orval Nease will have a place in the memory of Nazarenes for all succeeding generations. To that list the names of many other leaders who rest from their labors could be added.

During the past four years illustrious heroes of the

Cross have laid down their trophies at Jesus' feet. Among them we mention Dr. Edgar Ellyson, for a short term a general superintendent and for many years editor in chief of Sunday-school periodicals; Mrs. William Wilson, whose husband died in 1915 while serving as a general superintendent; Rev. Ernest Fleming, for years general church secretary; Dr. Everette Chalfant, Dr. Louis Reed, Dr. Grover Van Duhn, Rev. Mrs. Mary Lee Cagle, and Dr. Charles McConnell. All served their day with distinction and died in the triumph of our Christian faith.

Wives of Deceased General Superintendents

We are honored that four wives of deceased general superintendents are here with us in this assembly: Mrs. Roy Williams, Mrs. James Chapman, Mrs. Howard Miller, and Mrs. Orval Nease. Mrs. Joseph Morrison also survives.

Reinforcements in the British Isles

It is highly significant that two major unions with the Church of the Nazarene have been effected in the British Isles this quadrennium. In 1952 the International Holiness Mission brought 885 members, 21 ministers, 27 churches, and \$140,000.00 worth of property in Britain to our denomination. In addition the missionary work sponsored by them in Africa added 32 missionaries, 50 national workers, 2,200 members, and property valued at \$70,000.00. In 1955 the Calvary Holiness church, consisting of 25 congregations, 700 members, and 14 ministers, followed the example of their parent body, the International Holiness Mission. These fusions have greatly reinforced the Church of the Nazarene in Britain. Our membership in the two districts of the British Isles is now 3,200. We cordially welcome these people to our fellowship and their representatives to this General Assembly.

A Personal Accounting

As a Board of General Superintendents we have now come back to you who entrusted the leadership of the church to us four years ago, to give an account of our stewardship. We have to the best of our knowledge and ability discharged the duties of our office. We have held all assemblies each year, visited all foreign and overseas home-mission fields at least once in the quadrennium, presided in the sessions of the General Board, and given our counsel as sought and needed. Furthermore, we have made ourselves available for preachers' conventions, holiness conventions, Crusade for Souls conferences, missionary rallies, and dedication services. As time has permitted, we have served in district tours and revival meetings, giving prior consideration to our college churches. The performance of these tasks has required an estimated 75,000 miles of travel per year for each of us.

We have met at least three times a year to co-ordinate our own thinking and administration and to consider the numerous problems brought to our attention from all areas of the church.

We have set the unity of the church and the co-operation of its many leaders above personal thoughts or aims. We are five distinct personalities, yet it is our desire and prayer that our very differences shall make us a stronger and more representative board. We have sought to be as one man in Christ, whose wisdom and strength shall be the sum total

of that which each of us can contribute under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

We have without equivocation stood firmly for the doctrines, standards, polity, and program of the church. We do solemnly dedicate ourselves to defend with our lives, if need be, the faith once delivered to the saints. We have set our feet upon the holy way that was charted for us by our founders and predecessors. *We want no change of course or emphasis.*

You have made life comfortable for us. You have given us a place to serve of which we are unworthy. You have rewarded us with your love and kindness and upheld us with your prayers. The kindest and most reassuring words we ever hear are, "We have prayed for you every day."

We are ready now to make a final report to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls. Furthermore, we place our future in your hands. It is your duty to approve or condemn our leadership. We will accept your judgment as good and right without a murmur or regret. Before God we have done our reasonable best to be faithful.

I. HISTORY AND HERITAGE

As we review the history of the first half-century of the Church of the Nazarene, we are deeply impressed with the greatness of our heritage. Solid foundations of doctrine, free from eccentric emphases and inclusive of all essentials to salvation and holy living, are ours. That our agreed statement of faith is sound and sufficient is evidenced by the fact that it has never been subjected to change. There is no need or disposition to amend that creed today.

Furthermore, our founding fathers gave us a strong, consistent ethical code in our general and special rules. They are a set of criteria by which to guide our behavior in harmony with long-established Christian standards. They are not so much a bill of particulars as a frame of reference and a statement of principles. They have a Bible foundation in every instance. They are universal and abiding as an expression of the corporate conscience of the entire church. We do not demand a legalistic administration of these rules for Christian living, but we do insist that our people shall be informed of them and we expect them to discipline their lives accordingly. We subscribe to the following statement written by our chairman, Dr. Hardy Powers: "When a man is called a Nazarene, he is identified. The definition of that identity is found only in the church *Manual*. The only legitimate and safe method of amending the *Manual* is by General Assembly action. Until such changes are consummated, we are all honor bound to support the authorized position. . . . The *Manual* line is the only line we can hold, and this can be done only as we pray for and insist upon mighty Holy Ghost revivals in our hearts and in our churches. For the sake of the past, for the sake of the present sinful world, for the sake of our own souls, and finally, for Jesus' sake, may God help us to hold that line."

Our heritage also includes a polity or a form of government. It is a blend of episcopal authority with congregational responsibility. It recognizes duly constituted leadership with final decisions made by the people in the local church and by their chosen delegates in district and general assemblies. This ideal has been proved wise in its conception and practical in its application. Some General Assembly enactments have safeguarded, defined, and implemented the operation of this theory. Any change should be for strengthening the original principle and for expediting its effectiveness in operation.

Also our heritage provided for us a program. Organization for promotion implies a plan of procedure. The alternative is disintegration and stalemate. That our way has its hazards to be safeguarded, we admit, but the perils of progress are never so great as those of retrogression and stagnation.

The Church of the Nazarene was born amid revival fires. It is the product of a great evangelistic crusade to spread

scriptural holiness throughout the world. Our founding fathers were leaders in that movement. The central and fundamental purpose in launching the new denomination was to perpetuate that which had had spontaneous and simultaneous rise in many areas of the world. To be worthy of our heritage and to justify our existence, we must carry forward a program of Pentecostal evangelism.

Visitation and mass evangelism must be practiced in every church. New centers must be established through our home missionary work, and we must include the uttermost part of the earth in our vision and planning.

Our progress has given rise to the expansion of our program. But whatever we do in educational, social, or recreational activity must have as its ultimate aim the saving of souls and their preparation to win still others for Christ and the church.

We exist for a threefold purpose. The first is to evangelize. The second is to *evangelize*. The third is to *EVANGELIZE*. This work will not be done till the last man on earth has heard that Jesus Christ died to save him from all sin. Our genius is holiness evangelism.

There is also included in our heritage the plan for financing the church through tithes and offerings. Adherence to this procedure has been universal and satisfactory. We recommend its continuation without modification.

Another feature of our heritage is our ideal for a service of worship. We have no liturgy to be followed. We believe we should worship God in spirit and in truth. We have recommended that Nazarene services be characterized by a freedom that saves from formality. We believe prayer should be a spontaneous expression of the soul's upreach to God; that singing should in large part be by the whole congregation, in harmony with the ideal of the Protestant Reformation; likewise, that the reading and preaching of God's Word in the demonstration and power of the Spirit is central and supreme.

The criterion by which to judge the fitness of a service is whether or not God is in the midst. In an atmosphere charged with His presence sinners will be converted, believers will be sanctified wholly, and saints will be edified. The slogan of Dr. Bresee was "Get the glory down." In the ancient time the inspired prophet said to the worshipers of Jehovah, "Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

While diligently striving to maintain these ideals during this first half-century, the Church of the Nazarene has enjoyed steady growth. Here is a brief summary of our comparative statistical reports for 1908 and 1955:

| | 1908 | 1955 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Church members | 10,411 | 280,000 |
| S.S. enrollment | 7,800 | 606,000 |
| N.Y.P.S. membership | 523 | 88,523 |
| N.F.M.S. membership (1921) | 3,637 | 120,000 |
| Total money raised | \$140,756.00 | \$35,144,000.00 |
| Per capita giving | \$13.52 | \$125.59 |
| Number of churches | 228 | 4,326 |
| Number of elders | 427 | 5,404 |
| Number of missionaries | no record | 305 |
| Value of property | \$559,953.00 | \$149,866,000.00 |
| Value of property on mission fields | no record | \$1,129,000.00 |

According to information compiled by the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches in the period from 1916 to 1952, the Church of the Nazarene gained 653.7 per cent in membership. This led all of the 126 Protestant bodies reporting.

II. INVENTORY AND VISION

It is appropriate that we should now take a reading of our position with relation to our original purpose and to evaluate our resources and possibilities for the advance into the next half-century of our progress. This is a day for decisive action. One of the most common fallacies by which

people are misguided is to compare the best of the past with the worst of the present. The result is a pessimistic, distorted outlook for the future. But the opposite extreme is also a fallacy, namely, to compare the worst of the past with the best of the present. That causes men to be sanguine and optimistic about the future without facing the current dangers. Wise men see the past with appreciation for its rich legacy even though they may be aware of its liabilities. This means they can capitalize upon its great endowments rather than allow its limitations to sabotage the future.

Here are some conclusions which we believe are based upon careful observation.

First, we are loyal to our original purpose. Our program has been expanded to meet the demands of our growth and the advance into a new era. Without these aggressive attitudes, we should have lost more than we have gained in recent years. We have sought to improve our methods without diluting our message. Our emphasis upon sound, Bible doctrine centered in the work of the Holy Spirit in the entire sanctification of our nature has not abated. Furthermore, we accept all the implications of that message in ethical conduct and evangelistic fervor.

We are happy also that from our point of view we are a united people. In the quadrennial report of 1936 written and read by Dr. J. B. Chapman he said: "When people divide over trivial matters, they testify to diminutive caliber. When they separate because of factional spirit, they proclaim their want of grace. When their separateness is traceable to the desire for pre-eminence on the part of leaders, it announces want of both both sense and goodness. . . . Down through the centuries Christianity has been preserved in the earth through its doctrines more than by any other means." It is no secret that even our severest critics admit that the Church of the Nazarene stands for second-blessing holiness. This is our strongest and most reassuring bond of unity.

A reading of our position as of today clearly reveals that we are looking to the future with an eye to our course and with faith to follow the exhortation of Isaiah, who said, "Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes."

The Laity

As we take inventory of our present strength and resources, we are persuaded that we have a band of holy *laymen* who love God and the church, are loyal to its doctrines and standards, have a vital personal experience of salvation, and manifest the fruits of the Spirit in their lives. On our rolls we have near 275,000 of them. For their high quality of character, their loyalty to the church, and their sacrificial devotion to the cause of Christ we are deeply grateful.

We do earnestly appeal to our laymen to give us their valuable assistance in accomplishing our work for God. We solicit your co-operation, first, in keeping the church spiritual. To this end we suggest that all our laymen enter into a covenant of prayer, pledging themselves to attend regular and special prayer services. With deep conviction we urge that family altars be maintained in all Nazarene homes. Federal Judge Luther Youngdahl has said, "We are going to replenish our moral reserves only by strengthening the religious life of the family. . . . The family altar is a vital part of home life." Furthermore, we request that all our laymen join in a fellowship of secret prayer for at least fifteen minutes per day, with the understanding that as a minimum two-thirds of that time shall be spent in intercession for others, with attention to the need of revival in the church and the needy world. We are confident that as the result of diligent attention to such a prayer program we shall witness the greatest advance in spiritual victory and soul winning we have ever known.

Second, we challenge our laymen to co-operate in an all-out Crusade for Souls in the next four years. Many thou-

God's Soldier

***A soldier of the Cross, he stands
With just one weapon—love,
Far greater than a two-edged sword
When powered from above!***

—Mary Sellers Rempe

sands should enroll as volunteers for visitation evangelism and soul winning. Other thousands should join the intercessors' bands.

