

Herald of July 13, 1960 HOLINESS



Dr. M. Lunn, 1886-



Rev. Calvin C. Privett sends word, "I have enjoyed a wonderful year as assistant pastor at our First Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and have now accepted the pastorate of our First Church in Covington, Kentucky.'

Rev. Carl Baker has resigned as pastor of the church in Sidney, Nebraska, to accept the call to pastor the Fairmont Church in Syracuse, New York.

Evangelist Leonard G. Hubartt sends word: "We closed a tent meeting on June 19 in Covington, Indiana-extended the third week, and God gave fortyeight seekers. We raised \$1,350, which will liquidate the indebtedness on six city lots and enable the beginning of chapel erection. God is blessing Pastor Wayne Riley and his people."

Rev. and Mrs. Howard S. Hurd of 144 Melrose Street, Providence, Rhode Island, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on June 11, in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Among those present were their only daughter, Mrs. Ethel McCabe, and family; and their only son, Howard S., Jr., and his family. Rev. Arthur Hughes, pastor of the Providence Church of the Nazarene, was in charge of an interesting program. Congratulations were extended and gifts presented. On Monday morning of June 13 the Hurds left for Kansas City to attend the General Assembly.

..... It's Report Card Time

How proud we feel as parents when our children bring home good report cards! You can tell it before they get home, by the quick step and beaming face. But, oh, how disappointed we all are when the report shows poor grades because of lack of effort or interest on the part of the student!

If I were to receive my "report card" on my work, efforts, and interest in God's kingdom, would my Heavenly Father be pleased to see my grades?

Oh! let me work so I may hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21) .- BETTY POWERS RUN-YON, pastor's wife, Wakeeney, Kansas.

There be many that say, Who will shew us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us. Thou hast put gladness in my heart, . . . I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety (Psalms 4:6-8).

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We Can if We Will

By H. C. HATTON

I sometimes grow despondent When I take a look at it all; For lost souls have groped in darkness Since the day of Adam's fall.

But I too was once a sinner, Struggling through the night; Then someone brought me the gospel, And now I see the light.

My task here is to win them To the wonderful Saviour of men; For to Him I've been indebted Since the day He saved me from sin.

So I'll do my best to reach them So long as He lets me live; But say, I'll have to hurry, For I've just one life to give.

And then, when life's journey is over, And I have a few sheaves to bring, I hope to meet His approval When I stand before my King!

Dr. M. Lunn Is Honored

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Dr. M. Lunn, who is retiring as manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, is honored in this issue. It is fitting that his picture is on the front cover and also for several pages to be devoted to tributes to him. Further, it should be added that those who have participated in this special recognition of Dr. Lunn are but a few compared to the number who would like to have expressed their appreciation for him and his service to God and the Church of the Nazarene.-The Editor.

God's Son: **BEGOTTEN OR** FORGOTTEN

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By ELIZABETH WILSON

In quoting John 3:16, my four-yearold son has somehow gotten the habit of saying "forgotten" Son in the place of "begotten Son" and the thought has come to me that to many in the world He is a forgotten Son.

There are those who have forgotten Him simply by denying Him a place in their hearts.

Others have forgotten Him by just being too busy to give Him any of their

Others have forgotten Him by fixing their eyes on the things of the world.

Still others have forgotten Him unconsciously by letting their devotions become a routine affair.

May God help us, as Christians, not to be guilty of forgetting His Son, but to give the "begotten Son" His due and to show forth our love for the sacrifice paid for us which gives us the more abundant life.

Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart (Psalms 15:1-2).

In the next issue of the Herald of Holiness we will have final General Assembly news, including the elections by the General Assembly, and also organization of the General Board and elections by this board. Watch for this issue.-Editor.

A Human Landmark

For four decades the Nazarene Publishing House and Dr. Mervel Lunn have been inseparable. Throughout the world of Nazarenes and among businessmen of Kansas City, to mention the publishing interests of the Church of the Nazarene is to call attention to its distinguished manager. No man has been accorded such esteem more deservingly.

The term of service, a total of forty-seven years, is unequaled by any other man in general leadership in our denomination. For sheer success with an undertaking, the record is unmatched. From less than nothing the institution which Dr. Lunn has managed has grown until its capital assets are valued at more than \$3,000,000 with an annual sales volume of more than \$3,000,000 also.

Furthermore, the contribution of the Nazarene Publishing House to the progress of the entire denomination can scarcely be overestimated. It is indispensable to the

ongoing of the church. What the heart is to the human body the Nazarene Publishing House is to the entire Church of the Nazarene.

There need be no monument erected to Dr. Mervel Lunn. He has built one for himself. For so long as the great presses turn out "the gospel by the printed page," the Nazarene Publishing House will immortalize the life and labor of M. Lunn.

The man himself is enshrined in the hearts of Nazarenes the world around. For ability to handle his job, for integrity of character, for unselfish dedication to his work, as a personification of the doctrines and ideals of the Church of the Nazarene, Dr. Mervel Lunn is unsurpassed.

For the Board of General Superintendents-past, present, and future—this tribute is given.

-G. B. WILLIAMSON
General Superintendent

I Was His Pastor

It was in October, 1941, that I arrived in Kansas City to assume the pastoral responsibilities of Kansas City First Church. I was delighted to learn that Mr. M. Lunn was Sunday school superintendent, and thus a member of the church board.

Throughout my four years of service with this splendid church Brother Lunn continued in the leadership of the Sunday school, and naturally we worked together very closely. One of the outstanding elements of that period was this experience of fellowship and activity that enabled me to serve so intimately with this great Nazarene layman.

It is needless to state that Brother Lunn was an effective, loyal superintendent. Characteristically he took his responsibilities seriously and co-operated fully with his pastor and all others concerned with that phase of the church. He was the kind of superintendent that was willing to do what needed to be done, even when it was unpopular in some quarters.

M. Lunn was always regular in attendance upon all the church services. Even though his duties as manager of the Nazarene Publishing House crowded his days with activity, he was willing to give generously of his time to the interests of the church.

As a member of the church board his judgment was sound and his spirit progressive. His "tithes and offerings" were brought faithfully into "the storehouse." He was always ready with his witness to the saving and sanctifying grace of Christ, always ready to lead in a prayer that mirrored his devotion to God and blessed our hearts.

It should also be recorded that Mrs. Lunn served faithfully and well along with her husband. She was for many years president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and exercised a fine spiritual influence on the women of the congregation.

During nearly fifteen years of pastoral service I pastored many wonderful laymen, but none more devoted, more faithful, more loyal, or more effective than M. Lunn. At a later time he was deservedly honored with a Doctor of Laws degree and we came to call him Dr. Lunn. But to those of us who knew and worked with him through the years, he has continued to be the same humble, beloved layman who, in our hearts, is still "Brother" Lunn. I count it a high honor to have been his pastor.

-Hugh C. Benner, General Superintendent

M. Lunn-the Churchman

It takes a big man to see beyond his particular assignment. Measured by such a yardstick, M. Lunn is a man of large proportions. It has been my privilege to work with him closely on a dozen or more committees for the last twenty-four years. Seldom did we come to any important decision but I heard him say, "I am for what is best for the whole church." And Manager Lunn meant just that! Although keenly aware of his responsibility—the NAZARENE PUBLISHING HOUSE (his first love for forty-seven years)—he did not weight his judgment in that direction if the church was to suffer at any point.

That, I suppose, is why the Church of the Nazarene could lay its hand upon his shoulder for service in so many areas. In addition to his management of "the House" he was for nineteen years general treasurer—and some of those were difficult "depression" years. For sixteen years he was executive secretary of the Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund and carried a deep and abiding

appreciation for the veterans of the Cross who gave so much of their lives to the establishment of the church. Since 1929, when the General Stewardship Committee was created by the General Assembly of 1928, M. Lunn has been a member; and for more than twenty years, its honored chairman. All of these appointments have been outside his immediate line of duty, as have been many other committees of temporary but important status.

No matter how heavy the load he was carrying, if the General Board or Board of General Superintendents made an additional assignment of his time, his characteristic rejoinder was, "I'll do my best."

It has been this high example of humility, dedication, and the Christian stewardship of all his ransomed powers that has made the name of M. Lunn respected and loved by Nazarenes around the world.

-S. T. Ludwig General Church Secretary

M. LUNN:

Servant Extraordinary

It was a midsummer Saturday afternoon in 1912. A tall, brown-headed young man, newly arrived in Kansas City, was walking the streets somewhat aimlessly, seeking a holiness church in which to worship on the following day. His steps led eastward along Fifteenth Street and then south on Troost Avenue.

Near the corner of Twenty-first Street his attention was drawn to a large brick residence on which hung a sign: "Nazarene Publishing House." There was also a bulletin of Sunday services held there. The name of the church was unfamiliar to him, but he decided that he would attend there on the morrow. Thus, seemingly by mere chance, began M. Lunn's association with the Church of the Nazarene.

He was in Kansas City on a brief assignment for his employer, the J. I. Case Threshing Machine Company, and so could attend only two or three Sundays, but he was much impressed with the spirit and the devotion of the little group of Nazarenes. Another short assignment in Winnipeg, Canada, was followed by a more or less permanent stationing in the Denver, Colorado, office. Here he sought out the Church of the Nazarene and joined the group at the suggestion of the district superintendent, C. B. Widmeyer.

The following summer (1913) the Herald of Holiness carried an advertisement for a bookkeeper for the Nazarene Publishing House. Mr. Lunn was interested and wrote the manager, C. J. Kinne, accordingly, but he was naturally reluctant to give up his twelve-year relationship with the Case Company, in which he had been advancing rapidly from his start as an office boy at the age of fifteen. Then one day he received a letter requesting an immediate decision on the Publishing House "offer." By an amazing providence he received notice from his company the following afternoon that he was being transferred immediately to the Kansas City office. This was a happy turn of events, for by working day and night shifts he would be able to serve both positions for a while, and thus more intelligently come to a decision regarding his permanent relationship. By September 1 his mind was made up. God's hand had led him unerringly to a place of service in the Nazarene Publishing House.

Mervel Samuel Lunn was the oldest of three children in the family of Anton and Mary Lunn, hardy, God-fearing, Danish immigrants who, at the time of Mervel's birth in 1886, were living at Kenosha, Wisconsin. Several years later, after the death of the mother, the family moved to Racine,

MY PREDECESSOR

Before I ever met M. Lunn I knew about his untiring, efficient work for the Church of the Nazarene as general treasurer. When he first accepted the position it was in the days when the income of the general church was small and the demands were great. He was in office during the depression, and it was not unusual to hear his name mentioned in prayer in the services of the local churches as well as around the family altar. M. Lunn had the confidence of the Nazarenes across the church and they often asked the Lord to bless him in his labors.

When it was my privilege to meet him I found that he was a man who did his work well, and asked no credit for himself. He did the work for the Lord and his

church, and to know that it was appreciated seemed to be more satisfaction to him than to be paid for what he did; for when the church tried to increase his salary, it was not unusual for him to decline the increase.

When Mr. Lunn resigned his position because of his heavy obligations as manager of the publishing house, and I was elected to succeed him in office, I found that the records of the general treasurer's office were in the best of condition. For fifteen years I have labored as his successor in office and still I turn to him for good judgment, for advice, and for Christian fellowship.

-JOHN STOCKTON, General Treasurer

where they became associated with an independent holiness church. It was there, in 1908, at the age of twenty-two, that M. Lunn was converted. The pastor at the time was E. J. Fleming, who later joined the Church of the Nazarene and became its general secretary.

On August 27, 1914, Mervel was married to Alma Hoeft, an employee of the Publishing House whose home, oddly enough, was not far from his own in Wisconsin. To them were born seven children, four boys and three girls, all now living in the Midwest.

