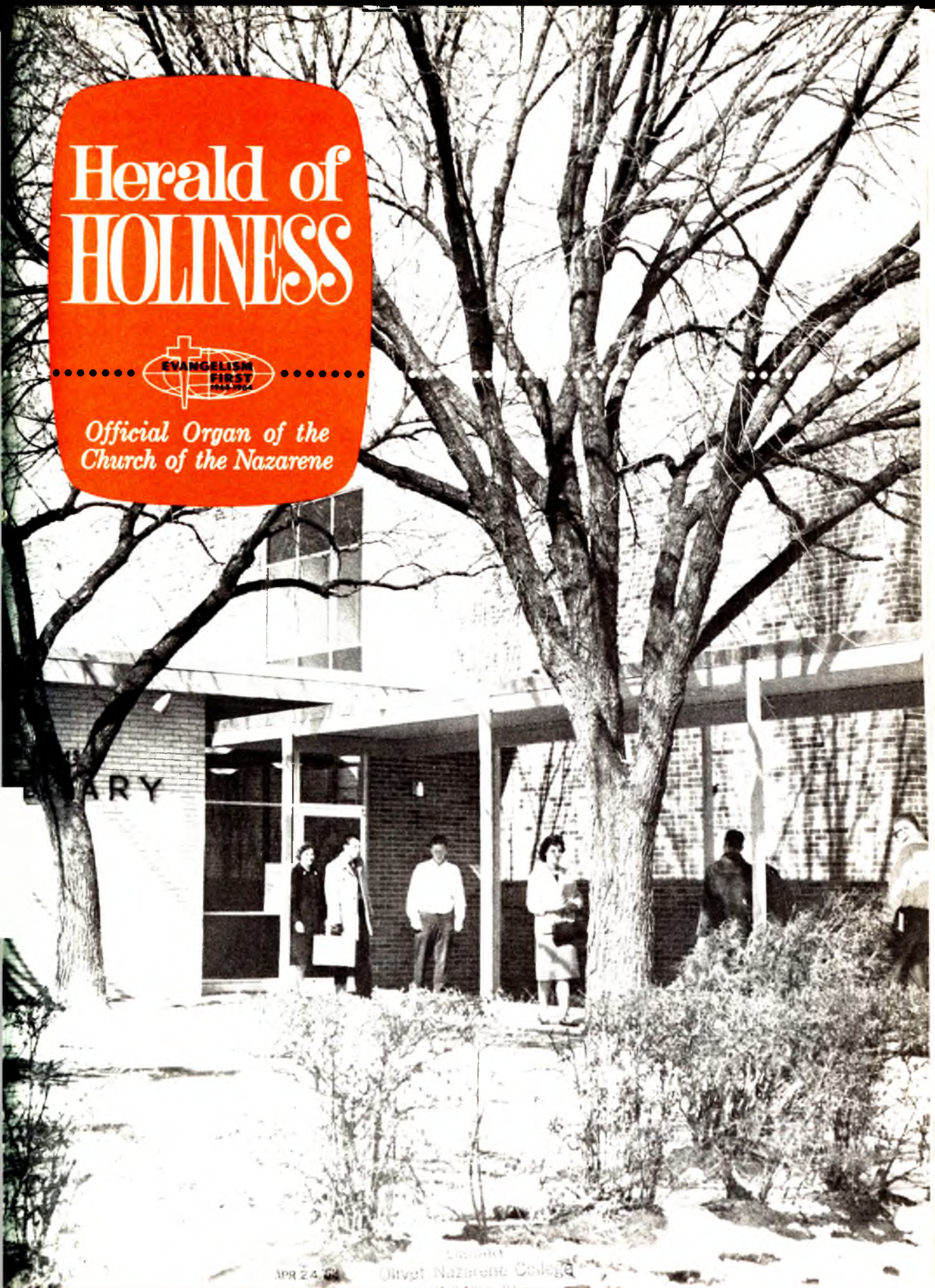


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EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Weapons of Our Warfare

Never has modern man been faced with greater self-contradictions than at the present time. We live on an earth God has stocked with resources sufficient to meet the physical needs of every human being alive. Yet two-thirds of the world's population subsist on the verge of starvation, ill-clothed and ill-housed.

Science has traced the secrets of God's handiwork to the place where there is at our finger tips enough power to provide an abundant temporal life for all. Yet this very power is being held over our heads as a terribly real threat of atomic extinction.

A world which could be a veritable paradise of beauty and satisfaction is much more like a desolate desert.

Nor do we have to look abroad to find abundant evidence of this same self-contradiction. In civilized "Christian" lands, educated to a degree never before imagined, the forces of unreason throw the lives of millions into chaos and despair.

We know well the poisonous and destructive effects of alcoholic liquor, yet it is sold in ever-increasing quantities until one observer could comment that the most influential party in Washington is not the Democratic party or the Republican party, but the cocktail party.



The Cover . . .

The new library building on the campus of Bethany Nazarene College is symbolic of the

educational work of the Church of the Nazarene. National Christian College Day is the last Sunday in April, and has been used as the occasion to stress the importance of Christian higher education in our time. The seven thousand young people in Nazarene colleges and seminaries and in the Bible schools on mission fields will occupy places of leadership in the church of tomorrow. Your zone college desires your prayers and deserves your support.

Scientific evidence is conclusive that smoking is directly associated with lung cancer, heart and respiratory ailments, and that every cigarette smoked shortens the life by fourteen minutes. Yet many of the doctors who make and announce these discoveries themselves go right on committing progressive suicide.

Add to this the terrible toll of crime and juvenile delinquency, divorce and marital infidelity, poverty and greed, racial strife and religious persecution, and the contradiction deepens. Every thoughtful person must admit that something has gone terribly wrong with man and society the world around.

There must be an explanation for all of this. There is no effect without a cause. Such moral insanity and utter unreason as that with which we human beings exist must have some cause. Facts such as these have done more to destroy the older optimistic religious modernism than volumes of theological argument would have done. It is not only that liberalism is false to the scripture; it is desperately mistaken about human nature and its deepest needs.

What is the explanation of all this? It is not "evolutionary lag," for no species of animal, high or low, lives in such perversion of nature as the human kind. It is not corrupting social influences, for man makes his own social environment fully as much as he is made by it. It is not ignorance, for the sum of knowledge is increasing faster than ever.

Nor is it altogether the inner corruption of the souls of men. This is very real and very terrible. But it comes to its full fruition only because there is a moral and spiritual darkness in which it can flourish.

We find a clue in the words of the Apostle Paul when in Colossians 1:13 he speaks of "the power of darkness," and in Ephesians 2:2 of the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II Corinthians 4:4).

For both individuals and nations today live under the sway of "invisible government." By and large, international affairs as well as individual human lives are controlled by the malignant spirit the Bible calls "the prince of this world" (John 12:31). Our real struggle is not against military power, communism, and atheism, or even human secularism. These are the symptoms of our mal-

REVIVALS and family altars

SHE AND HER HUSBAND had quarreled. In anger, both had said things they would not have said in calm moments. Both were too stubborn to apologize. They separated and she took the little girl. Within a few months the divorce mill began to grind. Christian friends invited her to go to the revival meeting. After the songs, prayers, and sermon, the brokenhearted woman requested prayer. The next night she left the little girl with friends and made her way to the altar of prayer, where, with tears and a contrite spirit, she confessed her sins to Christ and was beautifully converted.

Two nights later the stubborn husband sat in the back seat of the church and listened to the songs, prayers, and sermon. Conviction seized his heart and he was among the first to fall at the place of prayer. Here he was wonderfully converted, and arose a new creature in Christ Jesus.

The following night the reconciled husband and wife sat together with a happy little girl between them. Follow-

ing the service, the man spoke to the evangelist and requested him to come over to their home and "set up" the family altar. This the evangelist was happy to do.

Twenty-five years later when the evangelist was in a great camp meeting, this same man approached him and introduced himself and his wife. While holding his wife's hand, he testified that they both were active members of the church, and that their daughter had a happy Christian home. Then both smiled when he declared that the fire had never been permitted to burn low on the family altar which the evangelist had "set up" twenty-five years before.

Real revivals have always changed lives, healed old hurts, and brought people into a happy relationship with God and man. Such a revival is the goal of our "Evangelism First" program. Feeling the spiritual dearth in the land, and seeing the great need of members and friends of the church, the cry of every Nazarene pastor is, "Send us a Holy Ghost revival and begin it in my church."

Knowing the wholesome, far-reaching influence of the family altar upon every

*General
Superintendent
Vanderpool*



member of the family, we challenge every Christian to maintain an altar of prayer in the home. Here at this altar establishing convictions are engraved, and foundation stones for rugged character are laid. Here defense walls against backsliding are erected, and here minor problems are settled before they become major.