Third, we call for all the laity to give positive, generous, and sacrificial support to the plan to bring missionary giving on every district up to a minimum of 10 per cent. Our objectives are impossible without the enthusiastic co-operation of the laymen. But we have faith that they, with the encouragement of general, district, and local leadership, will reach these goals.

The Ministry

The Church of the Nazarene has many able, qualified, and spiritual men and women in the ministry. That number has steadily increased. The educational process for ordained elders has improved. The colleges of the church and our graduate theological seminary are rendering distinguished service in preparing our God-appointed youth for the *high calling*. Their contribution is of immeasurable value. But we need and use many men who have been denied the advantages of formal education for the work of the ministry. We desire to encourage all such to answer God's call, prepare themselves as best they are able, and give their lives to save a needy world.

We would offer this word of caution: first, that those who have enjoyed educational advantages shall not look with disparagement upon those who have not. Second, we admonish those who lack formal training not to indulge a resentment toward those who have it. Discrimination is as blameworthy in one as the other. We especially warn district leaders of the danger of setting up exclusive standards which favor either group. In a holy fellowship, free from jealousy or disdain, let us work together to build a Kingdom that shall have no end.

Ministers of the gospel, with passionate appeal we call upon you to live disciplined lives of personal holiness and sacrificial service. Avoid preoccupation which will prevent a deep, consistent, devotional life. Resolve to be growing souls, that you may see your people grow. Be Bible students and *Bible* preachers. Lead your people far away from the borders of worldliness to the beckoning heights of Beulah land.

The direction which the church will take for the future and the distance she will travel are to be decided by you who preach to the contemporary congregations. Accept your inescapable responsibility humbly and courageously.

The Evangelist

In this connection a word should be said on behalf of the evangelists of our church. We urge that they be used as frequently as possible and be paid in proportion to their needs. Let us not forget that their support does not include parsonage, travel allowance, fees, and other gratuities which pastors and superintendents have provided above their salaries. Large and financially able churches must be extra generous to make up for those with limited resources.

We sincerely hope that this General Assembly will, by appropriate enactments, protect and encourage the men who risk most and who enjoy the least sense of security. At the same time we remind the evangelists that only by the fruit of their labors do they assure themselves a per-

manent place in the ongoing of the church. We admonish you to keep your ministry fresh and fruitful by personal devotion to Bible study and prayer, the reading of good and appropriate books, and by keeping stride with the progress of the church. We call upon you to preach the doctrines and standards of the church faithfully and compassionately with the unction of the Spirit upon you. We urge that you be loyal to the church, its leadership, and its total program. You can do much to increase the fruitfulness of your meetings by promoting visitation evangelism and personal soul winning. Such work will give you larger crowds, more fruitful altar services, and increased numbers added to the church.

Administration

THE GENERAL OFFICERS

There are two general officers of the church who are in close collaboration with the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board. They are the general church secretary and the general treasurer. For the past three quadrennia these offices have been held by Dr. S. T. Ludwig and Dr. John Stockton.

To fill the office of general church secretary Dr. S. T. Ludwig is a man made to order. Efficiency, loyalty, thoroughness, devotion, and co-operation are his characteristics. Statistics are gathered; records and files are carefully kept. The organization and administration of his staff and office are admirable.

Dr. John Stockton, general treasurer, is more than a custodian of our cash and material assets. He is a financier of keen understanding, clear vision, and sound judgment, and impeccable character. He is also a wise and fair-minded administrator. During his tenure in office the income for General Budget and Missionary Specials has increased from \$1,142,000.00 to \$3,022,000.00. In 1945 income from investments was \$628,000; in 1955 it was \$73,500.00. The records have been kept with such complete accuracy that every penny can be accounted for, both as to the source from which it came and the purpose for which it was spent. Capital funds invested in 1945 totaled \$406,500.00; in 1955 the figure was \$2,250,000.00.

During the quadrennium our new Headquarters Building has been erected. It is modern, fireproof, and air-conditioned. It cost \$395,000.00. Dr. Stockton has borne the greater part of the immense responsibility of guiding the contractors during the construction period. The result is a building at minimum cost with which the entire church should be highly pleased.

The general superintendents and the general officers of the church have been assisted and wisely counseled by Mr. George Aughinbaugh, attorney at law; and Mr. John Kurtz, certified public accountant.

Mr. Aughinbaugh has served the church as an able legal counselor with generous faithfulness for about forty years. Much of his service has been without charge. He knows Nazarene history and the *Manual* better than many Nazarenes. We propose a salute to him.

Mr. Kurtz has been retained as our auditor for about ten years. He has done work of the highest quality and deserves our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

THE GENERAL BOARD

In the interim of General Assemblies the General Board, composed of ministers and laymen elected by the General Assembly, shares with the Board of General Superintendents the burdens of general church administration. The personnel and work of the board during the last quadrennium have been most acceptable. Perhaps in bringing nominees into the field for election by the plenary meeting of the General Assembly, greater care should be taken to represent all groups of persons and all aspects of the Kingdom interests. We must avoid any tendency to lopsidedness. Those who share the burdens should have representation. We believe wide and fair consideration is important.

Departments of the General Board

In order that the administrative work of the General Board may be distributed with equity among its total membership, it is broken down into six departments.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

For two quadrennia the Department of Foreign Missions with its world-wide outreach has enjoyed the able leadership of its executive secretary, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt. The high quality of his spirit has been matched by his devotion to his task and the effectiveness of his administration.

The past four years have brought many victories in connection with our foreign missionary work. We set a goal of \$10,000,000.00, for world evangelism. This goal has been surpassed with a total given in General Budget, Abaster Fund, and Missionary Specials of \$10,500,000.00. For this we express our sincere gratitude to God and His people. We have substantially increased the number of missionaries in active service. Four years ago there were 202; today we have 305. The union with the International Holiness Mission in Africa was a large factor in this increase.

The *Other Sheep*, edited by Dr. Rehfeldt and Miss Helen Temple, has an all-time record in circulation, quality of material, and promotional value.

In the erection of buildings, the establishment of Bible schools and dispensaries it has also been a quadrennium of unparalleled progress. The missionary staff on each field has been reinforced, and the property values have been greatly augmented. But best of all it has been a period of soul saving and revival blessing, for all of which we give God the glory.

Perhaps one of the most significant steps taken in this quadrennium has been the opening of the work in New Guinea. This venture has had dramatic appeal for the church as a whole. To launch and support the undertaking \$100,000.00 was raised. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Knox are on the field laying foundations for future development.

International tensions have accentuated our problems in several countries, but we are forging ahead. That we meet baffling situations and disappointing failures in foreign work none can deny; but hitherto God has helped us, and we face the future in every place with courage and faith in God.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

Eight years ago the General Assembly authorized the employment of a full-time secretary to promote the work of Home Missions and Evangelism. Dr. Roy Smece was chosen for the task. His work has been highly successful.

In the Home-Missions phase of his assignment progress has been gratifying. For the past eight years three or four Nazarene churches have been organized every week. Most of these are growing and prosperous. One-fourth of all existing churches have been established in the last two quadrennia. It is significant that parent churches have made commendable progress. Where we have the most churches, there we also have the largest and healthiest ones.

In the field of Evangelism the "Crusade for Souls Now" has borne its fruit. Conferences on the district level have been numerous and effective. It would be easy to substantiate the claim that churches which have promoted the Crusade through visitation evangelism can account for all our net gains in the past four years. Without this emphasis owned and blessed by the Holy Spirit, we should have reached a standstill in membership.

Included in the administrative responsibility of Dr. Smece is the Division of Church Extension. Ten years ago this function of the promotional work of our denomination was practically nonexistent. Today the department has capital funds of \$350,000.00. This makes possible the building of a working loan fund of \$1,000,000.00. We strongly urge our people to invest in loans to this department.

OVERSEAS HOME MISSIONS

Special projects supported by the Department of Home Missions include our overseas home missionary work in

Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, and South Africa. During this quadrennium they have witnessed some progress. Church membership has grown. Financial independence has increased. Property values have multiplied. In South Africa and Australia, Bible colleges have been established and are in successful operation. In addition the Panama Canal Zone and New Zealand have been officially opened, and good foundations for future development have been laid.

THE COLORED WORK

The evangelization of the colored people of the U.S.A. is another assignment which falls within the work of Home Missions. Here we are confronted with colossal problems. But we cannot deny that we have responsibility for 16,000,000 colored people within our national boundaries.

BROADCASTING THE GOSPEL

"Showers of Blessing" radio broadcast derives its financial support from the Department of Home Missions also. This aspect of the work is under the able directorship of Dr. T. W. Willingham. "Showers of Blessing" has enjoyed wide coverage. The program has been approved by many capable of sound judgment. The ministry of Dr. R. V. DeLong, preacher, and Professor Ray Moore, music director, has been greatly appreciated. Furthermore, the fact that of the 400 stations that air the program 227 are on a sustaining basis is proof of its high quality. In addition the Spanish program is now aired on 22 stations, of which 10 are on a sustaining basis.

Radio broadcasting is in a transition period. We are convinced that we should use all available means for spreading the gospel of Christ. We must find ways and means to increase the coverage and improve our contact with the listening audience.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS

No phase of our denominational work is more important than the Department of Church Schools. Through it we make our most effective contact with new people. It is also one of the principal agencies for the instruction and salvation of the youth of our Nazarene homes. It is a vital factor in the growth of church membership.

Ten years ago Dr. Albert Harper was chosen as executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools and editor in chief of all periodicals. The progress of the work under his guidance has been outstanding. In ten years the enrollment has grown from 350,000 to 606,000; the average weekly attendance from 213,000 to 393,000. This amounts to 75 per cent increase in enrollment and 85 per cent in average attendance. New publications brought forth in the same period number eleven for the Sunday school and eight for the vacation Bible school.

Dr. Harper has gathered around him a competent staff of workers. With their help Christian Service Training, youth Caravans, and vacation Bible schools have enjoyed exceptional growth and have showed steady improvement in the quality of work done. Promotional plans and materials have been of special value to district and local leaders.

In the quadrennial report of 1952 the Board of General Superintendents recommended that plans be made for the development of the religious life of the family. The staff of the Church Schools Department has made special progress in this undertaking and has other ideas ready to advance. We wish to encourage further development in that field.

The outline for evangelistic action in the Sunday school which Dr. Harper presented in the General Board meeting of last January has brought forth an enthusiastic response and, we believe, will bear much fruit in the years that lie ahead.

We wish to express our delight with the unprecedented special series of lessons for the Sunday school dealing with the doctrine, experience, and life of holiness and the General and Special Rules of the Church of the Nazarene. We also rejoice in the announcement that other such series are

forthcoming. In view of this exceptional record of accomplishment and in consideration of his efficient administration and able editorship, the Board of General Superintendents wishes to give unanimous expression of confidence and gratitude to Dr. Albert Harper.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICATIONS

Without doubt the Church of the Nazarene owns and operates the world's largest plant for the production of literature with emphasis on Bible holiness. In thirty-five years we have grown from a small, all-but-bankrupt printing plant to a religious publishing institution which ranks among the nine largest in the United States. It is now possessed of capital assets of more than two million dollars. In eleven years its total sales volume has grown from \$772,000.00 to approximately \$2,500,000.00. It now prints 40,000,000 copies of its various publications annually.

For this growth in production and prosperity we owe an incalculable debt to Dr. Mervel Lunn, who has served the House and the Church of the Nazarene as manager for thirty-five years and has been associated with the organization for forty-three years. For careful and wise planning, efficient administration, and selfless service, Dr. Lunn has few equals and no superiors in the entire history of the Church of the Nazarene. In the recent past he has been ably assisted by his son, Mr. Meredith A. Lunn. At this time Mr. Al Ramquist is doing an excellent piece of work as director of sales and public relations.

In the near future plans now laid for expansion and the erection of a new building adjacent to our Headquarters edifice will be carried out. We will then have a denominational center as good as or better than any in this country.

