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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Eckel, wife of Rev. W. A. Eckel, missionaries in Japan, died on June 27; burial was in Tokyo on July 7.

Rev. Paul E. Cable has resigned as pastor of the church at Freedom to accept the call to the pastorate of the church at Linton, Indiana.

Evangelist D. R. Nuzum writes that he has left the field to accept a call to pastor the church in Copley, Ohio.

Rev. Russell E. Lewis, recently returned from missionary service in Africa, has accepted a call to pastor the church in Lincoln Place, Pennsylvania.

Rev. H. H. Marvin has resigned as pastor of the church at Lincoln Place, Pennsylvania, to accept a call to pastor the Arlington Street Church in Akron, Ohio.



NUGGETS

And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou . . . shalt be turned into another man (I Sam. 10:6).

Without the Holy Spirit's transforming power, we shall remain forever human and eternally lost.

How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? (Gen. 44:34.)

If there is such a thing as remorse in heaven, it will be ours because of neglect and lack of concern for the salvation of our own flesh and blood.

Make me to know my transgression and my sin (Job. 13:23).

This sincere prayer and request prayed by every sinner in the world today would start a revival that would sweep over the world.—EARLE F. WILDE.

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Be Watchful

By C. A. Rodda*

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God (Rev. 3:2).

THIS scripture is directed to the church in Sardis. There is also a deep meaning that should inspire us today. The world today has such a significant way of advertising its wares that it removes all the tainted elements the devil has in it, and unless we are watchful we are apt to fall into his hands.

Some few days ago a good Nazarene boy, age thirteen, came to me asking if it would be right to go to a school-sponsored movie. Several exchanges of thought passed between us; then he said, "I don't believe I'll go, because if Jesus would come He might not look for me in the theater."

I felt this was one way of being watchful. The devil has many pitfalls, and we should be watchful in these wondrous days when the Lord's coming is so near.

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Rev. W. E. Cox sat by the bedside of an old friend, a saint of God, about to make the journey from which there is no return. He asked, "How is it now? Do you find Jesus your friend?" Quickly came the reply, "Praise God, He is my brother!"—Selected.

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Awake and Live

By Jack C. Pischel

*It has been asked, Is there a God?
And I would answer, Yea!
How can we wonder if its true—
Have we not lived today?*

*Have we not seen the sun arise,
And felt its warmth of ray?
Have we not heard the birds that
sing—
Have we not lived today?*

*Does not the rain fall gently down,
And wash the dust away
From flowers and grass, from tree and
herb?
Have we not lived today?*

*How can we wonder if God lives?
We're healthy, young, and gay;
We walk among His works of art—
Wake up, and live today!*

*Wake up and know that "I" am God,
That Jesus is "The Way"
To perfect peace, to joy, and bliss—
Awake, and live today!*

The Thirteenth General Assembly

The General Assembly In Action

IT is a thrilling experience to attend a General Assembly. Here one sees the highest organization in our church in action. Like other general assemblies, the Thirteenth General Assembly moved along smoothly and rapidly in taking care of the important matters which were presented to it. Its business sessions were democratic—plenty of time was allowed for discussion and nothing was forced through the assembly without proper consideration. No changes were made in doctrine or in our General Rules, and there was no fundamental change in our polity, or form of church government. In spite of the fact that there was much discussion about some problems which were faced, the votes when taken were almost always unanimous, or nearly so. Even our new general superintendent was elected on the third ballot. In other words, the Thirteenth General Assembly was marked by a high degree of unity. God answered the many prayers which ascended to Him for the General Assembly and gave a wonderful spirit of harmony and blessing.

Another fact which impressed me was the world-wide character of the Church of the Nazarene. There were delegates in attendance from the sixty-one districts in the United States; three districts in Canada—Canada West, Ontario, and Maritime; British Isles District; Australian, Alaskan, and Hawaiian districts; and twenty-two missionary districts which circle the globe. The total number of delegates listed from all of these sections was 631.

The preaching services were of a high order. General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers brought an outstanding message on Sunday morning, June 22. His sermon prepared the way for the glorious communion service which followed. At night General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool preached a searching and moving evangelistic message which resulted in an altar service with many needy souls coming forward. Monday night General Superintendent G. B. Williamson preached on our Christ and Lord with great unction and power. Tuesday night General Superintendent Samuel Young brought us one of his unique and timely messages on the text, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (II Tim. 1:7). Wednesday night there was a great home mission rally, under the direction of Dr. Roy F. Smee. Thursday and Friday nights were given over to business.



Hardy C. Powers



G. B. Williamson

General Superintendents Elected

After adopting the report of the Committee on Superintendency that five general superintendents be elected to serve the church for the coming quadrennium, the delegates settled down to the business of electing men to fill these offices. Much prayer had ascended to God that the right men be elected to this responsible office. The report of the tellers on the first ballot indicated that the brethren filling the office for the past quadrennium were re-elected with a large vote: Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. Samuel Young, and Dr. D. I. Vanderpool.



Samuel Young



D. I. Vanderpool

Our Newly Elected General Superintendent



Hugh C. Benner

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, elected general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at its Thirteenth General Assembly, is well qualified for this office both by education and experience. Dr. Benner graduated from Olivet Nazarene College, has the Master of Arts degree from the University of California, and the Doctor of Divinity degree from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho. In addition, he has done graduate work at Vanderbilt and Boston universities.

Dr. Benner has also served some of the largest churches in our denomination, among them our First Church at Santa Monica, California; Spokane, Washington; and Kansas City, Missouri. Further, he has been a member of the faculty of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee; Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts; and Pasadena College, Pasadena, California. Since its beginning in 1945, he has been president of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Benner's versatile talents and consecrated life will enable him to honor this office which has been distinguished by the gifted leaders who have already been called to fill it.

How the General Assembly Carries On Its Business

EVEN THOUGH we had about ten thousand people in the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday morning to hear the sermon by Dr. Hardy C. Powers and participate for the most part in the communion service, that crowd of people (the largest during the assembly) was insignificant when compared with the total membership of our church. Therefore, just a word about how the General Assembly carries on its business may be of interest to those who never have attended a General Assembly either as a delegate or a visitor.

The delegates are elected by the districts at the church assembly on the basis of the number of district members within the district. The delegates from the districts are equally divided between laymen and ministers. These plus a few ex officio members—those who belong to the General Assembly by virtue of their offices—constitute the voting strength of the assembly. This time there were more than six hundred members in the total delegation, or membership, of the General Assembly.

The following committees functioned during the assembly: judiciary, general administration, district administration, local administration, temporal economy, the ministry, foreign missions, home missions and evangelism, church schools, young people's society, publishing interests, education, ministerial benevolence and pensions, and state of the church and social welfare. The delegates were assigned to the various committees—some of the committees being quite large. Also, in many instances, a delegate was assigned to more than one committee. The business which came in through reports, memorials, and otherwise was assigned to the proper committees. The assembly convened Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings and then left the afternoons for the meeting of committees. There the business was threshed out in detail and then reports of the work done, or the business transacted, were brought to the assembly, where the recommendations of the various committees were accepted or rejected. Earlier in the assembly the Quadrennial

Address of the General Superintendents was heard as well as reports from the various departments. Recommendations from these reports were referred to the proper committees for their careful consideration, as we have already indicated. Thus there is plenty of opportunity in the General Assembly for the regularly elected representatives of the church to consider prayerfully and deliberately the items of business presented to it.

Sunday and the first three nights of the week were given over to preaching and promotional interests, and the last two nights, as well as the whole of the last day, were taken up with the transaction of business by the assembly in its regular sessions. Committees, to a large extent, had completed their work by Thursday and needed no further time for meeting.

Our Departed Leaders

One of the sad features of the Twelfth General Assembly held in St. Louis was the fact that we had lost two of our general superintendents, Drs. R. T. Williams and J. B. Chapman, during the quadrennium. These men had been leaders in the church for many years and it was not easy to think of getting along without them. However, God stepped in and gave us a great assembly and has especially blessed and helped during the quadrennium which has just closed. For this we give Him praise!

As we came up to the Thirteenth General Assembly we realized that we had again suffered the loss of two active general superintendents, Drs. H. V. Miller and Orval J. Nease. The Church of the Nazarene never has had two more faithful leaders than these men. It is not always easy to understand the providences of God, but we know that His will and way is best. We missed these men at our General Assembly. We also missed another general leader, Mrs. S. N. Fitkin, who for so many years was president of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Fitting memorial services were held for Drs. Miller and Nease and Mrs. Fitkin both in the preliminary meetings and in the General Assembly. God help us to carry on with the great vision and devotion which these leaders had.

The Crusade for Souls Now!