My cry for our day is, "O God, give us revivals and family altars!"

Rev. J. W. Hendrickson died April 6 at his home in Conway, Arkansas. Just a few weeks ago he had resigned his work as superintendent of the North Arkansas District, because of his serious illness. Funeral service was conducted in Conway First Church on April 9, by Dr. Samuel Young, assisted by Rev. Boyd Hancock, present superintendent of the North Arkansas District.

Word has been received that Rev. C. Preston Roberts, retired elder on the Colorado District, died of a heart attack on April 5 in Denver, Colorado.

First Church of the Nazarene, Wichita, Kansas, will be observing its Golden Anniversary on April 29. We would like to invite all former members and friends to be with us for the anniversary and home-coming celebration on Sunday, April 29. Our church is located at 1400 E. Kellogg.—DAVID P. BENSON, *Associate Minister*.

"Dr. Melza H. Brown was unanimously elected as president of the Honolulu Evangelical Ministers' Association at their March meeting. After one year in Hawaii as district superintendent, Dr. Brown has endeared himself not only to the Nazarene people but to all with whom he has come in contact. Pastors and laymen alike hold the Browns in high esteem."

Superintendent T. T. McCord reports: "The Louisiana District preachers' meeting, March 19 to 21, in Shreveport, Queensborough Church, with Rev. Halley Foster, host pastor, was outstanding in many ways. Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, climaxed eighteen days on our district with his four dynamic messages at this convention. Representing Bethany Nazarene College, Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president, brought two outstanding messages. Sunday school, N.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. promotion was effectively presented by our department heads. Ministers and laymen said this was the most nearly unanimously attended preachers' meeting in twenty years. This record attendance throughout the sessions manifested the loyalty and devotion of our pastors and their wives to the denomination. Our sights are high. We are challenged to be better men, better pastors, and better holiness preachers after these three days of sitting together in heavenly places."

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Your Home-Town Mission

MOST OF US live lives of considerable comfort, and we tend to forget how starkly severe the world can be for some of its people. There is a simple way to remind us—which is not a bad idea once in a while—and that is to visit our home-town rescue mission on any Saturday night.

Church members are perfectly free to attend and hear God's Word preached out of the hearts of the mission workers, but few take advantage of the opportunity. Whenever there is a sensational revival, heavily publicized, the tent, church, or auditorium fills up with an enthusiastic crowd. These same people seldom show evidence of being interested in what goes on night after night: the endless stream of humanity pouring into lower-end missions for a moment of warmth, food, rest, and a little bit of spiritual encouragement.

For in a rescue mission, life comes close to the surface. *There* is the bewildered man, ill-educated academically and spiritually, seldom adapted to

church life, who behaves with animal instincts and feels the arm of the law as well as God's conviction fall on him. *There* are the bitter fruits of the "way of transgressors" in the life of a drunkard, a thief, a wastrel, a sinner.

But *there* also is the patient mission worker who has seen just this kind of man a hundred times before, and trying to assure him that the mission's interest in him is in his unsaved condition, and to introduce to him the saving power of Jesus. *There* also is revealed, and without applause, the precious quality of understanding and loving-kindness put to use the way God intended it to be. *There* is no room in a mission for the comfortable indifference with its shrug, its empty expression, a "Why bother" and a "Who Cares?"—for these are veritable signs of death in Christian experience.

Your home-town mission? It is worth hearing it, seeing it, smelling it, because this is *your* world as much as anyone else's; and spiritual revival isn't intended to be applicable only in the confines of a comfortable and pleasant church sanctuary.—NORMAN G. CULBERTSON.

PART ONE



General Superintendent Benner

BRAZIL IS BIG! With nearly half of the geographical area and half of the population of South America, with more potential in natural resources and agriculture than all the rest of Latin America, Brazil has been described as holding the key to the future of that entire area. In view of this, the Church of the Nazarene has entered this strategic area late enough.

Arriving at the Veracopos Airport, Campinas, by jet from Buenos Aires, we were welcomed by the Mostellers, Krafts, and Steigemollers, the latter being our fine lay family who have meant so much to our work during the early years. It should be explained that Veracopos is the jet airport for Sao Paulo, sixty miles away.

With one free day prior to the opening of the assembly and conventions, we visited the city of Sao Paulo. Driving from Campinas to Sao Paulo we saw groves of orange and coffee trees, large fields of tomatoes, groves of figs and bamboo. The many clean, green truck gardens gave evidence of the presence of the Japanese who have migrated to Brazil by the thousands in recent years. The area through which we passed was mountainous and verdant, with much of natural beauty.

And how can one describe the city of Sao Paulo? I guess *fantastic* is the word. Hundreds of blocks of old buildings were razed to make way for great new apartment and office buildings. Standing in the roof garden atop the Bretagne, a twenty-story apartment hotel, we could see scores of buildings partially completed, ranging from twenty to twenty-five stories high. From that vantage point new structures, all of concrete, stretched for miles in every direction.

On Friday, November 24, the first Brazil District Assembly was convened. It was simple in organization and procedure, but it seemed that the unusual significance of the event affected all present. Regular delegations were there, not only from Campinas and Sao Paulo, but from Belo Horizonte, and from Brasilia, nearly one thousand

miles distant. As the assembly sang "Victory in Jesus," in Portuguese of course, the spirit was that of Nazarene services the world around.

A special thrill came to us all as District Superintendent Earl Mosteller was presented for his first report. A membership of 156 was reported, and Sunday school enrollment of 370. We were especially encouraged to learn that 13 per cent of the total giving went to the General Budget. Brazil Nazarenes are being trained to support the whole program of the church. Recommendations made by Brother Mosteller included a greater emphasis on soul winning, the acceptance of tithing as a minimum for giving, and the organization of new churches.

The N.F.M.S. Convention followed the assembly. This was well organized under the direction of Mrs. Roma Gates. As a special feature Mrs. Benner gave a presentation of the Alabaster and Prayer and Fasting interests, including the display of a world-wide prayer map which was used in the 1959 Japanese N.F.M.S. Convention.

The N.Y.P.S. interests were presented under the direction of Rev. Ronald Denton. The outstanding feature was a presentation in word and song based on the quadrennial emphasis, "His." A cross bore the Portuguese equivalent, "*DELE*." From the cross were streamers bearing words of special significance: *DILIGENCIA* ("diligence"), *ENTUSIASMO* ("enthusiasm"), *LEALDADE* ("loyalty"), *EVANGELISMO* ("evangelism"). A group of eight young people from the Sobradinho church, near Brasilia, were highly effective in this portion of the service.

The Church Schools Convention was directed by Rev. James Kratz. A large sign displayed on the platform carried the words "*EVANGELISMO PRIMEIRO*" ("Evangelism First"). A moving band of cloth operated by two young men behind the sign presented continuously the scripture, "Let the little children come unto me, . . . for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

These special events were climaxed with the Sunday services, at all of which the building was filled. On Sunday evening it was my delightful privilege to ordain our first elder in Brazil, Joaquim A. Lima, a choice servant of God and the church. Many non-Nazarenes were in attendance at this service, including a prominent member of the Campinas city council.

Before leaving Campinas it was my privilege through the friendly connection, Brother Mosteller, to have a conference with Mayor Miguel Vicente Cury, who is giving the city an administration recognized for its honesty, aggressiveness, and progress. Mayor Cury is the owner of the largest hat manufacturing company in South America. This contact with Mayor Cury is but one indication of the wide acceptance of our

work, personified by Brother Mosteller, in this relatively new field.

On no field that I have visited have I found such a broad and effective program of publicity. When Brother Mosteller arrived in Campinas, practically no mention of Protestant church activities ever appeared in the daily papers. But what a change! During the week of the assembly major write-ups, often accompanied by pictures, appeared daily. An article by the presiding gen-

eral superintendent, which had appeared in the *Herald of Holiness*, and translated into Portuguese by Mrs. Gladys Mosteller, was published without charge. So in many ways God is helping our workers to reach the people in this center of our activities.

A second article will report our visits to the Brasilia area and Belo Horizonte, where the work, respectively, has been in charge of Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Denton and Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gates.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE:

Don't Get Married Until June!

By MILO L. ARNOLD, Pastor, Moses Lake, Washington



WE KNOW spring is the time for planting, but when is it spring? Spring is more than a crocus in bloom or a robin in the yard. Spring is more than a few sunny days. Spring is the gradual victory of summer over winter. It is the season when after many abortive attempts the summer stays and the winter is gone. It is the time when nothing is predictable. The person who sets out his plants or sows his seeds when spring first appears will lose his investment by a late frost. After the first lovely days there will be many experiences of returning winter in continually diminishing degrees.