In September, 1919, he was named assistant manager of the Publishing House, and in the major reorganization in March, 1922, he was moved up to manager.

There has been momentous progress in "the House" over these thirty-eight years. The first major move was the erection of the present main building at 2923 Troost Avenue in 1926. Subsequent expansion projects have increased the floor space to 72,000 square feet, three times what it was when they moved in. The annual production of periodicals has increased from 4,000,000 to 43,500,000. Gross sales have correspondingly grown from \$250,000 in 1922 to over \$3,000,000 in 1959. A two-million-dollar relocation and expansion project is about to be launched.

But being manager of the Publishing House has been only one aspect of M. Lunn's service to the church. He will be remembered as a former general treasurer of the church, in which capacity he served from 1926 to 1945. He is executive secretary of the Department of Publication, and for over

sixteen years headed the Department of Ministerial Benevolence. He has served on the Board of Trustees and as treasurer of Nazarene Theological Seminary from its beginning. He has also been chairman of the General Stewardship Committee since 1937.

Through the years there have been problems and discouragements, but with characteristic optimism Mr. Lunn shrugs off reference to these and talks instead of "years filled with undeserved blessings." "Every day is payday in the service of the Master," he says, with the full heart of one who has given his all to the service of the church for almost half a century.

-J. FRED PARKER, Editor, CONQUEST

M. LUNN AS A FATHER

Dad is devoted to his family. The seven Lunns had a wonderful childhood. Incidents stand out in memories of "our dad." I can still see that long row of shined shoes ready for the family to go to Sunday school, where we always arrived at least thirty minutes early. I still must be on time for services. The boys remember his hours of time spent profitably with the Scouts.

We all love books because of Dad's influence. He was dedicated to his work. A family trip was planned once. Oh, yes, we made the trip—but not with Dad, because the books were slightly off balance.

He was firm and kind, but not harsh in discipline. I had to apologize to a neighbor once for unkind words, with Dad standing by. It impressed me-I never had to do it again.

His children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and grandchildren respect his advice-never given un-

Recently he played ball with his grandchildren. It meant broken glasses, skinned face, and torn clothing for Grandpa, but happy grandchildren.

A godly character exerts a blessed influence. Dad loves his church. I can see him yet barely raise a finger indicating to the pastor that he would carry his share, and more, of the financial load. His children follow his example and love to give to the church.

Most of the Lunns were together last Christmas. Once again Dad literally pulled heaven and earth together at family prayer with his sincere and wonderful prayer. Thank God for a truly great Christian heritage.

The children are proud of good, godly, humble, sincere "Dad Lunn."

-MADLYN LUNN HANCE, Wichita, Kansas

'MR. NAZARENE''

"Mr. Nazarene." Thus Dr. D. I. Vanderpool titled Dr. M. Lunn at an honor dinner, Monday, June 13, in the Red Carpet Room at the Harvey House in Kansas City, Missouri, upon the occasion of his retirement after forty-seven years of service to the Nazarene Publishing House.

Among the fifty-seven persons in attendance were the five general superintendents and their wives (with the exception of Mrs. Hardy C. Powers), all the denominational executive secretaries and their wives, most of the members of the M. Lunn family, and a few other selected guests.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig ably mastered the ceremonies. Dr. Vanderpool, in the "Thank You, Dr. Lunn" address, insisted that the term "Mr. Nazarene"-M. Lunn himself had made inevitable. In spiritual insight Mr. M. Lunn has depicted the pattern Nazarene—a spiritual grasp possible only to one who was both pious and dutiful. As to hard work,

Nazarene Theological Seminary owes much to the thoughtfulness of Dr. M. Lunn. He has been the treasurer of the Seminary from its beginning. His willing co-operation in sharing the facilities of the Publishing House in the early days made possible the launching of the Seminary. Personally, his suggestions and encouraging words have been a great blessing to me as we have labored together in developing the Seminary.

LEWIS T. CORLETT, President

I met Dr. Lunn first when he was bookkeeper at the Nazarene Publishing House and have known him intimately across the years. Twelve years he was on my advisory board, always ready to help when I called upon him. Until his years began to press, he never missed a district gathering. I appreciate M. Lunn.

JARRETTE AYCOCK Superintendent of Kansas City District

It has been my privilege to have known Dr. M. Lunn over a period of forty-five years, and my appreciation of him as a Christian businessman has deepened with each succeeding year. During my period as editor, I found him always thoughtful and considerate. He has been the key to the success of our great publishing interests.

> H. ORTON WILEY President Emeritus, Pasadena College

Dr. M. Lunn, top executive and eminently successful manager of Nazarene Publishing House, annually reported the figures of continuous growth. Then, the dedicated man that he is, concluded with tears: "Remember, you preach the gospel; we get it out by the printed page." Give Brother Lunn credit for millions of pages.

A. E. SANNER, long-time member of the General Board (now retired)

I have found Dr. M. Lunn to be truly an unusual man in that he is always a perfect gentleman. I began admiring him from the first and soon learned that he was a real friend, one who was interested in my pleasures and misfortunes. You meet very few men like him in a lifetime. I feel that I am a better man for having known him.

HOWARD M. KING

Representative of Butler Paper Company

he has been number one Nazarene violator of the forty-hour week. Relative to integrity, profit has never been considered when conviction was at stake. Man of prayer and Spirit guidance, he made few blunders. Congenial in his friendships, he has been oblivious to position—greeting a humble laborer as warmly as any top executive. His colleagues love and admire him—he is feared only by the dishonest.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner made the presentation of a watch and a Book of Memory.

"Mr. Nazarene!" It was fitting that our Nazarene leadership turn from their busy round for an evening of warm tribute. Dr. G. B. Williamson's closing prayer was a thanksgiving for such a layman in our midst for so many years, and a plea for his mantle to fall on us all.

An evening that will live long in memory—it was our Nazarene "march past" to salute our lay general, "Mr. Nazarene."

-Norman R. Oke, Book Editor

HE'S MY BOSS!

For forty years he's been my boss, and in forty years one learns to know a man. This man, M. Lunn, with long, lean, Lincolnesque figure and Christlike character, has guided the affairs of the House for thirty-eight years. For nine years prior to that he assisted in management of the House.

Those early days were rugged ones. While a manager kept one hand on the guidance of the organization, the other was usually reaching towards heaven in supplication for divine assistance. It was a common thing to "pray in" the funds to meet the payroll. Never, however, was a payroll missed. God has a wonderful way of rewarding these men of faith. To join the staff in the early "teens" was, in a sense, to join the family. The living quarters for some (as well as the preparation of meals) were in the building occupied by the publishing plant.

In 1922 the campaign was launched to free the

From my twenty years' association with churchmen of the several Protestant denominations, my observation leads me to the conclusion that the contribution of Dr. M. Lunn to his denomination surpasses that of any other churchman of my acquaintance. The splendid Nazarene Publishing House is a fine monument to his outstanding leadership.

B. H. GADDIS

Dr. M. Lunn to me has always been the highest example of a Christian gentleman; his Christlike character is an inspiration, his courtesy and unselfish spirit are outstanding. The growth of our Publishing House under his management and wise planning is phenomenal making it the great service institution of our church.

T. S. Wiley, former member of the General Board, serving on the Department of Publication

"I am inclined to believe that our acquaintance and business association covers most of your forty-seven years of service with the publishing interests of the church, and this should enable me to be in a position to adequately value your services to

the church and your worth as a Christian gentleman. I know of no one more deserving of rest and relaxation from business cares than you, and I hope that every future day will be filled with twenty-four hours of doing just what you most want to do. On the other hand, you will be sorely missed and the only comforting thought in that regard is that you will not be too far away to be contacted when we are in extreme need."

George T. Aughinbaugh, Lawyer (from a personal letter to Dr. M. Lunn)

A sincere, consistent, and wonderful friend of missions and missionaries is a tribute we missionaries wholeheartedly give to a great man, Dr. M. Lunn. Never too busy to give a friendly smile, a handshake, and an encouraging word when we call at his office, as I invariably do when in Kansas City. Never too busy to add a personal note of appreciation for the work the missionary is doing when writing business letters to the field. Personally, my life has been richer by knowing Dr. M. Lunn these many years. I count it a great privilege to have him as a personal friend and brother in Christ.

PRESCOTT L. BEALS, long-time missionary

Publishing House from debt. This was a time of reorganization of the House and at that time M. Lunn was made manager. The campaign and this managerial assignment were among the wisest investments the church has ever made. Since that time nearly one million dollars has been contributed to various interests of the church by its publishing house. The gross income for the first forty years of the House (1912-52) was \$21,744,211. The gross income since 1952 (eight years) was \$20, 490,703—the last eight years nearly equaling the first forty. Approximately ten tons of paper per

month were consumed in the early years. The plant now consumes nearly ninety tons a month.

Faith, daring, integrity, and courage mixed oddly with a shy Christian gentleness is the picture which House employees have had of their "boss" down through the years. It has been a challenging picture. Thank God for M. Lunn, our gracious "boss."

-ARCH EDWARDS

Superintendent of Production Department Nazarene Publishing House

A Message on Our Lord's Return

His Coming and Our Going

By E. W. LAWRENCE, London, England

The Lord himself shall descend . . . we which are alive shall be caught up . . . ever be with the Lord (I Thessalonians 4:16-17).

First Thessalonians deals much with the glorious hope. Paul speaks of the Second Advent as it is related to salvation (1:2-10); as it is related to service (2:1-3:11); as it is related to sanctification (3:12-4:12) — "called... unto holiness"; "The Lord make you to increase and abound in love... to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God,... at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" as it is related to sorrow (4:13-18); and then to spirituality (5:1-24).

Verses 16 and 17 of chapter 4 speak of His coming and our going, of return and release, of the return, the resurrection, the rapture, and the reunion. There is a sound, a resurrection, an ascension (for we rise to meet Him), a meeting, and an eternal union.

First as to HIS COMING, four points come to the fore:

(1) He descends from heaven, the heaven to which He ascended when He left earth and went back home to glory, after His resurrection. For the space of thirty-odd years He'd humbled himself, and done so to the extent of dying on Calvary's cross. But though wicked men crucified Him, God took hold of Him, raised Him from the tomb, and eventually seated Him at His own right hand in heaven above. It is "from thence" that "He shall come again," as one of the old church creeds puts it.

"Glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory . . . ," He said. The Father did just that. "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine

enemies thy footstool," the Father told Him. The Saviour is so seated, enthroned in regal splendor today. With the eye of faith we see Him there and know for ourselves that He prays for us, and that He is able to save from and to the uttermost those of us who approach Him in penitent faith.

(2) "With a shout" will He descend, as the shout of a victorious Commander in Chief.

No powers on earth or in hell will be able to impede His progress on that great day. None will hinder the fulfillment of His word, "Rise up, . . . my fair one, and come away." When He cried for Lazarus to come forth, Lazarus, who was dead, obeyed. When the Saviour returns, all His sleeping ones will hear and obey His summons.

(3) "With the voice of the archangel" also. Michael no doubt is referred to here. To him especially has the guardianship of the redeemed people of God been committed. Daniel 10:13; Jude 9; and Revelation 12:7 should be read at this junction. Those three verses should then be coupled with Daniel 12:1. The four verses teach that Michael's particular task is to protect the nation of Israel, protect the bodies of the saints, and overthrow the satanic powers as and when and while they resist the pleasures and purposes of Jehovah.

(4) "With the trump of God" also shall the Saviour come again.

In the Old Testament, trumpets were sounded to gather the people for worship, and when they mustered for battle. I Corinthians 15:52 speaks of "the last trump," and Revelation 11:15-19 of the seventh trumpet. The trumpet of the Lord shall sound to call God's redeemed ones to meet the Saviour in the air.