The General Assembly voted to continue the Crusade for Souls, with "Crusade for Souls Now" as the slogan for the coming quadrennium. Under the leadership of Dr. Roy F. Smee, during the last four years God helped us to make the best gains that we have had for several years. As he leads us in this work for another quadrennium let's pray more and work harder than ever before. Never was a Crusade for Souls more needed than now. Therefore, I am glad that we have added the "Now" to the phrase "Crusade for Souls."

Let's promote soul-winning revivals and visitation evangelism with all of our hearts. Let's go out into the highways and byways. Let's "know God, be strong, do exploits." Turn to the front cover and study it until you are filled with a passion for lost souls, until you comprehend and feel, at least in a measure, the meaning of the words of Jesus: "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:36-38).

This is a significant foreign missions passage, but it also refers to home missions. Further, it not only has to do with workers who are licensed or ordained for the ministry, but also it has a message for laymen. As we really pray, God will help us to get busy and answer our own prayers. The need is great for a crusade for souls around the world, but the laborers are few. Every Christian is needed in the battle line now. We must not only send, we must also go—"The Crusade for Souls Now!"

ELECTIONS

General Officers Re-elected

The General Assembly by an overwhelming vote of confidence re-elected Dr. S. T. Ludwig as general church secretary, Dr. John Stockton as general church treasurer, Dr. Albert F. Harper as the editor in chief of church school periodicals, and Dr. Stephen S. White as editor of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. Dr. T. W. Willingham was re-elected as executive director of the Nazarene Radio League. The General Board re-elected Mr. M. Lunn as manager of the Nazarene Publishing House.

THE GENERAL BOARD

Dr. Edward Lawlor and Dr. George Frame, Canadian-British Isles Zone; Dr. Russell V. DeLong, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, Dr. Paul Updike, Dr. Howard H. Hamlin, Dr. Grover Van Duyn, and Mr. Harlan R. Heinmiller, Central Zone; Dr.



John Stockton



Roy F. Smee

E. E. Grosse and Dr. Leonard M. Spangenberg, Eastern Zone; Dr. B. V. Seals and Dr. Robert Mangum, Northwest Zone; Rev. Ray Hance, Dr. V. H. Lewis, Mr. A. E. Ramquist, and Mr. Harry Craddock, Southern Zone; Dr. A. K. Bracken, Rev. John L. Knight, Mr. J. F. Chilton, and Dr. A. B. Mackey, Southeastern Zone; Dr. A. E. Sanner and Mr. J. B. Deisenroth, Southwest Zone; Dr. Harold W. Reed for Church Schools; Dr. L. T. Corlett for Education; Mrs. Louise R. Chapman for the Nazarene Missionary Society; and Rev. Ponder Gilliland for the Nazarene Young People's Society.

Departmental Executive Secretaries

Dr. S. T. Ludwig for Education; Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt for Foreign Missions; Dr. Roy F. Smee for Home Missions; Dr. M. Lunn for Publication; Dr. A. F. Harper for Church Schools.

Trustees for

Nazarene Theological Seminary

Dr. Edward Lawlor for Canadian Zone; Dr. Harvey S. Galloway for Central Zone; Dr. E. E. Grosse for Eastern Zone; Dr. B. V. Seals for Northwest Zone; Rev. John L. Knight for Southeast Zone; Dr. George Coulter for Southwest Zone; Dr. Jarrette Aycock for West Central Zone; Rev. Melza H. Brown, Rev. V. H. Lewis, and Rev. W. S. Purinton, elders at large; and Dr. Leonard Spangenberg, Dr. M. Lunn, and Dr. Howard Hamlin, laymen at large.



S. T. Ludwig



Remiss Rehfeldt



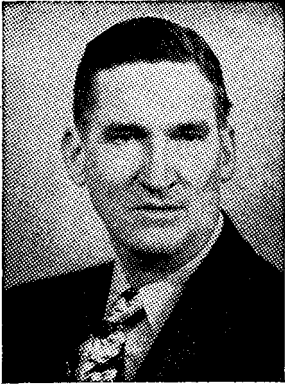
M. Lunn



Stephen S. White



A. F. Harper



T. W. Willingham



Lewis T. Corlett

College President Chosen to Head Seminary

Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, president of Northwest Nazarene College, has been elected president of Nazarene Theological Seminary. In this position he succeeds Dr. Hugh C. Benner, who was chosen by the Thirteenth General Assembly as a general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Corlett has served the church with distinction both in the educational field and in the pastorate. He has taught in Arkansas Holiness College, Peniel College, Pasadena College, and Bethany-Peniell College, and has also filled administrative positions in some of these institutions. Since 1942 he has been president of Northwest Nazarene College. For fourteen years he pastored churches in California, Montana, Colorado, New Jersey, and Texas.

Dr. Corlett is the author of several books, and is president of the Department of Education of the Church of the Nazarene and a member of the General Board. His education was received at Peniel College, Peniel, Texas, where he graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree. Bethany-Peniell College honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Corlett will maintain the high standard of administrative and spiritual leadership as president of Nazarene Theological Seminary which he has manifested in his work in our colleges.

General Court of Appeals

Dr. T. W. Willingham, Dr. A. K. Bracken, Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, Dr. A. E. Sanner, and Dr. J. Glenn Gould.

Board of Pensions

Dr. Oscar J. Finch, Dr. I. C. Mathis, Mr. John Wordsworth, Mr. Paul Little, Dr. John Stockton, Dr. W. E. Albea, Mr. Harry Craddock, Dr. L. M. Spangenberg, and Dr. T. W. Willingham.

Book Committee

Dr. M. Lunn, Dr. A. Milton Smith, Dr. Mendell Taylor, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Dr. L. A. Reed, Dr. Albert F. Harper, and Dr. L. J. Du Bois.

Nazarene News Service

Efficient service was given by this committee, headed by Mr. Joe Olson, who was assisted by Rev. George M. Galloway, Rev. Earl W. Powell, Rev. Leslie Parrott, Mrs. Evangeline Umstead, Mrs. Lora Lee Parrott, and Evelyn Ramsey. Very excellent coverage of the conventions and assembly was given in the *Kansas City Star*, and high points were picked up by the wire services. It may be added that the Nazarene News Service is under the general direction of Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary.

RESOLUTION

SINCE WE are living in a day of great moral confusion in which we face the potential encroachment of the evils of the day into the sacred precincts of our home through various avenues such as current literature, radio, and the more modern medium of television, it is essential that the most rigid safeguards be observed to keep our homes from becoming secularized and worldly.

While we recognize these agencies are of great value in the propagation of the gospel and the salvation of souls, we do deplore the low moral tone of much of current literature, comic magazines, and the contents of many books. We likewise deplore the sensuous appeal of many radio and television programs. We believe it to be detrimental to the welfare of our homes to listen to or view programs of the Hollywood type of movies or shows of the vaudeville level. We therefore call upon our leaders and pastors to give strong emphasis in our periodicals and from our pulpits to such fundamental truths as will develop the principle of discrimination between the evil and the good to be found in these mediums. We suggest that the standard given to John Wesley by his mother, namely, "Whatsoever weakens your reason, impairs the tenderness of your conscience, obscures your sense of God, or takes off the relish of spiritual things, whatever increases the authority of your body over mind, that thing for you is sin," form the basis for this teaching of discrimination.

We especially recommend that the reading, listening, and viewing on the Sabbath day be consistent with our high standards of holiness, and that we do not allow any television program to become a substitute for church attendance. We recommend that this resolution be printed in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* at intervals throughout the quadrennium; and that this resolution be placed in the appendix of our *Manual*.

(Presented by Committee on State of the Church, and unanimously adopted by the General Assembly)

A Musical Feast

The holiness people like gospel music and we had a regular feast of vocal and instrumental music at the General Assembly. Professor Greg Larkin of Eastern Nazarene College was at the organ; Rev. Vernon L. Wilcox, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Medford, Oregon, and Miss Jean Parker of the General N.Y.P.S. office, performed on the two grand pianos. Among others who had a part in the musical feast either in the preliminary conventions or the General Assembly were: The a cappella choirs from Bethany-Peniel College and Trevecca Nazarene College, under the direction of Professor Lester Dunn and Mrs. E. K. Hardy, respectively; the Nazarene Theological Seminary choir, under the direction of Dr. Hugh C. Benner; the "Showers of Blessing" radio choir and quartet, under the direction of Professor Ray Moore; Dr. Haldor Lillenas of Pasadena, California; Professor Ray Moore, minister of music at Kansas City First Church; Rev. Roy F. Stevens, pastor of First Church, Washington, D.C.; Rev. W. W. Tink, pastor at Rockford, Illinois; Professor Ronald Lush, minister of music at First Church, Oakland, California; Robert W. Stringfield, of the Music Department of the Nazarene Publishing House; Professor Gerald Moore, minister of music at First Church, Detroit, Michigan; Olivet College Male Quartet; Pasadena College Ladies' Trio; Eastern Nazarene College Trum-peters; Mrs. Russell V. DeLong, of Kansas City; and Miss Doris Strudnick, of London, England.