In most climates, March starts out made up mostly of winter and having short surprises of summer days, but by the end of the month it is mostly spring with shocking surprises of winter storms. March is tantalizingly unpredictable. It does not justify too much faith, and the person who sets out his choice plants too soon will regret it. The wise gardener never underestimates the possibility of a late frost.

Marriage is for mature people. We all are agreed with this, *but when is a person mature?* People, like spring, do not arrive at maturity in one magic moment of crossing an invisible line. For a long time they are children: then they are mostly children with surprises of adult conduct appearing at odd times. Then they become all mixed up about half-and-half, like March. After a while their summertime conduct comes with increasing regularity. This does not mean that they are mature. It means that they are making normal progress. There will be times when fleeting maturity will disappear suddenly and a storm will take its place with such suddenness and severity as to remind one of a February afternoon. As

years go on, however, maturity will gain in its dependability.

People watching growing personalities will marvel one day at how mature a child can and does act, but the next day will be disgusted at how childish a growing young person acts. This kind of emotional season is hard on everybody, but spring is on the way. Hold on to your hat, but don't get too worried. The young people who are going through this transition are the ones who really have a hard time figuring life out. It is a rough time for them.

As maturity advances the young people become prepared for increased responsibility. They become qualified to make a splendid adventure of living. They must learn however that there are seasons for everything. Some things must not be done too early. Spring is sufficiently advanced for plowing the garden long before time to set out your geraniums. So with life, young people are amply mature for many things before they are safely ready for marriage.

Sometimes young people find themselves being very mature for several days in a row and think they are grown-up. They think they are ready for life's biggest undertakings. It is true that they are ready for many things, but they need to watch what they plant, for spring storms come late sometimes.

People may be mature enough to go away to college, to hold down a job, and to be socially quite adequate before marriage is a safe investment. These other responsibilities have not the seriousness, the finality, and the vulnerability of marriage. Marriage is different. A sudden, freaky storm of returning childishness can ruin a marriage

very quickly. This is a tender, though lovely plant, which must not be set out until the unpredictable behavior is pretty well past.

Marriage is not for children; it is not for immature young people; nor is it for immature older people. Regardless of chronological age, marriage is for mature people. Folks whose lives and emotions blow hot and cold, north and south, up and down are not good marriage material.

Maturity, like spring, comes later some years than others, and with some people marriage is safe much earlier than with others. Instead of asking how old we are, when thinking of marriage, we should ask how long it was since we had a childish storm. How long has it been since we demanded our own way, or since we expected things to be handed to us without our producing them? How long has it been since we expected our parents to give more than their share, and since we demanded that things be done our way if we were going to co-operate in them? How long has it been since we spent our money without prudent regard for the necessity of the investment? Can we have money in our pockets and pass up something we want in order to save the money for our education or for something of lasting value? Can we take a disappointment in our stride or fail in a project without blaming other people for it? So long as a wintry squall comes on whenever the wind comes from the wrong direction, it is not yet time to transplant life into a marriage garden.

It is true that personal maturing must have the help of experience, and marriage lends itself to the development of the emotional, the social, and the physical fulfillment of personhood.

But marriage cannot do what maturity should do. Marriage does demand something finer of people and helps matured persons to become more noble, but its weight of responsibility will become a burden to shoulders which are not toughened.

Jesus was utterly mature. He lived entirely for others and utterly unselfishly. We cannot arrive at His perfection of maturing, but we can emulate Him and follow Him. Only as we get outside of self, cease to be self-centered and immature, are we safe in life's most responsible situations.

This takes not only the grace of God but the growth of the person. It takes time for life to get past the fickle spring weather. Some people seem to have frost in every month of the year, and their finest things are frostbitten time after time as long as they live. Persons who revert to childish attitudes and actions when placed under pressure are due for lasting disappointments.

March weather seems to last a long time in the lives of adolescents. The weather does not change daily; it changes hourly. Even in a moment a young woman is a spoiled child again; then in an hour is a lovely young woman, tall and gracious.

PRAYER in a Woodland Meadow

*My heart finds healing and refreshment here
Companioned by a sky serenely blue,
By clean, sweet fragrances of pine and fir,
By wind adagios that murmur through
The grasses. Nature gives abundantly
And yet asks nothing in return from me.
Lord, let my love be wider than the sky,
My words more healing than a meadow wind,
More clean than any fir; and, oh, may I
Give bountifully from hand, from heart and
mind,
Yet never, Lord, through all the years I live
With hope of harvesting because I give.*

By GRACE V. WATKINS

At noon a boy is a young man, but by one o'clock he is an overgrown boy. It doesn't make sense and nobody can figure it out. The young people don't understand themselves and are justified in thinking nobody understands them. How exasperating. Yet this is normal for life's March! June in life should be different. It should have stabilized the weather while still being charged with the eagerness of youth and the fragrance of opening flowers.

Life's June time is normally safe from reversions to childishness. It should not be caught by a late frost or a sudden squall. By then people should have their education well along, their feet down emotionally, their plans made for a career, and their likes and dislikes pretty well defined. If then they will gently and reverently transplant the lovely and delicate roots of their lives into the garden of marriage, they should be able to see growth and fulfillment come beautifully. Life is then at its eager best and the climate is favorable to it.

Sometimes young people think they are wasting a lot of valuable time which they could be enjoying together in marriage, but if they are not yet out of their March they will risk a great loss by transplanting so lovely a plant before the weather is settled. After all, life should give folks a good many years of enjoyment together even if they wait until June, and the risk will then be less, the subsequent growth more rapid, and the productiveness of life more assured. It is so much better all around if they don't get married until June!

For Pastors and People—Remember

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE DAY



"I vaguely remember the occasion six years ago. Something my pastor said about our church college on the annual Christian College Day emphasis caught my ear."

These words came from Jim, graduated last June from college and now in his first year of teaching in junior high school.

Jim went on to say, "I was just a junior in high school and really hadn't given much thought about college.

"I am in my first year of teaching now and have found what I believe the Lord wants me to do in life. There is a great challenge and opportunity in the teaching profession. I will start work this summer on a program of graduate study so I will be prepared to render better service. I am so grateful my pastor took 'time out' (or was it 'time in?') to stress the church's role in college training."

And now again comes National Christian College day—Sunday, April 29. Let all of our people remember our colleges and the Seminary on this

occasion. Pastors, give some special attention to the matter on this day. Encourage your high school students to attend. Parents, share with your children your concern about their future preparation at our own church college.

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For Any Weather

*On ever-drifting winds of chance
Men's minds drift to and fro.
As fashions change with changing season,
Creeds are discarded without reason,
Like tides that ebb and flow.
Where can one find a stable thing
To which the hands of faith may cling?*

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

*Within a wise old Book we find
This truth, profound and deep:
"Yesterday—today—forever
Christ is the same: He changeth never.
And He His own will keep.
As fixed as are the stars above,
So dwell the righteous in His love!"*

*Then daily in this world of sin,
Though time's foundations shake,
Through every change my heart shall cherish
One certainty that cannot perish
Whether I sleep or wake—
While Christ and I walk on together,
I shall have faith for any weather.*



AFTER EASTER . . . WHAT?

By **JOSEPH D. WRIGHT**, *Alumni Executive Secretary, Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho*

EASTER was a historical fact. But more than that, it was and is a spiritual experience happening over and over again with all its repercussions and reactions. The blow that kills a man spiritually and crucifies Christ in his heart usually comes swiftly. But the restoration of Christ to his lordship is more difficult and comes more slowly.

Easter means "Christ's return." But His return does not always signify His acceptance and reinstatement as Lord. The immediate moments after Easter are often confusing, disappointing, and heart-rending because of natural human reactions to Christ's crucifixion.

Human nature says, "Have nothing to do with this thing." This is a protective measure, a refusal to be hurt again. Christ has been crucified: someone you trusted has blasted your faith. Now hurt and confused, you refuse to be hurt again. In this situation the disciples decided they would go fishing. This was their way of announcing to the world they could take care of themselves. They were trying to cover up the hurt of their aching hearts.

Everyone meets with disappointment somewhere in the Christian life. Faith is shattered by the failure of a trusted friend. A trusted church member goes bad. You feel the world is identifying you with the failures instead of the successes. To protect yourself you feel you must loosen your identity with the church. Extremity in the other direction usually ensues and will continue until you stop to take honest account of the situation.

After Easter there must come a day of re-evaluation. The very nature of Easter demands it. The disciples had to re-evaluate all of life in the light of this momentous event. Had they not been warned of its coming? Had not Jesus said it would happen? But now they were alone; could this be a part of Jesus' plan?