Among our publications the HERALD OF HOLINESS holds the first place. It now has a weekly circulation of approximately 115,000. Dr. Stephen White has served as editor in chief for two quadrennia. His work has been most commendable. His loyalty to and understanding of Nazarene doctrine and standards are without question. His spirit of co-operation has no discount. He is producing the sanest, most constructive, and most widely read periodical for the promotion of holiness in the world. We appreciate the new appearance of the HERALD.

Other publications which are increasing in quality and circulation are the *Preacher's Magazine* and *Come Ye Apart*. We are also indebted to our Publishing House for the production of books, tracts, promotional literature, and Visual Art. The Publishing House rightly is known as "the service institution of the church."

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

From the beginning, the leaders of the Church of the Nazarene have recognized the importance of Christian education. So zealous were they for this branch of the denominational program that in establishing their schools they ran ahead of their ability to support them. As a result some of the earlier institutions have been of necessity united and consolidated. Now we have six great and growing colleges in the United States, one in Canada, and one in Britain. This quadrennium has witnessed some remarkable progress in these centers of learning. All have enjoyed substantial gains in their net worth. New buildings have been erected on practically every campus. Educational standards are constantly improved. Dr. S. T. Ludwig has served as executive secretary of the department. His leadership has resulted in closer co-operation among our institutions of higher education and, hence, commendable progress for all.

Best of all, heart-searching, soul-saving revivals have been enjoyed in all of the college communities. We rejoice in financial, numerical, and educational advancement. Our concern that our colleges shall remain loyal to the doctrines and ideals of our church and maintain an atmosphere of devotion and revival is predominant. We seek all the other signs of success, but we must have deep and sweeping revivals

which will produce miracles of grace and build strong Christian faith and character.

The Nazarene Theological Seminary is occupying its new building located on a valuable tract of land in a most advantageous community. It is furnished, and the campus is landscaped. The total indebtedness is \$110,000.00. The property and equipment could be conservatively valued at \$750,000.00. Without doubt the actual value is \$100,000.00 more than the cash invested.

In this quadrennium some changes in leadership and faculty personnel have been inescapable, but Dr. Lewis Corlett and his excellent corps are carrying forward a sound and successful program of graduate training for ministers and Christian workers. We commend them and their work to the confidence of our people and support them with our faith and prayers.

In an article in the *Christian Century* magazine of April, 1955, Dr. Joseph Hopkins said in regard to the support of colleges by parent denominations: "In reference to *esprit de corps*, some denominations have it, others do not. The Lutherans and Nazarenes do." This observation from an onlooker is complimentary. It is more accurate and better deserved now than ever before. We urge our people to continue and to increase their support of our colleges and Seminary, and in turn we insist that our institutions of learning keep faith with the church by giving back trained leaders who are loyal and devout Christians and irrevocably committed to the doctrines, experiences, and ideals of the Church of the Nazarene.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENC

The care of its aged and physically incapacitated ministers is an unavoidable obligation of every church. Until now our aid has been scarcely more than a token of good will and appreciation.

At the time when it seemed our own pension plan was about ready to be put into effect, the Federal government made Social Security benefits available to ministers. Following the best counsel available, our Pension Board, General Board, and Board of General Superintendents voted to recommend that our ministers enroll for Social Security. We have enrolled and urge all our ministers to do likewise.

For reasons that have been clearly set forth we also approve the continuation of the 2 per cent N.M.B.F. budget as voted by the General Assembly of 1952.

We are giving diligent consideration to the problem of finding a way to assist our ministers in Canada, British Isles, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, provided their own countries do not have a system comparable to Social Security in the United States.

Dr. M. Lunn has long served as executive secretary of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence. For the years of the recent past Dr. T. W. Willingham has rendered invaluable service in working out our pension plan and the coordination of the same with Social Security. To these wise and devoted servants of the church and its ministers, we express our appreciation.

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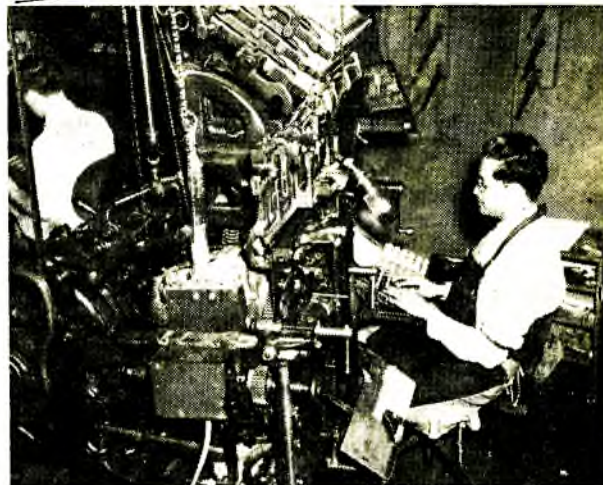
THE NAZARENE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society has enjoyed a quadrennium of steady progress. Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president; Miss Mary Scott, general secretary; and the General Council have carried forward an aggressive campaign to intensify missionary zeal and increase the support of the great cause of world evangelism through more generous giving and more impassioned intercession. No doubt the success achieved in these four years in our missionary program has been in considerable degree due to the concerted efforts of general, district, and local leaders of the N.F.M.S. May God bless and prosper their undertakings.

THE NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The youth organization of our church has written an enviable record since it became an integrated part of our

NEWS in PICTURE



MR. MOISES CASTILLO working at the Linotype, preparing copy for the Spanish "Herald of Holiness," of which Rev. Honorato Reza is the editor. The circulation of the Spanish "Herald" is now around four thousand.

general church in 1923. It has been an important factor in leading our young people into definite experiences of saving, sanctifying grace and training them for leadership in the church of today and tomorrow. During the quadrennium through which we have just come, Rev. Ponder Gilliland, general president, and Dr. Lauriston Du Bois, general secretary, have carried on the youth work in harmony with the ideals of the Church of the Nazarene past and present. They have at the same time demonstrated a fresh and far-seeing outlook. For twelve years Dr. Du Bois has proved himself a leader of youth worthy of our love and confidence. He has done much to build Christian character and train our youth for future leadership.

The General Council has sponsored such special projects as Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa, the "Showers of Blessing" broadcast in the great metropolitan area of New York, and the annual offering for the American, the British and Foreign, and the Scottish Bible societies.

As general superintendent we depend on our youth leaders to be constantly true to Nazarene doctrines, standards, and the total program of the church. In all respects and at all times they have justified our confidence. To the recently chosen leaders we extend our congratulations and pledge our co-operation in promoting the spiritual well-being of our Nazarene youth.

SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

During the past fifteen years a large segment of our youth has been in active military duty. Our Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, directed by Dr. Du Bois, has been effective to a high degree in keeping contact with those who serve their country in military installations at home and around the world. In addition to cultivating personal contacts, free literature in large quantity has been made available.

NAZARENE CHAPLAINS

We as ministers and laymen of the church have cause to rejoice in the record established by our Nazarene chaplains with the armed forces. They have kept our quota nearly double most of the time. They have also distinguished themselves for spiritual ministry and leadership. Their labor of love has led many to Christ. We honor them and pray for

their success. They have, when called upon, proved themselves valorous in facing danger and death.

THE JUNIOR SOCIETY

This is a small and often neglected child of the church. We hope that those who have made special study of this problem are ready to make recommendations to this assembly that will open the way to greater success in this important work.

Our Accomplishments in This Quadrennium

We are grateful that God has made this quadrennium now ending one of progress for the Church of the Nazarene. We are humbled, however, that we have not more successfully represented the Christ of Calvary and led many more people to a saving knowledge of our wonderful Lord.

We have not reached all our goals. We set a goal of 1,000 churches organized. We have established approximately 700. For net gain in church membership we aimed at 75,000. We added 37,500. This is a gain of 15 per cent as compared with 12 per cent last quadrennium. We now have a total membership of 280,000, plus 40,000 in foreign mission fields. Our target for Sunday-school enrollment was 625,000. We have 606,000. In average attendance the aim was for 400,000. We have reached 393,500.

In the N.F.M.S. we were striving for 132,000. We have 120,000 for a gain of 29,500.

For the N.Y.P.S. we have a gain in membership of 10,000.

We aimed for \$10,000,000.00 for world evangelism. We have received \$10,500,000.00.

The total amount of money raised for all purposes has been \$141,000,000.00. We came short of our goal of 10 per cent for missions by \$3,500,000.00. In the coming quadrennium we must close this gap. Some churches should go on to give 25 per cent for world evangelism. Actually in some districts we have either fluctuated or lost ground in percentage giving. There is steady increase in expenditure for local expenses. The increase in giving for world evangelism should keep pace with over-all increase in giving. To do otherwise is to consent to a dangerous trend. In the 1940 quadrennial address Dr. R. T. Williams sounded this warning note, to which we do well to take heed in 1956: "It will be noted that the tendency is to increase the giving for local purposes rather than to general interests. This tendency must be watched and corrected." The answer is in the acceptance of a General Budget that is equal to 8 per cent of the giving of the church in the previous year. The remaining 2 per cent can be made up by Alabaster giving, specials, and overpayment. So long as we keep allocations down to 4, 5, or 6 per cent, we cannot expect to stabilize the 10 per cent program for world evangelism.

We have added to the church by profession of faith in these four years 86,357 members. This is heartening, but it is by no means a maximum. If we could forget selfish concern, incidental issues, and petty personal matters, we have the resources and the potential to precipitate a revival of such far-reaching proportions as to sweep tens of thousands into the fold of Christ every year. We do plead earnestly that we shall keep first things first and place all our redeemed resources of mind and personality at the disposal of God for the advancement of His glorious kingdom on earth.

In the church-building phase of our development this has been without question the greatest quadrennium of our history. Many sanctuaries, educational units, and parsonages have been erected. Four years ago the value of all church property was \$99,000,000.00. Today the figure is \$141,000,000.00. We have no debts that threaten financial security. For the most part our buildings are modest, commodious, attractive, and appropriate to the purpose for which they have been erected. Some are large of necessity. Some are only a beginning, but for the situations in which they are located they have been designed and constructed with wisdom and economy. We are grateful to God for His blessing upon

the labors and sacrificial giving of our people. Let us take advantage of our ever-increasing potential for further accomplishment in the new quadrennium.

III. A PROPHECY AND A TASK

We must now turn our attention to the future. I am indebted to Dr. W. T. Purkiser for this quotation which he discovered in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* under date of April 21, 1915. Its author was Editor B. F. Haynes: "It is all right to be loyal to the past, but what about loyalty to the future? Do we not owe as much to our posterity as to our ancestors? Is there no call from the unborn to us to be true to them as well as an appeal to us to be true to the past? Let us remember we have a debt to the future, and it behooves us to be careful to pay it faithfully and well."

We must be channels for the communication and perpetuation of the things we have received. The school of the prophets witnessed the dividing of the Jordan when Elisha smote the waters with Elijah's mantle which had fallen at his feet. They cried, "The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha." Even so may all who behold us this day declare that the spirit of our predecessors doth rest upon us. This presence divine is indispensable. Without God in the midst we shall fall upon a day of futile activity. With God among us in unmistakable reality we shall go on in spite of mountainous obstacles, many human failures, and relentless opposition by satanic forces. Today let us pause to insist that God's presence shall be with us. We have work to do that demands a display of God's glory and power. Human leadership, however wise and good, is not enough. Moses refused to accept even an angel whom God offered to delegate as leader of Israel. He said, "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence," and so say we all today.

God has given to us a depositum of vital gospel truth—a message which declares that Jesus Christ died to save sinners and that His blood cleanses from *all* sin. We must pass this truth on to succeeding generations. We must give to our posterity a revival church which will frequently witness a breaking forth of God like "streams in the desert." It is ours to cast up a highway for our God which shall be known as the "way of holiness."