Notable Leaders

Presented to the General Assembly

Among these notable leaders were those who welcomed the Thirteenth General Assembly to Kansas City, Missouri—Honorable Robert Benson for the Mayor of Kansas City; and for the Ministerial Association of Kansas City, Dr. O. C. Wilson, pastor of the First Christian Church, vice-president, and Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, president. Miss Ethel Hubler, editor of the *National Voice*, one of the great prohibition papers of the day, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes. The fraternal delegates presented and heard from briefly were: Rev. J. V. Maclagan, superintendent, and Rev. John Place, president, of the International Holiness Mission of the British Isles; Dr. Paul S. Rees, president of the National Association of Evangelicals; Rev. J. Walter Hardy of the Codesh-Emmanuel churches; Rev. S. M. Stikeleather, general secretary of the Pilgrim Holiness church; Dr. Paul F. Elliott and Dr. H. M. Couchenour, of the National Holiness Association; Dr. M. D. Miller, president of Central College, for the Board of Bishops of the Free Methodist church; and Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, president of the Wesleyan Methodist church.

The Departmental Exhibits

One of the new pinnacles of excellence among many at the Thirteenth General Assembly was the extraordinarily fine series of displays arranged by various church departments and colleges. Reflecting thousands of hours of planning and work, these fifty-one display booths were arranged in the mammoth air-conditioned Exhibit Hall, beneath the Arena at the Municipal Auditorium.

During the eight days the displays were open to the public, Mr. M. A. Lunn, who was in charge of the publishing house booth, estimated that between ten and twelve thousand persons visited the displays daily.

All of the displays were informative and many of them were extremely novel and colorful. The college booths featured the colors of the respective institutions and occupied an entire row of floor space. Pictures of buildings and beloved members of the administration and faculty were highlighted. Several of the colleges handed out thousands of pieces of literature and their trios and quartets entertained with spiritual and religious songs during the day.

The colleges represented were: Trevecca, Pasadena, Olivet, Eastern Nazarene, Northwest Nazarene, Bethany-Peniel, Canadian, and Hurlet. Copies of *Seminary Tower*, official publication of Nazarene Theological Seminary, were distributed to thousands.

Native curios, maps, oil paintings, and native workers pointed up the splendid booths of the Department of Foreign Missions. Some of the countries represented were Barbados, Cuba, Philippine Islands, India, Africa, Argentina, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Peru, Transjordan, and Mexico.

In the center of these national displays was a large exhibit of Foreign Missions featuring a map of the world on which the various mission fields were boldly marked out. Below the map was the motto: "I MUST WORK . . . THE NIGHT COMETH." Sample copies of *Other Sheep* were distributed here.

Home Missions and Evangelism had a large display with the motto: "ENLARGE THY BORDERS." This showed the progress of churches during the last four years. A feature was a continuous projection of slides, with a synchronized tape recording, giving the high lights of overseas work. This was the first time such a program had been presented and this display was crowded at most times during the day. (These sets of slides can be rented at a nominal sum starting August 1.—Ed.)

Other booths were those of the General Treasurer and General Secretary, which featured various charts and graphs marking out the story of the church in those areas.

The HERALD OF HOLINESS had a display built around the fortieth anniversary of its publication,

which was reached in April, and it featured four lights, each telling a milestone in its history. Sample copies were distributed free. The *Preacher's Magazine* also had a display nearby.

Church Schools had an ornate and effective booth with posters showing the goals for the coming quadrennium. Focal point was a large picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ." The motto: "GO—TEACH—WIN!"

"Showers of Blessing" radio program had a map with participating stations indicated.

Other displays that attracted considerable attention included that of the Spanish Department, Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, N.Y.P.S., Christian Service Training, Stewardship, Ministerial Benevolence, Casa Robles (retirement haven for missionaries), Music Department, Visual Art Department, Vacation Bible Schools, *Children's Praises* Songbook, Home Department, Junior Society, W.F.M.S., Graded Bible Lesson Booth, Beginners, Intermediate, Nursery and Home Department, Christian Service, Boys' and Girls' Work, *Church School Builder*, Primary Department, and Church Schools.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, now the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, had posters marking the advance in its Prayer and Fasting League, Alabaster Box giving, etc. It featured a memorial portrait of the late Mrs. Susan Fitkin, president of the society for many years.

The American Bible Society had two displays. One showed a picture of Nazarene Missionary William Sedat at work with a Guatemalan native, translating the Bible into the Kekchi language. The second display featured a large lighted glass Bible.

VISITORS

To the Nazarene Publishing House

Between three and four thousand Nazarenes and guests availed themselves of the opportunity, while in Kansas City for the General Assembly, to visit and tour the Nazarene Publishing House at 2923 Troost Avenue, according to Mr. M. A. Lunn, assistant manager.

Tours were conducted daily between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Guides took from twelve to fifteen persons in a party through the entire publishing operation. The tours required from thirty to forty-five minutes. At the close, the guests were asked to sign a card which had space for remarks and, almost without exception, the visitors had words of appreciation and praise for the things they had seen.

An unbridled tongue is far more devastating than the modern implements of warfare.—HENRY T. BEYER.

"I Must Work— The Night Cometh"

THE Seventh Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society met in Kansas City, Missouri, June 19 to 21, in the Music Hall of the Municipal Auditorium.

Two hundred and fifty-nine official delegates filled the assigned seats within the voting bar—215 from the sixty-three districts of the United States and Canada, 8 from districts abroad—Australia, British Isles, Alaska, and Hawaii, and 14 missionary delegates from our foreign mission fields. Above their heads at the front of the platform hung the W.F.M.S. motto for the new quadrennium, its glistening letters challenging the attention of every person who entered the auditorium—I MUST WORK—THE NIGHT COMETH.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, brought a stirring and masterful opening message on "The Indispensable Christ."

On Thursday night, Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, spoke from the theme of the new slogan and challenged the audience with their personal responsibility—"I Must Work"; and with the urgency of the hour in which we live—"The Night Cometh."

No one will soon forget the Friday morning program, "Holding the Ropes." Each Council member presented her quadrennial report under one of the missionary ropes: "Personal Interest," "Prayer and Fasting," "Enthusiasm," "Partnership," "Finance," "Conquest," and "Reinforcements." As the "Reinforcements" rope was presented, recently retired missionaries stepped from the "boat" and came to the front of the platform. A hidden quartet began to sing: "Behold the Hands Stretched Out for Aid . . ."

As the stanza ended, voices from the rear of the auditorium took up the answer: "We'll girdle the globe with salvation . . ." and fifty-one new, outgoing missionaries marched, singing, down the aisle to the platform. The audience shouted and wept as the Spirit of God filled the room.

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president, closed the inspiring program with her quadrennial message—a challenge to all. To the many who remain at home, she offered the challenge to be faithful in holding the ropes for those abroad. To the new and returning missionaries she flung the challenge to "go down." Go down—not expecting ease or comfort. Go down to sacrifice, to suffer, to battle the powers of darkness, to die if need be, in order to win the lost. "Go down," she challenged, "forget yourselves, and we who remain at home will hold the ropes."

Two major changes were voted at the business sessions: The W.F.M.S. voted 209 to 44 to become the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society and to open active membership to all Nazarenes. It was also voted to reduce the General Council from

sixteen members to eight—one from each geographical zone and one at large.

Goals for the new quadrennium are:

1. A missionary society in every church.
2. *Other Sheep* subscriptions equal to 75 per cent of the church membership.
3. Ten per cent yearly membership gain.
4. Fifty per cent of all society members reading at least three books annually.
5. Five million dollars for missions.

The convention closed on a note of blessing and victory as Rev. Robert Chung of Korea preached on Saturday afternoon.

General Superintendents' Quadrennial Address*

To the members and friends of this, the Thirteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, greetings.

We are here assembled this day by permission of a kindly providence and in accordance with the recommendations of the authority of the church to consider the life, work, and welfare of the Church of God, and especially those phases relating to the Church of the Nazarene.

These immediate years through which we have just come have been difficult years for the world and for the Church. In 1948 when we met in a similar gathering, we had just witnessed the close of history's most devastating war and had entered the postwar readjustment period with hopeful hearts longing for peace. But instead, today we again find our world embroiled in armed conflict, and the privileges we enjoy here today are now being purchased on the battlefield at the cost of blood, the blood of some of our choicest young manhood. We have witnessed almost unbelievable scientific achievement during these past few years, and this scientific advance has tended to precipitate world-wide problems in politics, economics, morals, and otherwise. The peoples of all the earth are living in a tense and volatile political atmosphere which may explode into world-wide conflict at any moment. It has been distressing to witness the universal disintegration of moral tone which has reached into high places. The rapidity of the rise of forces throughout the world, antagonistic to the Church and her message, during this quadrennium is perhaps unprecedented in history. Atheistic communism and materialism like some damp fog from the foul swamps of depravity have been creeping rapidly over the face of the earth; even within the ranks of the professed Church of Jesus Christ there has been a paralyzing lethargy and complacency which only recently is showing signs of being dissipated in a measure.