In the midst of their search they began to realize that Easter was the greatest thing that had ever happened to them. He no longer walked with them in bodily form as He had done before, but

when they needed Him, He always seemed to appear on the scene. Evidence was that Jesus was constantly near them. Was not His unseen presence of as great a value as His seen presence? Their faith in God began to rebuild, but this time on a different and firmer basis. Their faith took hold of an invisible power that was the greater because of its nature. In quiet moments the truth of Jesus' words began to open their understanding and the promise of the Spirit became a hungering realization.

After Easter, Pentecost must become the obsession of the soul. With the re-evaluation of life and self, Pentecost becomes of momentous importance. The disciples purposed with one heart to possess the promise of the Spirit. In this purpose they faced the diminishing values of the physical and the increasing value of the spiritual. All else was put aside as they gathered in the Upper Room to seek the greater value.

This same realization and spirit must grip the heart of him who would know Pentecost today. As with Paul, all things must be counted as loss in order to gain Christ. Pentecost must become an obsession before it becomes a possession. Any man who will for even thirty minutes a day give strict attention to a comparison of physical and spiritual values in the light of eternity will become obsessed with a longing for Pentecost. In the light of eternity the values of this life become increasingly small, while the things of eternity become increasingly great.

After Easter, what? Easter is packed with hope and challenge, but it must lead to Pentecost or it will lose its power. Great conflict and uncertainty often follow in the wake of Easter. In its conflict the soul either draws the closer to God as it seeks Pentecost or it turns and lunges madly in the other direction. In the crucible of bitter disappointment only an obsession for Pentecost will rescue and restore the soul.

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**The more I use my strength, the more I have.—
John Wesley.**

Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel (I Samuel 28:11).

THE GHOSTS OF YESTERDAY

By ALBERT J. LOWN, *Pastor, Paisley, Scotland*

DESPERATE CASES require desperate remedies, declares the old proverb; and if ever a man felt himself a desperate case, in a desperate case, it was Saul, king of Israel. His relationship and communion with God were broken and severed completely; "for the Lord answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets" (v. 6). For this backslidden heart there was no communication from heaven, either directly by the Spirit of God or indirectly through the high priest and God's word. God had withdrawn both His mercy and His message from this once promising monarch and military leader.

If there was no word from the Lord, on the eve of tomorrow's vital battle with the Philistines and the Amalekites, Saul felt he must have some word as to his fate and the outcome of the battle—if necessary, even from an agent of the devil. Disguising himself and traveling by night, skirting the enemy's camp, the once proud, puritan king tried the desperate remedy of visiting the witch of En-dor, a famous medium who had escaped, so far, the death penalty enforced by Saul himself upon those who indulged in such unholy practices. Only his solemn oath, sworn in the name of the Lord he had once honored and served, that her life would not be forfeit, persuaded her to exercise the black arts of divination on his behalf and invoke the spirits of the dead.

The whole scene is typical of spiritism at its worst—the darkness of night, a backslidden soul, a hired medium, an unprofitable tampering with the dead, with results that terrified the medium herself—for, seeing Samuel, "she cried with a loud voice" (v. 12).

It is not to be supposed that a spiritualist medium has power over the spirit of a just man—that authority is reserved for Him who is Lord of the living and the dead—but in God's in-

scrutable wisdom Samuel was allowed to appear in judge's robes, with angelic protectors, to give a last message of judgment to the troubled king, a backslider on the brink of death.

Bring me up Samuel: In that strange request lies a principle that applies to all who have forfeited the blessing of God.

Every Backslider Goes Back to Things Once Despised

At the peak of his spiritual and temporal power, with the anointing of God's Spirit upon heart and life, Saul had been the avowed enemy of spiritism in every form. In fervent and scrupulous obedience to the command of Moses, Israel's first king had cleansed the land of witchcraft and wizardry. Now, in abject soul misery, he allies himself with the vicious practice he formerly denounced and destroyed. At any cost he must fill the unbearable vacuum left by God's departure from his life. The thing once abhorred as ungodly and unclean is now his only prop and stay.

"If I build again the things which I destroyed," declares Paul, "I make myself a transgressor" (Galatians 2:18)—ten thousand times a transgressor by returning secretly to the works of darkness formerly banished from heart and life. "How great is that darkness!" is our Lord's verdict upon those who have allowed light to become darkness in the soul. The last state is indeed worse than the first: a fulfillment of Peter's almost revolting picture of spiritual apostasy, the dog returning to its vomit and the washed sow to wallowing in the mire (II Peter 2:21-22).

Perilous is the position of those who have abandoned holy standards, permitted unscriptural associations, and returned to the indulgence of things condemned by God's law and cast out by

His love. The way of such transgressors is hard, and hellbound.

Bring me up Samuel: the plea carries a deeper truth—

All Backsliders

Will Long for Privileges Forfeited

From a mind haunted by the ghosts of yesterday, by the torturing memories of privileges underestimated and recklessly thrown away, comes the desperate plea for a sight of Samuel. Through Samuel grace had reached Saul, giving him a new heart, a consecrated, commissioned life; around Samuel's life's vital choices had been made; and with Samuel his greatest victories had been won. Revelation and remorse are combined in the piteous request.

If only those early, blessed days could be recaptured, the path of life retraced and different choices made—if only the old relationship with Samuel could be restored!

Many are haunted by the ghosts of yesterday in the life that now is. But through the haunting picture of a certain rich man, tormented "in hell," lifting up his eyes with insatiable longing for comfort, fellowship, ministry, and cooling water—the essentials and simplicities of life, so wantonly despised in time—Jesus teaches that regret and remorse may become residents in the soul for eternity.

"The Lost Chord" reveals the plaintive heart cry of a musician who vainly seeks to hear again a chord "like the sound of a great Amen." And the refrain of every backslider's heart, ultimately, will be an unutterable longing for the lost chords of spiritual experience; for the radiant, regal

"Amen" to God's will in bygone days. Pray God it may not be, as with Saul, on the brink of eternity, with no word from heaven.

Bring me up Samuel, and in awesome appearance the venerable sage of Israel came, commissioned to convey the solemn truth—

Every Backslider

Is Under the Judgment of God

In Saul's case, alas, it was final judgment—a lost battle on the morrow, a lost kingdom and crown, and a lost soul—the future holding only "a certain fearful looking for of judgment." Little wonder that Samuel was disquieted. The wrath of God truly abideth upon the sinner, but how much more upon the long-term, stubborn, impenitent sinner! "But with whom was he grieved forty years?" asks the writer to the Hebrews, "was it not with them that had sinned, . . . ?" (3:17) provoking the Lord by repeated backsliding and causing God to declare in His wrath that the unbelieving and disobedient should not enter into His rest, though redeemed from Egypt with the goal of Canaan salvation in view.

"Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the Lord," is the explanation upon Samuel's lips, from eternity's standpoint, of the judgment impending upon this once Spirit-filled king. Saul does not stand alone. If obedience is not prompt enough, consecration not full enough, penitence not deep enough, and fellowship not pure enough, any backslider may join the company of those who go back unto perdition. The waiting mercy of a willing God may be thwarted by unwilling man.

The pathos and tragedy of Saul's life are that

SATISFIED

A SENSE OF SATISFACTION sweeps over my soul this morning. By God's help I was able to persuade a young person to attend Bethany Nazarene College.

Is Bethany my alma mater? No, but it is the Nazarene college on our educational zone. While I pastor in this section of the country, our young people will hear much about Bethany.

Didn't our local church need this young man? Sure we did! Take a tither and a Sunday school secretary out of any smaller church and he will be missed greatly. We don't see how we will fill the gap right now.

Do I count on Bethany for eternal security? Of course not. Enrollment

By **FRED G. WENGER**

Pastor, Atchison, Kansas

there is no ironclad guarantee that the person's soul is safe from Satan's temptations. But it's as safe on the campus as it ever was in our worldly town. The Christian population of his environment will be multiplied 150 times, and the worldly crowd divided into such small fragments that no adequate comparison can be made.

What brings the satisfaction? Well, as I sit in the office this morning, I realize that a talented young man is in a class with many other Nazarenes under the influence of a professor who is committed to Christ, the church, the truth, and the fullest development of Christian character possible. Our local church could not offer this.

The satisfaction is not smugness, for Bethany is now on my prayer list. God bless Eastern Nazarene College, my alma mater, and Bethany, today, with all the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene.

he disregarded the warning given by God, through Samuel, at the very beginning of the downward road. Knowing the end from the beginning, God said, "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry" (I Samuel 15:23). And disobedience led to the degrading finale God had foreseen: a chosen vessel condemned in the cave of the witch of En-dor.

"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13).

