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Heart Purity

HEART PURITY is at the heart of the atonement made by Christ for all men. “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).

Full abandonment to the revealed will of God is the area of light in which one must walk to find fellowship with the Lord and to have access to the Blood which cleanseth from all sin. “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7).

Heart purity is that spiritual state into which one enters when the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Romans 5:5).

John’s baptism was with water and was applied to the outward man and stood for repentance and change in the outward life, while Christ’s baptism was with the Holy Ghost and was applied inwardly and wrought a renovating, chaff-burning experience that thoroughly purged the floor of a man’s nature by His refining fire.

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh

after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:11-12).

Peter in describing what happened when the household of Cornelius was baptized with the Holy Ghost declared that it was the same as what happened to the disciples at Pentecost. Then he lifted up the chief central event, “purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15: 8-9).

Since no special office in the Church and no special gift of the Spirit is bestowed upon every person, we must conclude that no special office in the Church and no special gift of the Spirit

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is essential to see God. Jesus declared that a pure heart, for which there is no counterfeit, was the passport through heaven’s gate.

“Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8).

The Eyes of the Clean Heart

By T. CRICHTON MITCHELL, *Pastor, Thomas Memorial Church, London, England*

LITTLE BILLY'S new baby sister had tiptoed into his home while he slept. It really wasn't a very clever trick. Any full-grown, five-year-old male would have been tempted to despise it. There was, however, one redeeming feature. When he demanded, "Where did she come from?" they answered him, "From God!"

Good! Now at long last the wee fellow had at least one reliable informant. So they found him a day or two later with his philosopher's face pressing against the cot-bars in the nursery and pleading urgently, "Quick . . . before you forget. *What is God like?*"

Moses prayed, "Shew me thy glory." The answer was, "There shall no man see me, and live." Job cried, "Oh that I knew where I might find him! that I might come even to his seat!" (Job 23:3) Philip cried, "Shew us the Father." Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

So! The hindrances to seeing God, to knowing Him and walking with Him, are all in the heart! That's encouraging. *And* it's depressing when we look into our hearts and see their defilement and their division and their deceitfulness; and when we remember all that God says about them. "The heart [of man] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked! who can know it?"

But it is encouraging when we recall that any other basis of qualification for seeing God would be impossible and unjust. Just imagine if the verse said, "Blessed are the brilliant—or the wise—or the *very important people*—for they shall see God!" Encouraging, too, when we remember what the Book says, "God, which knoweth the hearts. . . ." purified their hearts. So it's not impossible after all! Thanks be to God! God can and will purify the heart for Christ's sake, and live in it, too! "God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost. . . . purifying their hearts by faith." Just like that! And in an instant!

To be pure of heart is to be clean. There are

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.

no spots on the inward soul. It is to be single-minded; no fold on the inward eye. It is "to will one thing" and that the will of God. It is to be utterly sincere; no faking; no duplicity; no adulteration; no hypocrisy.

The heart can be made clean. "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." That's a certainty when God works. Jesus said, "Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." It's true! As the Baptist said, "He will thoroughly purge his floor."

Purity of heart is cleanness of soul; it is the complete renovation of the house of God on the central floor of the human personality—and God living in. And the pure in heart do see God. Without holiness no man shall see God, but the pure in heart see Him now. Everywhere! Always! He is within and He is around. His eye guides; His hand strengthens; His voice reassures and commands. And the pure in heart endure "as seeing him who is invisible." And seeing Him, they serve with unshaken confidence, for they also see His invisible armies.

And they will see Him! It is written, "His servants . . . shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads."

For though from out the bourne of Time and Place

*The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.*

"We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." "Because as he is, so are we in this world."

*Ah to be clean again in mine own sight
As in God's most holy sight;*

*To reach through any fire or flood or pain
Whiteness most white!*

Not just *any* fire or flood or pain. Whiteness "most white" is the breathtaking promise and offer God makes to me, and you, and the rest of us, in the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Wash the heart and wash the eyes! "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

*The cleansing stream, I see, I see!
I plunge and, oh, it cleanseth me!*

*I rise to walk in heav'n's own light
Above the world and sin,
With heart made pure, and garments white,
And Christ enthroned within.*

Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14).

THE DEVIL in kid gloves

By **JAMES A. HAMILTON**

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THE DEVIL works in kid gloves. A man may have been robbed of the best that he had, and there is not a mark of any kind to reveal it.

In a certain city not too long ago two thieves, at different times, were apprehended wearing kid gloves. The reason they wore gloves is that paint easily takes fingermarks and thumbmarks. Thieves want, above all, to do their work without being caught. They do not desire to call attention to themselves.

The devil is very particular about appearances. He can lie and cheat and gamble and sin and appear not to have a spot on his cuffs or collars, and not have a trace of bad manners about him. His victims are sinners as others, but they are not caught yet. This segment of humanity, the adversary is very careful to keep respectable.

The devil will steal the best you have, and leave you *apparently* unharmed. He will rob a beautiful girl of her virtue, and leave her beautiful. He will rob a young man of the cleanness of his heart, and he still appears as clean as his unstained companions. He will rob the merchant of his integrity and honesty, and people still think he has not a spot upon his character.

Politicians have been known to take prices for contracts and "notes" for votes, and still appear



I am a missionary first of all because God called me. Second to this I have something to give and want to give it to lost souls in other lands; thereby carrying out the great commission, "Go ye."

Susan Elizabeth Mishler
Nurse in Swaziland
South Africa
Appointed in 1963

—General Stewardship Committee

*Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
As to be hated needs but to be seen;
Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face,
We first endure, then pity, then embrace.*

—Alexander Pope

before the public open-faced, clean-handed, and honest as the daylight.

Satan will steal from the Christian his prayer time, leave him empty and defeated, but still making a profession. Some ministers have been known to become so encumbered with worldly entanglements that it became easier to be passive toward and evasive of truth and their high and holy calling.

If the devil's work showed every time, people would avoid it as poison. However, most of the time it goes on and on and nobody detects the slightest mark. The soul is robbed of all the best things it has, and Satan has done it with such cunning that the victim is unaware of the immediate loss.

Secret failure is failure, nevertheless, and secret sin is sin. If Satan has entered into a man, it little matters whether or not his work shows at the time.

The most deadening experience of all is when the devil is robbing a man, and the man himself is asleep and is not aware of what is taking place.

It often is true. Because one is not vigilant he loses the good from his heart. We are admonished by the Apostle Paul, "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, . . . and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14).

The Cover . . .

A dedicated vacation Bible school teacher may teach many things. By her loving concern for a child she may help the child to understand Jesus' love. By her reverent handling of the Holy Bible she may teach respect and love for the Book. With a simple prayer at refreshment time she may introduce a child to the virtue of thankfulness. With simple words she may tell the old, old story to a child who has never heard. These are among the joys of teaching vacation Bible school. Will you help your church provide vacation Bible school so that boys and girls and youth may "Discover God's Way"?

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A MBASSADOR

. . . or spy?

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Now then we are ambassadors for Christ (II Corinthians 5:20).

IN SOME RESPECTS ambassadors and spies are similar. They both have a love for their country, a devotion to its ideals, a deep desire and willingness to serve. Their work will usually be far from home, so it means absence from their own country, working in another land.

But in the performance of their duties there is a vast difference between an ambassador and a spy.

(1) While they are both in another country, the ambassador is stationed in a place of service under his country's flag. In fact, the embassy is owned by his country, and is not even considered a part of the land in which it is located. The local laws and regulations do not apply to those within its walls. The spy, on the other hand, is subject to the laws of the land in which he works, having no immunity from prosecution in its courts.

(2) The work of the ambassador is open. His position is one of honor, and is respected by the foreign power as he represents his own country. The work of the spy, by its very nature, involves secrecy. His friends are fewer, he must operate under suspicion, and he himself is suspicious of many with whom he must come in contact.

(3) The ambassador is expected to speak the truth, and with authority. He has the backing of his country, with all its power and glory. The spy practices deception, representing himself to be what he knows he is not; if not by actual statement, at least by implication. If he should be open and truthful, it would destroy the purpose of his work.

(4) The purposes of the ambassador are peaceful, while the spy is bent on subversion and possible destruction of the country in which he works. The spy seeks knowledge to the weakening of the land in which he lives; the ambassador seeks to advance the cause of his own country by convincing those of the other land of the virtues and designs for better living which he represents.