And so today we, like the traveler who has crossed the toilsome plains of another quadrennium and has struggled up the steep and rugged ascents of the mountain, stand in a place of vantage from which we are privileged to scan briefly the pathway over which the Lord has led us to this hour, to take stock of our present state and resources and then to turn our gaze to the future which

spreads out before us in illimitable prospect and challenging opportunity until our Lord shall come again. While engaged in this pursuit, we would be "of the past mindful, to the present faithful, and for the future hopeful."

The Christian Church is divine in its origin. Christ was its Founder, is its present Head. An intelligent survey of the past centuries of human history reveals the presence in the world of a mighty, moral, ethical, spiritual force called Christianity. It found its source in that crimson flow from the riven side of its Founder on Golgotha's hill, and it has been inextricably woven into the warp and woof of the race's record from that time until the present moment.

Coexistent with the history of Christianity has been the history of the Christian Church. The word church is a New Testament word and appears 114 times in the New Testament record, and that record reveals that it was an established instrument for the spread and development of Christianity from the beginning and throughout the first Christian centuries. It was not the outgrowth of any other religious institution, but was something new and different, infinitely higher in its upreach to God, broader in its outreach to man, surer in its cure for sin in the human heart. Christ said, "I will build my church." This uniqueness makes it indispensable. There is no substitute for the Christian Church. No other religious organization can take its place. No man-made institution can do its work. The Christian Church has been in the past and continues to be in the present preserved and promoted primarily by the divine life and energy within itself. Although man has been the instrument used, the power and life has been of God. That life was likened by Christ to a grain of mustard seed—very small in its beginnings, but with infinite possibilities of multiplication and growth.

The Christian Church was set up and has been maintained in spite of the most powerful, determined, and vindictive hostility the world has ever witnessed. The same malignant and vengeful hate that clamored for the blood of its blessed Founder, crying out, "Away with Him! Crucify Him! Crucify Him! His blood be on us and on our children," raged with terrific violence against His humble followers, venting itself in opposition, persecution, blood, and death. But that Kingdom which is not of this world was not to be overturned by the world. Vain were the leagues of earth and hell to accomplish its destruction. It stood the shock of furious onset. It triumphed in every fierce conflict. It took captive many of the hosts that battled against it. Superior to all foes, it was constantly multiplying its victories, triumphantly going forward, conquering and to conquer.

What was the secret of this preservation and promotion? Was the instrumentality of a few devoted individuals—without science, without reputation, without authority, without the patronage of the great, despised, rejected, persecuted—were their abilities and efforts an adequate explanation of the miraculous preservation, stupendous wonders, and mighty revolutions of the Christian Church? We know this is incredible. Through all these testing times the Church had evidenced a divine energy, an independent power within herself capable of giving herself an undying and ever-increasing momentum. Her weapons were not carnal, visible, politic weapons—they were spiritual, mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Her men and measures were all endued with power from on high. Ministers and laity alike all had an unction from the Holy One. It was this endowment of divine influence that sustained them in their sufferings and gave them success in their labors. It was "not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Their sufficiency was of God.

* This address was written by Dr. Hardy C. Powers, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, in collaboration with his colleagues in the general superintendency.

But our immediate interest in this assembly is the record of our own beloved church. We believe and we trust, with an appropriate humility, that the Church of the Nazarene is divinely ordained, commissioned, and called to the Kingdom for such a time as this. It is not difficult to trace the evidences of this divine life, which was the secret of success in the Early Church, within the history of the denomination.

About the turn of this present century there entered the stream of church history a tiny rivulet known today as the Church of the Nazarene. Its beginnings were without ostentation. It sprang up in different sections of the world almost simultaneously. Its founders and leaders were not moved by any ambitious or arrogant "man-of-destiny" complex. For the most part they were humble men of simple faith and deep devotion to God who were forced into their respective roles of leadership by a set of circumstances which seemed to them to involve such fundamental issues as to threaten the very life of God within their own souls. When we call the roll of the mighty men of those earlier days in our history, we find on that distinguished roster such names as Phineas F. Bresee, Howard Hoople, J. O. McClurkan, C. B. Jernigan, George Sharpe, H. F. Reynolds, John Goodwin, J. G. Morrison, J. B. Chapman, R. T. Williams, and many others too numerous to mention, but whose names are in the book of life.

Probably few, if any, of these men realized the full significance of their strategic position or the role in which divine Providence had cast them, but they were men with a message which had found its genesis within an appeaseless soul hunger which no husks of theology nor empty ritualism could satisfy. It set them to seeking God; it stirred the depths of their being; it would not be quieted; it revealed sin in them; it brought them face to face with eternal law and its awful penalties. They were pierced by the arrows of the Almighty; they were torn by the terrors of the Lord and driven by the fears of the wrath to come, until in desperation they turned to the shadow of that great Rock in a weary land and found God in gloriously pardoning mercy and unquestioned reality. From that initial experience of grace, they went on unto perfection. They mourned the presence of the carnal nature within; they agonized for deliverance from that principle which is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Their prayer was:

*O God, my heart doth long for Thee.
Let me die, let me die.
Now set my soul at liberty.
Let me die, let me die*

*To all the trifling things of earth.
They're now to me of little worth.
My Saviour calls; I must go forth.
Let me die, let me die.*

*The slaying power in me display.
Let me die, let me die.
I must be dead from day to day.
Let me die, let me die.*

*Unto the world and its applause,
To all its customs, fashions, laws,
Of those who hate the humbling cross,
Let me die, let me die.*

*Oh, I must die to scoffs and jeers.
Let me die, let me die.
I must be free from slavish fears.
Let me die, let me die.*

*So dead that no desire shall rise
To pass for good or great or wise
In any but my Saviour's eyes,
Let me die, let me die.*

And there on the cross of a Christian consecration and midst the fires of a purging Pentecost, they did die to sin and self and were filled with all the fullness of God.

Now they found that, whereas before they could not rest for fear, remorse, and soul-hunger, now they could not rest for soul-joy. They must proclaim the glad tidings. Their message burned on their lips and burned into the souls of their hearers and made the hungry multitudes eager to hear them again and again. Theirs was the voice of joyful experience. Of course, it was a message of wrath, for they had felt the woe of sin. Of course, it was a message of mercy, for they had found an abundant pardon. Of course, it was a message of holiness, for the cleansing stream they had beheld, plunged and shouted, "It cleanseth me." Of course, it was a message of joy, for their souls exulted in God. It was both the law and the gospel melted into one flaming evangel. It found fuel, as someone has said, "corded and hungry of combustion," in every human breast. It struck a responsive cord in every awakened soul which found an echo in every other as if some celestial current had been suddenly and for the first time started. It drew the half-frightened, sin-sorrowful multitudes toward God until they touched the hem of His garment and were healed.

By some the movement was ignored and was considered too transitory to be worthy of any notice. By others it was grossly misunderstood, vilified, and misrepresented. But the little church miraculously avoided every would-be fatal device set for its destruction, endured the persecution and shame heaped upon it, dared the frowns of powerful ecclesiasticisms, lived, and prospered. God was in it, and that eternal element cannot be destroyed—this was the secret. Its success cannot be attributed to any other source. The church was not and cannot now be carried forward by means and measures that ostensibly and of themselves promise success, but only by the invisible yet almighty Spirit of God.

The Church of the Nazarene was begun in the Spirit; let us not be so foolish as to imagine that she can be perpetuated by the power of the flesh. This is one of the vital lessons our history would teach us. Although we are humbly grateful for an inspiring history, and we frankly confess our great debt to those who have gone before us and who, because of their faithfulness and sacrifice, gave us today the church with a name unsullied and a glory undimmed, and although we lovingly cherish their memory and treasure the valued lessons they taught us at such great cost, yet we do not worship at the shrine of antiquity. Other generations, some yet unborn, await the church. Time moves on. We yet have work to do.