Before backsliding of any degree or nature has become hardened apostasy, repent and return. For though it is true, as John Bunyan depicts in *Pilgrim's Progress*, that there is a way to hell from the very gate of heaven; it is also true, thank God, that there is a way to heaven from the very gate of hell. And God waits to give the experience of an established heart, enabling us to hold fast the beginning of our confidence unto the end.

EDITORIALS

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ady, not the disease itself. Our real struggle is against "principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in the heavenlies" (Ephesians 6:12, margin).

Satan's greatest achievement is to persuade men he doesn't exist. For as long as we believe that our chief opposition is only human, we shall succumb to the temptation to use human weapons in the battle. The way in which some religious "crusaders" today are using the techniques of slanted "truth," the half-truths that do the work of whole lies, is evidence enough of this.

The whole power of darkness was hurled against the Son of God in the awful, yet glorious, events of what we have come to call Passion Week. From the shouts of a fickle crowd on Palm Sunday through the agonies of the Garden and Golgotha to the empty tomb on Easter morning, a great unseen battle was taking place. He who could have called ten thousand angels fought alone, and singlehanded defeated our adversary.

The struggle goes on, of course, and must until the final "V Day," when every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Yet Christ's victory is the assurance of ours.

In the meantime, though, when will we learn that "though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)" (II Corinthians 10:3-4)? Can we not see that we can never hope

to "beat the devil at his own game"? He has been at it too long.

What, then, are the weapons of our warfare? Listen once more to Paul's description of the Christian's armor (Ephesians 6:10-18):

There is the belt of *truth*, which holds all the pieces together and each in its proper place.

There is the breastplate of *righteousness*, protecting the heart and other vital organs.

There are the shoes of *the gospel of peace*, providing "firm footing" on the battlefield of life.

There is the shield of *faith*, quenching the fiery darts of temptation and evil.

There is the helmet of *salvation*, protecting the mind against deceitful heresy and error.

And there is the Sword of the Spirit, the *Word of God*, the great offensive weapon in the Christian's armory.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18), we are encouraged to "withstand in the evil day" (v. 13). Only as we fight God's battles with the weapons He provides can we hope to be "able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (v. 11).

Editorial Notes . . .

Next Sunday, April 29, is National Christian College Day, observed throughout the churches of the United States. It is designed to call attention to Christian colleges and their distinctive contribution to our society.

The occasion is particularly significant for the Church of the Nazarene, since few if any denominations have put more stress on the importance of holiness higher education from the very earliest days of the movement than has our church.

The educators of the church have been given a tremendous assignment and deserve our utmost in support both in prayer and giving. Apart from all the church can do through budgets and expansion campaigns, increasing numbers of individuals should remember the colleges and seminary in their wills, by making gifts for scholarships for needy students, and by providing funds for buildings to take care of larger enrollments.

Additional district *Herald* subscription campaigns either just concluded or now on include East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Michigan, Nevada-Utah, New Mexico, Northwest Oklahoma, and South Arkansas.

Nothing worthwhile is ever done by wishing. The *Herald* will make its maximum possible contribution to the church, internationally and locally, only as every effort is made to see that it reaches each member of the church, and those whom the church is vitally concerned to reach.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*

The Family Altar

Reports from 61 of the 76 districts (32 show a partial report) as of Friday, March 30, indicate that 60,621 families have signed the "Family Altar Commitment Pledge."

Do you have prayer and Bible reading in your home every day as a family? The family altar gives meaning to our home life. The family can be held together by a family altar. You need a family altar. If you did not sign the "Family Altar Commitment Pledge" on Sunday, March 11, why not do it today? Call your pastor and tell him you want to be numbered among those who will glorify God by reading the Bible and praying every day.

WE ARE DEBTORS

- ... to ourselves
- ... to our families
- ... to our church
- ... to our God . . .

to conduct daily Bible reading and prayer in our homes.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Hospital Work in Africa

By DR. PAUL SUTHERLAND

Our first six months were spent in Manzini, Swaziland, and our last six in Acornhoek, Eastern Transvaal, where we are helping out while Dr. John Sutherland is on furlough, and where we are continuing our study of Zulu.

The hospital work has been interesting with a wide variety of surgical and medical problems. Recently a heathen woman entered the hospital with a serious complication of childbirth. In spite of surgery we were unable to save her life, but before she died she stated simply that she trusted Jesus and accepted Him as her Saviour. We believe she is in heaven.

We start our ward rounds each day with a hymn, a few verses of scripture, and prayer. Other ward services are conducted in the evening, so that each patient hears a gospel message.

On Sundays I have been pastoring the Brooklyn outstation Sunday school and church, where Dr. John and his

wife worked before they went on furlough. This group originally met under a tree but now they have a nice frame building. The people sit on the concrete floor, but this is really more comfortable for them than to give them Western style pews or chairs, to which they are not accustomed. The Sunday school averages over one hundred and occasionally two hundred are present. They are mostly of the uSuthu tribe, and our prayer is that God will call some young men from the uSuthu group to the ministry, who can take their training in our Bible school and come back and pastor this and other churches among their people.

Parts of Africa are very modern, but at night we can frequently hear drums beating in the distance. The South African Medical Association reports that belief in witchcraft is actually increasing in this part of Africa. Some patients seek modern medical help, but still believe that someone has bewitched them. These beliefs are not easily shaken unless Christ enters their hearts and can help them overcome their fears.

News Flash from British Honduras

It has now definitely been decided that there will be a new capital city to be built fifty-one miles west of Belize on the Belize-El Cayo road. This would be twenty-one miles from El Cayo and twenty-nine miles from Benque Viejo. I will be seeing the survey officer soon to find out how soon applications for property in the new city can be made. —PRESCOTT BEALS, *British Honduras*.

Moving Missionaries

Rev. Ronald Denton, missionary in Brazil, has moved to

C.P. 12787

Santo Amaro

Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo

Brasil, South America

Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James, of India, have moved to

Dhamandari, Buldana, District Maharashtra, India

Bolivian Bible School

Forges Ahead

By GEORGE ADKINS, *Bolivia*

Our new Bible school semester has now gotten under way and we are convinced more and more that we have an especially good group of Bolivian students this year. They have a genuine

desire to learn more of the Word of God. In February we had a week of early morning prayer meetings ending with a prayer and fasting service and Communion on the last Saturday. This was followed with a week of revival.

We believe that God still answers prayer and we are trusting and walking in faith each day as we work here. We long for a real manifestation of the Holy Spirit among our young Bolivian Nazarenes.

Bible School Opens in Brazil

By RONALD DENTON, *Brazil*

Our first Bible school has now opened, with three married couples and four single young men, who will attend classes from eight in the morning to three in the afternoon four days a week. On week ends they will be out in practical work. This is a fine group to begin with and every student has a call to the ministry. They are studying Portuguese, theology, homiletics, Gospels, church history, history of Brazil, regency, piano, and wind instruments, this semester. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Mosteller and Rev. Ronald Denton are the teachers, with Mrs. Steigemoller teaching piano. Three Brazilian teachers are assisting also. We praise the Lord for this step of progress.

GENERAL INTERESTS

A SEMINARY MILESTONE

President L. T. Corlett Will Complete First Decade as Leader in May

AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE will come in May for the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri.

When the class of 1962 is graduated at commencement exercises on Tuesday, May 15, the seminary will have contributed nearly seven hundred graduates to the church and work of the Kingdom and, at that time, Dr. L. T. Corlett will complete his first decade as president.

Dr. Corlett was elected in June, 1952, by the Seminary trustees upon nomination by the Board of General Superintendents. Prior to coming to Kansas City he was president for ten years of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho.

The tenth anniversary of Dr. Corlett's

administration will find the Seminary at a new, all-time peak in strength and national standing.

Dr. Samuel Young, a general superintendent, and adviser to the Seminary, in looking ahead to the event offered congratulations to Dr. Corlett, "who has carried on this assignment with unquestioned devotion and quiet confidence.

"Sincere appreciation goes to the entire faculty, who have served with diligence but without much praise or recognition," he added.

The place of the Seminary in the church plan was summarized as follows by Dr. Young:

"From the beginning days of our church the outstanding leaders among us have believed in a trained ministry. Dr. J. B. Chapman, more than any other one man, was especially instru-



mental in pushing the church off into this venture. He saw the need for a Nazarene Theological Seminary if we were to fulfill our God-given mission around the world. He knew that training of itself would not serve our turn, but he was convinced that this phase of our task was inescapable.

"For nearly seventeen years, our Seminary has served the church in helping to prepare ministers for full-time service. The record of the years is good as we find her graduates on every district and in nearly every land where our banners fly.

"Three years spent in this graduate school is time invested in depth for one who would serve his generation well. Iron sharpens iron when the diligent seek to learn to rightly divide the Word of truth."