To such a purpose all our lives severally and collectively are dedicated. To this end all our institutions—colleges, Seminary, Publishing House, and every other—are committed. For this cause all churches are builded, their pastors are called, evangelists are engaged, missionaries are sent to the ends of the earth. We accept the additions and implications that our success has thrust upon us, but all of the things which we consider necessary or permissible must bend to this single purpose that God may be known.

With this understanding of the sole reason for our existence, let us think of some goals for the new quadrennium high enough to demand our best. We propose the following:

1. That we raise \$14,000,000.00 for world evangelism.
2. That we have a net gain in N.Y.P.S. membership of 25,000.
3. In N.F.M.S. of 50,000.
4. That in Sunday-school enrollment we aim for 1,000,000 and an average attendance for the year 1959-60 of 500,000, also that we launch 500 new branch Sunday schools.
5. That we strive to gain 150,000 members for the church on profession of faith with a net gain in membership of 75,000.
6. That we again set a goal of 1,000 churches organized in the next four years.

Such goals are not fantastic. With a normal curve of progress we can reach such proportions. It will not be easy. But who wants it easy? Let us do it at any cost.

It is time now for a revival of the pioneer spirit. We must have dedicated lives disciplined to hardship and sacrifice. Our greater numbers, resources, better equipment

and training, and more prestige could become a snare to us. We do resist vigorously all such tendency. We can do our work only as we are toughened for it by the rigorous discipline of cross-bearing. We can do great exploits for God if we will. Carlyle said, "Men do less than they ought unless they do all that they can." We must not consent to fit inoffensively into the patchwork of myriad Protestant denominations. Often we should hear and heed such words as these found in an early report of P. G. Linaweaver, then superintendent of the Northern California District. He said: "We still need men and money. Men looking for something to do. Men who are not afraid of hard work and small pay. Men who have staying qualities and who know no defeat. The fields are white unto harvest, and we *must* go in right away."

The Golden Anniversary Year

This General Assembly is the last in our first half-century as a denomination. The Golden Anniversary Year is 1958. We, as your Board of General Superintendents, are greatly concerned that it shall be a golden year of accomplishment. Every district and every local church should begin now to lay plans that will not only climax our first fifty years with mighty victories but also thrust us into the second half-century with a momentum that will mean greater achievement for Christ and His kingdom.

We propose the following outline of action for 1958:

1. That January shall be a month of prayer in all our churches beginning with a watch night service on New Year's Eve.
2. That a Conference for Evangelists be held in that same month.
3. That between now and Easter, 1958, great district or zone missionary conventions be held on every district in the church throughout the world.
4. That every district superintendent plan a Crusade for Souls Conference of at least one day on every zone on his district with special view to reaching the laymen with the inspiration and challenge for this work. For these conventions and conferences your general superintendents offer their services to the full limit of their time and ability.
5. We believe in our fiftieth year we should receive 50,000 members into the church upon profession of faith and that our net gain should be at least 25,000 members.
6. We suggest a goal of 150,000 new people enrolled in our Sunday schools with a gain in average attendance of 50,000.
7. That the N.F.M.S. add 25,000 members net in 1958.
8. That the N.Y.P.S. increase its membership by 10,000.
9. That the church shall give at least \$4,000,000.00 for world evangelism, or a minimum of 10 per cent of its total income.
10. We recommend a goal of \$1,000,000.00 for the Easter Offering, and that we make the opening of a mission in Brazil a special project to boost the Thanksgiving Offering to \$1,000,000.00 as a minimum.
11. That in our Golden Anniversary Year we organize 365 churches or an average of one church every day.
12. We urge that between January 1 and Easter Sunday, 1958, every church plan for a full-length revival, a holiness convention between Easter and Pentecost, and another revival in the autumn months.
13. We earnestly plead with pastors and people to promote an extensive program of intercessory prayer and visitation evangelism. Begin with special seasons of prayer for the church board, Sunday-school officers and teachers, the N.F.M.S. Council, and the Prayer and Fasting League of the N.F.M.S. Plan days of fasting and prayer and nights of prayer—yea, weeks of prayer. We must advance upon our knees.
14. That we make spirituality our greatest concern with preaching that emphasizes holiness in doctrine, experience, and practice. Also that the Ten Commandments and the

doctrines and standards of our *Manual* be proclaimed fearlessly, with accent on all aspects of public morals, and consistent Christian behavior.

15. Let 1958 be the year of the mightiest Holy Ghost revival of Nazarene history. May it be a year of climax and of beginning again. Let us cry with Habakkuk, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Conclusion

Our hearts are stirred today as we recall the moving eloquence of Phineas F. Bresee and the rugged accents of the voice of Roy T. Williams as he issued the call to sacrificial loyalty and devotion so stirring as almost to make the dead fall into line. We shall never forget the sight of James B. Chapman as he stood before us in the annual conference of 1946 with broken voice, streaming tears, and heaving bosom as he sobbed out the call, "All out for souls, all out for souls!" Then and there our Crusade for Souls was conceived. God grant that it may gain in depth and breadth as years and quadrennia pass by.

We conclude with a look back to Pilot Point to capture the glow of that first General Assembly. In number they were only a handful as compared with this great company. But the destiny of a denomination was in their hands. Their decisions would determine the direction and the distance to be traveled by the Church of the Nazarene. They were wise in judgment, far-seeing in their vision, and dauntless in their courage and faith. But the product of their deliberations has proved to be so loaded with truth and wisdom that we cannot escape the conclusion that God, the Holy Ghost, was present there as their Chief Counselor and that those men discerned the mind of the Spirit.

In the clear pictures of imagination we see them as they prayed, thought, debated, and agreed on principles that would need no alterations for decades and centuries unborn if our Lord delays His coming. We see them confidently announce the result of their prayerful study and exchange of ideas. We feel anew the waves of glory begin to roll in as the resolution recommending union was unanimously adopted. We can hear their singing and shouting and see them marching while the rising tide reaches its crest. It was a day of promise for us and of glorious hope for hundreds of thousands who have found their way to Calvary and Pentecost through the agency of the Church of the Nazarene for near half a century and who shall, please God, in the era into which we now are looking.

The final picture is of that select company, not in an upper room in Jerusalem, but in a tent at Pilot Point. There seems again to be the sound of a rushing, mighty wind and invisible tongues of fire sitting upon each of them. He who stood to preach was not Peter but another God-anointed prophet and apostle, the unquestioned leader of that elect company. Dr. P. F. Bresee, with a halo of glory on his head. His text was not from Joel but from his beloved Isaiah. Here it is, as inspiring now as then: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged" (Isa. 60:1-5).

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The Quadrennial Address

In this issue we print the Quadrennial Address; it takes up more than one-third of the entire number, and even then it is set in smaller type than we prefer to use for it. I direct your attention to it, not because I want to discuss its content, except in the most general way. My purpose rather is to urge you to read it. It is the address of the general superintendents to our church in its quadrennial meeting, the General Assembly. It is the highest lawmaking body of our church, and includes representatives from all over the world. For Nazarenes, the Quadrennial Address is equivalent to "the President's State of the Union Address" to Congress. This alone ought to make it imperative for every Nazarene to read it.

Again, the address has been prepared with much care and prayer. The men who serve the church in the general superintendency take their responsibility seriously. They carry a tremendous burden for our work. What they bring to us in this Quadrennial Address is not just their passing thoughts. No men in our church know the work of our church as they do. Therefore, they are able to bring to us an address which no other group in our church could.

Third, this Address is delivered at a very critical period in the history of the world. The Church of the Nazarene must be alert to the day in which we live, and this Quadrennial Address will help us do this. It is both retrospective and prospective. It summarizes what we have done and sets goals for what we plan to do. No one in our movement can be an up-to-date Nazarene without reading the Quadrennial Address. Read it, my friends, my fellow Nazarenes; read every word of it!

"B" Award to Drs. Ludwig and Taylor

At the commencement season of 1952, the Alumni Association of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, began making the "B" Award. Since then, it has been presented each year to the two persons receiving the highest number of votes from the Alumni Association. Six members of the Alumni Association are elected at the annual association meeting, from fifteen members which are nominated by the Board of Directors of the Association. These six become the candidates for the "B" Award for the following year. No person can be elected to this award more than once, and no one will be considered for it until he has been a graduate ten years. Thus far, the "B" Award has been granted to Dr. C. A. McConnell and Dr. A. K. Bracken (1952); Mrs. R. T. Williams, Sr., and Dr. Lewis T. Corlett (1953); Dr. John Stockton, and the editor of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* (1954);

Dr. Willis Dobson and Dr. B. F. Neely (1955). This year (1956) the award was made to Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary of the Church of the Nazarene, and Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Ludwig is widely known in our church. As general secretary, he holds one of the most responsible positions in the Church of the Nazarene. He is also executive secretary for the Department of Education, head of the Nazarene News Service, and secretary of the General Stewardship Committee, as well as filling many other places of importance in the general work of our church. Dr. Taylor, besides being dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary, is professor of church

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history. He is also much in demand as a preacher and speaker for various types of meetings. We congratulate Drs. Ludwig and Taylor on this honor which has been conferred upon them. These men have distinguished themselves in the service of the church, and deserve this latest recognition which has been given to them.

"The Mighty Southern Baptists"

I write this on June 1, as the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City comes to a close. One newspaper headline reporting this convention read as follows: "The Mighty Southern Baptists." That is rather an unusual way to put it, and yet one feels that way when he thinks of the Southern Baptists. They are a mighty host of eight million members and have enrolled in their Sunday schools more than six million. At their annual convention in Kansas City, about fifteen thousand messengers and visitors were in attendance.

The Southern Baptists are doing a mighty work for God. They are the second largest Protestant denomination in America, and are alive and on the job. They believe in home and foreign missionary work, and during the present convention planned to enlarge their borders in these fields. They are conservative in theology. They believe in the Bible and vital salvation. Through their efforts sinners are led to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. They emphasize freedom, freedom of the individual and the local church, and yet they are united. They give us a fine example of unity of spirit and purpose, as a voluntary and yet powerful organization. They hold together because of their central emphasis upon the Bible, Christ, and

saving faith. It was good to have this convention meet in Kansas City, and we say from the heart, "God bless the Southern Baptists, who are striving to bring a lost world to Christ." We bid this great movement Godspeed, and pray that the next year will surpass any they have known thus far in the history of their church.

"The Day Without a Cloud"

The Kansas City District Camp Meeting is now on (June 1), and will close on Sunday, June 3. Rev. J. S. Logan, evangelist; Rev. Harold Daniels, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Phoenix,

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Arizona; and Rev. R. T. Williams, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are the main workers. All of these men are gifted preachers and God is blessing their ministry. However, I am not writing a report of the Kansas City District Camp.

I bring to you the thought of the song "The Day Without a Cloud," or "The Perfect Day." Brother Williams is in charge of the singing for the camp meeting, as well as preaching to the young people. Last night he sang of "The Day Without a Cloud," or "The Perfect Day." I have never heard him sing more beautifully or more meaningfully than he did then. Many hearts were touched.

After all, we do live in a world with its clouds, where there is plenty of imperfection. Hardly a day passes that I do not receive a letter about someone who is sick. Science and medicine have made great strides, but human bodies still suffer from disease. Sometimes there are those who lie on beds of affliction, not just for weeks or months, but for years. Some of them are saints of God, and we ask, "Why?" Certainly, their day is not "The Day Without a Cloud" from the physical standpoint. Not only are the middle-aged and the old seized by disease, but the child, and even the baby only a few days old. A cruel germ comes to a life that has hardly begun and seems to wreak vengeance upon it—the baby suffers and cries, and all that men can do is of no avail.