We have been endeavoring to point out that the Church is more than an organization; it is a living organism. But we must never forget it is an organization also, animated and energized by the divine life within. Ideally the Church is the body of Christ, the divinely chosen instrument through which the life forces within find expression. And since it is the inherent tendency of all life to increase, we find in this principle the significance of our statistics. If we profess a high level of spiritual life and show little or no growth, we are in an inconsistent position. If we profess a high level of spiritual life and at the same time declare we are without interest in "numbers," we are likewise in an untenable position. The New Testament Pentecostal Church is the best illustration of this point. The infusion of mighty life forces received by that small company in the Upper Room

pushed out into every phase of their witnessing and work until the Church budded and blossomed and brought forth an abundant harvest, and thousands of souls were swept into the Kingdom and swept into the Church. For the Church of the Nazarene to become static in her growth will result in paralysis of that high purpose and lofty vision of world-wide holiness evangelism to which we are called. We must grow, or die and be forgotten as a vital, spiritual force in the world.

But let us now turn our attention to the quadrennial record. In recounting that record of the church for this past quadrennium, justice would require that some mention be made of the garnered fruit—that company of men and women who four years ago were members of the Christian family upon the earth and some were members of the last General Assembly and had in many cases been saved at the altars of the church, had borne faithful witness, rendered devoted service, and today have been translated to the skies.

During the past quadrennium the church has again suffered severe loss in its leadership. Early in the quadrennium General Superintendent Howard V. Miller was suddenly and without warning promoted to his heavenly reward. The shock of his sudden passing was felt by the church throughout the world. His heart was true, his love unfeigned, his service was of inestimable value.

Again, in the fall of 1950 General Superintendent Orval J. Nease, with a spirit that was strong and a body that was weak, finally laid aside his armor and was promoted to his heavenly home. Not long before his death one of his colleagues begged him to conserve his failing strength. He replied, "All that I have, whether it be little or much, I wish to give to the church I love." This he did without measure to the end.

The entire church around the world mourned the passing during this quadrennium of Mrs. S. N. Fitkin. Mrs. Fitkin had been active in the Church of the Nazarene for forty-three years. She was an ardent and unctious preacher of full salvation and served in many capacities in church organizations. She was a member of the General Board for sixteen years, and as president of the W.F.M.S. for thirty-three years she, more than any other single individual perhaps, shaped the policies of that great missionary organization. She not only gave her money liberally, but she poured her very life and soul into the work she loved so well.

An appropriate memorial service will be conducted elsewhere in this assembly, where a more detailed record of the long and distinguished service rendered to the church by these and other honored leaders will be given. God in His infinite wisdom and who doeth all things well has again called home two of our honored leaders within the span of a quadrennium. It would seem fitting that this great assembly should pause and stand for a moment in tribute to the memory of our departed leaders and in silent prayer in behalf of lonely-hearted loved ones and for the church for which in some measure they gave their lives. (Let us stand and pray.)

The denomination is fortunate indeed to have Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, in charge of its records and statistics. They are most efficiently kept, and analytical surveys from time to time have helped to keep the general superintendents intelligently abreast of the progress of the church. Departmental figures reveal there is much to encourage us and to indicate that we have had one of the good quadrennia of our history. Time and space here restrict us to only a few observations.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. For the purpose of our statistics, our home field has been designated as European South Africa, Hawaii, Alaska, Australia, British Isles, Canada, and the United States. Within these boundaries we now have a total full membership of 242,476. This represents a

net gain for the quadrennium of 33,199. This was a percentage gain of 15.87 per cent and is the largest percentage gain since the quadrennium 1936-40. Numerically, it exceeds the record of either of the last two quadrennia by approximately 10,000 members. If we would add to this total the membership on the foreign field, we now have a total world-wide membership (excluding probationers) of 275,964. During the past four years, in an effort to utilize the potential of the Church of the Nazarene, we have been engaged in an all-out effort to win men to Christ, and that program has been designated the "Mid-Century Crusade for Souls." The emphasis has been on soul winning by every legitimate means, with special attention given to visitation evangelism, and hence these gains are both significant and encouraging.

HOME MISSIONS. Our records indicate we have added to our rolls 681 new church organizations during the quadrennium. We have dropped from the rolls 188, leaving a net increase of 473. Our percentage gain is 14.2 per cent as compared with 8.8 per cent for the quadrennium 1944-48. Our churches in the home field now number 3,789. If we add to this number those on the foreign field, we now have 4,338 fully organized Nazarene churches.

One of the most important moves made by the denomination in recent years was the creation of the office of Executive Secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. Dr. Roy F. Smee was assigned to this post, and under his wise and able leadership and with a remarkable measure of co-operation and earnest effort from district superintendents, pastors, evangelists, and people, this fine progress was made possible. Our home base has been substantially strengthened. But much of this work would have been impossible had it not been for the financial aid made available through Church Extension. New church extension policies adopted this quadrennium have been of untold value in establishing new churches and assisting weaker ones in securing their own properties. Loans have been handled in a business-like manner, and the denomination has not sustained a single loss. Certainly this work should be continued.

In addition to the splendid record made in home missions in Britain, Canada, and the United States, our other overseas fields have made most inspiring progress. In Hawaii the work, under the leadership of Leo Baldwin, has had a good beginning and present Superintendent Cecil Knippers and his helpers have outlined plans that indicate faith in God and substantial growth for the church in the Islands. We now have four fully organized churches and three missions. Under the direction of Dr. E. E. Zachary, solid foundations for our work in Australia were laid. Superintendent A. A. E. Berg reports a work now well established and much strengthened during the quadrennium. We feel certain that we have enjoyed divine guidance in the beginnings and continuation of our work in Australia. We now have nine fully organized churches and one mission. Our European work in South Africa was begun this quadrennium. In the beginning we were without ministers, members, or property of any kind. Under the direction of Rev. Charles E. Strickland God has blessed the work in a remarkable way, and within a three-year period the work has grown until we now have church buildings as substantial as will be found anywhere in the connection, a strong corps of sanctified ministers, and a great group of members and friends. We now have fourteen fully organized churches and four missions. In Alaska our work is characterized by a loyal, aggressive Nazarene spirit. Two new churches have been organized in that pioneer territory, and others are now about ready for organization. All our churches in Alaska give at least 10 per cent of their total income for foreign missions, and most are now giving 20 per cent. We now have four fully organized churches and one mission.

The church recognizes its responsibility in evangelizing minority groups in this country, and encouraging beginnings have been made. Our work among the colored people has been making slow but sure progress. Some splendid, consecrated men have joined our ranks to help with this work, and we have acquired substantial properties, especially at our Nazarene Bible Institute in Institute, West Virginia. The bottleneck in this work is the lack of properly trained leadership, but we believe our school will eventually bring about the solution of this problem. Beginnings have been made among the American Chinese, and plans are under way to open work among the Puerto Ricans in this country. Also, under the auspices of the Department of Foreign Missions a splendid work is being developed among the American Indians. Progress has been made, and we now have fifty-five churches and missions scattered throughout the country but located principally in the Southwest. Our Indian Training School located at Lindrieth, New Mexico, will eventually bring about the solution to our leadership problems in this important work.

In addition to this work we have the Mexican border work, also under the supervision of the Department of Foreign Missions. This work is making splendid progress, and we now have 18 churches and 970 full members. The training school located at San Antonio, Texas, along with other leadership training programs, will gradually assure us an adequate supply of trained leaders.

CHURCH PROPERTIES. The quadrennial net increase in value of church properties, including both church buildings and parsonages, has been \$39,075,470.00. No doubt some of this can be attributed to inflation, but much of it has been due to a commendable increase in building activity. Many fine buildings have been constructed or acquired by local congregations, and for the most part this has been accomplished without incurring an exorbitant debt. We would reassert our denominational ideal at this point: Our buildings should be commodious, functional, and adequate for our task, but in cost and design our people should bear in mind our responsibility to a lost world and should avoid everything elaborate or extravagant.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. Dr. Lindsell says, "Each generation must find for itself a satisfactory answer to the question: Why missions?" The pertinency of that question is to be seen in the fact that the missionary enterprise makes such heavy demands upon the church in personnel, in finance, and otherwise. We hold that the missionary enterprise rests its case solely on a divine revelation. We fully appreciate all the by-products of Christian missions—social, economic, educational, and otherwise—but we carry on missionary work primarily because the Holy Spirit has revealed that the winning of souls everywhere is God's will for His Church. That revelation declares all men out of Christ are lost here and hereafter, that all men through Christ may be saved from all sin, and that the Church is the divinely ordained instrument in taking this message of salvation to lost men everywhere. Dr. Glover says: "The missionary enterprise rests upon Christ's command and commission for its authority. He did not merely express a wish or offer a suggestion; He gave an order—clear, explicit, peremptory: 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.' Such is His final, most imperative, most inclusive command, and it is binding upon His followers everywhere and for all time." Jesus himself was the world's greatest Missionary, and He constantly referred to himself as the Messenger sent by the Father to a lost world; and He said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

In spite of world-wide, inflationary economic conditions resulting in rapidly mounting costs, our people have re-

sponded nobly to the challenge, and the foreign missionary work has made splendid progress. During the quadrennium we have invested \$4,765,404.04 in this great cause. A total of eighty-three missionaries has been appointed, and most of them are already serving on their appointed fields. And although the strength of our work is not to be judged solely by the number of missionaries sent out, we think this number is significant. Our native-workers now number 1,006. Theoretically, the Church of the Nazarene plans to evangelize the world principally through a trained native ministry; and although we expect our missionaries to carry on an intensive personal program of evangelism and soul winning, to reach the lost of earth's millions by this method alone is too slow, inefficient, and prohibitively costly. Hence, in estimating the strength of the denomination's foreign work, this theory should be kept in mind. During the four-year period we have invested \$721,652.00 in new buildings, improvements, and equipment on the fields. The total value of our foreign property now stands at \$2,324,979.00. Multiplied thousands of souls have knelt at our altars seeking pardon and purity, and our total foreign church membership is now 29,798. The executive secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, Dr. Remiss R. Rehfeldt, has stood at the helm and efficiently directed this world-wide enterprise in all its ramifications.