Dr. Young saluted Dr. Hugh C. Benner and his original staff who pioneered the project in its first seven years and said:

"Let the work go on unhindered and may the Spirit of truth himself be the Guide of faculty and future students as they continue their unfinished task."

Dr. Corlett and the Seminary board of trustees have plans under way for a new \$350,000 library wing, and for

full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Seminaries. —N.I.S.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Georgia District

The Georgia District recently closed a most successful N.Y.P.S. and Sunday school tour with Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter. The Potters were well received everywhere. Many times I heard the remark, "I wish we could have them for a week in our church."

Brother and Sister Potter gave us a real challenge to win boys and girls, as well as teens and adults, for Christ and the church. I doubt that anyone ever has given us as much helpful information in a more delightful way.

Back of Brother Potter's genial wit and ready smile are a keen perception of the problems we face, and a solution to them—if worked! He hits with a smile, but hits hard. I have a feeling this tour will result in much lasting good on our district.

Many of our churches already have put into operation much of the Potters' program. We hope they will come to Georgia often.—MACK ANDERSON, *District Superintendent*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Song Evangelist George R. Waterman writes: "The Lord has been blessing abundantly and filling my slate right along. I have given up my job and am now in the field full time, trusting God to open doors. I have open dates in the fall of '62 and spring of '63. I will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 85 Wendell Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts."

Sulphur Springs, Texas—Evangelist Mrs. Thelma Steelman was marvelously used of the Lord in revival services in our church. Unusual blessing of the Holy Spirit, convincing scriptural holiness preaching, and many souls seeking definite help from the Lord characterized the services. The church and community appreciated the godly manner and ministry of Mrs. Steelman. We are encouraged and happy in the Lord's service, and thank Him for our members and friends here. The church continues to broadcast its evening service over KSST.—ROBERT E. HOLLIS, *Pastor*.

Miami, Florida—The Coral Village Church recently enjoyed an outstanding revival with Evangelist Ellis G. Blythe. We appreciated his wonderful gospel preaching, with the anointing of the Spirit, and his burden for souls. The attendance was very good, with forty-five souls seeking and finding help from God. Many new families were reached, and six new members were added to the church. The closing service was victorious, with many young people at the altar. Finances came easily, with a fine love offering received for the pastor in the closing service. The church has given Brother

Blythe a call to return in '63.—ROSA L. THOMPSON, *Reporter*.

Evangelists W. W. and Wilma Geed-ing write that, because of a change in their state, they have an open date, May 17 to 27. Write them, 360 E. Wells Street, Bushnell, Illinois.

Rockville, Indiana—In February we had a revival with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep. God blessed the services in a wonderful way and about forty souls prayed through at the altar for regeneration or heart purity. We give God all the praise.—WM. E. BROWNS, *Pastor*.

Buena Park, California—In March, First Church experienced an outstanding revival under the leadership of Evangelist Lee H. Ensey. His preaching is scriptural, Spirit-anointed, and reveals a keen understanding of human nature. The average attendance was 125 for each of the 12 services. Jimmy and Margaret DeBoard, of South San Gabriel, added much to the meeting by their talented, spiritual singing and good religious readings. We thank God for the wonderful, aggressive laymen we have in this church. On April 30 we close our second year in this pastorate. Church membership has grown from 94 to 145, and the Sunday school average from 187 to 235.—WELDON H. STONE, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Glenn Slater writes: "Since my entering full-time evangelistic work the Lord has blessed and given many souls at the altar. I have worked on the Iowa District, at Webster City with Pastor Arthur Long; at Estherville, with Rev. Kathryn Lantzenhisser; and at Washington, with Rev. Edward West. Then went to Montivideo, Minnesota, with Pastor McGilvra; and recently closed at Kempton, Illinois, with Rev. Richard Hawley. I appreciated working with these fine pastors and their people. God gave some wonderful outpourings of His Spirit, and new people were won to God and the church. I have some open time for this spring and summer and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead, and care for both preaching and singing. Write me, 320 South 22nd Street, Independence, Kansas."

North Little Rock, Arkansas—God has given First Church a glorious youth revival, through the ministry of Evangelists Danny and Carolyn Steele. These young people are dedicated to the cause of evangelism and have an effective ministry. Their music program is the very best, and Brother Steele preaches with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The church worked and prayed, and more than forty souls prayed through to victory. The closing Sunday was a great day of victory, with four hundred in Sunday school, the sanctuary packed out for both services, souls finding God, and new members received and baptized. The spirit of revival and evangelism has characterized our church since the fall program of "Shining Lights on Sunday

Nights." Our people worked, prayed, and witnessed, and God honored their efforts—out of the 26 regular Sunday night services, 19 were blessed with seekers at the altar, and during the three months, 50 people found God. Many of these were new people, and a fine class of new members was received into the church. The church is earnestly trying to utilize the "Family Outreach" program in 1962.—*Reporter.*

Bentonville, Arkansas—On Wednesday night, March 14, after the regular prayer service, our church held a ground-breaking for a new educational building. The new building is to be L-shaped, running south from the rear of the church building, seventy-two feet, and seventy-two feet east toward Main Street. The section running south from the church will be thirty feet wide with a five-foot hall down the center; the other section is to be thirty-six feet wide, with a five-foot hall (inside dimensions). The structure will be a one-story building, of Haydite blocks, with concrete floors, and will have central heating. The congregation hopes to have the building completed within ninety days.—*GLENN W. BOUNDS, Pastor.*

South Norfolk, Virginia—Norfolk Portlock Church, by a unanimous vote of confidence, has given its pastor, Rev. James V. Roberts, an extended four-year call. A "welcome back reception" was given by the church on February 18, with Brother and Sister Roberts as guests of honor. Brother Roberts is completing his eighth year here, and is leading us ahead in a wonderful way, with a spirit of love and unity prevailing throughout the church. Recently we entered into an extensive improvement program, redecorating the interior, and now outside improvements are to be made. Since last reporting we have had good revivals with Evangelists A. E. Kelly and L. J. MacAllen, with good altar services. Several new members were added to the church and Sunday school. We thank God for His blessings, and greatly appreciate the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Roberts and their untiring efforts to help the church and win the lost.—*C. JANE FITZPATRICK, Secretary.*

Evangelist Jimmie Allen writes that in his recent revival at Konawa, Oklahoma, the pastor, Rev. "Bill" Ledbetter, stated the meeting was "the best the church had had in years. Seekers nearly every night, hard cases prayed through, and fourteen new members added to the church."

Alliance, Ohio—Recently our church had one of the best C.S.T. classes we have had. Professor V. Neil Richardson from Trevecca Nazarene College was the teacher, and night after night we felt the nearness of the Holy Spirit as we studied the book *The Fullness of the Spirit*. There were sixty-three registered, with an average attendance of sixty, and forty-one received credit in the course. This class led us to one

of the best services in the church in a long time, the launching of the Family Altar Commitment program. Thirty families signed the commitment cards at the close of a most impressive and challenging service on Sunday night. All during the week different ones called to state how much they had appreciated the service, and this new commitment plan of the church. As a pastor, I rejoice in this new plan and program of our church.—*J. O. McCASKELL, Pastor.*

Rev. Walter Patterson writes that he is now back in the evangelistic field, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write him, 1642 Wilson Street, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Evangelist W. E. Boggs writes: "Due to a pastoral change, I have an open date, May 30 to June 10, which I would be glad to slate anywhere from Ohio to Texas. Also, I could work this in with your vacation Bible school if you so desire. Write me c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Dee and Bernadene Rushing report: "We have been working as a duet since last September when our son, Tracy, entered college. We are original members of the Rushing Family Singers—a group of seven brothers and sisters who sang together for several years. We are enjoying the evangelistic work, and thank God for some great revivals He has given us. We have given many years of our lives to the singing of the gospel, and expect to continue in the work of singing and winning souls to Christ and the church. Due to re-slating, we have some time open in May which we'd like to slate in or near Oklahoma. Write us, King City, Missouri."

THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD R. AINSWORTH

Topic for April 29:

"Let Us Go On unto Perfection"

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 6:1-3; 10:19—12:29 (Printed: Hebrews 6:1-3; 12:1-7, 11-15)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).*

Perfection. Christian perfection. Scriptural perfection. Is the moral and spiritual perfection presented and required by the Scriptures a distant goal possible only at the believer's translation into God's presence after a lifelong process marked by struggle with remaining sin, or is it perfect love, made graciously real to believers now through faith in the atoning Christ? This is no academic question. The unspiritual, lackluster, below-par lives of too many Christians indicate that the question is vital.