Then there is sorrow, sorrow that comes from the passing of a loved one or a friend. Death is on every hand; its shadow never leaves us. We live in the land of death. Further, there is sorrow which comes from sin which has led some loved one or friend astray. Lives of friends and loved ones have been blighted, and turned from the path of right

by sin—this brings sorrow not only to them, but to those who love them.

I might go on and speak of disappointment, misunderstanding, poverty, and many other sources of distress. There are the fears which beset so many. Especially are they present today because we live in the *uneasiest* world ever known to men. No one knows what a day may bring forth. Many clouds overshadow our living from day to day.

But there is a brighter side; there is coming a day which will be "without a cloud," a perfect day! There is hope for the followers of Christ. John the Revelator gives us the picture of this "day without a cloud," the perfect day:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:1-4).

Here John is telling of his vision of the New Jerusalem: then he follows with these words: "And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Rev. 21:22-27).

Also, in this city John was shown the river of life and the tree of life, "which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it: and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face: and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun: for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 22:2-5). This is truly a description of "The Day Without a Cloud," the perfect day!

The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER
GALLOWAY



Topic for
July 8:

Jesus Is the Son of God

SCRIPTURE: Heb. 1:1-2:8 (Printed: Heb. 1:1-3; 2:1-4; 6:1-3)

GOLDEN TEXT: *God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son (Heb. 1:1-2).*

So fundamental is the fact of the deity of Christ that John says, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22).

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, His word is final. God spoke by the prophets but their understanding of the truth was imperfect and incomplete. Jesus is the Truth and so everything He said is eternally true. As the committee sent by the Sanhedrin to trap Him in His words reported, "Never man spake like this man." Dr. E. Stanley Jones has said, "Since the centuries have spoken against the hours, his words have been found to be eternally true." With authority He could say: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, . . . But I say unto you." He is the Prophet like unto Moses of whom the Lord said: ". . . every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, He revealed to us all of God that it is possible for us now to receive. F. W. Robertson said, "God had a word to spell—His own Name. By degrees he did it. At last it came entire. The Word was made flesh." He is the brightness of the glory of God, the express image of the person of God, and exercises the prerogatives of God, upholding all things by the word of His power. God said of Him: "Thou art my beloved Son." "Let all the angels of God worship him." "Thy throne, . . . is for ever and ever." "A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom," and, "Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool."

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, He is eternal. "O my God," . . . of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall

wax old like a garment; . . . But thou art the same" (P's. 102:24-28).

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, He is Heir of all things. His voluntary death for us becomes our hope of redemption. He has the right to forgive us, and the authority to forgive us, and by His resurrection He has demonstrated that He has the power to forgive us.

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, "who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth"—He was holiness personified. "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity."

Because Jesus is the divine Son of God, His gospel legitimately claims number one priority in our lives. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

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LAURISTON J. DU BOIS



Secretary

The Voice from Another World

The disciples were busy witnessing, telling everyone who would listen about Jesus and His resurrection. It seemed to be the easy thing to do following Pentecost; it seemed the natural thing to do. But as sometimes is the case, their vocal declaration of their faith got them into trouble. There were many who listened with gladness, but there were those whose sinful lives were uncovered by the message which they heard preached, so they sought to put away these followers of the Nazarene.

This time (for there had been others) they were put in the common prison. There, no doubt, they shared the filth and the vermin with the riffraff. No doubt it was the equivalent of our modern "tank" for the overnight drunks and vagrants. But God had not forgotten His own and assigned one of His emissaries to take care of the faithful witnesses.

As the angel sprang the jail that night, he not only gave them their freedom but he spoke words of encouragement also. Don't let this experience silence you, he said in essence. (Without doubt it would have cooled some of us down.) Don't let the command of Christ be lost in the damp of the dungeon. "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the

people all the words of this life" (Acts 5:20). And the disciples went immediately to the Temple and continued their preaching and teaching.

Here was the most recent command which they called to mind when the high priest and his colleagues rounded them up once again. Peter put it this way. "We ought to obey God rather than men." And with that they took off again telling about Jesus.

Some of us would whimper that we must hear a voice from another world if we would go out to witness. "We would go, too, if we had heard an angel speak." But we have heard! The voice has spoken! Greater than an angel has given us a command! It was the Christ of God who said, "Go." And that reaches to us today.

Let each of us attune our ears to this command of God. Let us not be content to be Christians in name only. Let us see that salvation has come to us, not only that we might be saved and be blessed, but also that we might save others and bless others.

God grant that all of us, in God's own way, shall have prison experiences in which we, too, hear the Voice from another world. And God grant that, hearing, we might go out to be bold, persistent, and effective witnesses for Him.



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Prayer Answer—Argentina

You will be glad to know that Mrs. Johnston is getting along wonderfully thus far since her operation. You will remember that she was authorized to be free from all activity for a year if

necessary but, thank the Lord, she was able to enter actively into the work without difficulty in just six months. Of course she is careful, but it is a marvel what God has done for her.—LESTER JOHNSTON, Argentina.

Please Don't . . .

"Please do not send any boxes to us here in Argentina, as we will not be able to get them out of customs. I have not been able to get a single box out since I have been back."—**Dorothy Ahleman, Argentina.**

(EDITOR'S NOTE—Gifts of money for missionaries in Argentina should be sent to Dr. John Stockton, 6401 Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri, and information should accompany it indicating who is sending and the missionary for whom it is intended. This gift and the information will then be sent to the field with the monthly insured check and will arrive safely.)

Answers to Prayer—Japan

1. Land and a building have been purchased and a thriving church is already in action in Kobe. Pastor Mochida is serving here.

2. A much-needed church is being built in Yokohama, after worshiping so long in a quonset hut. Pastor Kitagawa is serving here.

3. A much-needed room is being added to our church at Goi for living quarters for Pastor Toyoda and his four children, through the help of Chaplain Elvin Leavell and his men at Atsugi, Japan.

4. Although, in February, Pastor Sekiya of Urawa was taken from us by death, his son, a young man of about twenty-three, feels God's call to follow in his father's steps.

Rescued from the Veldt

The police brought us a little girl this past week. She weighs less than a normal year-old child but must be about three. It is hard to fathom a little child with such a hard, dejected countenance. The baby has a half circle of human teeth marks on one cheek. One arm bears the prints of the teeth of an ani-

mal. She has several other scars on her body. Both her parents are dead and she is left in the custody of relatives. She was picked up in the bushveldt far from any kraal. Her response to a bit of love and care has been pathetic.

Our hearts are touched daily by the pitiful, neglected children we meet. Ignorance, superstition, laziness—these rob many children of their lives, health, and happiness. They arrive here nearly dead from neglect and starvation. We take them in and struggle for their lives. By the time the child is improving the mother has disappeared. Sometimes our search for relatives has been in vain. This past year we have found homes for eleven children but we have been left with seven new ones. I have been looking after the orphanage for the past several years. From experience we see that the spiritual returns are small from those brought up in such an unnatural environment, but Swazis do not wish to take a small child to rear, if it is not their own. Adoption is unheard of and undesirable. When a child is six or seven years old he can be a help in a home and it is not difficult to place him then. The problem is to care for him during these early years.

My part is no hardship. To teach children to sing before they can talk is a real thrill. I am the "mother" to a dozen or more youngsters, some learning to walk, others cutting teeth. I tend to their scratches and bruises, give them diphtheria shots, and receive and answer all the lovely parcels sent for the children. I am very happy to do all I can for these sweet children. I love them.—**IVIS HOPFER, Swaziland, South Africa.**

ing them for fear. There is a deep longing for the sense of peace and security which our Christ can bring. We must get this message of full salvation to as many hearts, homes, and communities as possible as soon as possible.

For the next four years our slogan should be "Every Church Help Start a Church." This is the time to enlarge our missionary concept. We must all be missionaries at home as well as abroad. A home-mission vision and spirit, rightly and wisely channeled, will do something for any church.

The Crusade for Souls

Our whole home-missions program is dependent upon virile growth among our present church. A church that hasn't grown any in years and is barely maintaining its own existence has little inspiration to help start another church. It must first get over its anemia and begin to show some signs of health. The Crusade for Souls will generate new life in a church that will apply its principles and work at this all-important task of winning souls.

The Crusade for Souls is here to stay. It must always be first of all a spirit, and then a method, through which that spirit may find a channel for service. The Crusade for Souls is the answer for the church without a gain; it is the answer to the revival meeting without converts; it is the answer for Nazarenes who never win a soul to Christ; it is our God-given answer to our responsibility to a lost world. Let us Crusade for Souls Now. During the next four years we plan to bring the Crusade closer to every church and every layman through zone conventions and workshops on every district.

Church Extension

Hand in hand with Home Missions and the Crusade for Souls is the work of Church Extension, for the home-mission church must be housed and the growing church needs adequate quarters. We have made available to churches books and articles on church financing, and have reviewed plans on request. Suggestions for home-mission chapels have been prepared, and plans for first-unit buildings, using Nazarene architects for most of our research.

The short-term construction loan fund that was started in 1947 has doubled in the past four years and now amounts to over \$250,000.00.

Last June 5 the General Church Loan Fund was launched by a church-wide offering. The plan for a new fund for larger, amortized loans has been universally and enthusiastically received. That offering of almost \$65,000.00 provided the base. The fund is now being built by loans to it from the savings of our people and the future building funds of our churches.

The loan funds of the Division of Church Extension provide an urgently

HOME MISSIONS & EVANGELISM



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

Excerpts from Dr. Smees Quadrennial Report

There are four distinct divisions to the work of this department. (1) In the area of Home Missions the organization of new churches is promoted. (2) Through Church Extension these new churches, and older ones also, are aided in planning and securing the best possible buildings. (3) The Crusade for Souls helps the churches to grow out of the home-mission stage, and every church to waken to its responsibilities in winning the unconverted. (4) Through the overseas fields and the Chinese and Negro work in the United States, home missions is extended to other groups and nations.

Home Missions

In the statistical years of this quadrennium we have reached a new peak

in net gain in churches. The 1954 figure of 160 is the largest net increase in our history. It is the net gain in the number of churches that really counts and there was a net gain of 536 churches for the four years, a substantial increase over any previous quadrennium.

We are far from the saturation point in number of new church organizations possible. There are still hundreds of cities and towns without a holiness witness, and many without an open altar. The population of the United States is increasing at the rate of 7,000 daily and people are continually on the move, from the country to the city, from the city to the suburbs, and often in reverse. The times in which we are living are as crucial as any the world has known. Hearts and minds are conditioned for the gospel message of full salvation which we preach. Men's hearts are fail-

Small . . .



. . . but Loyal

You may consider your estate to be a SMALL one, but even so, if it is skillfully handled, it can mean just as much as a large estate to those you love, your family and your church.

By making your will, you will save your family from the worry and expense of settling your estate. It is a sacred duty to dispose of your possessions in a way that is pleasing to God.

When writing your will continue to be a LOYAL steward and remember your church in your will.

Seek the help of a competent lawyer or clip and mail:

Please send information on making my will:

Name

Address..... City.....

Send to: JOHN STOCKTON, General Treasurer
Church of the Nazarene
6401 The Paseo
Kansas City 10, Missouri

needed building revolving fund for the smaller districts, a welcome extra assistance to the stronger districts, and a lifesaver to scores of local churches.

Overseas and Special Home Missions

The overseas fields have in these few years become a vital part of our Nazarene family, and they share the same vision and spirit as Nazarenes everywhere. They have had their problems and their setbacks, as would be expected in any pioneer work, but they are continuing to grow rapidly. We have a splendid corps of pastors and a fine band of laymen in Alaska, Australia, the Canal Zone, Hawaii, New Zealand, and South Africa. To most of these, holiness was unknown before the Church of the Nazarene brought the message. They found it answered a hunger within their hearts and embraced it, often in the face of actual persecution. May God bless these loyal Nazarenes.