A commission has been raised and is now engaged in making a thorough study of medical missions. A statement of our philosophy, a thorough survey of possible fields for expansion, an investigation of our present and potential personnel resources, and much other valuable information come within the scope of the study now being made of this important phase of our foreign missionary enterprise.

The Samaritan School of Nursing has rendered valuable service to the church during the quadrennium. It has graduated about sixty-five nurses in the four-year period and has maintained a high level of spiritual life among the students. Our young people have been privileged indeed to carry on their studies in this fine, spiritual atmosphere. But the school and Samaritan Hospital, which is its textbook and laboratory, are face to face with some serious problems. This assembly should come to grips with these matters and find a permanent solution for them. They are not problems impossible of solution and will be amenable to the sanctified judgment of this assembly. We are grateful to God for the signal service these two institutions have rendered across the years, and our investment in them has certainly not been without dividends.

FINANCIAL. Faith in the church, her mission and program, and a remarkable degree of unity and singleness of purpose have been evidenced by the financial response of our people to the entire church program during the past four years. Our general treasurer, Mr. John Stockton, is well trained, efficient, and deeply conscientious. He, along with that noble band of men and women who make up the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, have handled the general funds so carefully and prayerfully that their administration has been a constant source of inspiration to us all. We have given to local interests, including buildings and improvements, in round numbers, eighty-two and one-half million dollars. We have given to all district interests six and one-half million dollars, and to all the general interests of the church we have given a total of approximately nine million dollars, which brings the grand total for the four-year period to over ninety-seven million dollars. The average per capita giving for the quadrennium was \$105.94. The greatest percentage of increase has been in our giving to general interests. The scriptural method of tithes and

offering has been our plan and practice. God peculiarly honors this method.

In accordance with a directive from the Twelfth General Assembly, a Pensions Commission was raised and has done a tremendous amount of research work under the guidance of the best authorities the country affords. A plan has materialized and will be presented. We believe the time has come for the church to take some action in this direction.

N.Y.P.S. The prophet Joel prophesied that the New Testament Pentecostal Church would give prominent place to its youth: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions" (Joel 2:28).

The Church of the Nazarene early in its beginnings recognized the possibilities wrapped up in its youth and gave them a prominent place in the life and program of the church. They have proven worthy of that confidence, and the future of the church is encouraging because of the great army of young people within its ranks, both in the ministry and among the laity. They are disposed to take an active part and share in all the burdens and plans of the denomination. Their contribution to the spread of the gospel of holiness is of such a nature and of such proportions as to make them indispensable. The projects approved by their recent convention are inspiring indeed. They have shown splendid growth the past four years with a net increase in membership of 12,708 and a percentage increase of 19.3 per cent, which exceeds the percentage increase of church membership for the denomination. Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois, his fine staff, and the N.Y.P.S. council have carried heavy responsibilities this quadrennium and this fine record faithfully reflects proper credit upon them. May God continue to bless our young people.

SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION. In these troubled times many of our young men are serving in the armed forces. Many are serving in the chaplaincy. The denomination has not forgotten and shall not forget these men who serve in our stead. Under the direction of Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois this department is keeping alive this contact and is thus rendering valuable service to the men, their families, God, and the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. Under the capable direction of Dr. Albert Harper and his staff, our Sunday schools have shown a splendid growth, in fact, the best in our history for a comparable period, I believe. We now have an enrollment in round numbers of one-half million, which is an increase of 100,000, with an average weekly attendance of 325,000, which represents an increase of 73,000. Last Easter Sunday marked a record-breaking weekly attendance of 514,000. A tireless band of efficient workers have led on in this work. We especially commend the editorial staff for presenting a series of lessons on our distinguishing doctrine of second blessing holiness during this quadrennium. This should be repeated frequently in the future.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES. The missionary societies have again rendered valuable service to the denomination. They have shown a splendid numerical and percentage increase. The W.F.M.S. has shown a net gain of 268 societies and 11,718 members to date, making a total of 2,999 societies and 82,822 members. The Church Missionary Society has shown an increase of 246 societies and 7,273 members, which is the total both in the number of societies and membership at present. Total money raised by both groups has amounted to the handsome sum of \$3,992,901.45. Although the business of missions is not departmental,

but central in the church, the responsibility of keeping alive the missionary spirit and vision has largely rested upon these groups, and they have been indeed faithful to the task. There has been, and now is, unity of spirit existing between the two societies, and I doubt not that this assembly will bring about the complete organizational unity which we all desire. Aside from the record of financial and numerical achievement, we owe General President Mrs. Louise Robinson Chapman, Secretary Mary Scott, and their many tireless and devoted helpers a great debt of gratitude for keeping before us the Macedonian call from the far places of the earth.

PUBLISHING HOUSE. One of the tests of the permanency of any movement is its ability to produce its own literature. In the Church of the Nazarene this is now an accomplished fact. The oft-repeated account of the signal service rendered the denomination by the House may tend to make us overlook its importance. The facts are, our Publishing House is indispensable. Inextricably associated with the name "Nazarene Publishing House" have been the name and consecrated genius of M. Lunn. For thirty years as manager, he has largely guided its fortunes and directed its policies until it has come to its present place of such widespread usefulness. It stands today as a monument to his devotion and integrity.

This has been the best of many good quadrennia. Its gross quadrennial sales have reached an all-time high of \$6,260,000.00, and an annual all-time high this year of \$1,817,000.00.

Although Dr. Stephen S. White was somewhat new in the editorial field four years ago, he has performed like a veteran, and the high quality of our paper has been widely acclaimed. We are now reaching each week with our official organ, the *Herald of Holiness*, 109,399 subscribers. Our Spanish Department, headed by Honorato Reza, is not only serving our own Spanish-speaking people, but it is reaching far and wide outside our own ranks. In addition, hundreds of thousands of books, periodicals, tracts, and other literature, plus a great volume of material from our music department, are going out in a mighty flood to tell the tidings 'round of a God mighty to save, strong to deliver. This "big business of winning men," as represented by our Publishing House, has by far the greatest mail volume of any business, corporation, or organization in greater Kansas City. And my own heart has been thrilled time and again as I have come on the silent message of our literature in remote corners of the world. The story of what it has accomplished in the salvation of souls and the sanctifying of believers, the opening of doors of opportunity which would otherwise be closed, is a story that reads stranger than fiction.

EDUCATIONAL. In our American tradition up until a half century ago, religion was the keystone of the educational arch. It gave cohesion and significance to every other phase of the educational program. In fact, originally, higher education in the United States was almost exclusively under Christian auspices. Most of the great universities of the East were founded primarily as training schools for the leadership of government and church. It is said that four-fifths of the earliest student body of Yale University became ministers. It is regrettable that many of them forsook this course, and the results are to be seen in the confusion and the sense of frustration found today in many educational circles. We thank God for our Nazarene schools. Religion is still the keystone of our educational arch.

Due to conditions beyond their control, our colleges have faced many and varied problems during the four-year period. With an enrollment, and consequently finances, that tended to be unstable and erratic, these have been difficult years, but they have also been years of real

advancement and victory. Our faithful presidents, faculties, and trustees have faced their problems with courage and resourcefulness. Physical equipment has been substantially improved on every campus, and this has been done without plunging the schools into paralyzing debt. Faculties have been improved and definite steps taken toward a fuller accreditation. Our total annual enrollment has averaged 4,623. During the quadrennium they have graduated 2,223 students. The training program for Christian workers in our schools is being constantly encouraged and improved. We believe our schools are sincerely seeking to give the church education with a Christian purpose—the best in Christian education, accepting no substitutes for Christian education—an overall school program that is designed to produce character, culture, and bring the students to Christ in saving and sanctifying power. We believe our leaders in this field are loyal to Christ and the Bible and seek first the kingdom of God. And with this great stream of sanctified talent going out into the church and the world, it can be truthfully said that the sun never sets on the product of our schools.