The above scriptures indicate a spiritual experience limited or defined in the following ways:

This perfection is a work of grace beyond conversion. In the closing verses

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In 1961 your Publishing House printed 314,000 copies of more than 100 books. Most of them went to provide inspiration, guidance, and enrichment for Nazarenes in all English-speaking countries. However the testimony below is that of an Italian pastor who found the Nazarene literature to be of particular help to his fellow pastors, even though translation was necessary:

I want to thank you and all those who made it possible for us to have books so that we can get them translated and into the hands of our preachers. We have our problem, like many others, in that we have not the Nazarene material to give our preachers in their own language. We trust and pray that with these books we can give these men the tools to become better men of God and serve the church in a more effective way.

Sincerely,
R. J. Cerrato
Florence, Italy

of Hebrews 5 the writer has rebuked his obviously converted readers for their lack of spiritual progress, and then urges them to "go on unto perfection." The foundations on which Christian perfection is built are stated as experiential and doctrinal principles in 6:1-2.

The word for perfection used here suggests the fulfillment of an end or the reaching of a defined goal. Believers are saved in order to reach goals other than the one here discussed (Paul speaks of resurrection perfection also), but perfect love is a defined goal unto which saved men are directed and in this sense made perfect. It is a Christian adulthood, distinguished from spiritual babyhood, attainable not primarily by the passing of years, but primarily by an act of God through faith.

Human effort and struggle are not the key to the attainment. *The key is, instead, yielding, surrendering to the divine influence and will.* The words in Hebrews 6:1 might well be translated, "Let us be borne or carried on to perfection" (compare Romans 6:11-19).

Christian perfection is compatible with growth in grace. Indeed, Hebrews 12:1 indicates that real progress is possible only when "the sin" is laid aside, and 12:14 suggests that "the sanctification" which is inwrought by grace is to be worked out in continuing holy living beyond the crisis experience. The qualities necessary for such continuing growth will be steadfast devotion and endurance (12:1-4), submission to dis-



PASTORS . . .

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discipline (12:5-11), and courageous optimism (12:13-14).

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Oregon Pacific	July 18 to 20
Northwest Oklahoma	July 25 and 26
Iowa	August 8 and 9
Indianapolis	August 22 and 23
Louisiana	August 29 and 30
North Carolina	September 19 and 20

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San Antonio	May 2 and 3
Mississippi	May 9 and 10
Southern California	May 23 and 24
South Dakota	June 20 and 21
North Dakota	June 28 and 29
West Virginia	July 5 to 7
Northwestern Ohio	July 11 and 12
Gulf Central	July 13 and 14
Virginia	August 9 and 10
Missouri	August 15 and 16
Northwest Indiana	August 23 and 24

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Philadelphia	May 9 and 10
Arizona	May 24 and 25
New Mexico	May 30 and 31
Rocky Mountain	June 7 and 8
Minnesota	July 13 and 14
Colorado	July 19 and 20
Eastern Kentucky	July 25 and 26
Wisconsin	August 9 and 10
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Tennessee	August 22 and 23
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Alabama	May 23 and 24

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Nebraska	June 28 and 29
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Pittsburgh	July 18 to 20
Illinois	July 25 to 27
Kansas	August 1 to 3
Southwest Indiana	August 9 and 10
Georgia	September 12 and 13
Joplin	September 20 and 21

District Assembly Information

SAN ANTONIO, May 2 and 3, at First Church, 4141 Brawner Parkway, Corpus Christi, Texas. Rev. T. A. Burton, pastor. General Superintendent Vanderpool. (N.F.M.S. convention, April 30—May 1; N.Y.P.S. convention, May 1; Sunday school convention, May 1, 7:30 p.m.)

WASHINGTON, May 2 and 3, at First Church, 4301 Woodridge Road, Baltimore, Maryland. Rev. Jack Lee, pastor. General Superintendent Benner.

MISSISSIPPI, May 9 and 10, at First Church, 603 W. Silas Brown St., Jackson 4, Mississippi. Rev. B. W. Downing, pastor. General Superintendent Vanderpool. (S.S. convention, May 7; N.F.M.S. convention, May 8.)

"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

April 29—"God Was in Christ," by Wendell Wellman

May 6—"Do All Things Work Together for Good?" by Wendell Wellman

May 13—"The Hem of His Garment," by Wendell Wellman

May 20—"The Returning Son," by Wendell Wellman

PHILADELPHIA, May 9 and 10, at Calvary Church, Centre Avenue & Fourth St., Reading, Pennsylvania. Rev. Arthur Fallon, pastor. General Superintendent Benner.

ABILENE, May 9 to 11, at First Church, 4510 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas. Rev. Milton Poole, pastor. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 7; N.F.M.S. convention, May 8.)

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, May 9 to 11, at the Beulah Park Auditorium, 1200 El Rancho Drive, Santa Cruz, California. Rev. Frank True, camp manager. General Superintendent Young. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 7; N.F.M.S. convention, May 8.) To reach the auditorium—State Highway 17, north city limits.

IDAHO-OREGON, May 10 and 11, at College Church, 504 Dewey, Nampa, Idaho. Rev. Eugene Stone, pastor. General Superintendent Powers. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 7-8; S.S. convention, May 9.)

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to God and rear their children in the Sunday school and church.

Deaths

REV. JAMES W. ROACH

James W. Roach was born March 25, 1889, and died suddenly of a heart attack on February 20, 1962, at his home in Ferguson, Missouri, at the age of seventy-two. He had been pastor of the Florissant Church of the Nazarene for the past four years. A short time before his death he had completed a new church building, and had seen the new church make substantial progress along every line. He received his first license to preach from Dr. P. F. Bresee in 1913, and was ordained by Dr. J. W. Goodwin in 1918. He had been in the active ministry for almost fifty years, having served St. Louis First Church for twelve years; as superintendent of the Missouri District, 1929 to 1933; and also as pastor of churches in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Huntington, Indiana; and Turlock and Roseville, California. He is survived by his wife, Olive; a son, James W., Jr.; two daughters, Mrs. Lucille Doyel and Mrs. Letha Ramsey; and three brothers, Rev. A. L. of St. Louis, Thomas, and Lee. Funeral service was held in the Florissant Church with Dr. E. D. Simpson, district superintendent, officiating. Rev. A. O. Shearer, pastor of St. Louis First Church, brought the message, and members of the St. Louis Ministerial Alliance served as pallbearers. Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Killion, in Bakersfield, California, with interment in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

REV. ELMER E. JOHNSON

Elmer E. Johnson was born in Elk Point, South Dakota, in 1884, and died February 20, 1962, at Hubbard, Ohio. He was a retired Nazarene elder of the Pittsburgh District. He came to the Church of the Nazarene in 1922, and was ordained by Dr. H. F. Reynolds in 1923. He started the work and supervised the building of the church at Alliance, Ohio; pastored four years at East Palestine, Ohio; then for nearly twenty-eight years pastored the church at Sharon, Penn-

sylvania, and directed the building of the new church. He retired in 1959 after suffering a stroke. He is survived by his wife, the former Edna P. Williams; two sons, Ellsworth L. and Roy G.; a daughter, Mrs. Wm. L. Helmbrecht; a brother, Calvin; and a sister, Nora Johnson. Funeral service was held in New Castle First Church with Rev. R. B. Acheson, district superintendent, and Rev. George Sarber, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Sharon, Pennsylvania.

REV. R. A. MAGNESS

Richard A. Magness was born near Abilene, Texas, October 27, 1881, and died February 12, 1962, at Pomona, California. He was married to Margaret Morgan in 1905. To this union were born nine children. Mrs. Magness and two sons preceded him in death. He became an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1912, and worked faithfully to help organize the church at Harmon, Oklahoma. He and his family moved to Fargo, Oklahoma, in 1919, where he helped in the organization of a church there. He was a charter member of the Fargo church. He is survived by seven children, two brothers, and one sister. Funeral service was held in the Fargo church by Dr. Fred Floyd, assisted by Rev. Paul Wire, pastor, with burial in the Fargo cemetery.

REV. GEORGE R. HAMMER

George R. Hammer was born in Stuart, Colorado, November 15, 1893, and died February 10, 1962, in Garden Grove, California, after suffering a stroke. He was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1941 by the late Dr. J. B. Chapman. He pastored churches in Red Bluff, 1939-44, and Redding, 1944-50, on the Northern California District. In 1950 he suffered a heart attack and retired from the active ministry. He is survived by his wife, Vesta E., of the home; a son, Ivel M.; a daughter, Mrs. E. June Smith; and a brother, Harry G. Funeral service was held at Santa Ana First Church by his pastor, Rev. E. Edgar Johnson.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

--It is with pleasure that I recommend Rev. James W. Aldridge to our pastors and people. I believe him to be an earnest and sincere servant of God who carries a burden for the lost. I am sure that he would give his utmost in any campaign, seeking to build the kingdom of God through our church. Address him, Box 4893, Station B, Columbus 2, Ohio.—H. Harvey Hendershot, Superintendent of West Virginia District.