Within the United States, and also under the supervision of the general superintendents, the department has carried on work among Chinese on the West Coast and among our Negroes. There has been progress in both of these groups.

Keep Looking Up

By PAULINE E. SPRAY
Sparta, Mich.

One summer when we were visiting relatives, our young nephew kept watching a motto on the wall. Finally, in his fine Southern accent, he drawled, "Grandmaw, why do you want us to 'keep looking up?'"

Something happened to Peter as he walked to Jesus on the water. As soon as he took his eyes off the Master and looked down, he became overwhelmed by his surroundings and began to sink.

If we, as Christians, stay serene and peaceful, we must constantly keep "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; . . . looking diligently lest any man fail . . ." (see Heb. 12:2-15).

If we look down, we are sure to get our eyes on the faults and failures of others. The problems and burdens of our everyday living will overcome our souls and we will begin to go down spiritually.

I read a story of a man who was lost on a great body of water. He became terror-stricken. In his distress he began to pray. Suddenly a great star appeared in the sky. As he rowed his boat as rapidly as possible, he kept constant watch on the star. Before long he found himself coming to land in the very place from which he had embarked. He had kept his eye on the guiding star, and the direction was "up."

As children of the Heavenly King, our destination is heaven, where we will live with Jesus forevermore. If we are to make a safe landing, let us "keep looking up."

ARM OF GOD

By CHRISTINE WHITE

How can I love the lonely,
Cheering and making them glad,
When my own heart is aching,
And I am so weary and sad?

How can I lift the fallen,
Lying beside the trail?
Can I bear their heavy burdens,
When I am so weak and frail?

Yes, there's a way to help them
Until they have learned to stand,
I'll reach my left arm to my brother;
With the right I'll grasp God's hand!

You and your

Morals



Six soldiers were murdered!

On April 8, 1956, six marine recruits were drowned on a night march into the swamps at Paris Island Marine Training Base in South Carolina. They were under the command of a staff sergeant who had been drinking liquor procured on the base off and on all day. He had violated the following regulations:

1. drinking in the barracks
2. drinking while on duty
3. drinking in the presence of a recruit
4. under the influence of alcohol when he ordered the march.

If no liquor had been provided on the base, these things would not have happened. We are partly responsible for this sergeant's crime.

The Secretary and Department of Defense still claim that they can sell liquor on the base and keep it under control.

Therefore, address your letter to the President:

The White House
Washington, D.C.

Ask him to directly intervene to protect the lives of our young manhood and womanhood by eliminating the sale of alcoholic beverages on military posts.

Kenneth S. Rice, Secretary
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS
Church of the Nazarene

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

There are several instances in the New Testament in which demons are stated to be the cause of human physical ailments. Modern medical science does not recognize any disease as being caused by demons. Who is right—medical science or the New Testament?

First, if you mean by what you say about medical science that all physicians today believe that demon possession in Bible times was no more than a physical disease, you made too broad a statement. Second, if it were true that all physicians do take this position as to demonology, I would be inclined to lean on the infallibility of the Bible rather than that of any and all physicians, as much as I believe in them and their service to humanity. Third, he who reduces demon possession to nothing more than a physical disease, as one very good authority says, fails to take account of the following facts: that demons speak; at times possess knowledge beyond that of men; have individualities distinct from Jesus and those

possessed by them; went out of people into hogs and were recognized by Jesus as actually existing beings. Further, it is clearly taught that a person could not be taken over by a demon until that person had weakened and degraded himself by sin. I might also add that most authorities who do away with demon possession in the New Testament sense go a step further and deny the existence of a personal devil. For them, he becomes nothing more than the personification of evil. I do not mean by what I have said about demon possession that we have full understanding of it. But so far as that is concerned, I know of no physician today who would claim that we understand the nature of all physical and mental diseases.

Should a person who has been scripturally divorced and has never remarried be elected to serve on the church board?

I see no reason why such a person should not be elected to the church board if he meets the other requirements. However, we must always bear in mind the fact that a lot of Nazarenes who are eligible for election to the church board never get elected to it. They are either not nominated or, if they are, a majority of the people fail to vote for them.

Will you please explain John 20:23 in the Question Box?

This verse is very similar to Matt. 16:19 and 18:18. We know from the teaching of the remainder of the Bible that these verses do not teach that any man can forgive sins. This is a power that only God has. "Bind" and "loose" may mean that certain acts are forbidden and others permitted. This power the Christian minister was to have only as he based his decisions on the Word of God. Another interpretation is that the gospel minister who proclaims the truth has the authority to declare that

he who receives it has remission of sins, but he who rejects it retains the guilt of his sins. In fact, we have no reason to believe as we study all three of these verses that this power, whatever its nature may be, was given only to Peter, the apostles, or even to all ministers. It seems from at least some of these verses that all Christians are given this power. It is not limited to any single Christian or special group of Christians.

I say that we should be God-fearing people. Then I am asked this question, "How can we fear God if we love Him?" I am saved and sanctified, but I need this to show the boys in the barracks. I don't know how to explain it.

First, sometimes fear in the Old Testament is used as the equivalent of faith, or at least nearly so. For instance, we are told in the Old Testament that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. From the standpoint of the New Testament, we might put this statement thus: "Faith in God is the beginning of salvation." Second, in the New Testament a certain kind of fear has a place. It is a reverence for God and His holiness. We should, as Christians, stand in awe of God and be afraid

to disobey Him. But along with this we should remember that the all-wise and all-powerful God whom we reverence and are afraid to disobey is also all-good. He loved us with an infinite love and gave His only begotten Son for us. When we repent and believe, He extends mercy and becomes indeed and in truth our Heavenly Father. Then we have a love for Him along with our reverence, which includes a certain element of fear.

NEWS of the Churches



New Brighton, Pennsylvania—Recently our church had a glorious revival with Evangelist Wilma Jean England. We thank God for this wonderful young woman; she is "all out" for souls, and fasts and prays for the services. The Lord was present and gave victory from the opening service to the close. Some outstanding victories were won, with a number of young people praying through for the first time; they are keeping blessed and bringing others into the services through the visitation-evangelism program. Miss England was given a call to return in 1957. Our Easter offering this year was the largest ever, \$1,115.00. We thank God for His blessings upon our church. We hope soon to enlarge our present building to care for the increasing attendance.—CHARLES BIVINGTON, *Reporter*.

Williamtown, West Virginia—In our recent revival we felt honored to have Rev. A. E. Collins as our evangelist. He is an old-time, Bible, holiness preacher. From the first service, God manifested His wonderful presence and many souls prayed through in the old-fashioned way.—J. L. KILGORE, *Pastor*.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana—First Church is on the move for God and souls. Recently we had an old-fashioned revival with Evangelist Sandra Cox. Mrs. Carl Cox, Sandra's mother, was also a great blessing in her work with souls around the altar. All Sunday-school records were broken and many new people attended the services, with seekers praying through for salvation and entire sanctification. The revival fires continue to burn, with two cases of definite

healing. We are closing our third year as pastor, and God has given advances in every department. We have received forty-three members, and God is giving us people who stand by old-fashioned holiness and the standards of the church. We are 100 per cent for our leaders throughout the church. If you have friends attending the university here, write me—1735 North 17th Street.—HENRY T. BEYER, JR., *Pastor*.

Evangelist A. K. Jones writes: "Because of circumstances beyond the control of the church I have had a change in date, which leaves me with an open date during the first half of July. I'll be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, c/o Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."



by BERTHA MUNRO

Honorary Degree

Monday:

College commencement season is upon us (as I write this); honorary degrees will be conferred, with citations detailing distinguished achievements. "Unearned" these degrees, yet earned (we hope)—earned by solid merit. Something stirs in me. One great commencement day God is going to hand out honorary degrees—these too unearned, yet earned; work done for love, yet meriting distinction in the eyes of the One who knows.

Tuesday:

An honorary citation pronounced by Christ, I would covet. It would be worth having; He is a wise Judge. It

would be worth working for; more than all else I wish to please Him and win His approval. I know the terms of that award: "Well done. . . good and faithful servant: . . . faithful over a few things. . . ruler over many things." Surely I can qualify. I have a few things to take care of for Him.

Wednesday:

Stephen received a citation—Jesus rose to do him honor—for loyalty to truth in the face of death. Paul was given the prize of his high calling, a crown of righteousness—for unswerving pursuit of the goal, Christ. Elijah was caught up in a triumphal car to receive his degree for effectual prayer; Moses' body was buried by God's own hand; his citation is written in letters of gold—"By faith Moses" left behind earthy honor for a divine commission and a word of promise (Heb. 11:24-27).

Thursday:

Big names these and shining achievement. But Lazarus was carried by the angels to receive his citation—for loving and trusting and shining to the end, through poverty and loss and humiliation. And what a roll of citations, as yet unnamed, in Hebrews 11—for living by faith in obscure corners under stresses and pressures as various as Satan can devise! Again my spirit stirs—why not more ambitious of heavenly honor? (Heb. 11:32-38.)

Friday:

No favoritism in these awards. To sit on His right hand—coveted honor—shall be given to those prepared. Preparation takes time, and it doesn't come easy. I have just presented certificates to honor graduates, and thought as I did so of hours and days and weeks of steady, persistent work. Ability God-given, application their own; so for us all, grace abundant provided, development of that grace ours. "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Sam. 2:30).

Saturday:

A prominent Eastern college president was awarded an honorary degree last June for excellence in three areas: "things of the mind," "strong convictions," "religion in education" (his special field). It would seem to be the balance that is honorable in all; mind and conscience alert in permeating one's environment with Christ. (Matt. 10:32.)

Sunday:

We are not working for honors; we are working for love. The distinction we covet is a place in the choir that sings, "Crown Him Lord of all." His the honor and the glory, for He has redeemed us by His blood. The greatest honor is to lay sheaves at His feet. But we read of "gold, silver, precious stones"—and "wood, hay, stubble." His the disappointment if we fail of a citation.

CAYCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

The Cayce church was organized around the altar of Columbia First Church, February 20, 1955, by District Superintendent D. W. Thaxton, with 4 members. The lot was purchased for \$2,250.00, the building erected, and the first service held on Sunday afternoon, April 24, 1955. The charter was closed that night with 11 members, and Rev. Jack M. Myers called as pastor. District Superintendent Thaxton preached the dedicational message on Sunday afternoon, last October 2, a little less than six months after the first service held in the church. The church is located on a 100 x 286-foot lot, in a fast-growing suburban community; the building is brick veneer, 24 x 60 feet, with an auditorium seating 125. In twelve months, with 22 present for the first Sunday-school hour, the church school has grown to a monthly average of 130, with a record attendance of 164. People are being saved and sanctified in the services; 48 souls found victory in the crusade from Easter to Pentecost. Evangelist A. E. Kelly closed a very fruitful revival on May 20, with 6 members being added to the church. All budgets have been paid for the year, and the church has been on the "10



per cent plan" since organization. The valuation is \$12,000.00 with only a \$5,000.00 mortgage. Membership to date

is 30, and two of the charter members have donated a Hammond organ.—Mrs. V. V. SHUMPERT, Secretary.

Gulfport, Mississippi—Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Chaffin are the new pastors of First Church, coming to us on May 28. Brother Chaffin has completed a six-year pastorate with the Magnolia church. If you have servicemen in or near Gulfport, please send their names and addresses to our new pastor, 2106 22nd Avenue, Gulfport.—FOREST Z. SMITH, Secretary.