Paul insists that we Christians are *ambassadors*. Our citizenship is in heaven. We are seeking to reconcile sinful men to our Saviour, the Redeemer of the world. Since Christ is not present in the flesh, we, in His stead, urge men to turn to God. We cannot carry on this work as spies. We must be ambassadors.

A recent incident makes me wonder if some Christians may be in practice working more like spies than ambassadors. A friend was confined to a hospital, and when one of the members of his family went to visit him, he had occasion to eat a meal in the hospital cafeteria.

While there, he saw an acquaintance whom he had known for several years, who was a member of our church in that city. After visiting awhile, another friend, also a member of our church (but another congregation) in the city, joined him at his table. Both of these ladies were working for the hospital, and knew one another as employees, but were not aware that both belonged to the same denomination. In fact they seemed not even to know one another as Christians! Spies operate like this—not ambassadors.

Without raising a doubt as to their love for Christ and heaven, their devotion to Christian ideals, and a desire and willingness to serve God and His kingdom, there is serious doubt as to their effectiveness in seeking to reconcile to Christ those who are yet not heavenly citizens.

Oh, that there might be generated within us all a fervent compassion for the lost that would impel us to speak authoritatively, openly, convincingly, that truth which would free the enslaved of earth! Let us be true *ambassadors for Christ!*



Spring's Story

*I think the season of the year
That seems to be the best
Is spring, because it tells a fact
That's greater than the rest.*

*The story it relates again
As it has year after year—
Though winter's blast oft times brings death,
New life will reappear.*

*It brings such hope and courage,
For though storms may come our way,
The spring affirms that peace will come
And all the storms allay.*

By LOIS ANNE WILLIAMS

Found any Angels Lately?

By VIRGINIA KIRLEY LEIH, Fairbanks, Alaska



“COULD you and your husband have dinner with us next Friday night?” asked the pleasant-faced young matron at the conclusion of our first visit to a Church of the Nazarene in the city to which we had just moved. Welcome words, these! That we chose to place our membership in this friendly church is not surprising.

But that we *were* invited, and so promptly, was more surprising than we cared to admit. Then when the next move, thousands of miles to Alaska, found us dinner guests for three of the first four Sundays, we felt as if our lines had truly fallen in pleasant places. We had lived in other cities and in other small towns, had attended and joined other Nazarene churches where pastors were un-failingly hospitable, but where often only a small fraction of the members shared their homes with us.

We like to consider ours a friendly denomination, concluding perhaps that informality automatically guarantees friendliness. Yet genuine fellowship involves more than a freedom from liturgy, and more even than a firm handshake and a smiling “How are you today?” (I know one couple who gave up on a sister church recently after the same greeter asked their names each Sunday for six weeks.)

Although Christian friendship is a many-petaled flower, certainly hospitality is one of its most pleasant points. Paul frequently enjoined this practical virtue, as when he urged the Romans to be “given to hospitality” (Romans 12:13b), or told Titus that a bishop must be a “lover of hospitality” (Titus 1:8).

Familiar to all of us is the command, “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:2). What more effective way to verify an invitation to church than to confront the unsaved with, “And won’t you have dinner with us afterwards?” Surely the Holy Spirit uses the testimony of a Christian home. Do you remember that the first joyful impulse of the Philippian jailer subsequent to his conversion and baptism was to bring Paul and Silas into his house and set meat before them?

But the unsaved or newly converted are not the only ones to profit from such ministry. In the context of “fervent charity among yourselves,” Peter specifies, “Use hospitality one to another

without grudging” (I Peter 4:9). It was a noteworthy characteristic of the Early Church that they continued “daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, . . .” (Acts 2:46). Perhaps that was the earliest and happiest “progressive dinner” on record!

Many contemporary conditions militate against the close, Christian fellowship that we all want to receive and share: a multiplicity of social and business obligations, smaller homes or apartment living, and frequent moving about the country. Yet these very situations make the “breaking of bread together” more valuable. Thrown among unbelievers all week, the Christian finds soul nourishment in spending part of a day with one of like precious faith.

The young mother in a small apartment may need, more than even she knows, to see someone else’s walls and children. Our very mobility heightens the desirability of helping others to establish roots quickly in a new church community. We dare not suppose that a crowded church schedule—numerous church services, committee or board meetings, or even parties—can substitute for the personal warmth of “Come home with us today.”

Cocktail parties, lodges, and bridge clubs are the world’s poverty-stricken answer for recognized social needs. We who belong to Jesus have an emphatic obligation to meet one another’s normal social inclinations—which are *not* limited to the teen years—in Christ’s way. It was when the Master “sat at meat with them, . . . took bread, and blessed it, and brake” (Luke 24:30), that full recognition came to the Emmaus Road disciples. That must have been a poignantly characteristic gesture.

An obligation, yes, but oh, a glorious privilege it is when through Him, our great Common Denominator, an ordinary occasion becomes a blessed fellowship!

Here are some suggestions for Christian entertaining:

(1) Entertain newcomers immediately. Don’t wait until you’ve washed curtains, polished the silverware, scoured the garbage cans, or taken a correspondence course in grammar. The stranger may be lonely now.

(2) Try having old friends and new ones together; your ease with old acquaintances, who also might need renewed fellowship, can make the occasion relaxing for all.

(3) If your home is really too small, or if the landlord is redecorating your apartment, pack a picnic lunch and find some scenery. One of our happiest memories is of an early morning breakfast with our host's pancakes as the feature attraction.

(4) When budgets and time are unusually thin, try potluck. And remember that cold cuts or TV dinners in the humblest home may be welcome fare indeed.

(5) Invite guests in advance if possible, allowing them to anticipate. But don't neglect a spontaneous invitation occasionally. How wonderful it was to be invited out for dinner the day I appeared in church on crutches!

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Nothing less than our best in the Easter Offering of March 29 can please God. Nothing less than our best should please us. God's own goodness to us and a sense of the world's deep need combine to give us a sense of urgency that we cannot escape.



Samuel Young
General Superintendent

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Why not invite someone today? You might discover an angel—or a friend!

MUSIC MEMOETTE

by *Ovella Satre Shafer*

"JESUS SAVES"

We have heard the joyful sound:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Spread the tidings all around:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Bear the news to ev'ry land;

Climb the steeps and cross the waves.

Onward!—'tis our Lord's command.

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice.

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Let the nations now rejoice.

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Shout salvation full and free.

Highest hills and deepest caves.

This our song of victory:

Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

MISS PRISCILLA J. OWENS, author of the words of "Jesus Saves," was a Baltimore Sunday school teacher and worker. She was inspired to write this song-poem to celebrate a missionary anniversary in her Sunday school about eighty years ago. The children were very happy to sing this new hymn she had written for them to the tune "Vive

le Roi," from Meyerbeer's opera *Les Huguenots*. Soon this number, "Jesus Saves," became a favorite and was sung in both Sunday school and church services everywhere.

The present musical setting was written by William J. Kirkpatrick. He was a native of Ireland but came to America at an early age and spent his lifetime as a musician and composer in the state of Pennsylvania. He became musical director of the Grace M.E. Church in Philadelphia, and not only became a writer of Christian poetry and song but a widely known singer of gospel melodies.

Late at his home one night in 1917 while working on the hymn-poem "Just as Thou Wilt, Lord," Kirkpatrick received his heavenward summons. His wife found him slumped over his worktable. Underneath were these words so recently penned:

Just as Thou wilt, Lord, this is my cry,

Just as Thou wilt to live or to die.

I am Thy servant, Thou knowest best;

Just as Thou wilt, Lord, labor or rest.

Mr. Kirkpatrick published more than eighty-seven songbooks during his lifetime. Other compositions for which he is remembered are: "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," "He Hideth My Soul," and "When Love Shines In."



Preview of the

1964

Vacation Bible School Program

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Through God's plan for our marvelous world they will see Him as Creator and Sustainer of the universe. In the Bible they will discover the way of salvation and God's plan for successful living. In Jesus Christ they may see most clearly God's love for us. How glad we are that "the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world!"

You can help to plan and promote vacation Bible school in your church. Make your 1964 V.B.S. the time when many will learn to know God through Jesus Christ, His Son and our Saviour.