The response to the opening of the Nazarene Theological Seminary has been most gratifying, and its success has created some rather urgent problems. When this program was inaugurated, our present esteemed leader, Dr. Hugh C. Benner, was chosen as president. Dr. Russell V. DeLong was made dean, and the faculty was drawn from many sections of the church. Its founding was the result of much prayer and the mature thinking of such men as Dr. R. T. Williams, Dr. James B. Chapman, and others. Of course, it was designed to give our ministry access to training second to none in the quality of its scholarship. But it was founded primarily as an additional means of preserving the faith of our fathers and projecting the gospel of full salvation into the future through the Church of the Nazarene. Although we welcome others into its classes, we always remember it was designed primarily to train Nazarene ministers for Nazarene tasks. This fact should dictate its policies and command the support of the entire church. The school is just now completing seven years of history; remarkable history it has been—I think unequaled in the history of such institutions in their beginning years. Our highest annual enrollment has been 204 and we have graduated to date 204 with a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Although any pioneer project such as this faces many and serious problems, yet adequate housing has been the principal one. Our president, faculty, and student body have faced this problem with patience, courage, and faith. However, plans have been made and the call sent out for funds. As of this date more than two-thirds of the required money is in hand, and construction is to begin within a few days on a permanent home for the Seminary. This marks a milestone in our progress toward permanency in the building of an adequate Nazarene Seminary. We praise God for the fine progress made, and we urge our people everywhere to give full support to this Nazarene institution until it shall become known, wherever holiness is loved and preached, as a tower of spiritual strength in deed and in truth.

Recently the Board of General Superintendents raised an educational commission to study our entire educational structure and formulate a philosophy of education which will act as a guide for the entire denomination. This important report will be ready for publication in the near future.

RADIO WORK. In the beginning there were many who questioned the advisability of a radio program. We were uncertain of its value; we were not sure of the type of program most advisable. We came through a rather troubled and uncertain period of course-charting, etc., but under the expert guidance of our executive secretary,

Dr. T. W. Willingham, many of the problems have been solved, and this work is well established among us.

Many do not understand the purpose of the program. It is not the purpose of those who formulate these programs from time to time to give us a full-dress Nazarene service. The program is designed as a door-opener, the creator of spiritual appetite which will make those who hear desire to visit local Nazarene churches and learn more about her message. Of course, many are saved as a result of these services, and our files are well filled with such testimonials.

One of the most valued services the radio program has rendered has been in home mission fields and on foreign mission fields where our work is new or has not yet been started. It serves to open the door and introduce the church, so that when the workers arrive their task is made immeasurably easier. We are now being heard on 368 stations located in 16 countries of the world. We are quite well known in unnumbered new places where through regular means and channels it would have taken us generations to go. Thank God for the radio ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.

APPRECIATION. It is with the deepest sense of appreciation that the members of the Board of General Superintendents express their gratitude for the wonderful spirit of cooperation given us by the Headquarters staff, department heads, school administrators, managers, district superintendents, evangelists, pastors, and people. Only God can know the courage that has come to our hearts in the midst of battle as we have sounded God's call to arms and have witnessed time and again the great army of Nazarenes as they moved out in solid phalanx to do battle for King Jesus. It has made us desire to serve you better, and we have prayed most earnestly and with humble hearts that God would help us to be worthy of such confidence.

PERSONAL. As elders in the Church of the Nazarene, we report annually to our respective district assemblies, but as general superintendents we make this brief personal report to you.

The work of this quadrennium has been made doubly difficult due to the loss of two of our number. We felt this loss a bit more keenly perhaps because of the proximity in which we worked with these good men. This loss was partially offset by the election to this high office of one of God's true and tried soldiers, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool. Within the span of two quadrennia I have witnessed the home-going of five general superintendents. The added weight of responsibility that has fallen on the rest of us who are comparatively new at the task has been heavy indeed, but God has given strength as our day, and we have sought to do our duty as God gave us to see it. Without question our service has not always been faultless, and we are equally certain that our judgment has not always merited your united approval, but we ask you to believe that we have only and always sought the will of God and the spiritual welfare of the church.

We have faithfully conducted our own board meetings, have presided at other board and council meetings, and have given preference in our schedule to preachers' meetings and holiness conventions. We have given guidance and direction to every phase and department of the work as opportunity was presented. We have given our best in supervision to the foreign and overseas fields. A general superintendent has visited at least once each and every field around the world where the Church of the Nazarene carries on its work. Much of our time has been spent in hotels, on trains, planes, and ships around the world. Our families have been understanding and co-operative and thus have made our task easier. We

have tried to be faithful to a voluminous correspondence, have served as contributing editors to our periodicals and papers, and have done other writing as we were able. Above all, we have given attention to the culture of our own souls. We have sought by God's help to be an example of those things which we preach and teach to others. We enjoy holy fellowship within our own group. I speak for myself, and I am sure that I speak for my brethren as well, when I say that the precious Blood has been applied in saving and sanctifying power. He abides just now. Your prayers and kindly letters from time to time have strengthened and supported us. May God richly reward you.

INTROSPECTIVE

And now in taking note of our present state and resources, we can only express our opinion. Only God can fully and accurately measure the eternal spiritual values involved. We realize that any estimate we might make of our present spiritual state will be measured to some extent by the unprejudiced in the light of the spiritual tone and action of this General Assembly. It is not what we claim that is significant, but what we are able to demonstrate, that will measure our influence. The eyes of many are focused on us here, and hence we venture to exhort you, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."

That the church is surrounded by evil on every hand none will deny. Evil in its most malignant forms, wicked devices cunningly placed and the product of devilish ingenuity are being brought to bear upon the church constantly. We are saddened because in the heat of the battle against sin some have weakened and fallen and walk with God no more. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety. The power of the indwelling Spirit alone can keep the church from the taint of evil on every hand. To fail to recognize these conditions would be to endanger the life of the church and imperil our own souls; and while we do recognize these conditions and fully confess our peril in their presence and that without God we can do nothing as we face them, yet we would not magnify sin and human depravity to that point where faith in God and hope of victory are completely paralyzed. We are not of those who view the church with pessimism and suspicion. The church is divinely ordained, but it is a human institution made up of human beings; and hence we frankly admit it partakes of human frailties. But Christ, who knew full well the weakness of the material involved, expressed His faith and invested His blood in the Church. To lose faith in it would be to charge God with a colossal blunder in His plans to redeem the race.

We believe our people are spiritual. It is not surprising that the discouraged and the defeated are unable to discern God's company who have not bowed the knee to Baal. But to the discerning, we believe there is an abundance of evidence to indicate our people are spiritual. We do not mean by this that they are beyond improvement, nor do we mean there are no exceptions or that problems are nonexistent; but we do mean that we believe the great body of our people love God, abhor the very appearance of evil, maintain holiness of heart and life as their ideal in Christian experience, give tithes and offerings and sometimes give sacrificially of their means, desire and pray for Holy Ghost revivals. They are missionary-minded, are Nazarenes from conviction, and are loyal to the best interests of the church.

The prophet Joel indicated that one of the evidences of a Holy Ghost-filled church was its ability to recruit its own ministry. This God has enabled us to do. Our educational institutions are collaborating to give the church a well-trained ministry. Our ministers are earnest, sincere, and

orthodox. We have no evidence of doctrinal heresy among us. It is noteworthy that we have never had a trial for heresy in the history of the Church of the Nazarene. When it becomes known that a man is out of harmony with our stated position, he is immediately and universally unacceptable regardless of his other talents or attainments and soon seeks more congenial company. Our faith is a common one. Our doctrinal position is Bible-based and the product of centuries of sanctified Christian scholarship. There is no disposition to tamper with our position. We are a united people.

In broad outline our organization is a workable one. Our church polity is tested and proved, adequate for the task assigned to us. Our church literature is reaching out in ever-widening circles of influence.

Our Publishing House stays abreast of the increased demands of a growing church. The message of the church through a forceful radio ministry probes needy hearts and offers the Great Physician to the sin-sick on land and sea and in the air over a great network of stations, near and far. Our church property and equipment are the finest in our history. Our giving has reached an all-time high. We are making a determined and prayerful effort to save our youth to God and the church, with some evidences of success. There is an increased sense of personal responsibility in soul winning taking hold of the church. Our vision is not sectional or provincial, but it is world-wide and reaches out wherever man is found. Someone has said we are a revival church in spirit and a missionary church in organization. The spirit of evangelism characterizes the church, and we believe the cutting edge of evangelism is holy character. With these and many other things in our favor, with a mighty touch of the divine Spirit upon us, it seems that we are in a good position for the greatest spiritual conquest and advance in our history. God grant that it may be true.