Now a word as to OUR GOING. Five points come forward here:

(1) We shall "be caught up . . . to meet the Lord." It is a decisive act of God, this, as if we were taken by force and removed from this mortal plane. Matthew 11:12 says "the violent" take the Kingdom "by force," while Acts 23:10 shows how Paul was rescued by the Roman soldiers from the mobs by the force of their arms.

Carried away by a force that cannot be controlled—that is the real inner meaning, just as in John 10 the wolf came, attacked the flock, caught the sheep, and carried it away; and in Acts 8, where the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip from his interview with the colored-skinned Abyssinian brother.

(2) "The dead in Christ" are the ones to be caught up, and then joined by those believers who are alive at the Saviour's return. "Together with them" are Paul's three fundamental words.

"Caught up," we shall then "be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye." The redeemed of all ages, from righteous Abel to the latest and newest convert to our holy faith. Together—raised dead and changed living, one mighty army of God, one ransomed host—and no power on earth, no demon in hell, no law of gravity will be able to hold us back!

(3) We "shall be caught up together with them in the clouds," says this scripture. "In clouds" is the best reading, for there is no article (the) in the Greek, as if the reference was not to the clouds in the atmospheric heavens, but rather to groups, masses, or "clouds" of God's people caught away to meet the returning Lord.

(4) "To meet the Lord" in person; for He, after

all, is the Center of attraction on that morning of splendor.

Ap-anetesis, as the word is in Greek, carries with it the sense of going out to meet a person in order to return with him. The word itself occurs three times in the New Testament. According to Matthew 25, when the midnight cry pealed forth, the virgins went forth to meet the bridegroom. Many of the brethren in Rome, when they heard of Paul's presence in Italy, went as far as Appii Forum to meet him. They returned with him to the metropolis. And here in I Thessalonians 4, when the Lord returns, we shall be caught up to meet Him.

It is not just a *single* (one-way) ticket to glory that you have to take, but rather a *return*; for while the Saviour will catch us up and away to meet Him, it will be that in His own good time and pleasure He may bring us with Him when He comes to reign, on that day when every eye shall see Him, every knee bend before Him, and every soul acknowledge His sovereignty.

(5) And blessed be God, "so shall we ever be with the Lord."

In that remarkable sentence Paul includes all that the Bible means when it speaks of the marriage supper of the Lamb, the millennial reign, final judgment, and the consummation of all things. Then shall dawn the new heavens and new earth and the wonderful provisions of the eternity to come; then shall Christ be All and in All.

The assurance of our Lord's near return should spur us on in holy living and diligent service, bring us closer to Him, and inflame us with holy love and compassion.

"Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Take heed, lest you find yourself-

Drifting to Death!

For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think he shall receive any thing of the Lord (James 1:6-7).

On many of our lakes and rivers, where great falls exist, there are boatmen who can maneuver their craft almost up to the very brink and then, with a mighty heave on the oars or a sudden burst of speed with the motor, pull themselves upstream and out of danger. These men all know there is an element of risk to this dangerous practice, for there is a place beyond which it is impossible to escape. Those who flirt with death this way will tell us there is no exact way to know just where

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this point is; that it varies from time to time; that existing conditions such as wind and current change the location of this invisible but all-important line of demarcation.

Often a man on a raft, or a boatman sleepily drifting downstream, will find himself beyond this point. Sometimes a motorboat operator, his engine temporarily out of commission, will find himself in this unenviable position. There is nothing more that can be done. The circumstances are unchangeable. Destruction is inevitable. There is no means to escape going over, to plunge headlong, end over end; finally to be dashed to pieces on the jagged rocks below!

Teach Me Thy Will

By PEARL BURNSIDE McKINNEY

Teach me Thy will when skies are gray; Though trials come, oh, let me say, Thy kingdom come, Thy will, my way. Teach me Thy will.

Teach me Thy will when skies are clear, In happy times when friends are near; May praise for joys Thy name endear. Teach me Thy will.

Teach me Thy will as day by day
Life's little things confuse my way.
I would press on, and work, and pray—
Teach me Thy will.

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To drift in the spiritual life can be equally disastrous, in fact more so, for we are not only dealing with an earthly destiny but an eternal one. It's so easy to drift, to go along with the crowd, to not resist when an unholy thought or action pushes us out into the current. Some Christian folk are drifting and don't realize it, and were we to caution them, their feelings would be hurt.

It is the ease of drifting that constitutes its peril, spiritually. Ease is the opposite of effort; and if an element of danger accompanies such indifference, there is also a fascination that hypnotizes one into a false sense of well-being. Any omission of prayer, Bible study, devotions, or any other holy duty is an omission of religious exercise and is likely, in time, to put the moral nature into a state of semiconsciousness or downright sleepiness. Any effort to overcome this laziness is soon repellent to a nature that is content in religious unconsciousness. Prayer and things spiritual will actually become obnoxious and unwelcome.

The moment progress in the spiritual life halts, drifting begins. So long as the Christian rests on his oars he is going backward. It is pleasant to rest and to watch others work. There is an almost vicious satisfaction in being a part of a church in which someone else is doing all the work, yet the credit is shared by all. There is a fascination (doubtlessly sponsored by the devil) in indolently watching others build, often painfully and laboriously, and then basking in the comfort and security of the finished product. Satan will even find a way for that person to take a good share of the credit for the work that others have done.

A Christian in these circumstances may think he's safe and reasonably secure, but if he ever becomes conscious of his position he will be startled and dismayed at his distance from God, and may find it extremely difficult to make his way back against the overwhelming obstacles of his own unfitness.

One of the most startling and dangerous aspects of drifting is its rapidity. Often, on the surface, there is no hint of the impetuousness of the current of our lives. Even a short relapse can sometimes result in eternal tragedy. A brief explosion of temper, a moment's indulgence in profanity, a second's flash of hatred can be the start of a neverending reprobation. "A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8).

The thing that should impress us the most about the danger of drifting is the possibility that it can be fatal. Negligence means ruin. The Christian who neglects his holy duties sins against God just as surely as the Christian who indulges in wrongdoing. Indolence is sinful and wicked! He who allows himself to be swept along by the world, to be taken in by the whims and fancies of his own pleasure-seeking, is sinning. He who takes up with unchristian companions and is compromised by worldly influences through the love of ease and pleasure is as utterly lost as the wayward prodigal.

We possess equipment that insures the finish of the Christian voyage. It is a strong determination to go all the way with God plus an Anchor that cannot fail. The Christian who is determined, even if it means work and loss of pleasure, to make heaven his home and Christ his Companion will never drift. All of the temptations and influences that attract the indolent will be directed his way also, but earnest discipleship and nearness to God will push these aside. Though the storms of hell may persist, the Christian has an Anchor that will hold!

This Anchor can be put to the test when human effort fails; when tragedy, bereavement, and loss would take their toll. Fiery trials would test the spiritual integrity of any saint. Hope of final victory, final reward, final peace will outride the storm, however, if the believer is firmly anchored through the Son of God and His sanctifying power to overcome. Christ prayed to a prayer-answering Father that His faithful disciples, even though they remain in the world, should be given the power to resist evil, the strength to stand for their convictions, and the separation of themselves from all that would deter them from final glory and union with Him on that great day (John 17).

What shall we do?

Peter said, "Be sober, be vigilant; ... resist stedfast in the faith, ..." (I Peter 5:8-9). James said, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you" (James 4:7). Paul said, "Fight the good fight of faith" (I Timothy 6:12). John said, "Walk after his commandments" (II John 6). Jude said, He "is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless . . ." (Jude 24).

All Things Work for Good

By VEDA GROUP

The first time I saw her she was in her early twenties, perhaps; full of life and hope, and very much in love with a certain young man. She married him, and joyously welcomed the little son who soon came to live with them.

There were problems, of course, and some of them had to do with health. But when something over two decades had slipped by, and I heard one day that she was in the hospital, I was by no means prepared for what I found when I promptly went to see her.

She had been most gravely ill. At that moment she was courageously, but, oh, so slowly, pulling out from the effects of a stroke. She was struggling for bodily control. She was struggling for speech.

She was in a wheel chair, but she could not manipulate it herself. If she wanted its position changed that had to be done for her

changed, that had to be done for her.

"They make me say hard words, like 'Presbyterian,' and 'introduction,'" she told me, plodding laboriously along her row of words, those same words that normally tripped so easily and expressively from her friendly tongue.

"I'm better, though," she assured me. "I stood

up for a second this morning."

It was for only a second. They had helped her, at her insistent request, to stand upright—and she held it—for just a second before she crumpled. But she would try it again—the next morning maybe.

"There must be good in it," she declared in full faith. "There must be good in it somewhere or

it just couldn't have happened to me."

Her boy was coming in from the college the next week. She wanted so much to be at home when he came. She made it too!

They fixed bars all over the house for her to cling to for support. They arranged the furniture so that at every step she would always have something within reach to which she might hold.

Of course she was in bed most of the time during her son's short stay. But how glad she was to see him! And how attentive he was to her!

"This is bringing out more consideration and kindness in that boy than I knew he had in him," remarked a close friend. "Oh, he's always been a pretty good boy, you know, but a little thoughtless and inconsiderate at times."

He went back to school.

His mother continued to struggle valiantly for the use of her body. She went to a therapy center for special instruction and exercise.

She used a walker; then she became able to get around with two canes. Later she found one cane enough. Finally she was able to walk—slowly, painfully; but she walked, without aid of any kind.

She practiced saying words. "If I'm going to say something, it might as well be something nice to somebody, or something that I need to store up in my own mind," she reasoned.

So it was that visitors were met with a smile and some word of praise or cheer. So it was that she stored her mind further with treasured scripture passages and meaningful, singing lines from both poetry and prose. So it was that she grew in inward stature and in favor and affection among all who came in contact with her.

She might have said: "Why did this happen to me?"

She might have said: "Doesn't God care?"

Nothing like that did she say.

She knew God cared.

She knew that if, by reason of many things, this had happened to her, then there must be good in it somewhere, because God works for good in all things with those who love Him.

Her son had been facing a decision it was difficult for him to make. He made it—and the right way.

"Couldn't think of Mother and do anything else," he admitted.

"She puts starch in my spine," remarked an acquaintance who had been somewhat inclined to take the easy road.

Will she gain full bodily control someday?

I don't know; but this I know, whatever may come to her, it will surely, in her own words, have good in it somewhere.

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16).

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die (John 11:25-26).



God Gave Us a Man

No church can survive without the printed page. A church must have a publishing house. The various departments of the work of a church can't fulfill their mission without reading matter through which its constituency can be contacted. It is no surprise, then, that the Nazarene Publishing House was established only a few years after the founding of the Church of the Nazarene.

However, it was not enough for God to help us start a publishing house; He needed also to give us a man, a very special kind of man. Not just anybody would do. He must be a man who was a gentleman, a Christian, a Nazarene with unbounded enthusiasm for our church, and a man with some business training and many gifts which could be developed in this field. He must be a leader, a man who could, a little later, take over the management of a business which was soon to become one of the most notable institutions of its kind in the country. He must be able to get along with the people who worked with him and under him. He must be capable of commanding the respect of the whole church-laymen as well as preachers. This man must also be dedicated to his task, ready to give his best to the achievement of its success, regardless of the cost in time, energy, and self-denial. This is the kind of man God gave us in Dr. M. Lunn, who is now retiring from the management of the Nazarene Publishing House, after forty-seven years of service with it—thirty-eight of these as manager.