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The CHANGING ROLE of V.B.S.

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LET'S THINK about children. Not the children of ten or twenty years ago—but today's children!

The world our children have inherited is filled with time schedules, tensions, frustrations, and fears. All too quickly these modern pressures affect the lives of our children—as do the forces of sin and evil.

Today's children are a great challenge to the Church. Even more than a challenge, they are the responsibility of the Church. They are its hope for future days. The everlasting truths of love and salvation taught by the Church are the answer to fears and uncertainty—for child or adult.

This is the role vacation Bible school can play. For church children and for the needy unchurched youngsters of the community, V.B.S. can provide an opportunity to "Discover God's Way." Each child on his own level of understanding can learn about God, and His Son, who came to save us. Finding a personal faith to undergird life is the most vital challenge before every boy, girl, and young person. While he would not express it in this way, the need remains and demands satisfaction.

Vacation Bible school is well suited to this time of discovery. It provides more time—two full weeks of regular Bible study. The informal atmosphere encourages the questions by which children learn. The times of fellowship help the child get a balanced view of the Christian way of life as he works and plays with Christian adults.

The dual task of evangelism and guidance in Christian living can be effectively done in V.B.S. Close personal contacts and conversations as well as group sessions can be used to lead a child or young person into a personal experience with Jesus Christ. Careful nurture of the new Christian life is an equally important phase of the task of evangelism.

The opportunity is available to you. You may have a part in guiding the lives of boys and girls and youth as they are "Discovering God's Way" in vacation Bible school.

Become a part of this vital church effort. You will discover new blessings as you help children find joy in living to please God. Even in a world of tension and distress, you can help them find peace and security in knowing and loving God.



CONSISTENCY

from a Pastor's Point of View

By **ORVAL W. AKERS**

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IF ONLY my people would keep their vows to the church with the same faithfulness as they keep their club's rules!

If only I could count on faithfulness in attendance at all services in the same manner as it is expected at the service clubs! Should a penalty system be imposed?

If only my people would feel the same sense of urgency about their duties as church members generally and their personal obligations in relation to their particular job in the church as do politicians, labor leaders, and Communists!

Consistency—thou art a jewel: consistent living seven days a week and not just on Sundays; consistent witness—not just on prayer meeting night to a select group of well-wishers; consistent giving till it doesn't hurt anymore—past the point of pain, that is.

Consistency—a fervent consistency—that is my desire for myself and for all of the people of my church.

Holiness

. . . the instantaneous blessing

By J. V. WILBANKS, Nazarene Layman, Colorado Springs, Colorado

THE BOLT OF LIGHTNING that struck the tree near which my car was parked hit in an infinitesimal period of time. This is what we call an instantaneous event.

Many denominations agree that without holiness "no man shall see the Lord" (see Hebrews 12:14). Among the difficulties of reconciling the great differences of opinion that exist in regard to this important doctrine is that of *how* the experience of entire sanctification is received. That is, Do we acquire purity of heart by imperceptible degrees, or is it an instantaneous experience? We of the Wesleyan-Arminian faith believe the latter.

There are at least three main objections to the theory that holds sanctification to be a gradual work:

(1) It is not biblical. This alone is enough to discredit the hypothesis. Not a single instance can be found in Holy Writ where God sanctified anyone by degrees, either ceremonially or actually.

(2) The idea is philosophically unsound. When we try to conceive of how the sin principle may be destroyed piecemeal fashion, we involve ourselves in inextricable difficulties. Carnality is "the body of sin" (Romans 6:6). It is no more possible to be rid of all envy and at the same time retain carnal pride than it is possible for a physical body to be decapitated and retain physical life. Also, if we believe that we are sanctified by imperceptible and gradual methods we can never be sure of just when that last and final degree of purification has taken place. Thus the game is always eluding the hunter.

(3) Another great obstacle to this theory is that it has no practical results. Christians have never testified to having received the "fulness of the blessing" in this manner.

Let us now view the Wesleyan position at these same three points:

(1) *Instantaneous sanctification is biblical.* Whether we go to the Old or the New Testament, God always sanctified as an *act*, and not as a long-drawn-out process. Old Testament sanctification was generally in a ceremonial sense, but

the ritual that performed it invariably took little time. Whether we view the sanctifying of the seventh day (Genesis 2:3), or Moses' sanctifying the Hebrews preparatory to receiving the law (Exodus 19:14), we can only understand these things to be *actions*, and not developments.

Take any example in the New Testament. Here we find the actual accomplishment of that which was typified in the old covenant. On the Day of Pentecost the Spirit came "suddenly" (Acts 2:2). In Acts 10:44, even while Peter was preaching to the Gentiles, "the Holy Ghost fell on all them."

Peter and John went down to Samaria for the express purpose of getting the new Christians there sanctified. They "prayed for them, . . . Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:14-17). Other instances could be adduced, but these scriptural examples should convince any candid and unprejudiced mind that New Testament sanctification as the result of the baptism with the Spirit is obtained instantaneously.

(2) *It is reasonable.* We may reflect on the first work of justification. God forgives our sins all at once. Said Jesus of the weeping woman, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven" (Luke 7:47). He does not forgive us piecemeal fashion. Neither does He cleanse the heart piecemeal fashion.

Look at it from the standpoint of power. It is reasonable to suppose that God *can* accomplish the work in a short time. Consider how God will raise all the deceased believers from the dead in a moment of time—"in the twinkling of an eye" (I Corinthians 15:51-52).

Remember, too, that the Holy Spirit is a Gift (Acts 2:38). It is not the decorum of men to give gifts piecemeal. What would you think of a friend, who wished to make you a present of a valued watch, who one week would send you the wrist band; the next, the crystal; and so on until several months had elapsed before you had receive the entire gift? This is not God's fashion, either, in bestowing His most valued of gifts.

(3) *Experience corroborates it.* Bona Fleming used to tell about an old Christian in one of his

meetings. The old gentleman had been attempting to grow into the experience of holiness for nearly half a century. On being asked if he felt himself to be any nearer the coveted blessing than when he first started, he confessed that he did not. Bona persuaded him to come to an altar of prayer, where, after a short and earnest appeal to God, he was baptized with the Holy Spirit. What he had been attempting in his own strength to do for many years, the Spirit did for him in a moment!

Multiplied thousands have testified to receiving the Spirit in this manner. You too may be filled with the Holy Ghost in a moment of time. "According to your faith be it unto you."

**But where sin abounded,
Grace abounded more.
Now where peace prevaieth,
Darkness was before.
All my sins have vanished;
Jesus reigns in power;
And my heart is waiting
For the coming hour
When my King shall call me,
And I shall see His face.
For now I am a sinner
Saved by Jesus' grace!**
—Lily Herling Eikanger

ISLE OF ISOLATION

By JACK M. SCHARN, *Pastor, Arcadia, California*

WHAT DISTANT STRAND can separate the soul from the love of Christ? Shall isolation, or desolation, or tribulation? "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Romans 8:37).

The sterling, sensitive spirit of John was not defeated as his enemies expelled him to the distant desolation of Patmos. He was removed to isolation because he was a source of irritation. To his enemies, it was a quarantine against the quality and vitality of his quest for God. Perhaps they thought they would be immune to his contagious spirit of Christianity. Maybe they thought the desolation would drain his energies and freeze his fervor.

But John was one who drew from an artesian flow of grace. His fervor was oft rekindled and revived at the fireside of faith. God had grace to make this faithful outcast an overcomer.

John was persuaded that there was a providential purpose in Patmos. This was but an *Isle of Intermission*. Tribulation is temporary and its end result is triumph. He recorded his Patmos plight to the seven churches in Asia, saying: "I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:9).

The Apostle could have sat sulking at his surroundings, but he didn't! In simplicity of spirit he waited until he was rewarded with God's special revelation. He testified: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet" (v. 10). John was in the attitude and anticipation of worship. There was both spiritual preparation and participation. He was waiting expectantly and he heard from heaven.

He was watching prayerfully and he saw God's salvation.

Suddenly Patmos became a paradise. There stood with him "the Son of man," the "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last." The glowing transfiguration lifted him above the tribulation and transformed his forsaken harbor into a haven. Why? Because his view was focused on the Son of God.