Marietta, Georgia—Our church recently had a good revival with Rev. J. O. Fuller as evangelist, and Mr. George Houston from Trevecca College as the singer. Since we came here in July of '55 the Sunday school has increased from 65 to 112 in April. In a recent contest, Miss Virginia Chambers, one of our fine young ladies, was awarded a trip to the General Assembly, with free transportation, and \$50.00 on expenses. In order to qualify, the winner was required to have in attendance at least 25 new people during the contest; Virginia had 82 new people during the seventeen-week period. The N.Y.P.S. attendance increased from around 20 to an average of 42, and the Sunday evening church services were greatly benefited. The pastor has been given a unanimous three-year recall, and plans are being made to erect a new sanctuary as soon as possible. There is a wonderful spirit of harmony in the church.—PAUL W. BEALS, Pastor.

Rocky Mountain District Assembly

The twenty-ninth annual assembly of the Rocky Mountain District opened at Billings, Montana, First Church on Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m. with a devotional message by Dr. Samuel Young, presiding general superintendent. The assembly sent greetings to Mrs. Young, to our missionaries from the Rocky Mountain District, and to Rev. Ralph Meyers of Chadron, Nebraska, father of Mrs. Alvin McQuay, wife of our district superintendent.

The pastors gave encouraging reports from their respective churches, almost without exception. Our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Alvin L. McQuay, was re-elected to office for his eleventh term with a good vote. A love offering was taken for the McQuays.

The ordination service on Wednesday afternoon was marked by the presence of God, as two ministers were ordained—Kenneth H. Coursey and Albern L. Miller.

Rev. Ira I. True represented the Nazarene Publishing House, and Rev. L. Wesley Johnson, accompanied by Mrs. Johnson, spoke in the interests of Northwest Nazarene College.

The work of the assembly was accomplished warmly and efficiently under Dr. Samuel Young's able leadership, and was marked by harmony and God's blessing. The "Rocky Mountaineers" go back to their tasks with greater love

for God, souls, their leaders, their church, and the Kingdom.—ALLEN A. BENNETT, Reporter.

Oregon Pacific District Assembly

The thirteenth annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District convened recently in First Church, Portland, Oregon, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding. Dr. Vanderpool's wise leadership in the business sessions and his contagious spiritual warmth blessed the assembly from day to day. It was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

Rev. W. D. McGraw, Jr., was elected for a sixth term as district superintendent with an almost unanimous vote. Since the close of the assembly he has been honored with the doctor of divinity degree conferred by Northwest Nazarene College, Dr. John E. Riley, president, presiding.

Reports at the assembly showed that the district had made good gains along all lines; sixteen new churches were organized during the quadrennium.

The assembly closed with a beautiful ordination service in which seven young men were set apart as elders. Following their pledge to be true to God and the church, scores of people went forward to extend congratulations, and thus another assembly became history as several hundred Nazarenes mingled in sweet, holy fellowship, looking forward to another year in the Master's vineyard.—E. H. EDWARDS, Reporter.

Butte, Montana—First Church enjoyed a good revival, closing on Easter Sunday, April 1, with Evangelist G. Franklin Allee. A high light was the crowning of a king and queen as reward for bringing the most visitors; the award went to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Baker. Brother

Allee endeared himself to the people with his friendly humor and effective gospel truth, and the Lord honored his ministry with some forty seekers at the altar. We thank God for the progress at Butte First Church this year.—*Reporter*.

Parkersburg, West Virginia—South Side Church has just closed its greatest year. Coming here eleven months ago, we found a fine group of people; with much prayer, fasting, and visitation the entire church has moved forward for God. God has helped us with the church building program until the edifice is near completion. We have promoted two Sunday-school drives this year; for the nine-week drive in the spring we reached an average of 161, and had 250 present on Easter Sunday. Our spring revival with Evangelist Mason Lee was a great success. The ministry of this good man, with his Bible preaching, was much appreciated, and more than 70 people sought God at the altar. We thank God for His blessings.—*IRA E. FOWLER, Pastor*.

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Wakeney, Kansas—Recently our church closed the most profitable revival in its history with Evangelist and Mrs. R. F. Lindley as the special workers. Brother Lindley preached soul-stirring, Bible messages under the anointing of God's Spirit, resulting in more spiritual victories than we have seen during the past two years. Mrs. Lindley's work with the children, through flannelgraph studies, proved very beneficial. We have given the Lindleys a call to return next spring. Recently we received our second unanimous recall as pastor, and we are marching forward for God.—*FORREST WOODWARD, Pastor*.

British Isles (South) District Assembly

The third assembly of the British Isles (South) District, convened at Morley, Yorkshire, at Whitsun, in charge of Dr. G. B. Williamson. Much prayer must have preceded the occasion to account for the great spirit of unity which prevailed. Our newer brethren from the former Calvary Holiness church were with us, and a wonderful oneness was markedly evident.

After the nomination meeting of Friday, the conventions were held on Saturday, each attended by encouraging reports of progress and blessing. Mrs. Williamson delighted all those in the N.F.M.S. convention with an inspiring account of missionary activity in various fields. Her reciting of the scriptures was rich and inspiring, and prompted many ejaculations of praise to God.

The ministry of Dr. Williamson in the Morley church on Sunday was an inspiration and blessing, and seekers found God at the altar of prayer. The business sessions coincided with the spirit of worship.

The report of Rev. J. B. Maclagan, district superintendent, brought, the admiration of all, and he was accorded a very fine vote in the continuance of his office. Pastors' reports were equally encouraging, and we thank God for the progress made during the past year, and trust that 1956-57 will see even greater consolidation and advance.

The ordination service, in which three candidates were presented for ordination, two of these being brothers, brought this great assembly to a close. To God be all the glory.—*R. RIGBY, Reporter*.

Masontown, West Virginia—From May 1 to 13 our church had a good revival with Evangelist Clarence ("Tiz") Jones. Under his rugged gospel preaching many souls sought and found the Lord for regeneration and entire sanctification. On the last Sunday afternoon we had a "sing" which was a time of refreshing from the Lord. In this service, twenty-one people pledged to pay \$1.00 per week for a full year on the church notes—which will give us more than \$1,100.00 on this debt. We appreciate Brother Jones' helping us in this matter of securing pledges. We hope to begin building a new church next year. God has wonderfully helped and blessed since we came here last November.—A. L. LIPLEY, *Pastor*.

New Cumberland, West Virginia—Our church has enjoyed one of its best years spiritually. We have had three fine revivals: last November with Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bush—he is a fine and spiritual gospel preacher; in January with the Holso Evangelistic Party, with many of our young people saved and helped, and new members added to the church; the third was a recent, ten-day meeting with Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter, in which 37 people sought and found the Lord. The church enjoyed its largest average attendance this year, 106, with a 20 per cent increase in Bible school enrollment, and 10 per cent increase in church membership.—JAMES C. TILLIS, *Secretary*.

Washington Pacific District Assembly

With a gracious spirit of unity throughout, the Washington Pacific District Assembly was held in the Kelso, Washington, church, May 23 and 24, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

Dr. Vanderpool's morning addresses were high moments in the assembly. The business moved smoothly under his guidance. Frequent were the times of blessing which came upon the people. It was the district's honor and privilege to have Mrs. Vanderpool present.

Dr. B. V. Seals, district superintendent, gave his report Wednesday afternoon, after which he received a most excellent vote for re-election. His report indicated progress in every department, with a net increase of 300 church members. A spontaneous liberal love offering was given by the assembly after Dr. Seals' re-election.

Dr. John E. Riley, president of Northwest Nazarene College, presented a report of the school's work and an outlook for the years just ahead. Mr. Elvin Hicks represented the Nazarene Publishing House, and effectively presented many of the new publications.

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman was the speaker in the N.E.M.S. Convention, which preceded the assembly. Mrs. E. E. Baker was re-elected as district president. Dr. Roy F. Smece spoke for the church schools emphasis on Monday evening, and for the home-missions rally on Wednesday night.

The assembly closed on Thursday evening with an impressive service in which five were ordained to the ministry.—*Reporter*.

Canada Central District Assembly

The twenty-first assembly of the Canada Central District was held at Hamilton First Church (Ontario), May 23 and 24, with Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding. The leadership and messages of Dr. Powers were greatly appreciated.

Rev. R. Fletcher Link, host pastor, and his people entertained the assembly graciously.

The Spirit of the Lord was present throughout the assembly, and the business and deliberations were characterized by a Christlike spirit and sincere motives.

The annual report of Rev. H. Blair Ward, district superintendent, was greatly appreciated, and on the first

On the closing night, Leslie Cook, pastor at Preston, Ontario, and John H. Holstead, under appointment to Formosa by the general church, were ordained in a very impressive service.

The district N.E.M.S. convention and the N.Y.P.S. convention were held in connection with the assembly. Mrs. R. F. Woods was elected president of the N.E.M.S., and Rev. Roland Stanford was elected president of the N.Y.P.S.—*CYRIL A. PALMER, Reporter*.

New Mexico District Assembly

The forty-third assembly of the New Mexico District was held May 23 and 24 at First Church in Roswell, with Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding. Everyone sincerely appreciated Dr. Benner's spirit, and his messages were anointed of God, presenting a blessing and challenge to all.

Rev. Wayne T. Gash, pastor, and his people, entertained the assembly most graciously.

Dr. R. C. Gunstream gave his nineteenth report as district superintendent. He was re-elected with a very fine vote, indicating the spirit of love, loyalty, and unity which prevails over the entire district. The district faces the new year with an enthusiastic spirit of optimism, conscious of immediate possibilities for advances in several areas.

The closing ordination service, with three young men ordained to the ministry—Howard E. Baldwin, Marvin L. Ford, and James A. Walker.—*KENNETH O. FREY, Reporter*.

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ballot. Brother Ward was re-elected by a nearly unanimous vote. Following the vote a generous love offering was received for Brother Ward.

Pastors' reports indicated growth and development in all branches of the work. There have been renewed efforts on the district toward home missions. The churches of the district pledged over four thousand dollars in a home missionary service. The financial report from the district and camp treasurers showed the indebtedness of the district reduced by several thousand dollars. Also, there has been a large increase in the subscriptions for church periodicals over the past year.

Dr. Edward S. Mann, president of Eastern Nazarene College, reported on the progress, and also the future needs of the college. Rev. D. L. Deeks represented the Nazarene Publishing House, and also reported for the Toronto branch offices.

DEATHS

JAMES H. KNIGHT, son of Rev. and Mrs. Earle F. Wilde, a resident of Big Bear Lake, California, nearly all his life, died at his home in Big Bear Lake on February 26, 1956, from a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Wilma (Cornell) Knight; a son, James F.; and a daughter, Mrs. Nancy East; also one brother, Charles. For many years he was a member of the Wilde-Knight Quartet, who were engaged in evangelistic work in the Church of the Nazarene. He was buried in the city of Colton cemetery, with Rev. Weaver W. Hess, associate pastor of Los Angeles First Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

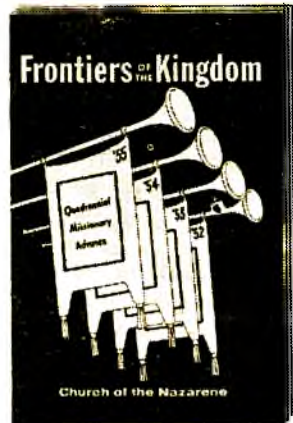
MRS. HELEN NICHOL died December 31, 1955, at the age of seventy-seven. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Madison, Wisconsin. She was a devout Christian and did outstanding work for the Lord in every realm of the church. She is survived by two sons, Paul and Harry.

MRS. K. E. JANE GEORGE of Rockford, Ohio, died February 23, 1956, at a hospital in Celina. She was born July 27, 1871. Converted in late years, two years ago she was sanctified at the Western Ohio District Camp. She was a faithful member of the Rockford Church of the Nazarene; loved the Lord and trusted Him with all her heart. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. W. Bowsher.