Dr. Lunn has always been an active member in the local church to which he has belonged. He has served in many capacities in the work of the general church. His wise counsel has contributed much to the Church of the Nazarene locally and generally. As editor of the Herald of Holiness, I have often sought his advice. More than once he has made me feel that our church paper is one of his special interests. He and the Nazarene Publishing House have contributed much to what success our official organ has had. God gave us a

man, or better, the man for one of the most important positions in our church, Dr. M. Lunn. He is loved and respected wherever Nazarenes are found.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY— My First Impression

Size and Unity

The 1960 General Assembly is now in session (June 21). It is tremendous-I don't like the word tremendous, but it's the only word which expresses my feeling. The 1960 General Assembly is tremendous in size! The fourth General Assembly was the first to meet in Kansas City. It was held in 1915, at the First Church of the Nazarene, located then at Twenty-fourth Street and Troost Avenue. There were but a few delegates and visitors in comparison with those who are present in this Fifteenth General Assembly. I am told by a reliable authority that there could not have been more than four hundred in attendance at any of the sessions of the Fourth General Assembly, while on Sunday morning of this Fifteenth General Assembly three auditoriums were filled, and several thousand were turned away. This means that there were probably twenty thousand delegates and visitors present in the three auditoriums or else turned away. It has also been stated that this was the largest convention, religious or secular, which has ever met in Kansas City.

The Fifteenth General Assembly is tremendous in its unity. The supreme example of oneness is the human body when it functions as it should. The eyes, ears, hands, and feet of the living human organism move toward a single end, under the direction of the head. Paul recognized this when he likened the Church to the body of Jesus Christ. The parts of the body of the true Church function harmoniously as our Lord and Saviour, the Head of the Church, directs them. Our church is not the whole body of Christ, but it is a part of it. Further, the Nazarenes who are present in Kansas

City are only a small segment of the Church of the Nazarene, which now circles the globe. Nevertheless, those of us who are in Kansas City very definitely sense the unity of the people of our church. We are one in body, and this fact is being particularly manifested in the Fifteenth General

By Stephen S. White

Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.

Talent and Leadership

This General Assembly is tremendous in its talent. We are very young when compared with most of the Christian churches of our day, and yet God has blessed our people with unusual talent. One cannot help but be impressed with this as he attends the sessions of our 1960 quadrennial convention. The preaching, the congregational singing, the special music-instrumental and vocal -have been superb. Then there are the displays of the various departments and institutions of our church. They speak of the talent which God has given us. I have been a member of the Church of the Nazarene since its beginning and have attended many of its district and general gatherings; still I am amazed at what my eyes have seen and my ears have heard. The gifts with which God has endowed our people are truly wonderful!

Next we call attention to our leadership. It is of the highest order in quality and variety. At this point we are made to pause and thank God for our general superintendents and all that they mean to our church. It would have been great if all who read these words could have listened to the messages which they have brought to us. God has blessed them beyond measure. Also, there are the various general departments with their executive secretaries-missionary, home and foreign; church schools, with their many and varied activities; educational, with our seminary and colleges; our publishing house, which circles the globe with the printed page; and many other important phases of the work of our church. The displays which one sees at this General Assembly tell briefly but magnificently the story of our church-not only as it is being written by our people everywhere, but also as it is being directed by our leaders. It is no wonder that our people from all parts of the world have flocked to Kansas City for the Fifteenth General Assembly. Here they get the best introduction to what our church is doing under the leadership which God has given us. This 1960 General Assembly is tremendous!

Liberality and Proportioned Wholeness

Our people are a liberal people. This is proved by what has already been laid on the collection plates during this General Assembly. In the three services on Sunday, a total of ten thousand dollars was given. The giving in the other services where offerings have been taken has been in proportion to this wonderful liberality. This is what was expected of our Nazarenes. They had already broken all records for giving in our church during the past quadrennium. Here are a few of the figures in this field: Total giving for General Budget for the quadrennium, \$14,648,245; grand total giving for all purposes for the quadrennium, \$159,000,000. A General Assembly every four years is a necessity if we would move on as we should in the work of God, but there are many expenses involved in such a gathering. However, the needs can be met with such offerings as have been made, plus the regular allotments which were set aside for this purpose during the past quadrennium. As a whole, there are no better givers than the members of the Church of the Nazarene. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!"

Another fact which tremendously impresses me about this General Assembly is the proportioned wholeness of our church. God is helping us to tackle every job which needs to be done in order to successfully spread the gospel of full salvation. We don't specialize on just one thing. We believe in the local church with its interests, the district with its many avenues of service, and the general church with its demands. We specialize in foreign missions; we must circle the globe with salvation. When we stop opening up new fields in lands abroad, we'll sign our death warrant. But we are not doing this. Instead, we are determined to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Still, this is not all. We specialize also in home missions. Our aim is never to stop establishing new churches in the home fields. More than that, the churches which we have must grownot just to become larger but rather as a sure indication that men and women in America are still being saved and sanctified and added to the church. And the end is not yet. We specialize in the department of church schools, with all of its different activities. Here we have the right arm of the church moving with power to rescue the perishing and care for the dying.

And time would fail me to tell of our schools and their far-reaching programs; our radio work with its limitless influence; our young people's society, with its ever-enlarging vision and program; our publishing house, on which all of us depend more or less for help; and other interests. God has called on the Church of the Nazarene to specialize in many phases of Christian work. More than ever, in this General Assembly, I have been im-

pressed with the fact that we have many irons in the fire, and we must not neglect any of them. They are all a part of the evangelistic program in which any church must participate if it is to do God's will.

Progressiveness and Spirit

Another impression which has forced itself upon me is the progressiveness of our church. What do I mean by this? Not that we are giving up or toning down our beliefs or standards of conduct. Not at all, my brother. If anyone who is attending the present General Assembly gets such an idea as this he is sadly mistaken. Everything that I have heard and seen points in the other direction. This great gathering is not promoting backtracking on the great fundamentals of Christian doctrine and living. Nevertheless, there is a sense in which our church is and should be very progressive. It lies in our determination as a church to use every legitimate means for the promotion of the work of God at home and abroad. We are going to keep step with the age in which we live when it comes to using new ways of getting the gospel to all of the people. We are fixed in our purpose not to permit the devil to take over all of the modern inventions. Many of them are of God, and we must and will make them do service for Him. We are no longer in the age of oxcartsthey are too slow for our day. Every means that will make the gospel message more attractive and effective and speed up its journey to men around the world must be seized on and made to do God's bidding. When it comes to methods and means, we are going to be up-to-date, by the grace and help of God; but when principles and standards are involved, we are going to hew to the line and not be led astray.

Last, and most important of all, is the spirit that I feel in this General Assembly. Brother, sister, I wish you could have been here. This has been like heaven to mel "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Back of all that I have said above is the Spirit of God in the hearts of His people. This is our only hope, and it can come in the fullest sense only to those who have been saved and sanctified. We thank God for our church, with its organizations and interest and plans. They are tremendous. But in the last analysis, they are human. They can live and function only as they are shot through and through with the glory and blessing of God. Only Christian experience as the bearer of God to you and me can make all else significant and dynamic. We hear much about the proper thrust of this day, but we must remember that nothing can be accomplished without the divine thrust in my heart and yours. This, and this alone, is the source of true loyalty to God and the freedom of the Spirit which have tremendously characterized this assembly thus far.



REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Evangelism in Rivas Nicaragua

Our revival campaign in Rivas has been a huge success, but very exhausting. We left here shortly after six in the evening and arrived home between eleven and twelve at night. Bill set up the public-address system and took it down each night. The services were held in the public plaza, where we had to build everything we needed. The platform was set on top of steel drums. The Bible school boys got small trees from the woods and the men sawed them into short lengths, sharpened them, and drove them into the ground for legs for benches. Planks laid across these legs formed the seats. They put up light poles for fluorescent lights, and built a bleacher-style, two-seat bench for the choir. The organ and accordions were down in front of the choir. It made a very neat arrangement.

There was remarkable order throughout the services. Two or three guards walking around with guns tended to discourage any kind of demonstrations. One night when there was no guard close by, a youth came running toward the cars with a knife. He was planning to slash the tires, but the guard saw him. He ordered him to give him the knife, but the boy refused and kept running, so the guard fired over his head. The boy stumbled and fell in his fright, but was not hurt.

The first day of our campaign we began with a big parade. It was a huge success. There were 732 people who walked or rode in the parade. Mary Wallace was in charge and did a wonderful job. She had made a map of the streets through which we would be traveling, so there were not only guards walking along with us, but also others stationed at all intersections, so that no one could break through the line with cars or other vehicles. There were nasty names and cat-calls from the side lines, but even these were in subdued tones. As far as I ever heard, there was only one small rock thrown, which

hit the small daughter of one of our pastors, but she only cried a little bit.

The people of Rivas were amazed that there was such a large group of Evangelicals. Not all of those who walked in the parade were born-again believers, but they were strongly sympathetic or they would not have subjected themselves to the persecution which undoubtedly followed.

Our crowds each night have been very good. The smallest group was 341, and the others ranged all the way to 1,000. We averaged around 450. More than 150 made public decisions for Christ. A great majority of these people have never before heard the gospel, and the very fact that they were willing to come and listen was a great victory. God is able to use the Word planted in their hearts throughout the weeks to come.

This campaign was a part of the nationwide evangelistic push, with seven campaigns in progress at the same time. Next week there will be seven more in other centers of population.

Our own activities have been moving rapidly too. Three students graduated from our Bible school this year and will be going out to lead their people in

their assigned areas. We are grateful for each one who secures his training and can be given a spot of service in this needy field -EDNA RUDEEN, Nicara-

British Hondurgs Note

All our annual meetings have been completed and we are getting ready for our conventions and assembly. Four young men and four young women will be graduated from our Nazarene Bible College-the largest class ever to be graduated here. Please remember us in prayer that the revival spirit which has been going through our district may come upon our assembly and continue to spread through the churches .-PRESCOTT L. BEALS, British Honduras.



THE MIND OF JESUS

A little old mouse-colored book, pages brown-spotted, printed just a century ago-not new enough for the space-age science library, not old enough for the treasure room, no gay cover jacket to attract a reader. But its title-The Mind of Jesus-as contemporary as the latest cold-war bulletin, as practical as a standardized test. So I am using it; so perhaps its unnamed author intended it.•

Modern-as for cold war, each chapter closes, "Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind." That too makes sensesense for our troubled day, "at war with itself." (I Peter 4:1.)

Monday

Subjection: "As the Father gave me commandment, even so I do." "Jesus as God-man, Omnipotence slumbering in His arm, chose the servitude of love."

God-pleasing: "I do always those things that please him." "There is a gravitation in the moral as in the physical world. Where love to God is in the ascendant, it gathers round it all the other desires of the soul as satellites and whirls them along with it in its orbit round the center of attraction." (John 14:31; 3:27; 8:29.)

Tuesday
Cross-bearing: "And he bearing his cross went forth." "He carried our sor-

*Thirty-one chapters, one for each day of the month, reorganized here to fit our week.

rows." "Be not over-anxious for 'smooth paths,' leaving your God, as Orpah did Naomi, just when the cross requires to be carried."

Thankfulness: "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth." "Even crossing the Kedron to Gethsemane, He sang an hymn." (John 19:17; Matthew

Wednesday

Commitment: "Committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." "No contingencies can frustrate God's plans; the way He leads is not only a right way-it is the right way." "We little know what tenderness there is in the blast of the rough wind."

"Not my will, but thine, be done." "No hard suspicions as to God's faithfulness and love." "The sick child will take the bitterest draught from a father's hand." (I Peter 2:23; Luke 22: 42.)

Thursday

Unselfishness: "Even Christ pleased not himself." "Selfishness is the great law of our degenerated nature." "Selfishness withers and dies beneath Calvary."