John saw in the wonder of his exile experience the greatness of God's hand—"And he had in his right hand seven stars" (Revelation 1:16). He was so awed that he fell as dead at the feet of Christ. Then he continued: "And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not" (v. 17). John had seen the wonder of God's right hand, but even more important and imperative was the warmth of feeling its personal touch. God knew John's need, and John knew God's visitation. There is no desolation in the presence of Deity. God insures the soul of His inseparable infinity.

Patmos became an *Isle of Inspiration*. There is no distant port too far from the presence of Christ. Faith is the passport to the place of peace. John would have perished on Patmos if his vision had been veiled with vain human reason and reaction, but he found spiritual treasure on his isle of tribulation. He believed that nothing could separate the soul from the love of Christ. He beheld the heavenly hand whose personal touch transforms the tragedies of life into triumph. He heard the heavenly voice saying, "Fear not." He was victoriously aware that there is no *Isle of Isolation!*

Apart, alone, for just a while?

Fear not the isolated isle!

Do dashing, spraying waves of doubt

Surround your island all about?

One walks the waves and treads the tide.

Fear not; He standeth at thy side!

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Arrested Development

One of the hazards of human life is what is called arrested development. It happens when a person for any reason does not grow normally.

There are cases of arrested development physically. Physical growth may be stunted by injury or damage to glands or nervous system.

There are cases of arrested mental development, where the mind is retarded and may not grow beyond the stage normal to a child of three or four years.

There are a great many more cases of arrested development in the realm of the emotional, where an adult still reacts to life emotionally as a child or an adolescent.

But arrested spiritual development is different from other kinds of retarded growth. One may be quite normal physically, psychologically, and emotionally, and yet remain in spiritual infancy. It is one thing to be childlike. It is quite something else to be childish.

A spiritual infant is unstable. He cannot work with confidence and assurance. He often tumbles and falls, and must be set back on his feet. He has not developed sound spiritual habits. He is undependable and erratic in church attendance.

A spiritual infant is unproductive. He cannot take an active part in the work of the Kingdom. He requires constant care and support. Everything must be done for him. He is unable to do anything for others.

When spiritual infancy is prolonged beyond a normal length of time, the result is pitiful. Everyone loves a baby; and everyone abhors the person who just acts like one. The milk bottle and the little red wagon belong to the very young. It is a sorry picture when those who have been "in the way" for twenty years or more are still occupied with them. "When I became a man," said Paul, "I put away childish things."

WHAT ARE THE CAUSES of arrested spiritual development? One certainly is lack of nourishment. As mind and body must both be nourished if they are to grow normally, so must the soul and the spiritual life. The Bible, first of all, and good books and magazines provide "sincere milk" and "strong meat" for spiritual growth.

Lack of exercise will stunt the spirit of man. Failure to pray, to work, to take an active part in the

life of the church retard normal spiritual growth.

Above all, disobedience always arrests development in Christian character. Nine times out of ten, if one will go back to the point where growth stopped there will be found light which has been ignored or refused.

The cure for this condition is parallel to its cause. Here is a major difference between arrested development in the realm of the spiritual and in other areas of life. Once development has been arrested in physical growth, in mental development, or in psychological maturity, it is almost impossible ever to get it started again.

But such is the mercy of God that if one will walk in the light of obedience, pick up the exercise of praying, witnessing, and working, and take plenty of good nourishment in Bible study, reading, and hearing the preaching of the Word, he will start to grow. He will be no more a child, "tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:14-15).

"Missionaries" and Missionaries

Dr. Frank C. Laubach, the noted missionary-literacy expert, has recently said, "Communist 'missionaries' outnumber Christian missionaries ten to one." This is a startling and challenging claim. At the heels of, and sometimes even ahead of, the emissaries of the Cross are the minions of the hammer and sickle.

We sometimes find it hard to understand how such masses of people could be deceived and deluded into lending their strength and their very lives to the red tide of international communism. What we must realize is that the Communist is offering a very definite and clearly defined "gospel." He offers power to the weak, food to the hungry, liberty to the downtrodden and oppressed, revenge to the exploited.

Make no mistake about it, communism spreads with the contagion and explosive power of a religious faith. Its devotees are dedicated. Its program of action appeals to the sinful natures of men. Its tools are deadly and tragically effective: hate, violence, massacre, subversion, faithless promises, and "the big lie."

IT WOULD BE, to this editor at least, very questionable to use the admitted and real threat of com-

munism as the incentive for Christian missions. Christians are motivated best, not by danger, not by threats, not by enticements to prestige and honor; but by the vision of One who hung on the middle cross.

On the other hand, we must see that human nature, like all nature, abhors a vacuum. The Church must move into its world-field rapidly, or it will find that world-field preempted by an implacable foe. Quite apart from all military considerations, Christianity and communism cannot coexist as moral forces struggling for the loyalties of men.

Some seem to think that the way to meet the threat of Communist expansion is to talk about it. But one thing is dismally missing, and that is any constructive program of action to meet the need.

Wherever true Christian missionaries have gone they have taken the by-products of their faith with them: schools, hospitals, books, and hope. But they have done more than teach people to read; they have given them something to read. They have done more than meet some of the problems of health in backward areas; they have offered a program and power for life to which men and women could give their new health and strength.

IGNORANCE, poverty, and greed are bitter and stubborn facts. Yet basically they are symptoms. If you cured all the symptoms, you'd still have the disease. Here is where the gospel surpasses all the plans and programs that men can institute. It lays the axe to the root of the tree. It strikes at the entrenchment of evil deep in the human heart. Its concern about the symptoms is great, but its cure for the disease is unmatched.

Roy L. Smith has said: "There may be many reasons why communism has made more converts during the past twenty years than Christianity has during the past three hundred. But at least one of

the reasons is that the Communist missionaries have had the money to work with." If we really want to do something about the crisis of our day, we can at least see to it that the gap between the "missionaries" and the missionaries is narrowed, both in numbers of people working and in that with which they have to work.

During one of the great labor crises of recent years the Secretary of Labor received a telegram, the total message of which was, "Do something." Usually our problem is not that we are unwilling to "do something," but we don't know just what to do. Our soon-coming Easter Offering for world evangelism is part of the answer. It isn't spectacular, and it isn't new. If it has any lacks, they lie in the sad refrain, "Too little, and too late." As one has said, "It isn't that Christianity has been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and not tried."

I'm not sure any of us can say when we are doing enough. I am sure we can't say it as long as our average per capita giving for foreign missions is just a little over two and one-half cents per day. The plea of J. G. Morrison is as appropriate now as it was when it was wrung from his heart in the late twenties. "O brethren, can't you do a little more?" We shall never hear the Saviour's "Well done," unless we have "done something," and have done our best.

Editorial Note . . .

The cover and two pages of material in this issue of the *Herald* remind us that it is time to start planning for vacation Bible school this summer. The material has been prepared by Miss Mary Latham and her staff in the V.B.S. division in our Department of Church Schools. Proper planning and persistent prayer will make V.B.S. time another means of getting the gospel out to unreached children and their homes.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

HOME MISSIONS

ROY SMEE, Secretary

EASTER OFFERING, 1964

"The love of Christ constraineth us." This is the supreme motivation for what we do for the Lord. This Easter we want to see an offering that will help us go over the top in our goal of \$18 million for the General Budget this quadrennium. That is a worthy record, but it is not our principal motivation. We must come back to that love of Christ which has found us, drawn us, convicted us, redeemed us, surrounded us, sanctified us, and still constrains us.

What does the Easter Offering mean to home missions? The Department looks to the Easter Offering for one-third of its annual budget of \$613,693. Of that amount 63.3 percent is for overseas home missionary areas and the Negro and Chinese work in the United States. Another 28.2 percent is for our radio ministry, reaching out through "Showers of Blessing," and for home missionary needs in our smaller districts.