WEDDING BELLS

—Miss Marilyn McGraw and Mr. Les A. Whitaker, both of Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage on March 29 in First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, with Rev. Harper L. Cole officiating.

BORN

—to Clyde and Dee (Mattmueller) Haas of Falls Church, Virginia, a daughter, DeAnne Michele, on March 22.

—to Richard and Pat (Allison) Unger of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Richard Joseph, Jr., on March 18.

—to Sonny and Evelyn (Huddle) Brown of Mountain Home, Idaho, a son, David Alan, on March 15.

—to Arvid and Pearl (Tromburg) Kreps, of Nampa, Idaho, a son, Kevin Reiner, on March 12.

ADOPTED

—by Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wien, of Sundre, Alberta, a second baby boy, Daniel Leslie, on March 7, at six weeks of age.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian friend in Iowa for a "very special unspoken request"—that my husband will find work—and that we may find a buyer for our property, as it is urgent that we sell;

—by a Christian lady in Oklahoma for a young mother of three daughters in a serious home situation, that God may undertake and work it all out for his glory and the best for the entire family;

—by Christian friends in Texas for a daughter with a severe nervous condition (mother of three little girls), that she may be healed according to God's will and that she and her husband will get

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Work with Cuban Exiles

The Church of the Nazarene now has two new congregations in Florida made up principally of Cuban refugees. These are in Miami and Palm Beach.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Hall, former senior missionaries in Cuba, are in charge of the work in Miami; and their son, Rev. John W. Hall, Jr., is in charge of the work in Palm Beach.

The Miami Nazarene Cuban center is at 2316 W. Flagler Street. Here clothing and other supplies are made available. Many of the exiles are in rooms and apartments without dishes, kitchen utensils, glasses, cups, silverware, bedding, etc., and there is considerable demand for these articles.

Rev. Loren E. Schaffer, pastor of the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Miami, one of the Nazarene churches co-operating in assisting the Cuban center, reports that 115,960 Cuban exiles are now registered in Miami. An additional 1,500 are arriving weekly in Florida.—N.I.S.

Redpath Resigns as Pastor of Historic Moody Church in Chicago

CHICAGO, ILL. (CNS)—Dr. Alan Redpath, pastor of the historic Moody Church in Chicago, has resigned to accept a call to the Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh, Scotland. He will leave in October to take the pulpit which has previously been filled by Dr. W. Graham Scroggie and Dr. J. Sidlow Baxter.

Dr. Redpath came to Moody Church in 1953 from the Duke Street Baptist Church in London, England, and has become nationally known as a conference speaker with a deeper-life emphasis. He started the Mid-America Keswick at Moody Church and has written several books while in the United States.

Negro Pastor Elected

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS (WRN)—Rufus King Young, pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, has been elected as the first Negro president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association.

Taiwan Church Sends Missionary

TAIPEI, TAIWAN (MNS)—Pastor Hsiao Wen-K, an outstanding pastor in the Oriental Missionary Society's work here, has decided to answer the Lord's call to service in Malaya. To back up this man's ministry in a foreign country, the O.M.S. churches have formed a foreign missionary society with the view to helping this talented pastor and his wife and others who may be called to go out.

Does sanctification take out temper?

It deals with the problem of explosive, selfish temper, which is what the word usually suggests. However, there is an anger against evil which is a necessary part of holy character: "And when he [Jesus] had looked round about on them with anger, being

grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand" (Mark 3:5). But this is a moral indignation which does not "flare up" at some insult or affront, real or imagined, against oneself.

Is it right for the women of the Church of the Nazarene to have a rummage sale to raise money to buy something for the church, even though they do not have the sale in the church?

I would take a very dim view of such a plan. I do not think it is right. Personally, I share the historic conviction of our leadership that the work of God

is to be supported by tithes and offerings, and not by various sorts of commercial enterprises carried on in the name of the church.

Is it right to pray to the Holy Ghost? secret, family, or in general, should directly to the Holy Spirit?

It is not particularly a matter of right or wrong. The Holy Spirit is the divine Third Person of the Trinity, and may be addressed in prayer directly. Classic examples of this are found in our hymnology, as in the beloved hymn: *Holy Ghost, with light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine; Chase the shades of night away; Turn my darkness into day.*

Another is the beautiful baptismal hymn of Adoniram Judson:

*Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine;
On these baptismal waters shine,*

I mean, when one is having prayer, one pray to God through Jesus, or

*And teach our hearts, in highest strain,
To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.*

I would have to say, however, that the Biblical pattern for prayer addresses the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, and with the anointing and help of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26 and Jude 20). This should probably be our rule for public and family prayer, although in private prayer other forms could certainly be employed as they come spontaneously into the heart and mind.

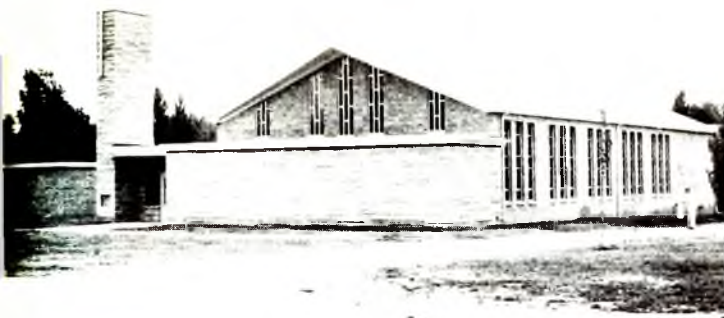
A question came up in our Sunday school class about the unpardonable sin. The Bible says it may be committed by blaspheming against the Holy Ghost. All sin may be forgiven but that. What does it mean to blaspheme, and how do you think men commit it today?

John Wesley and Adam Clarke were sure that blaspheming the Holy Spirit was attributing to the power of Satan those miracles of our Lord which were the work of the divine Spirit. Mr. Wesley comments on Matthew 12:31, "How much stir has been made about this! How many sermons, yea, volumes, have been written concerning it! And yet there is nothing plainer in all the Bible. It is nothing more nor less than the ascribing those miracles to the power of the devil which Christ wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost" (*Explanatory Notes upon the New Testament*).

W. E. Vine explains the impossibility of forgiveness this way: "Anyone, with the evidence of the Lord's power before his eyes, [who] should declare it to be Satanic, exhibited a condition of heart beyond Divine illumination and there-

fore hopeless. Divine forgiveness would be inconsistent with the moral nature of God. As to the Son of Man, in his state of humiliation, there might be misunderstanding, but not so with the Holy Spirit's power demonstrated" (*Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*).

Virtually all, however, are agreed that any such sin would be accompanied by such hardness of heart that there would be no concern for or interest in God's favor. There is hope for anyone who shows any serious concern about his soul's salvation. And on the other hand, when you come right down to it, any unconfessed sin is unpardonable. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).



The Oregon First Church of the Nazarene (Toledo, Ohio) was dedicated last year by General Superintendent V. H. Lewis and District Superintendent Carl B. Clendenen, Jr. Contracted by Nazarene builders, W. A. Gunter, Inc., the church was built for \$80,000 less than the lowest bid. The sanctuary seats 450, with an educational unit adequate for a church school of 600. Rev. J. G. Wells is the pastor.



The Bloomfield, Iowa, Church of the Nazarene was dedicated by General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool. The Bedford limestone structure, valued at \$40,000, was completed at a cost of \$32,500, with much of the interior work donated by members and friends. Rev. John Damon pastored the congregation for eight years and has recently transferred to the pastorate at Glenwood, Iowa. His successor in Bloomfield is Rev. Jerry Garmon.

The only father-son combination in the district superintendency of the Church of the Nazarene is Rev. Melza H. Brown, head of the work in Hawaii, and his son, Dr. W. Shelburne Brown, superintendent of the Los Angeles District since 1952. Melza Brown was ordained in 1919, and has pastored Nazarene churches in several states,



including First Churches in Denver, Colorado Springs, Little Rock, and Nampa, Idaho. Shelburne Brown also served as pastor for ten years prior to his election to the superintendency (N.I.S.)

The Church of the Nazarene in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada, was organized December 13, 1959, with eleven charter members. Within two years the membership has increased to fifty, and the new building pictured here was completed and dedicated. The Canada Central District N.Y.P.S. contributed to the project in both prayer and financial support. General and district loan funds assisted with the cost of construction. Rev. Cyril A. Palmer is the pastor.

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