Guilelessness: "Neither was guile found in his mouth." "All reality, no counterfeit. Transparent honor and sincerity, no sinister motive, no underhand dealing." "A crystalline medium through which the clear light of heaven comes and goes." (Romans 15:3; I Peter 2:22.)

Friday

Meekness: "... learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart." "Christ's own selection among all His own qualities for the peculiar study and imitation of His disciples."

Humility: "Knowing that . . . he was come from God, and went to God," then "he riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet." "There surely can be no labor of love too humiliating when He stooped so low." "A proud Christian is a contradiction in terms." "'A low sail' is the family badge." (Matthew 11:29; John 13:4-5.)

Saturday

Submission to God's word: "Iesus said unto him [Satan], It is written." "Ultimate court of appeal-faith does not first ask what the bread is made of. but eats it." "It is a great matter, when the mind dwells on any passage of Scripture, just to think how true it is."

Prayerfulness: "He . . . continued all night in prayer to God." "It is in the closet the battle is lost or won"-Payson. (Matthew 4:7, 10; Luke 6:12.)

Sunday

Firmness in temptation: "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan." "The finest barometers are the most sensitive . . . You may despise the day of small things-the Great Adversary does not. He knows the power of littles, that little by little consumes and eats out the vigor of the soul."

Not of this world: "I am not of the world." "In the world because 'no deserter,' but 'unsullied as a sunbeam.'" "The best antidote to love of the world is the inner vacuum of the heart filled with love of God." (Matthew 4:10; John 17:14.)

"Arm yourselves likewise with the same mind."

(To be continued)



By WILSON R. LANPHER

In Favor of Sanity

Why should an aircraft crew, charged with the safety of many lives, have to be concerned with obstreperous behavior of inebriated passengers? Or why should an airline hostess have to make the decision as to whether or not a passenger has had too much? More and more public opinion is declaring itself in favor of banning all liquor being served on commercial aircraft. And now with the advent of jet flight, bringing cities closer and closer together, the problems that existed from drinking have been made more acute. Recently thirteen prominent Protestant church leaders asked Congress for "immediate action" on proposed legislation to ban drinking on all commercial flights. Among other things, the letter

said, "It is difficult to understand why no decisive action has yet to be taken to eliminate the service and consumption of alcoholic beverages on commercial airlines." They urge the lawmakers to close this "glaring gap in air safety." Within a few days after the letter was made public, a Senate Commerce Subcommittee favorably reported a bill which would make illegal the serving of alcoholic beverages on aircraft in flight. This action brought the bill before the Senate Commerce Committee, where similar measures have repeatedly been stalled in recent years. It is generally known that some companies would like to discontinue the practice, but are afraid of competition unless all companies are prohibited equally. It remains to be seen once more if a wellfinanced "liquor lobby" can enforce its will on the vast majority of thinking Americans who believe that liquor and flying have nothing in common.

After a Twelve-Year Fight

After twelve years of opposition and delays, a decree has been published in Italy permitting a Protestant mission to hold property legally. The fight began in 1948 in efforts of the Italian Assemblies of God to incorporate. In 1954, the Council of State (Italian Supreme Court) ordered the government to recognize the Assemblies. The minister of interior did not draft the decree until 1956, and the president of the Council of Ministers postponed signing it until late 1959 after the National Association of Evangelicals asked the U.S. State Department for help. Just recently the decree was published in the Official Gazette, the final step in the twelve-year fight. Let us think long and well before we lightly take the first step in breaking down the separation of church and state.

"And Blossom as the Rose"

An article carried in the Jerusalem Post, and date-lined Beersheba, tells an interesting story of the wild life returning to the reclaimed desert. With the increase of trees and greenery in the Negev, wild life is returning to the area in considerable numbers. A flock of wild geese was observed in the area for the first time in recent years in the vicinity of Bitha, about twenty kilometers northwest of Beersheba. Deer have drifted down from the north and are roaming the wooded sections of the northern Negev in large numbers. Travelers in the Arava have sighted wolves, which have come over from Jordan. A tenday-old gazelle, which had broken a leg, was found two months ago by Jewish National Fund workers in the vicinity of the tree nursery at Plugot. They put the animal's leg in splints and bottle-fed it.

The Sunday School Lesson

ROBERT L. SAWYER



Topic for July 24:

God Desires Steadfast Love

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 1:2-4:3; 5:15-6:6 (Printed: Hosea 4:1-3; 5:15; 6:1-6)

GOLDEN TEXT: For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings (Hosea 6:6).

The message of Hosea must be understood in the light of the heartbreak in

Servicemen's Corner



From a Chaplain's Annual Report

"This has been one of the most fruitful years of my ministry. Such a wonderful opportunity to serve the young men of our church and our nation as they come into the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here in San Diego, Californial It has been my privilege to complete a two-year ministry here. God has given me at least one soul per day this last year. We give Him all honor and glory.

"All young men assigned to this battalion are interviewed by me, and Nazarene men are enrolled in a class of religious instruction. We meet every Sunday morning after divine services for an hour of informal fellowship and Bible study. This has proved a real blessing to many of the men as well as introducing others to the Church of the Nazarene.

"I preach every Sunday—there is no restriction as to the message we can present. The commanding general is present in every service and gives full support to the entire program.

"Our counseling load is extremely heavy. We turn every session into an opportunity to press the claims of the gospel of Jesus Christ on each man. For some of our Nazarene lads this is a time of stabilizing their faith and drawing closer to the church. The ministry to the families becomes another outreach of our ministry and has proved instrumental in bringing several into the church.

"We have sought to help in San Diego First Church and to press the work of the total church program. I have acted as military adviser to the post pastor and follow up contacts to our military families moving into the area. We thank God for San Diego First Church and the ministry of a godly pastor.

"These are wonderful days in my soul, and I am happy to serve the Church of the Nazarene in the military chaplaincy."—LT. LEONARD W. DODSON, JR., Chaplain U.S. Navy.

Thanks

"I am being assigned to another duty station. I do wish to thank you for sending me the literature of the church. I really enjoy reading it."—DON GIBSON, United States Navy.

From the Air Force

"My husband and I both enjoy the publications which we are receiving. Thanks so much."—A/2C AND MRS. JERRY W. COWELL.

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his own home. Because he knew the tragedy of rejected love and the joy of requited love, he could understand God's great love for backslidden Israel. Gomer had neglected the home, then left her family in pursuit of her lovers. As she was offered on the slave block, Hosea bought her and returned with her to their home and family. No greater human love than this can we find. The tenderness and suffering that Hosea felt because of his love for Gomer made him the man to preach this message of redeeming love to backslidden Israel.

The Great Refusal: Certainly Israel was guilty of "swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery" (4:2). But Israel's great sin was against God, for these outward sins against their fellow men were the result of their lack of love for God. That is why David could cry, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, . . ." (Psalms 51:4). The outward catalogue of sins was certainly not less sinful or heinous, but if they had loved God with all their souls, minds, and strength, they would not have been guilty of sins against their neighbors. Because they left God, God would leave them alonel "I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early" (5:15).

The Great Redemption: Hosea, like his contemporary, Amos, emphasized the need of a vital religion of the heart, not mere form or ritual or sacrifice.

Even though the goodness of Judah and Israel was like the morning cloud and early dew that quickly disappears, yet God was anxious to make them solid and establish them in His love. God's love is unfathomable in its steadfastness and forgiveness. Though we do not deserve it, God would make us like himself.

This is a message for the backslider, but also for the Christian. God desires steadfast love and fellowship with Him. How can we fail to return such love and sacrifice through Christ on our behalf!

To the backslider Hosea says, "Come, ... return ... and he will heal ..." (6:1). To the Christian—let us hear again the message that draws us to the Christ, then bow at His feet and rise to do His will today!

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They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever (Psalms 125:1-2).



How may I explain spirit, and soul, and body?

This is a difficult question, for all three of these words have many different meanings. For instance, according to one authority, the Oxford English Dictionary (1933) presents thirty different definitions and uses for the word body, twenty-five for soul, and twentythree for spirit. Even the Bible uses these terms with different meanings, especially the last two. The biologist and the psychologist of the present day tend to rule out dualism-they look upon man as a unity, and they build that unity around the body. The Christian refuses to accept this latter view; for if carried to its logical conclusion, it rules out soul and spirit, God, freedom, and immortality. The chief discussion among those who accept the teaching of the Bible has to do with whether man is a two-part being or a three-part being-a dichotomy or a trichotomy. Certainly the Bible does use all three of the words-body, soul, and spirit-and it uses them with different meanings at times. It also uses soul and spirit sometimes with the same meaning, or as synonyms. The three Bible passages which are usually considered as pointing most definitely to man as a trichotomy, or three-part being, are Genesis 2:7; I Thessalonians 5:23; and Hebrews 4:12. But the best explanation of the uses of the terms soul and spirit in the Bible-those which signify a distinction between the two and those which do not-is to think of soul as the inner, or immaterial, man as it is especially related to the body, and the spirit as the inner or immaterial man as he is especially related to God. Thus, as some would say, man is an essential dualism, dichotomy, or two-part being -inner man and outer man, or bodyand a functional trichotomy, or threepart being-body, or outer man, and inner man which has two functions, one in relation to the body, which may be called soul, and one in relation to God, which may be called spirit. Thus regeneration, or conversion, as we popularly call it, and entire sanctification, or the second work of grace, have to do with the inner man; and the glorification of the outer man, or body, comes after death and at the resurrec-

I am not a member of the Church of the Nazarene, but I have attended its services for more than a year. There are several questions which I want answered about the Church of the Nazarene, since before I began to attend it I belonged to another religious group for many years. Here are three of the questions:

1-q. Do you lay hands on the sick for the recovery of bodily illness?

a. If you mean by this, do we believe in divine healing, my answer is, Yes. Our Manual has this to say about divine healing: "We believe in the Bible doctrine of divine healing and urge our people to seek to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. Providential means and agencies when deemed necessary should not be refused." I might also add that we quite often follow the admonition given in James 5:14, where the sick are exhorted to call for the elders of the church to anoint them with oil and pray for their healing.

2-q. Do you believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit (leaving out speaking with other tongues)?

a. We certainly believe in the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and we do not believe in speaking with other tongues as a necessary sign that one has received the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Further, I should say that we identify the baptism with the Holy Spirit and entire sanctification as to time and teach that this crisis is subsequent to regeneration—it is a second blessing.

3-q. In 1907, when your church was known as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, did it allow speaking in tongues?

a. We have never sanctioned speaking in tongues. This was as surely our position when we were called the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene as it is now.

Several places where the Book of Life is mentioned in the Bible there is a reference to the blotting out of names. I have always maintained that one's name was written therein when he was saved, and his name blotted out when he backslid, or sinned against God. A fellow minister and I were discussing this point and he claimed that there is nothing in the Bible to substantiate my belief. He holds that when one is born, physically, his name is written in the Book of Life, and when it is blotted out, it can never be

rewritten over the blot. This can happen, according to him, only when one is dead in sin, or has died while yet a sinner, or has sinned against the Holy Ghost, which is unforgivable. Is mine or this other preacher's view sound?

Your view is true according to the Bible. I have checked several authorities, and not one of them even suggests that to be written in the Book of Life means that one's name is placed there when one is born. It is salvation which places one's name in the Book of Life,

and deliberate sin causes God to blot out the name which has been recorded in the Book of Life. Please read the following scriptures in this connection: Luke 10:20; Philippians 4:3; Hebrews 12:23, Revelation 3:5; Psalms 69:28; Isaiah 44:22.