But these are only figures. The Easter Offering really means operating expenses for Bible colleges in Australia, South Africa, and Germany, training men to fill pastorates in new churches; it means support for a home mission pastor in a new church in New Zealand;

it means payments for a needed church building in Hawaii; it means buying radio time for "Showers of Blessing" to go out over the continent of Australia; it means a revival meeting for our churches in the Panama Canal Zone; it means gasoline in a station wagon for a missionary in Samoa to go about his task; it means holiness literature in South Africa; it means fuel during the long winter for Alaskan parsonages; it means salary for a district superintendent in Germany, so that he is free to keep at the task of reaching a mighty modern nation with holiness evangelism; it means money for the fare of men and women who have left home and loved ones to heed the call of the

church and the Master to pioneer for God; it means rent for a parsonage for a pastor in Bermuda; it means new dormitory rooms for Nazarene Bible Institute at Institute, West Virginia; it means mortgage payments on a parsonage-chapel in Newfoundland, so that the Church of the Nazarene can get a beachhead in this island province; it means help for a Chinese church to secure additional land to expand its facilities. And the list could go on and on. Warm, personal, helpful assistance, assuring those who have heeded the call to "go" that the folks back home are doing their part to keep beaming the gospel message to those who have not heard.

Yes, the love of Christ constraineth us to do our best in the Easter Offering, 1964.



13 months—83 churches PASTORAL SUPPLY

Anyone interested in supplying a parsonage in Alaska for six weeks this summer during a pastor's furlough, please write to Rev. Roy Yeider, district superintendent, 7411 Granville Street, Vancouver 14, British Columbia, Canada.

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See and hear American Samoa through the beautiful filmstrip or slide set with recorded tape narrative that includes our Samoan congregation singing in an actual church service. Rent from the Department of Home Missions, only \$2.50.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

With Our Ill Missionaries

Dr. Orpha Speicher is recuperating from radical surgery in California. Doctors say she is doing very well.

Rev. and Mrs. John McKay are returning from India in March because of Mrs. McKay's illness. It is possible that Mrs. McKay will have to have eye surgery after they arrive.

Rev. C. S. Jenkins has been stricken with a serious heart condition and is in the hospital in Africa. He was visit-

ing a fellow missionary when he suffered a severe heart attack. There has been a second attack since then.

Miss Agnes Willox, recently furloughed from British Honduras, has returned to Scotland for major surgery for a tumor.

Please remember these missionaries in special prayer.

New Address for Taiwan Nazarene Headquarters

Rev. Harry Wiese, district superintendent of our Taiwan Nazarene mission field, writes that they have a new address: Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 920, Taipei, Taiwan, Free China. This address should be used for all first-class mail, magazines, and parcel-post packages of used clothing, gifts, etc.

Used clothing is always urgently needed in this island with its thousands of refugees—clothing of all weights, especially summer clothing, for men, women, and children. Blankets and quilts are needed also. Keep these relief supplies moving to Brother Wiese.

ORDINARY FREIGHT SHIPMENTS

If used clothing is shipped by freight it must be fumigated, and a notarized fumigation certificate or a fumigation certificate from a health officer must be supplied. Barrels or bales of used clothing must be shipped to the following address:

Church of the Nazarene
(c/o) H. A. Wiese)
c/o Taiwan Christian Service
4-6 Jen Ai Road, Section 4
Taipei, Taiwan

If this is shipped to Brother Wiese personally, he will have to pay duty on the shipments. Please use the address as given above.

"OPERATION HANDCLASP"—"PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE"

Shipments sent through "Operation Handclasp" (navy) and "People-to-People" (army) program require NO DUTY and the receiving is simplified in Taiwan. It would be safer to fumigate. Shipments through these above agencies are given to the Church of the Nazarene Mission and the missionaries do their own distributing.

For the "Operation Handclasp" or "People-to-People" shipments use the address:

Church of the Nazarene
100 Sheng Ching Lu
Kuan Tu Li
Pei Tou, Taipei, Taiwan

On the parcel-post packages sent to the post office box address, there is at present no requirement for fumigation, and no duty is charged, but packages must conform to postal regulations for size and weight.

Moving Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Crow are now in Haiti for their first term of service. Their address is c/o Rev. Harry Rich,

P.O. Box 1323, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Rogers are enroute to Johannesburg, Africa, to begin their missionary service there. Their temporary address will be c/o Mr. Oliver Karker, 7 Conrad St., Florida North, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Wynkoop are now serving as missionaries on the Japan field. Their address is: 229 Tamagawa Oyama Cho, Setagaya Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Riley have had a change in their field address: it is now —P.O. Box 71, Mondeor, Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

Miss Virginia Benedict has returned to Mozambique for her second term of service. Her address is: Manjacaze, via Lourenco Marques, Mozambique, Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Kenneth Bedwell have returned to Africa for their fourth term of service. Their address is P.O. Box 3, Stegi, Swaziland, South Africa.

Miss Abigail Hewson has returned to Africa for her third term of service. Her address is P.O. Box 7, Acornhoek, E. Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES Olivet Nazarene College

Rev. Fletcher Spruce, New England District superintendent, and Professor Irving Kranich, of the Olivet faculty, were the called workers in the Youth Week revival jointly sponsored by Olivet Nazarene College and College Church of the Nazarene, Kankakee, Illinois.

Mr. Spruce's rare wit and wisdom were used by the Holy Spirit to drive truth home. Professor Kranich, assisted by the college and church choirs, sang to the glory of God. The result was some wonderful altar services, with several scores of people praying through to genuine victory.

Rev. Forrest W. Nash is doing a most effective work as College Church pastor. On his seventh anniversary the church by an overwhelming vote extended a three-year recall. College Church looks forward to a fruitful growth under his continuing leadership.—R. L. LUNSFORD, *Reporter*.

Central Ohio District Evangelism Tour

The Central Ohio District recently concluded a successful N.Y.P.S. evangelism zone tour with Rev. Paul Martin as evangelist, Professor James Cook as music director, and Rev. Robert Styers as junior director.

This series of one-night revivals had been preceded by careful planning by the N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Jay Kaiser and the district superintendent, Zone chairmen and workers organized choir and promoted attendance. Local churches joined in a series of prayer meetings preceding the tour for the success of these services.

A total of 4,700 were in attendance at the 10 one-night revival services, including 1,000 at the junior services. And 242 people responded to the invitations and most of these prayed through to definite victory. Truly it was 10 nights of revival on Central Ohio District—HARVEY S. GALLOWAY, *District Superintendent*.

Abilene District Church School Conventions

Two church school conventions were held on the Abilene District. January 6 and 7 at Mineral Wells, and January 9 and 10 at Plainview, Texas, with Dr. E. S. Phillips, pastor of First Church, Bethany, Oklahoma, bringing challenging and practical messages in each.

District Church Schools Chairman Harold Davis presided, hearing reports of local Sunday school superintendents, and presenting plans for the spring Sunday school push. Reports for the first eight months of the assembly year showed the district schools ahead in statistics above all recent years. About seventy of the churches ordered the materials for the "I Will Stand by Christ" program.

General Convention delegates elected were—Rev. Harold Davis, Harold Allen, Tom Batten, Rev. Bob Green, Rev. Lee Burgner, and Howard Ledbetter.

Abilene District is on the march with the good leadership of District Superintendent Raymond C. HURN.—BON GREEN, *District Church Schools Secretary*.

New Church Organizations Reported

Forrest City, Arkansas, November 17, 1963. Rev. Harold Glaze, pastor.—A. Milton Smith, *district superintendent*.

Norco, California, January 12, 1964. Rev. Holland Lewis, pastor.—Nicholas A. Hull, *district superintendent*.

Lake Lansing, Michigan, January 12, 1964. Rev. Kenneth Anderson, pastor.—Fred J. Hawk, *district superintendent*.

Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, January 26, 1964.—BOYD C. HANCOCK, *district superintendent*.

Fort Ritner, Indiana, February 2, 1964. Rev. Robert Stabler, pastor.—LEO C. DAVIS, *district superintendent*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS—First Church recently enjoyed one of the greatest revivals of the past several years, with Evangelist Fred Thomas. God blessed in giving fifty people at the altar, with lasting results accomplished. People from all the Nazarene churches of the city attended the services and boosted the revival. A wonderful spirit of unity exists among our folks. A class of new members was received into the church. Progress is being made in developing our new location.—C. FRANK BECKETT, *Pastor*.