MRS. LEE EDNA ALGEE GRISWOLD, age seventy-seven, died December 28, 1955. She was the widow of the late Charles Harper Griswold, who died in 1953. She is survived by a brother, U. S. Algee, and four stepchildren: Mrs. Crystal Whitson, Lewis W. Griswold, Carl C. Griswold, and Mrs. Erma Morgan. Charles, his former wife, Nellie, and Lee Edna, helped to found both American and Mexican Nazarene churches in the city of San Antonio, Texas. Funeral service was held in Hatfield Memorial Church of the Nazarene, San Antonio, by the pastor, Rev. Hearne Spruce, assisted by Pastor Elmora of the Baptist Temple.

MRS. ESTHER WENDELL (nee Hoover), age sixty-six, died March 30, 1956, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She was the widow of the late C. D. Wendell, who died about one year ago. She is survived by two sons, W. H., and Rev. R. P. Wendell, Nazarene pastor at Columbia, Mississippi; three daughters, Mrs. H. B. McCormick, Mrs. P. E.

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Young, and Mrs. W. D. Sheets; also a twin sister, Mrs. Ed. Widdershein.

MRS. LYDIA J. HESS (nee Neuhauser) was born in Gridley, Illinois, June 7, 1885, and died at Coolidge, Arizona, March 21, 1956. She came into the holiness movement in Newton, Kansas, and she and her husband, Rev. Harvey C. Hess, served as missionaries to India (1909-16) under the Faith Mission, Tabor, Iowa. Her godly life has been a blessing to the Nazarene churches at La Palma and Coolidge, Arizona. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Dorothy and Mrs. Esther Prescott; and five sons, Clifford, and four Nazarene elders: Harold of Pasadena, California; Orville of Sublette, Kansas; Floyd of Nevada, Missouri; and Ralph of Durango, Colorado; also four brothers and two sisters. Funeral service was conducted in the Coolidge Church of the Nazarene by her pastor, Rev. Floyd T. Smith, assisted by District Superintendent M. L. Mann, Rev. L. W. Dodson, Sr., and Rev. Paul W. MacLearn. Burial was in Valley Memorial Park near Coolidge.

CARL HOGAN died February 8, 1956. He was born November 14, 1902, near Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and united in marriage to Miss Jewel Lites on December 13, 1924. They lived all their married life in Pine Bluff. He had been a faithful and devoted member of First Church of the Nazarene in Pine Bluff for nineteen years. All these years he served as a member of the church board, and was teacher of the men's Bible class for a number of years. He was a faithful tither and gave liberally above his tithes. He is survived by his widow; three daughters, Emma Jean, Wanda, and Mrs. Hilda Elkins; and two sons, Gerald and Bruce. Funeral service was held in Pine Bluff First Church, with the district superintendent, Rev. W. L. French, and the pastor, Rev. Agnes W. Diffe, officiating.

GLADYS MAE FETTERHOFF, age forty-eight, of Muscatine, died February 11, 1956, at the home of her sister in Mason City, Iowa. Converted when sixteen, she had been a faithful member of the Muscatine Church of the Nazarene for many years, and an enthusiastic supporter of district and general programs. She had at different times filled nearly every office in the church. She left a clear, definite testimony of salvation and sanctification. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Annis Fetterhoff, of Muscatine; and a sister, Mrs. Arnold Stalheim, of Mason City, Iowa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Patricia Bartlett of Flint, Michigan, and Mr. Carl Kalsen of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were united in marriage on May 19, at the Nelson Street Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne, with the pastor, Rev. L. E. Tucker, officiating.

Miss Beverly Hollinger and Mr. Weldon Cramer of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were united in marriage on June 2 at the Nelson Street Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. L. E. Tucker, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Wayman F. Davis of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, a son, Jeffery Neal, on June 1.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Brannon of Elkhart, Indiana, a son, Paul Arthur, on May 30.

—to Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Korody of Anchorage, Alaska, a daughter, Ileana Marie, on May 20.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Everett Norton of Bradley, Illinois, a daughter, Patricia Lee, on May 27.

—to Rev. Kenneth and Marilyn (Granger) Money-maker of Eldon, Missouri, a daughter, Kendra Donelle, on May 22.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Gene R. Cate of Columbus, Nebraska, a son, Ray Don, on May 17.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in California for the salvation of two boys while they are young;

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Chaplain William Wyland Huffman writes the following report:

"We have just returned from the Cuba and Puerto Rico areas, where our ships have been on fleet operations. We have had good attendance in our church services and about fourteen servicemen found God during the last cruise. The temptations are great in the serviceman's life but many have found God sufficient to help them in any circumstance. God has been very real to us of late and we feel the prayers of many backing us up as we endeavor to do His work.

"During this last cruise we had a fatality. One of our chief petty officers was killed when an anchor slipped and the anchor chain snapped. He was knocked over the side of the ship and

dy the chief's wife was completely paralyzed his body was lost. Because of this tragedy she was completely shocked, and became very bitter toward the service, and felt that God had let her down. After some weeks of our praying and working with her, her faith has returned. She explains that because of all this, now, she feels that God is even closer to her and to her family."

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Chaplain Leonard W. Dodson, Jr., writes the following report from Pasadena, California:

"This has been a good month for us at Los Alamitos. We had a number of men in the services who have not attended in the past. Easter was a big day with a number of the men with their families in church. Our Good Friday service was the largest that I have ever had, with a good representation from the officers and the men present."

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so faithfully sent my way. Truly they have been a profound source of blessing and inspiration to me in my many travels during the last three years.

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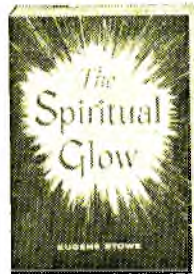
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ALABAMA—Assembly, July 3 and 4, at the District Campgrounds, Millport, Alabama. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. H. E. Benson, Route 1, Millport, Alabama.

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA—Assembly, July 4 to 6, at the Nazarene Campgrounds, East 38th St. Extended, Marion, Indiana. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. J. R. Shadowens, 1215 Quarry Road, Marion, Indiana.

NEW YORK—Assembly, July 6 and 7, at the campgrounds, Groveville Park, Beacon, New York. Entertaining pastor, Rev. A. Stiefel, 73 W. Center, Beacon, N.Y. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. Robert Goslaw, 27 Wilson Street, Beacon, N.Y.

MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 11 to 13, at the Indian Lake Campground, five miles northeast of Vicksburg. Entertaining pastor, Rev. V. L. Ward, Route 2, Vicksburg, Michigan. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. V. L. Ward at address given.

MARITIME—Assembly, July 12 and 13, at Church of the Nazarene, 156 Fitzroy Street, Summerside, P.E.I. Entertaining pastor, Rev. D. R. Morrison, Box 455, Summerside, P.E.I. Send mail and other

items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. D. R. Morrison at address given.

CENTRAL OHIO—Assembly, July 17 to 20, at the Nazarene Campgrounds, Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio. Send mail and other items relating to the Assembly to Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, 2657 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio.

COLORADO—Assembly, July 18 to 20, at the District Campgrounds, 1755 Dover St., Denver 15, Colorado. Rev. George Greiner, 1755 Dover St., entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Colorado District Church of the Nazarene, 1755 Dover St., Denver 15, Colorado.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 18 to 20, at First Church of the Nazarene, 18751 Fenkell, Detroit 23, Michigan. Entertaining pastor, Rev. E. W. Martin, 14329 Greenview, Detroit 23. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. E. W. Martin at the above address.

MINNESOTA—Assembly, July 18 to 20, at the Mission Farms, 3401 Medicine Lake Blvd., Minneapolis 22, Minnesota. Send books and heavy material to Mission Farms; send other mail to Rev. Roy F. Stevens, 6224 Concord Ave., Minneapolis 24, Minnesota.

PITTSBURGH—Assembly, July 18 to 20, inclusive, at the Alameda Campgrounds, Butler, Pennsylvania. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Wm. W. Filer, 201½ Fifth Ave., Butler, Pennsylvania. Send mail and

other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. Wm. W. Filer at address given above.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—Assembly, July 25 and 26, at Covington First Church, 530 Scott St., Covington, Kentucky. Rev. Wm. P. Wilhoite, 2603 Greenup St., entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items pertaining to the assembly c/o Rev. Wm. Wilhoite; parcels and books may be sent direct to the church address.

NORTHWEST OKLAHOMA—Assembly, July 25 and 26, at Bethany First Church, 104 N. Asbury, Bethany, Oklahoma. Entertaining pastor: Dr. E. S. Phillips, P.O. Box 76, Bethany, Oklahoma. Send mail and other items pertaining to the assembly c/o Dr. Phillips at the address given.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA—Assembly, July 25 and 26, at the Indiana University Auditorium, Indiana University Campus, Bloomington, Indiana. Entertaining pastors: Rev. C. G. Bohannon, 512 N. Grant, and Rev. Grant Barton, 731 W. Howe Street. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. C. G. Bohannon at the address given.

WESTERN OHIO—Assembly, July 25 to 27, at the Nazarene Center, R.F.D. 2, St. Marys, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Robert L. Ellis, 316 N. Main St., St. Marys, Ohio. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to Rev. W. E. Albea, 4301 Midway Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.

NAZARENE CAMP MEETINGS

June 29 through July 8. Louisiana District Camp, at the District Campground (five miles north of Alexandria, Louisiana, on Hi-way 71, in Lee Heights addition). Workers: Dr. T. M. Anderson, Rev. Earl Starnes, Rev. H. N. Dickerson, preachers; Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins, singers; and Miss Pat Perryman, pianist. Meals cafeteria style; rooms for rent on the ground, and plenty of tourist courts near the campground. For further information write Rev. Elbert Dodd, district superintendent, 1611 Henry Street, Pineville, Louisiana.

July 5 to 15. West Virginia District Camp, at the district campground (three miles east of Summersville, West Virginia, on State Route 41). Workers: Rev. Ray Hance, Rev. Gene Phillips, preachers; and Warnie Tippett, singer. Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent. For further information write, Rev. H. Harvey Hendershot, 2610 New York Ave., Parkersburg, West Virginia.

July 19 to 29. Oregon Pacific District Camp, at district campground (12625 Southeast 82nd Ave., three miles south of city limits, Portland, Oregon). Workers: Rev. John Logan, Rev. J. E. Williams, Rev. T. H. Stanley, evangelists; Rev. Murray L. Morford in charge of music; Rev. and Mrs. George Saucier, children's workers; and Dr. Kenneth Stark and family, missionaries to Africa, guest missionary speakers. Rev. W. D. McGraw, Jr., district superintendent. For reservations and information, write Rev. B. Martin Gale, Rt. 1, Box 425, Clackamas, Oregon.

July 23 to 29. Colorado District Camp, at the District Campgrounds, on Dover Street, two blocks north of West Colfax in Denver. The camp will begin Monday evening, July 23, and close on Sunday, July 29. Workers: Rev. Bernie Smith and Rev. C. B. Fugett, evangelists; Dr. W. T. Purkiser, young people's worker; Professor Warnie Tippitt, song evangelist; Miss Eunice Phillips, children's worker. Tents and cabins available for rent. Dr. Oscar J. Finch, district superintendent. For further information, write Rev. A. L. Hipple, 1755 Dover Street, Denver 15, Colorado.

July 23 to 29. Florida District Camp Meeting, Suwannee Campgrounds, located three miles north of White Springs, Florida, on U.S. Hi-way 41. Workers: Rev. J. A. McNatt and Rev. Victor E. Gray, preachers; Professor A. C. Wakefield, singer; Rev. C. R. Moore, youth worker; Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent. Rooms and meals reasonable. For further information write, Rev. Paul Say, Route 1, White Springs, Florida.

July 23 to 29. Southern California District Camp Meeting, at Costa Mesa, California. Workers: Dr. Jarrette Aycock and Dr. V. H. Lewis, preachers; The Merediths, singers and musicians. For information, write Rev. Clive Williams, P.O. Box 384, Costa Mesa, California.