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

Excerpts from the Report of the Executive Secretary To the General Assembly

A report of home missions is the report of sixty-nine district superintendents in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles, of eight overseas home mission districts and fields, and of our Chinese and Negro work in the United States; it is the report of pastors and congregations that have caught the vision of an opportunity for the church in a neighboring community or town and have helped to get a new church started; it is the report of faithful home mission pastors who have sacrificed and toiled, sometimes alone and unnoticed, to plant the Church of the Nazarene as a center of holiness evangelism. It is also the report of what the entire church has done in response to the challenge that our Board of General Superintendents has consistently held before us throughout this quadrennium.

Home Missions

In the past four years, 500 new churches have been organized. During our Golden Anniversary year, 1958, a record 234 churches were organized, one every 37 hours and 26 minutes. Most districts co-operated well in this home mission effort. Special recognition is due the districts that reached or exceeded their goal for the Golden Anniversary year: Abilene, Arizona, Canada Central, Central Ohio, Florida, Gulf Central, Kansas City, Mississippi, New York, South Arkansas, Southern California, Southwest Indiana, and Virginia are the districts that excelled. Dr. John Knight, district superintendent of Florida, and Dr. Harvey Galloway of Central Ohio, led the church by setting out to organize a new church a month for the year. They reached this goal, Florida going over the top with 14 new churches in 12 months.

As we enter the first quadrennium of the second half-century of our church's history, there have never been greater opportunities for home missions. Our districts are better equipped for home mission advance than ever in our history, with home mission boards to select the communities with maximum potential for a new church, with home mission budgets and district revolving funds to secure good property and necessary buildings, with individual churches and zones that will assist in sponsoring a new church.

In a quadrennium focused on evangelism, home missions is important. In a world that has been undergoing tremendous changes socially and economically and in transportation and communication, we are at the crossroads of home mission advance. New communities can be reached for Christ only by new churches. The way we tackle our task will be the measure of our progress.

For twelve years I have been preaching that home missions pays and that the home mission dollar is one of the best invested dollars in the world. In these twelve years 1,860 new churches have been organized and have a present membership of 57,000. This is equal to 56 per cent of our total church membership increase during these twelve years. These churches gave \$8,500,000 for all purposes last year. These figures speak for themselves.

Overseas and Special Home Missions

The overseas home mission districts and the Negro and Chinese work in the United States are under the direct supervision of the Board of General Superintendents. The progress that has been made in these areas has been remarkable and heartening. We now have 66 churches and 2,061 members on 7 overseas fields. South Africa gained 9 churches during the quadrennium; Alaska, 4; Australia, Hawaii, and New Zealand, 3 each; and the Canal Zone 1. In four years the total membership increased 886, or 75.4 per cent. In Hawaii and New Zealand the membership has more than doubled. Four years ago there was only I of these districts with more than 300 members; now there are 4 with more than 400. These overseas churches had an average Sunday school attendance of 3,590 last year, gave \$300,718 for all purposes, and have property valued at \$1,802,934. They are still receiving major financial support from the general Home Missions budget, but they are gaining the numerical strength and the physical facilities that will enable them to become self-supporting in a few years.

Our overseas Bible colleges at Potchefstroom, serving the South Africa European District, and at Sydney, serving Australia and New Zealand, have had a surge of new students the last couple of years and are crowding the buildings to their capacity. They are training the ministers needed for new churches in these expanding fields.

Our first two missionary offerings to reach \$1 million in the Golden Anniversary year made it possible for the Church of the Nazarene to enter Germany. We have all rejoiced in the progress that has been made under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Jerald D. Johnson. This year we have entered our eighth overseas field: American Samoa.

Twelve years ago the first budget set up for general Home Missions, including four overseas fields, was approximately \$200,000. Since that time we have given an increasingly larger percentage of our budget for missionary work. The budget approved for the present fiscal year is \$501,757 and almost one-half of it is for our overseas home mission districts.

Church Extension

The exciting news in Church Extension is about our building loan funds. These began as a short-term fund with a small appropriation in 1947. The fund grew steadily until it amounted to \$205,000 in January, 1955. The General Church Loan Fund was launched with a church-wide offering in June of that year and has been increased through savings deposits of our people and churches since that time. The major growth in these funds has been during the past quadrennium. A wonderful response in savings deposits pushed total loan funds to \$1 million by the end of the Golden Anniversary year, 1958. Now we have a short-term loan fund of \$365,000 and the General Church Loan Fund of \$950,000 for amortized loans, making a total of \$1,215,000 in our Church Extension exchequer. We have approximately \$1,200,000 out in loans to churches today and since the beginning thirteen years ago have loaned almost \$21/2 million to our churches in the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Panama Canal Zone, and Australia, and this without loss of one cent.

Conclusion

When we consider the population explosion, the fast movement of people from one area to another, and sudden growth of new communities adjacent to that we are limited only by our vision all of our cities, if we are to keep pace with the advancement all about us, we must plant the Church of the Nazarene in a thousand new areas during this

and our faith. No one man can do it. The district superintendents and their home mission boards cannot do it alone. Our statistics prove that home missions coming quadrennium. I firmly believe is one of the greatest avenues for the

salvation of souls, and this should be a challenge to every missionary-minded Nazarene to boost the cause of home missions to the limit of his ability. Our future is intrinsically tied to home missions. We must not fail!

NEWS of the Churches

Evangelist Ruth M. Zechman writes that she has some open time immediately which she'll be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Write her, 45 E. Broad Street, Shillington, Pennsylvania.

Waco, Texas-Trinity Heights Church recently set two all-time Sunday school records within five weeks. On March 13, the first day in our new \$50,000 sanctuary, the old record of 135 was broken with 165 present for Sunday school and church service. On April 7, Evangelist W. H. ("Bill") Davis began a revival which was characterized throughout with the wonderful presence of God. On the closing day of the meeting-Easter Sunday-we had 212 present in Sunday school, with most of them staying for the worship service. We give God praise for His blessings.— RALPH E. WEST, Pastor.

Rev. Lowell Bell writes: "After pastoring the Andrews, Texas, church for twenty-two months I have resigned to accept a call to the White Settlement Church, Fort Worth. The Andrews church is now six years old, has a membership of thirty-six, a lovely parsonage, educational building, and sanctuary. I thank God for His help and blessing."

Richland, Washington-This past year has been an enjoyable and fruitful one with Richland First Church. At our recent district assembly we were able to report 27 new members, 16 by profession of faith; also we raised \$31,128 for all purposes, which was a 50 per cent increase over the previous year. Our giving for general interests was \$3,202—an increase of 100 per cent; and giving for district interests amounted to \$3,266. On Easter Sunday all previous attendance records were broken with 374 present; average attendance for the past quarter is 225. its annual meeting last month the Richland Ministerial Association elected me to serve as president for the coming year. We are serving a wonderful people here and enjoying our work with the Northwest District and Superintendent E. E. Zachary.—Cecil Knippers, Pas

Hazel Park, Michigan-First Church recently experienced a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Alvin Richards preaching and furnishing the special music. The church was revived and blessed, and two new families were added to the church. We praise God for the ministry of Brother and Sister Richards with us.-Donald W. PINNER, Pastor.

Eastern Nazarene College

Ground-breaking ceremonies for Spangenberg Hall, dormitory for 114 women, were held Sunday afternoon, May 29, at Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts. The building is to be named in honor of Professor Alice Spangenberg, who has taught courses in literature and composition at E.N.C. for thirty-five years.

Following selections from the college a cappella choir and greetings from the Honorable Amelio Della Chiesa, mayor of Quincy; William O'Connell, executive vice-president of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, President Edward S. Mann spoke briefly.

Professor Spangenberg turned the first soil in the ceremonies. Others participating in the ground-breaking included President Mann; Dean Emeritus Bertha Munro; Dean Alvin H. Kauffman; Dr. Leonard Spangenberg, vicechairman of the College Board of Trustees; and Wesley G. Angell, treasurer of the college. Dr. J. Glenn Gould, professor of religion, prayed the closing prayer -Reporter.

Anderson, Indiana-On June 12 the Fairfax Church closed a wonderful twoand-one-half-week revival, with the pastor, Rev. Howard Welches, as the evangelist. He preached soul-searching messages with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God came upon the services, there were seekers at the altar, and church members moved up. It was the most unusual revival our church has had. Jim and Janet Crider were the evangelistic singers, and truly they are inspired workers for Christ. The Criders are godly singers and musicians. The church paid Brother and Sister Welches' way to the General Assembly, bought new clothes for them, had their car fixed, and gave them a good offering. We surely do appreciate Brother and Sister Welches and family.—Mrs. Charles Mahoney, Secretary.

Freedom, Pennsylvania-Our church recently enjoyed a gracious revival with "The Swishers" as the evangelistic workers. God's blessings came upon the services each night and there were many gracious victories at the altar. The dynamic preaching of Sister Swisher, and the drawings, playing, and singing of Brother Swisher were all of the highest order. On the closing Sunday we had 112 in Sunday school, with a great closing service. We plan for the Swishers to return in 1962.

Jamestown, New York-We recently had a good revival with Rev. Donald Keith, evangelist, and special music supplied by local talent. Brother Keith's ministry was mightily used of God to the salvation of many for whom we had prayed for some time. We were thrilled also to see many of our Sunday school children make their way to an altar of prayer during the meeting. The Saturday night services were given over to prayer, at which time Brother Keith brought messages of instruction in this vital area of Christian endeavor. This revival has inspired new courage and determination in the hearts of our people. In June we closed our fourth year in this pastorate, and the church has given us a three-year recall. We now look forward to a building program to give us much-needed facilities. We thank God for His blessings and appreciate our sacrificing people.-WALTER F. WOODBRIDGE, Pastor,

Evangelist Haven Goodall writes: "For the past few months, Wife and I have been unable to evangelize due to an automobile accident in which Mrs. Goodall got a broken back. But through it all God has been with us, and we praise Him for His love and goodness during these weeks of recuperating. We wish to thank our pastors and people for their prayers and cards. We thank the Lord for the many doors that have opened to us during these past years while evangelizing in several states. We are now making up our slate for this fall and into the spring of '61. Wife and I travel together and carry the full program of preaching, singing, and Scene-o-Felt pictures in black lighting. We will go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write us, 22330 Lanark Street, Canoga Park, California."

Aztec, New Mexico-In May we had one of the best revivals we have witnessed during our four years in this church. Rev. R. F. Lindley, pastor at Hobbs, was the evangelist, and more than twenty seekers bowed at the altar of prayer, including one entire family of five. Brother Lindley's unique and Spirit-anointed preaching, Sister Lindley's Felt-o-scenes, and the ministry of prayer through both a men's and a ladies' prayer group were used of God to give us a real season of victory. We had good attendance from the beginning, and a wonderful spirit of cooperation. We begin our fifth year here in this growing community. We thank God that He has blessed with a constant growth and an ever-widening field of opportunity.—Rex G. Morris, Pastor.

Canada Central District Assembly

Great spiritual blessing was on the Canada Central District Assembly from the opening message by Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding general superintendent. Each session was characterized by the blessing of God upon pastors, delegates, and friends who were present. General Superintendent Vanderpool was the key to the wonderful spirit manifested.

Gains were reported in every department: church membership increased 110, to a total of 1,940; 3 new churches were organized during the year; property value increased \$113,700; Sunday school enrollment is up 310, with an increase of 181 in average attendance; N.Y.P.S. membership increased 75; 3 new branch Sunday schools were begun; and 4 more missionary societies are in operation than one year ago.

Pastor R. Fletcher Tink and his fine people of Hamilton First Church served as gracious hosts. Pastor Cyril A. Palmer and his delegates attended from the first church to be organized in northern Ontario, Sault Ste. Marie, about five hundred miles away.

The N.F.M.S. president, Mrs. R. F. Woods, and the N.Y.P.S. president, Mr. Jack Dobbin, were re-elected in their district conventions with strong votes. Rev. David R. Morrison again assumes the task as chairman of the church school board.