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—Arlington Heights Church had a gracious revival in January with Rev. Wesley Hoeckle as evangelist. He is an able preacher and carries a burden for souls. The

music was under the direction of Millard Reynolds. God blessed in giving a goodly number of professions, with five new members added to the church on profession of faith. The entire church received spiritual help. Statistics for this year have exceeded those of last year for our church.—L. IJE GAINES, *Pastor*.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI—Under the inspired leadership of Pastor A. O. Shearer, First Church is visibly enjoying the blessings of God and moving vigorously forward. Last November our church enjoyed one of the most successful revivals of its history, with Evangelists Roy and Lilly Anne Norris. Their ministry was with such fervency, love, and tenderness that frequently the altar was filled with earnest seekers. In January (64) the Greater St. Louis Holiness Convention was held here. The powerful, moving messages of Dr. Richard S. Taylor, and the great singing of Rev. and Mrs. Leon Cook, with the presence of God's Spirit, challenged all those present to an "all-out" effort for God.—OTIS D. LANSCH, *Secretary*.



MIAMI, FLORIDA—Calvary Church recently enjoyed one of its best revivals with Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gould as the special workers. Brother Gould is an excellent Bible preacher, and he and Mrs. Gould are wonderful singers and musicians. The people attended the services faithfully, and God gave many seekers at the altar to be saved and sanctified wholly.—JOHN H. CHAMBERS, *Pastor*.

CHILDERSBURG, ALABAMA—In January our church had the greatest revival of its history. The Lord blessed and used Evangelist Forrest McCullough in a special way, as sixty-two seekers bowed at the altar of prayer. Shouts of victory were heard, and God's presence was manifested in the services.—BILL HENDRY, *Pastor*.

LANGLEY, SOUTH CAROLINA—Recently Calvary Church enjoyed one of the best revivals of its history. Rev. Paul Stewart was the evangelistic instrument used of God. Over one hundred people sought and found the Lord during these six nights of special effort. We thank God for His blessings.—AUBREY PONCE, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Bob Palmer writes that he has some open time now. Write him, 102 Melmore, Tiffin, Ohio.

OKINAWA—In January we enjoyed our first revival, conducted by our first pastor, Rev. Thomas Blaxton, now of Japan. The Lord met with us in a mighty way as we witnessed the transformation and dedication of lives. We give Him praise.—JAMES A. COLLINS, *Reporter*.

SPICELAND, INDIANA—"Old-fashioned revival" has been brought up to date here in the youngest church on the Indianapolis District. For weeks the church had prayed and fasted, and under the rugged gospel preaching of Rev. Jack Dulin, and the Spirit-anointed singing of Jim and Verla Sexton, God came into our midst. There were twenty-three victories at the altar of prayer, and night after night the presence of the Lord was manifested among us.—BILL SELVIDGE, *Pastor*.

GALLUP, NEW MEXICO—The Twin Butte Navajo Mission recently closed a Holy Ghost revival with Rev. and Mrs. Laston Dennis as the special workers. The altar was lined every night, with some hard cases saved and sanctified, and several people were healed. Indian people of all ages were brought to God, and we give Him praise.—CURTIS SHOOK AND WIFE, *Missionaries*.

Rev. Arthur W. Gould writes: "Several years ago, due to death in the family, it became necessary for me to cancel a three-year slate of revival conventions, camps, and local church meetings. In the intervening time my pastorates have granted us time out for two revivals annually, and we have enjoyed working with our fine pastors in several states. My wife, the former Margaret Higgs, has spent many years in the field of song evangelism. We are now returning to the field, working as a team to care for the preaching, song leading, and special music. Our slate is shaping up; write us, % our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64141."

RICHMOND, KENTUCKY—Rev. Simon Gorman came to pastor First Church last September. The work is going forward under his capable leadership, with new members being received. On Monday, January 20, Pastor Gorman, wife, and David entertained forty-eight "teens" with a banquet at the parsonage. Zone N.Y.P.S. Chairman Roger Wilson was the speaker. This was followed by a highly successful youth revival with Rev. Garnald Dennis as evangelist. The Spirit of the Lord came upon the services in rich blessing, giving thirty-six seekers during the week's crusade. We greatly appreciated Brother Dennis' ministry with us.—NANNIE B. HISLE, *Secretary*.

PEORIA, ILLINOIS—Members and friends of Forrest Hill Church praise God for the recent revival with Evangelist Charles Millhuff and Singer Jack Bierce. God blessed the services and there were several definite victories for reclaiming and sanctifying grace. On Sunday morning the Holy Spirit broke in during the special singing and gave a most blessed service. These brethren are sincere workers for God and we greatly appreciated their ministry in preaching and singing.—WM. SMITH, *Pastor*.

Evangelist James Robbins of Bedford, Indiana, writes that he has left the field and is moving to Lansing, Illinois, to accept a pastorate.

NEWELL, WEST VIRGINIA—First Church recently experienced a very fine revival with Evangelist W. Ray Duncan, who preached on the doctrine and experience of heart holiness in each service. It was a most helpful revival, and the church board voted to ask Brother Duncan to return. Our church is spiritual, growing, united, with fine progress being made in all departments. There is deep, sincere love and respect between pastor and people. The church has given the pastor a very wonderful four-year call.—IRA E. FOWLER, *Pastor*.

Hialeah, Florida—Recently we had a wonderful revival here with Evangelist Paul Stewart preaching with the anointing of the Holy Spirit; he carries a real burden for souls. God honored with the altars filled with seekers from night to night. Jim and Evelyn Callihan sang the glory down on the hearts of the people. Recently our church completed remodeling the sanctuary and educational unit, so as to care for 400 in Sunday school and 450 in the preaching services. God has blessed our people and gains are reported in every department. If you have friends in this area, send me their names (P.O. Box 1112).—DAVE ERICKSON, *Pastor*.

McMinnville, Tennessee—Recently our church enjoyed a ten-day revival with Evangelist C. E. Haden. Although this is a small church, God blessed with His presence, and souls prayed through at the altar. Pastor Paul Gibbons is now on his second year here, and is well thought of in the community. He loves God and His work.—LINDA WHITWORTH, *Secretary*.

Anchorage, Alaska—God is blessing First Church under the new leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Hugh E. Hines, who came to us from Seward when Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Korody left to take a church in the "South 48." Last November we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Paul Martin, and in December seven new members were added to the church by profession of faith. Our Thanksgiving offering reached an all-time high of \$1,435, and Pastor Hines has been given a good recall vote. If you have Nazarene servicemen or other friends in this area, write our pastor.—CLARA PERKINS, *Reporter*.

After four years as pastor of Grace Church in San Antonio, Texas, Rev. Wayman F. Davis has resigned to accept a unanimous call to pastor the church in Barstow, California. If you have friends at any of the nearby military bases, contact Brother Davis at 901 Kelly, Barstow.

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "Because of dates conflicting with district assemblies, we have had cancellation of some choice spring dates. We would prefer to slate this time in the west or central United States. Write us, Route 4, Lamar, Missouri."

Indianapolis, Indiana—Rev. Mark Welch, licensed preacher and a member of our local church, conducted a youth meeting which was very beneficial to our people of Friendly Church. God

blessed in giving thirty-seven seekers at the altar. Gospel Singer Richard Burdett made a wonderful contribution to the services. Rev. W. E. Rothman is our pastor.—HELEN ATKINSON, *Reporter*.

Los Angeles, California—Riverside Drive Church had a good meeting recently with Evangelist John Leih and wife. He is an outstanding evangelist and an interesting preacher. New people attended the services, and some people sought God at the altar. Mrs. Leih helped with the singing.—EMMA FRENCH SMITH, *Pastor*.

Atchison Kansas—Our church enjoyed good Youth Week services with Rev. Ellen Rowan as singer and evangelist. She is a good preacher, and also helped us by working with the juniors and teens as choir director. Miss Rowan's talks with the teenagers before services were used of the Lord.—FRID WENGER, *Pastor*.



THE BIBLE LESSON

By NELSON G. MINK

Topic for March 15:

Pilate Judged by Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 27:11-26; John 18:28-19:22; 13:1-17, 34-35 (Printed: John 18:28-38a)

Golden Text: *To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth (John 18:37).*

There was a strange reversal of circumstances when Jesus stood before the governor that day. Pilate was hardly prepared for the situation in which he found himself at this time. No one, in fact, is prepared to appear before Him who has not sought His peace and found His pardon.

We have two types of power on demonstration, the temporal and the spiritual; an earthly kingdom destined to fall, and the kingdom of Heaven, that will outlast the sands of time and will shine on forever. The poet said: "Souls were made to last forever."

Men in positions of power, being often tempted by selfish ambition or because of group pressures, will oppose the truth. Many a good man elected to office has later found conflicting influences brought to bear against him so that he has a struggle with his own conscience about the outcome of issues.

I feel sorry for Pilate. I have had pity for him. I want to believe he really tried to come out on the right side. I stand and watch his struggle. "What will you do with Jesus?" Did he really do his best? Well, the answer is, "No!" He pushed aside the convictions that had crowded in. He made some quick decisions. He lost the battle for his own soul, and turned away, never to be the same

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"SHOWERS of BLESSING"

Program Schedule

March 15—"God Knows the Answer," by R. Fletcher Tink

March 22—"Royalty Entered Jerusalem," (Palm Sunday), by Lloyd B. Byron

March 29—"Calvary and Easter" (Easter Sunday), by Lloyd B. Byron

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again. No one ever can be the same after meeting Jesus. Tradition tells us that Pilate later committed suicide. How sad that there was not someone nearby to show him how to repent and believe and be saved!

I believe we learn from this lesson that all who are confronted by Christ are judged by Him. Our big job as Christians is to lift up Christ, to get Him before people—by personal contact at the "coffee break"; to get that word in, wherever possible, as the paths of others intersect with ours. We are His witnesses. As we make Him known to others, some of them will make the right decision and be eternally saved.

Pilate's case is closed, but we can by our own efforts and by the lives we live, make it easy for others to know Him aright and have life eternal.

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Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

—Rev. R. W. Carpenter, who has pastored some of the better churches on our district for the past fifteen years, is planning to enter the evangelistic field. During this time he has conducted a number of successful revival meetings and is known throughout our district as an outstanding evangelist. We are glad to recommend him. Write him, 501 So. Seventh, Lamar, Colorado.—E. L. Cornelison, Superintendent of Colorado District.

BORN

—to Howard and Geneva Kilgore of Phoenix, Arizona, a son, Ellis Carroll, on January 27.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Rash of Lowell, Michigan, a son, David Michael, on January 11.

ADOPTED

—by Rev. and Mrs. Victor Karg of Los Angeles, California, a girl, Brenda Elaine; she was born October 11, 1961.

—by H. Doyle and Janice Calhoun of Kansas City, Missouri, a baby girl, on February 6; she was born February 3. The baby has been named Sheri Kae.

—by Rev. and Mrs. Robert K. Turner of Ravenswood, West Virginia, a baby girl, Cynthia Faye; she was one year old on last December 4.

Deaths

REV. CHARLES A. ALEXANDER

Charles Anderson Alexander was born May 9, 1886, at Tyler, Texas, and died December 26, 1963, at a hospital in Jacksonville, Texas. He was married to Nettie Gregory on April 9, 1905. He evangelized and pastored in the Jacksonville area for forty-six years, preaching scriptural holiness. He was a retired Nazarene elder, member of the Dallas District. He is survived by his wife; four sons: B. C., of Henderson; B. W., of Jacksonville; Rev. L. R., of Sulphur Springs; and C. A. (Doc) Hodges, of Jacksonville; four daughters; Mrs. J. C. Williams, of Tyler; Mrs. W. V. Hart, of Dallas; Miss Mayme, of Jacksonville; and Mrs. L. T. Gaddy, of Austin; and one sister, Mrs. Ethel McElvey, of Jacksonville. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. Paul H. Garrett, district superintendent, and his pastor, Rev. R. A. Holloway, with interment in Rest Haven Cemetery, Jacksonville, Texas.

CHARLES H. WILCOXEN was born July 29, 1864, and died September 2, 1963, in Dodge City, Kansas. He was united in marriage to Anna Lee Hayes in March of 1920. He had been a member of the Dodge City Church of the Nazarene since 1925, and a member of the church board for twenty-five years. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Bob and Joe; and a daughter, Betty Gibson. Funeral service was held in the Dodge City church by his pastor, Rev. Leon Jennings, assisted by Rev. A. C. Tunnell.

FRANK H. SICKEL, age fifty-one, died suddenly at his residence in Wappinger Falls, New York, on December 20, 1963. He was a member of the Vassar Road Church of the Nazarene; served as church treasurer and also as trustee. He served God with all his heart. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; and four children: Georgiann, Joyce, Helen, and Frank, Jr. Funeral service was held in the Vassar Road Church in Poughkeepsie with Rev. Dale R. Ames officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Goslaw, district superintendent, and Rev. Ralph Montemuro, pastor at Beacon.

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District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
Washington.....April 29 and 30
Philadelphia.....May 6 and 7
Sacramento.....May 13 and 14
Los Angeles.....May 20 to 22
Southern California.....May 27 and 28

G. B. WILLIAMSON

District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
Alabama.....May 13 and 14
Florida.....May 18 and 19
Arizona.....May 28 and 29
New Mexico.....June 3 and 4

SAMUEL YOUNG

District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
San Antonio.....April 29 and 30
Abilene.....May 13 and 14
Canada Pacific.....May 21 and 22
Alaska.....May 28 and 29
South Dakota.....June 3 and 4

D. I. VANDERPOOL

District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
Northwest.....April 29 and 30
Idaho-Oregon.....May 7 and 8
Washington Pacific.....May 13 and 14
Rocky Mountain.....May 28 and 29

HUGH C. BENNER

District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
Central California.....May 6 and 7
Northern California.....May 13 and 14
Nevada-Utah.....May 20 and 21
Canada West.....June 4 and 5

V. H. LEWIS

District Assembly Schedule—Spring, 1964
British Isles North.....April 25 to 28
British Isles South.....May 2 to 5
Mississippi.....May 13 and 14
Maine.....May 27 and 28
New England.....June 3 and 4

Following General Assembly

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Nebraska.....	July 9 and 10
West Virginia.....	July 9 and 10
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Michigan.....	July 15 to 17
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Northwest Indiana.....	August 20 and 21
Indianapolis.....	August 26 and 27
Kansas City.....	August 26 and 27

the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

In the light of John 2:14-16, how can evangelists and song leaders sell their books and records when they are called by a church for a revival? I do love and read books and enjoy good records, but isn't the Publishing House the place to buy this merchandise and not the church?

In the light of the fact that most of our evangelists are suffering financially, why is there such resentment for an evangelist to sell Bibles and books when song evangelists sell their records, sheet music, etc.? Is this another of those double standards in the minds of the people, or is there some valid reason?

These questions arrived in the mail almost together but from different parts of the country. Both obviously represent strong convictions on the part of the writers. They reflect a situation which makes an excellent opportunity for the practice of Christian charity.

My sympathies are with the sellers of good books and recordings. They would

carefully refrain from selling on Sunday, and would just as carefully keep selling secondary. John 2:16, literally "make not my Father's house an emporium," should be compared with Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-16; and Luke 19:45-46, where it is said that the sellers in the Temple were dishonest in their dealings, or "thieves."

Where does the soul abide between the time of death and the resurrection? What is the state of the soul? Does it have form such as a spiritual body, and does it have knowledge? Would your answer to these questions also be true of Jesus between the time of His death and resurrection?

All I know about the state of the souls of the redeemed between death and the resurrection is found in II Corinthians 5:1-8 and Philippians 1:20-24. From these scriptures I believe that the souls of the redeemed go immediately into the presence of the Lord at death. They do not sleep in the grave with the body until the resurrection. Their state is one of consciousness and bliss, of rest and peace. They do not have as yet the resurrected or glorified bodies described in I Corinthians 15:23-57, but everything

necessary for their personal existence is certainly included in the "house not made with hands" (II Corinthians 5:1-2).

It appears from two or three scripture references that part of Christ's triumph at the Cross was the proclamation of His victory over death and sin to those who had died before He came (Ephesians 4:8-10; Colossians 2:15; I Peter 3:18-20; 4:6). He did this before He ascended to the Father, and probably before His resurrection.

Can the preacher or the local church board overrule the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene?

No. Not legally, that is. I hope there are no serious problems indicated by this question. With five thousand local churches, it sometimes turns up as in the case of the elderly farmer who made a U-turn on a downtown city street. The traffic officer said, "Mister, you can't do

that." The farmer's reply was, "Well, I be doing it, ain't I?" But it doesn't work for long. We are safest in every way when we follow the principles of order on which we have agreed as these are spelled out in the *Manual*.