The report of our much-loved district superintendent, Rev. H. Blair Ward, was enthusiastically received, and a love offering was given him in appreciation for his sacrificial labors among us. The unity of our district is largely due to this man of God. Under his leadership our people are seeing more clearly the possibilities for God in this vast district, and \$1,800 more was given this year for home missions than during the previous year. Many large centers are yet without our holiness witness, and by unanimous vote of the assembly we determined to move into them as God providentially opens the doors. Our approximately two thousand Nazarenes, with our many friends throughout this area of one million square miles, covet the prayers of Nazarenes everywhere that we might "spread scriptural holiness over these lands."-R. R. CRIBBIS, Reporter.

The Pickering Musicalaires write that they will be in Indiana after July 1, and have some open time during July and August. They may be contacted c/o Rev. Darrell Luther, 611 Washington Street, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Evangelist Ernest Moore, Jr., writes: "God very definitely placed His stamp of approval upon our evangelistic ministry in sermon and song in our first revival meeting of our assembly year, with Pastor Jerry Douds of Delta, Pennsylvania. We saw the altar lined with seekers and others praying at the front pews in the closing Sunday night service of our Crusade for Souls. Many visitors attended the services, some for the first time. Following this I held a service for Pastor B. Wade Downing and our First Church in Jackson, Mississippi. We thank God for His blessings."

Richmond, Kentucky-First Church recently closed one of the greatest revivals of its history with Rev. H. E. Darnell, evangelist, and Wayne and June Haas in charge of the music. Every service was blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit; seekers came to the altar in nearly every service; the crowds were good, and finances came easily. Laymen, pastor, musicians, and evangelist fasted and prayed, and many times the Holy Spirit manifested himself in a marvelous way. Brother Darnell is an old-fashioned. dynamic, middle-of-the-road preacher, and God anoints his ministry in a wonderful way. Brother and Sister Haas play and sing with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and give of themselves wholeheartedly to win souls. Rev. Duane Landreth, who came to us last February, is a most spiritual pastor, and our church is moving forward under his leadership. God's blessings are manifold, and we are encouraged.-Nannie BONNY HISLE, Reporter.

Pastor Kenneth J. Grandy reports from Dayton, Ohio: "Since our coming here to Northridge Church four years ago, the church has been able to install and pay for a new heating plant in the church, redecorate the church, annex, and parsonage inside and out, also pay off a \$3,000 second mortgage (the balance) on the parsonage. Several good revivals have been held, with recent evangelists being Rev. J. T. Myers, Rev. Jay Budd, and Rev. Buford Battin. Our Nazarene evangelists are the best. God sent us a fine choir director in the person of S/Sgt. Kenneth Gouwens, and we are all delighted with our choir. As a climax, God came in special blessing on Easter Sunday morning, with a new attendance record of 351. Our new district superintendent, Rev. M. E. Clay, brought the Easter message-a real challenge to all present. After the message, Brother Clay burned the church mortgage and then dedicated our new church furniture (pews and platform furniture), and our new Hammond organ (which is paid for). We averaged 242 in attendance for April; last year's average was 139. We are enjoying our ministry with these fine folk, and have one more year on an extended call. We have a lovely nine-room parsonage-it will be paid for by August of '61; and a committee has been appointed to make plans for future expansion. We give God praise for His goodness."

Rev. William A. Turner writes: "After nearly two years as pastor of the home mission church, Memphis East Frayser, Tennessee, I have resigned to enter the evangelistic field. I will be glad to go anywhere, either alone or Mrs. Turner will come with me. She plays the concert harp, accordion, and piano, also has had experience as a children's worker. I have had a number of years' experience as pastor, also three years working with our North American Indians, as well as in the field of evangelism. We are now making up our slate for the remainder of this year; write us, 561 LeMaster Street, Memphis 4, Tennessee."

New Mexico District Assembly

The forty-seventh assembly of the New Mexico District closed on June 2 with a distinctly spiritual, united, and aggressive atmosphere. The assembly, conducted in the beautiful mountain retreat of the district near Capitan, was a time of spiritual refreshing for pastors and delegates.

Presiding over the business of the assembly, Dr. G. B. Williamson brought dignity and freedom into a beautiful union. His devotional messages were of exceptional depth and challenge.

The report of Dr. R. C. Gunstream, district superintendent, revealed a gain of ninety-nine new members, a substantial growth in all departments, a number of churches involved in building programs, and that we are a "10 per cent" district in general giving, with a total giving to general interests of 10.77 per cent. Dr. Gunstream was re-elected for a three-year term with an overwhelming vote of confidence. He is greatly loved and highly respected by his district. Upon completion of this new three-year term, he will have served the church as superintendent for a quarter century, making him the only superintendent now serving with a comparable term of service.

Pasadena College was represented by Dr. Kenneth Armstrong, vice-president. Formerly a pastor in New Mexico, Dr. Armstrong was welcomed and graciously received by his many friends. Mr. Elvin Hicks very capably represented the Nazarene Publishing House, and was a welcome guest of the district.

With renewed vision, devotion, and zeal the New Mexico District enters its forty-eighth year with confidence and determination to advance the cause of the Kingdom.—CHARLES MCKINNEY, Reporter.

Norwalk, California—It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I report our recent revival services with Evangelist Robert Emsley. His exposition of the Scriptures is outstanding and heartwarming. The challenge of his Bible preaching reaches deeply into the life and work of a Christian. The results of his Bible teaching and evangelism are lasting. Brother Emsley also addressed the faculty and student body chapel hour of the Nazarene Christian School of Norwalk. His message was excellent and well understood. The many resulting victories and testimonies were a blessing to the school and church.—Frank Powell, Associate Pastor, and Principal of School.

Evangelist John W. Harrold writes: "The past year has been one of the best of my ministry; I am now entering into my sixteenth year as an evangelist. It has been a real joy and privilege to labor with some of our finest pastors and people. God gave us many souls during the year, with new members added to the church. We give Him all the praise. I have a good slate for the next two years apart from a few open dates. I rejoice today in God's grace that saves, sanctifies, and satisfies. Write me, Box 291, Red Key, Indiana."

Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention South Arkansas District

The eighth annual South Arkansas District N.Y.P.S. convention was held at Pine Bluff, with Rev. Munroe S. Burkhart of Forrest Park Church as host pastor. More than two hundred people were present for the convention.

The special order of the day was conducted by the district superintendent, Rev. W. L. French. After Rev. Bill Jetton, district president, gave his re-port, he was re-elected to lead the young people's work for another year.

High lights of the convention were messages by Evangelist H. F. Crews and Rev. B. R. Kelley, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, Texas.

The young people of South Arkansas love God and are marching forward to win other young people to Christ and the church. The continued blessing of God, the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, and a vision of the task are the wish and prayer of all as we closed this eighth annual convention of the South Arkansas N.Y.P.S.-MUNROE BURKHART, Reporter.

Wilmington, Illinois-First Church recently enjoyed a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. H. Brand as the special workers. Some of the people said it was the best attended meeting in the history of the church; on the closing night the church was filled to capacity. Among the victories was a man near seventy years of age, saved for the first time in his life. Brother Brand's Bible-centered messages are inspiring and gripping, and he and Mrs. Brand present a full program of music, including the piano, organ, Swiss bells, and solos and duets. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Brands with us.-L. Thurl Mann, Pastor.

The Thomas Fowler Evangelistic Party report: "These are wonderful days for us, and souls are finding God in almost every service. We had a great time in Gallipolis, Ohio, with Pastor Vernon Shaffer and his people. Attendance was good throughout the meeting. In Lebanon, Ohio, with Rev. Harry Wilson, God came upon the services night after night with many seekers and happy finders. We had a wonderful time with our old friend, Rev. E. L. Jefferson, and his good folk in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. The Sunday school ran over the three hundred mark, with near capacity crowds every night, and about four hundred present in the last Sunday night service. The altar was filled with seekers, and others praying through by the front pews. At Westside Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, we had a good revival, even though the pastor, Rev. Basil Duhl, was ill most of the time. Souls prayed through to God for pardon and heart purity. We drove on to Michigan for a meeting with Rev. Earl Crane and his church in Ypsilanti; good crowds and about fifty seekers at the altar. Since March we have seen around three hundred seekers at the altar, and God has given some outstanding victories. We give Him praise for His blessings. Write us, c/o Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee."

Pastor Loran Irby reports from Frankfort, Indiana: "Four years ago we came to South Side Church here. The former pastor had done a good work in building a parsonage and promoting holiness. In spite of many people leaving the city and our church because of the work situation, God has been with us. Budgets are being paid every month, the pastor has been given a raise in salary, and our Sunday school is moving along, with many improvements made on the building. We had a good revival this spring with Rev. Robert Watson, evangelist, and Brother Jack Bierce, singer. Brother Watson is a wonderful Bible preacher, and Jack Bierce is one of the best in the singing field. Recently we resigned as pastor, but the church presented a petition signed by many members and townspeople, and after conference of the church board with the district superintendent, our name was presented again, and the church gave us a threeyear call. As pastor, I owe much to my wife, who has given of her time and talent in helping in the work of the church. We have a good Junior Society, with an attendance of twenty or more in each meeting. We appreciate a peo-ple who are interested in every phase of the church work."

Northwestern Ohio District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The first annual Northwestern Ohio District N.Y.P.S. convention met in Lima. Ohio, on May 20. The service opened with uplifting songs by the Treble-aires Trio from Olivet Nazarene College, followed by an inspiring message from Dr. John Cotner, also of Olivet College.

Elected to serve for the coming year were: Glenn R. Evans, president; Verl Ballmer, vice-president; Robert McNeely, secretary; E. Leo Chance, treasurer; with Linda Miller and Paul Waldfogel as teen-age representatives to the council. Elected as delegates to the General Convention were-Glenn Evans, Verl Ballmer, and E. Leo Chance, ministerial; Linda Miller, Bob Milburn, and Timothy Spackey, lay.

The Olivet Nazarene College scholarship awards of one hundred dollars each went this year to three seniors: Jim Williams, New Hampshire; Tom Little, Wapakoneta; and Ralph Williams, To-

ledo Douglas Road.

Of the registered attendance of 249, there were 123 teen-agers and 40 pastors.

The day concluded with an inspiring service with the Olivet College trio and Dr. Cotner speaking.-M. E. Moore, Re-

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Hamilton, Ohio-Millville Avenue Church recently concluded one of the most successful revivals of its history, under the ministry of Evangelist H. B. Garvin. The church had been praying for months for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and truly this was a re-vival that was prayed down. The church is remaining constant in prayer, and the revival spirit continues. Many people have responded to the spiritual awakening. We greatly appreciated the God-honoring ministry of Evangelist H. B. Garvin. He has a rich ministry, accompanied by a sweet and tender spirit as he presents the truth of God. We give God praise for His blessings.—Ada Smalley, Secretary.

Inglewood, California-A farewell dinner was given in May in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Hertenstein, who have served our church so faithfully for the past nine years. Their ministry has been unequaled. Brother Hertenstein has a deep passion for missions, and through his efforts we are supporting Mrs. Bessie Grose and Jane in Portuguese East Africa. With an average membership of 100 for the nine years, Brother Hertenstein has been responsible for giving about twenty thousand dollars for missions, without any extra pull. Mrs. Hertenstein has excelled at the piano, and also organized a girls' sextet. Brother and Sister Hertenstein have been in the ministry for forty-one years and feel the need of a rest and temporary leave from the pulpit-after pastoring churches in Oregon, Indiana, Illinois, Colorado, and California. Their address now is 13262 Sandra Place, Garden Grove, California.-Reporter.

Linden, Michigan-The Argentine congregation worshiped in our new sanctuary on Easter Sunday with 190 present in Sunday school (a new record), and more than two hundred in the morning worship service. Work was begun on the new sanctuary in May of 1959; untold hours of labor by members, friends, and the pastor have culminated in the

beautiful building we now have. The new sanctuary is constructed of blond brick and block, with an open truss ceiling. The over-all measurements are 52 x 84 feet. A large stained-glass window sheds light from the east, and beautiful planters of stone complement the interior. The structure has a commodious nursery and adequate rest rooms, with the entire building made comfortable, even on the coldest day, by a perimeter heating system. The exterior, to be completed, will be landscaped, complete with planters, a large cross at the front of the edifice, and ample parking space. God has blessed our church in many ways, and we are enjoying the ministry of our good pastor, Rev. Ron Pelton; we have extended him a call for another three years .-Reporter.

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Deaths LENNIE FARMER was born July 17, 1894, In Campbellsville, Kentucky, and died March 15, 1960, at Marseilles, Illinois. On March 1, 1916, he was united in marriage to Letty Reed. He was an active member of the Marseilles Church of the Nazarene for twenty-eight years; served as Sunday school superintendent for twenty years, as a trustee, prayer and fasting leader, and was a faithful worker until he became ill. He will be long remembered for his love for God and the church, and his tireless efhe became ill. He will be long remembered for his love for God and the church, and his tireless efforts for the Kingdom. He is survived by his wife, Letty; two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Campbell and Mrs. Doris Burris; two sons, David and Forrest; also two brothers and two sisters. He was preceded in death by two sons and an infant daughter. Funeral service was held in the Marseilles church, with the nastor Rev. Cainan Dale officiating assisted by pastor, Rev. Cainan Dale, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. Silvers, former pastor. Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery, Marseilles.

MRS. LOIS NIELL (nee Hurst) died March 24, 1960. She was converted in 1905, sanctified in 1907, and joined the Holiness Church of Christ, which united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1908. She lived a beautiful, busy, Christian life. Her early years were spent in teaching; later she married Rev. W. V. Niell and faithfully helped him in the pastorate until her death. She is survived by her husband, Rev. W. V. Niell, of Many, Louisiana; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Stockton and Mrs. Esta Radebaugh; three brothers, Ross, Clyde, and Calvin Hurst. Funeral service was conducted in the Many Church of the Nazarene, by District Superintendent Dan Perryman, assisted by the pastor, Rev. Ray Atwood. Interment was in Fort Jessup Cemetery, near her home. Atwood. Internear her home.

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MRS. ETHEL H. CHESBROUGH (nee Adams) was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, April 23, 1891, and died September 1, 1959. On February 12, 1916, she was united in marriage to Ralph Allan Chesbrough; he preceded her in death by four years. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Fitchburg, and a devout Christian. She served the church in many capacities, including member of the church board, member of the church choir, and Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Nettie H. Adams; two daughters: Mrs. Clarence (Ruby) Oberg, of Farnam, Nebraska; and Mrs. T. Wm. (Dorothy) Bartlett, of London, Ontario; one brother, Dr. Edward A. Adams; and three sisters, Mrs. Esther A. Thatcher, Alice O. Adams, and Mrs. Clarice A. Wheeler. Funeral service was held in Fitchburg, conducted by Rev. Curtis L. Stanley, a former pastor, assisted by Rev. Ranceford Webb, with burial in Forest Hill Cemetery.

HOUSTON K. MATHIANAS, age fifty-seven, loved and respected member of the Church of the Nazarene in Stockdale, Pennsylvanla, died suddenly on March 5, 1960. He became a Christian early In life and united with the church when very young. He served thirty years or more as a member of the He served thirty years or more as a member of the official board, and was church treasurer the last fifteen years of his life. He was a faithful Christian, and his influence will live on. He was a devoted husband and a wonderful father. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Kenneth; two daughters, Mary Margaret Kelly and Edna Lorraine Gregg; two brothers, Joseph and Jimmy; and one sister, Mrs. Eleanor Sanders. Funeral service was held in the Stockdale church by his pastor, Rev. Leo Hastie, assisted by Rev. Lawrence Hastie, a former pastor. Interment was in the Mt. Tabor Cemetery, near Stockdale. near Stockdale.

WILLIAM LEE SHAW was born May 25, 1896, in Abilene, Texas, and died March 9, 1960, in



Wewoka, Oklahoma, after a prolonged illness. He was united in marriage to Fanny Dora Holiday in 1923. He was converted and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1937. He was a faithful and beloved brother in the church, an outstanding layman, always willing to help advance the church he loved so much. He is survived by his wife, Fanny; five brothers: W. S., J. O., U. O., A. W., and A. K. Shaw; also one sister, Mrs. L. A. Dillard. Funeral service was held in Konawa, Oklahoma, with Rev. Mr. Carroll, Rev. Grady Gibson, and Rev. H. E. Oxford, all assisting in the service.

PHILENA GRIFFIN was born December 6, 1865, in South Porland, Maine, and died March 9, 1960. She was the sister of the late Rev. Charles W. Griffin, and aunt of Mrs. Elwood Munger. She was a beautiful Christian, and when able was very active in the church. Funeral service was conducted at First Church, Glendale, California, by her former pastor, Dr. Henry B. Wallin, assisted by the Reverend Mr. Elmore and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Higgins.

LEONARD F. PETERS, age fifty-three, died in a hospital at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on March 25. He was converted and sanctified in the East Donora Mission in 1939, and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Spring Hill, West Virginia, in 1940. In 1946 he joined the Terrace Church of the Nazarene in Pennsylvania, where he served faithfully until his death. He had a fine, consecrated sprirt, was a Kingdom builder, and will be sadly missed by his many friends. He is survived by his wife, Ruth F.; two sons at home, Leonard and Walter; a married son, Ronald. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. B. B. Conner, assisted by Rev. L. J. Dunham, with interment in the Jefferson Memorial Park Cemetery, Pleasant Hills, Pennsylvania.

MRS. MARGARET E. LILES, age seventy-one, of Fort Smith, Arkansas, died March 29 in a local hospital after a brief illness. She was a member of Central Church of the Nazarene for the past twenty years, having been in the church for forty-five years. She is survived by her husband, W. J. Liles; two sons, Bill and Paul; four daughters, Mrs. Irene Higglins, Mrs. Helen Harris, Mrs. Marie Mitchel, and Louise Liles; also two sisters, Mrs. Agnes Slaughter and Mrs. Nellie Lytle. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Livingston.

Announcements WEDDING BELLS

Lorna Delorls Heare and Joel Keith Hamilton of Charleston, West Virginia, were united in marriage on June 10 at Southeast Church of the Nazarene, Charleston, with Rev. James A. Hamilton, father of the bridegroom, officiating.

Joan Isabelle Wagg and Patrick Urvie Cookson were united in marriage on June 5 at Harper, Oregon, with Rev. Sanford J. Wagg, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. Maynord Norvell.

Norma Jean Fisher and Ronald Rex Bertalotto were united in marriage on May 22 at Harper, Oregon, with Rev. Sanford J. Wagg officiating.

Vernia Lou Huffacker and Byron J. Johnston, Jr., both of Colorado Springs, Colorado, were united in marriage on June 11 in Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Colorado Springs, by their pastor, Rev. E. R. Verbeck.

Donna Evelyn Anderson of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Donald Ray Browning of Man, West Virginia, were united in marriage on June 9 with Rev. Vane M. Anderson, father of the bride, officiating.

Miss Emma Lee Nelson and 2/Lt. Walter E. Miller of Panama City, Florida, were united in marriage on June 10 at the Church of the Nazarene in Panama City with the pastor, Rev. Wallace Bell, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Salisbury of Three Rivers, Michigan, a daughter, Arla Kay, on June 7.

—to Loren and Harriett (Dickinson) Kranich of Dearborn, Michigan, a son, James Donald, on

—to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne E. Foore of Pontiac, Michigan, a daughter, Margaret Ann, on June 9.

—to Duane and Donna (Witcher) Gardner of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a son, Darrell Lee, on June 3.

—to Jerry and Grace (Franklin) Brackett of Rufus, Oregon, a daughter, Sherry Jo Lynn, on April 17.

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by a Christlan mother in Pennsylvania for her daughter about to make an unfortunate marriage, that the daughter may get back to God; by a Christian lady in Oregon 'Yor myself and family' —an unsaved husband and six children, a daughter-in-law and son-in-law—that each one may seek and find God's will and especially for a daughter away from home and out in sin, also for a revival in their local church.

Nazarene Camp Meetings

July 15 to 24—Michigan District Camp, Indian Lake, Vicksburg, Michigan. Workers: Dr. Ray Hance and Dr. Orville Jenkins, evangelists; Professor Gerald Moore, singer. Dr. Orville L. Maish, district superintendent. For reservations, write Rev. Hugh Putnam, 665 Court St., Caro, Michigan; he is in charge of camp meeting entertainment.

July 18 to 24—Missouri District Camp, Pinecrest Camp, Fredericktown, Missouri. Workers: Dr. W. T. Purkiser and Rev. James Crabtree, preachers; Professor Ray Moore, singer; Rev. and Mrs. Udell Moss, children's workers. Dr. E. D. Simpson, district superintendent, director. For information write, District Headquarters, 12 Ridge Line Drive, St. Louis 22, Missouri.

July 22 to 31—Georgia District Camp; one mile east of Adrian, Georgia, on Hi-way 80. Workers: Rev. C. B. Fugett and Dr. Mendell Taylor, preachers; Professor Paul Qualls, singer. Dr. Mack Anderson, district superintendent, camp director. For further information, wite, Rev. H. J. Eason, 5001 Jasmine Ave., Savannah, Georgia.

August 5 to 14-Southwest Oklahoma District Camp, at Anadarko, Oklahoma (campground 3½ miles west of Anadarko, on Hiway 9). Workers: Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, Rev. Daniel Stafford, preach-ers; Rev. Joe L. Bean, Jr., singer. Rev. W. T. Johnson, district superintendent, director.

August 5 through 14-Washington & Philadelphia August 5 through 14—Washington & Philadelphia District Camp Meeting, at North East, Maryland (between Baltimore and Wilmington, Delaware, on Route 40). Workers: Dr. L. T. Corlett, Rev. Paul Kindschi, Dr. Wm. Greathouse; Dr. John Cochran, missionary; Professor Paul Qualls, singer; Grace Bertolet, musician; Mrs. Wm. Snyder, children's worker. Dr. E. E. Grosse, superintendent of Washington District; and Rev. Wm. C. Allshouse, superintendent of Philadelphia District. For information write the camp manager, Rev. Boyd Long, c/o Nazarene Camp, North East, Maryland; or 305 Euclid Ave., Trenton, New Jersey.

August 8 to 14—Iowa District Camp, at Nazarene Campgrounds, West Des Moines, Iowa. Workers: Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Rev. Don Scarlett, and The Speer Family. Dr. Gene E. Phillips, district superintendent. For information write the host pastor, Rev. C. E. Stanley, 2009 Beaver, Des Moines, Iowa.

August 18 to 28—Tabor Nazarene Camp, at Ta-bor, Iowa. Workers: Rev. Roy Bettcher, evangelist; and the Pierce Family, singers and musicians. For information, write Rev. Irving Mitchell.

August 22 to 28—Abilene District Camp, Camp Arrowhead, Glen Rose, Texas. A trailer court is in-stalled, full utilities available. Workers: Dr. Ralph Earle and Rev. Ted Martin, preachers; Professor Dick Edwards, singer. Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, dis-trict superintendent. For reservations, write Otto Lissenbee, Camp Arrowhead, Cleburne, Texas.

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