The Bible teaches that Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. In Matthew 9:35 it says Christ healed "every disease among the people." James 5:14-16 promises that "the prayer of faith shall save the sick." Then why do we pray, "If it be Thy will, heal . . ."? Why the if? It only kills faith. Psalms 103:3 says, "All thy diseases."

I'm with you most of the way. I agree, the "if" injects an element of doubt. That is why I pray for people to be healed using the phrase, "according to Thy will." I believe it is the will of God to heal, even though not all are healed. Nor were they in Jesus' own ministry, for we read in Matthew 13:58, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

God has chosen to limit His working in relation to the faith of His people. Both unbelief and ignorance may contribute to the fact that healing does not

come when desired. There is one absolute certainty for the Christian, however. That is that the transition into the life to come is God's ultimate healing when "the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead . . . shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11). God never says, "No," to a prayer for healing. He either gives something better, as with Paul in II Corinthians 12:7-10, or says, "Wait awhile . . . I have a better body ready for you" (II Corinthians 5:11).

LATE NEWS

Gassett to Kansas City



Dr. Jonathan Gassett, newly elected Executive Field Secretary for Wills, Annuities, and Special Gifts, began his work at headquarters in Kansas City on Monday, March 9. He has recently attended a workshop in Cleveland and an institute on estate planning in California, in connection with his new assignment.

Dr. Gassett has been active in the Church of the Nazarene for many years, serving as district superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District for the past eleven years. His office address is 5401 The Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri 64131.

Nazarene Dentist with Peace Corps

Portland, Oregon, newspapers recently gave extensive coverage to Dr. C. L. Hibbard, member of Portland Central Church of the Nazarene and dentist in the city, on his departure for two years of service with the Peace Corps in Sarawak, northern Borneo.

Dr. Hibbard will teach rudimentary dentistry to residents of Sarawak, enabling them to use equipment which now stands idle because of lack of persons with any knowledge of how to use it. He plans to return to Portland at the end of his two-year term.

Missionary Strickland Called Home

Rev. C. Hapgood Strickland, retired Nazarene foreign missionary in Africa, died on the morning of February 18 after an extended illness. The Stricklands retired from active service in 1955, having served as missionaries in Africa for the previous thirty-four years. They were residing in the Republic of South Africa.

First Hawaiian Ordained to Nazarene Ministry

At the Hawaii District Assembly last month, Dr. G. B. Williamson ordained Solomon W. L. Kekoa an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, the first Ha-

waiian to be ordained to the Nazarene ministry.

Mr. Kekoa is a graduate of Pasadena College, president of the district N.Y. P.S., and pastor of the Honolulu Kaimuki Church of the Nazarene.

"La Hora Nazarena" on West's Most Powerful Radio

The 500,000-watt radio station built and operated by Trans World Radio on the island of Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, will broadcast "La Hora Nazarena" at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday each week. The station goes on the air next Sunday, March 15, for the first time.

This new missionary radio is the most powerful station in the Western Hemisphere, and will cover most of the south central United States as well as all of Latin America. The standard wavelength broadcasts are at 800 kilocycles. "La Hora Nazarena" will also be re-broadcast on a 50,000-watt shortwave transmitter. The program is taped at headquarters in Kansas City with Dr. Honorato Reza, director of the Spanish Department, as evangelist.

Nebraska "Traveling Revival"

Every church on the Nebraska District was visited in a 7,000-mile itinerary by Evangelist Bob Taylor of Dayton, Ohio, and District Superintendent Whitcomb Harding in a series of one-night revival rallies extending over 36 days. The attendance was excellent, high interest was sustained, and every invitation was honored with seekers. Dr. Harding reports that the district has decided to make this an annual occasion.

Revival in Mexico

Rev. David Sol, district superintendent of the Southeast Mexico District, reports an outstanding revival in Tuxtla Gutierrez, Mexico, which has reached out far beyond the city. The campaign began on January 17 and was scheduled to run two weeks.

From the second week on, attendance has run one thousand people each night, hundreds coming from the villages around as well as from the city itself.

The revival has already continued more than a month, recently with over a hundred converts each night. Other Protestant churches are sharing the effects, and all available literature, Bibles, and Testaments in Spanish have been given out. A full report is scheduled for the May *Other Sheep*.

New Linotype for Publishing House

A new "electronic mixer" linotype machine has been installed at the Nazarene Publishing House at a cost of approximately \$24,000. This machine is capable of mixing two kinds or sizes of type at the touch of a button. Special electronic and mechanical features make possible a speed of twelve lines a minute as compared with standard operation of seven lines.

One immediate use of the "mixer" feature of the new equipment is setting scripture quotations in boldface type in the first volume of the new *Beacon Bible Commentary*, expected to be ready for introduction at the General Assembly in June.

The cover photographs on the 1964 vacation Bible school *Nursery Class Pupil* and *Junior Pupil* have been awarded blue ribbons by the Professional Photographers Association of Greater Kansas City. The color photographs were entered in competition by Photographer Charles Paddock in the Third Annual Blue Ribbon Exhibit. The vacation Bible school cover photographs were hung for two days in the new Kemper Gallery of the Kansas City Art Institute after the blue-ribbon awards were made.



Taylor Named N.A.E. General Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—After serving almost twenty years as the director of public affairs for the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor has been named general director of the association.

He will continue to serve here in Washington, where he has aided evangelicals since October, 1944, when the capital office was opened to assist foreign mission agencies.

Dr. Taylor also will continue as executive secretary of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

American Baptist Giving Exceeds \$11 Million in '63

VALLEY FORGE, PA. (EP)—American Baptists contributed a record sum of \$11,088,817 to their unified budget in 1963, according to Rev. Newton E. Woodbury, executive director of the Division of World Mission Support.

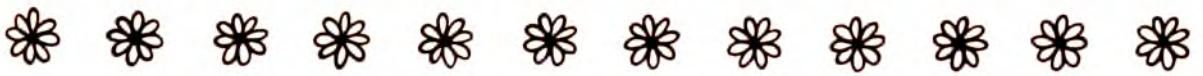
The amount represented an increase of \$379,582, or 3.54 percent, over last year's amount. However, the church failed to reach its budget goal of \$11,394,000.

Capitol's "Prayer Room" Used as a Lounge

ATLANTA, GA. (EP)—The prayer room in Georgia's State Capitol is "being used more as a lunchroom or lounge than for reverence and meditation," Secretary of State Ben W. Fortson said here.

"I'm sorry to say it is misused at times. People have used it for eating and other things," he charged.









The prayer room was established seven years ago by legislation introduced by Senator Brown of Atlanta.




A Story-Note from.....



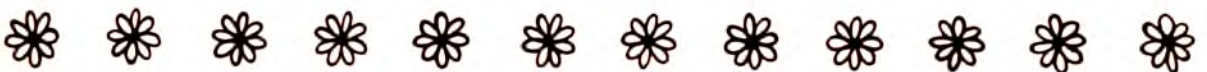
Hi,

Yesterday was Sunday and the saddest  thing happened. I saw Annie . She is my friend two doors down the street. She has yellow pigtails. I like her so much. That's why it was so  to see her so lonesome. She was sitting on the front  all by herself. Our family was going to Sunday school. We all had our  s and were as clean as could be!  just watched us. I thought about her all morning in Sunday school and . When we got home I ran down to her  to see if she would go to Sunday school with me next Sunday.

She said she wanted to. I'm so . Wouldn't you be, too?

Love, *Gloria* 

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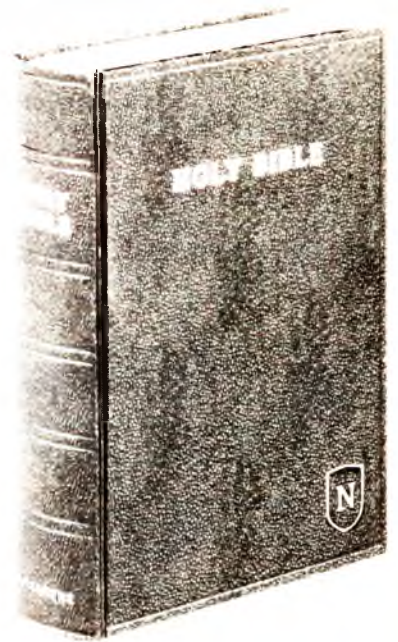
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