PROSPECTIVE

We now turn our faces toward the future. Out there at life's crossroads wait the hungry multitudes of all lands begging for the bread of life. Many, we believe, will be eternally lost if the Church of the Nazarene falls short of the divine plan in her planning and program. But if the church is to help others, it must maintain its own strength and continue to grow, and life is never without its problems. All life, institutional or otherwise, faces at least three major basic problems.

First, it must find the proper materials upon which to feed. Second, it must be able to assimilate this material until it becomes an integral part of itself. Third, it must maintain such a high level of vigorous, internal health that it will be able to discern between the good and the evil and to throw off the poisons and disease germs which attack it from time to time. The life and usefulness of our own beloved Zion depend on the proper solution of these three problems.

FINDING THE MATERIAL. In seeking out the material with which to build the church during the next quadrennium we make the following recommendations:

75,000 New Church Members. We recommend that the goal for new members in the home field during the coming quadrennium be 75,000 souls who have been brought to Christ and brought into the church. We suggest that this figure be broken down as follows: 15,000 the first year, 15,000 the second year, 20,000 the third year, and 25,000 the fourth year. We further recommend that, in view of the fact that we will celebrate fifty years of denominational history during the quadrennium 1956-60, we set as our long-range target 400,000 members by the close of that quadrennium.

May I re-emphasize that a holiness church faces two major perils at this point. The first is, she may be tempted

to adopt a slogan, at least in practice, of "growth at any cost," and in so doing treat lightly or completely ignore the *Manual* standards for church membership in the Church of the Nazarene. Such a course would soon destroy us. This we must avoid. The other peril faced by the church is the danger of becoming static in her growth. When this takes place, we are tempted to lapse into a defensive position and talk about our quality as though that adequately explained our lack of quantity. But to thinking men that attitude always indicates defeat. Our growth must be symmetrical and in conformity with God's purpose for the church in the world. We must grow, but not by the compromising of our *Manual* standards, but rather by the breaking down of the citadels of unbelief in the human heart, through holy living, personal work, and revivals in which men are brought face to face with their need and the God who can supply it.

In setting these membership goals our objective is a spiritual one with a twofold aspect. First, the Church of the Nazarene seeks to do the work of holiness evangelism, and secondly, we seek to conserve the results of holiness evangelism. And we believe this can best be accomplished by bringing the convert into the church with all that that relationship implies. Hence, the importance of these goals.

Mass Evangelism. We further recommend in finding the materials from which the church is to be sustained that we continue with the program of mass evangelism. This method has always characterized spiritual advance; and although we may, and should, supplement it with other methods, we must not lose sight of it or its value in securing material. Concerted praying, the influence of the concentrated burden and faith of a group; Spirit-anointed, Bible-based, evangelistic preaching will produce results today. We must have revivals, more revivals, better revivals, revivals that will be justified by their own product.

The Crusade for Souls. We strongly recommend that we continue with the "Crusade for Souls." The task of witnessing and winning souls is the task of the entire church. We cannot retain the blessing of God and long neglect this responsibility. We believe there are large areas of unutilized potential power in the Church of the Nazarene. If God could only awaken us to our individual possibilities and responsibilities toward this work, I am sure the statistics of the church would be revolutionized in one quadrennium. Beginnings have been made, and the results are encouraging indeed. We urge that the program be continued and that our ministers preach on both the negative and the positive aspects of a Pentecostal experience and that they organize their local forces and by precept and example lead and teach their people in personal soul winning. For the past quadrennium this program was designated the "Mid-Century Crusade for Souls." No doubt that slogan will be changed at this General Assembly. But regardless of the changes in slogan, there must be no cessation or change in the program itself. Whatever it may be called in the next quadrennium, it must still mean, "Souls, continued."

The Nazarene Home. Rich in possibility for the winning of souls are many Nazarene homes. We recommend that a denomination-wide effort be put forth to win the unsaved members of all our homes, and especially the youth in those homes. This program should be carefully planned and inaugurated at the earliest possible moment. Let no one discount its importance simply because it seems to deal principally with children. Think what it would mean to win one child in each of 50,000 Nazarene homes. Let no one be so presumptuous as to fix an age limit

at which a child can be converted, and thereby usurp the prerogatives of the Holy Spirit, who alone knows how and when the soul should be brought face to face with Christ. Salvation at the well-kept family altar should not be uncommon among us. We must win our own young people to Christ and save them to the church, and the ideal time to do this is during those tender, formative years.

Salvage Our Losses in Church Membership. Last quadrennium nearly 50,000 Nazarenes were lost to the church by removal, commendation, or dismissal. Granting that some of these losses are unavoidable and normal, that number is still too high. A transcontinental train cut several hours off a certain schedule. When asked how much they had increased their speed in order to accomplish this, they replied their speed was the same; they had only eliminated losses in time occasioned by useless stops and slowdowns. Likewise, the church can show a substantial membership growth simply by salvaging a reasonable percentage of our present losses. Dr. R. T. Williams frequently exhorted the pastors and people to make every effort to win as many as possible in this group and urged the church to spend at least one night in prayer about the matter before dropping the name of anyone from the roll who was within reach of the ministry of the church. It is our Christian duty to earnestly and prayerfully seek to win back to Christ and the church those who have had spiritual difficulty of any kind. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Gal. 6:1).

Organize One Thousand New Churches. We must evangelize the home fields, or otherwise we will imperil our great foreign missionary enterprise. With a technique kept up-to-date, an organization already proved, with an increased burden throughout the church for this work, and with God's evident smile upon our past efforts, we are in our best position for a great advance in this field. Under God and with the splendid co-operation of superintendents, pastors, and people, one thousand new churches are well within our reach in the next quadrennium. We are obligated to the limit of our strength to place the gospel of holiness within reasonable reach of every man, woman, boy, and girl in our great centers of population and at the same time not overlook the challenge of smaller towns and rural sections.

Raise Ten Million Dollars for World Evangelism. The past quadrennium the Nazarenes gave for this purpose more than seven and one-half million dollars. The year just closed was by far our best single year. Hence, this goal is in no wise exorbitant. This amount will enable us to strengthen our present work and, in addition, to enter some providentially opened doors now confronting us in new areas. Unauthorized beginnings in new territory are usually fraught with peril and serious problems for the denomination; but under the direction of the proper authorities, this quadrennium should witness a determined beginning by the church in several European countries, in Brazil and some other South and Central American countries. We earnestly urge all our pastors and churches everywhere to adopt the "10 per cent plan" as the MINIMUM of their giving to this great cause. The hope of the world is Christ, and the Church must give Him to the world. Those of us who enjoy God's great grace here today were saved either as the direct or indirect result of foreign missionary activity. We must recognize our debt and go about the giving of the gospel to every man in the same measure as we

have received it. If we allow local and selfish interests to dry up the springs of benevolence for the work in foreign lands, we will forfeit God's smile, the souls we might have won, and will bring trouble and defeat to the local church. "There is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

For trained workers and personnel to man these advance projects at home and abroad, we must continue to look to our colleges and Seminary as our principal source of supply. Naturally, we expect that our schools will be centers of learning and that they shall continue to work and plan in this direction until the academic quality of the work done is second to none. Full accreditation should be energetically sought. But we also urge our schools to continue this work in an atmosphere of revivals, holiness conventions, and missionary emphasis, so that the whole academic program shall have cohesion, purpose, direction, and that coming from these halls will be a mighty army of ministers, missionaries, teachers and nurses who are fire-baptized with a passion for souls and a loyalty to the church with her doctrines and usages. In order to perform the task required of our schools by the church, they must have our fullest co-operation and financial support in liquidating their present indebtedness and in all necessary authorized expansion plans. We especially urge that our people support the Nazarene Theological Seminary building plans, that all of the apportioned monies be brought in at the earliest possible moment, and that we continue to stand by the institution with our gifts and prayers.

ASSIMILATING THE MATERIAL. Not only must the church find the proper materials from which it is to build its strength and influence, but it must also find ways and means of assimilating that material. If, instead of eating a wholesome meal, one had ground the food finely and had injected it into the veins of the body, he would not only have received no nourishment; he would have poisoned and brought about the destruction of the body. But that same food after assimilation circulates through the veins, bringing nourishment to all the cells of the body. Likewise, unassimilated new material in the church will bring about all sorts of internal disorders which will eventually bring about paralysis and death. Our task is not completed when members are received into the church. We must lead them on to a full appreciation of the church, her doctrines, her history and traditions, her mission, and her purpose in the world. Our people around the world should be characterized by a certain minimum of common identification marks. This can best be accomplished through the ministry, our literature, and all of the teaching agencies of the church. We should give widespread and constant attention to the teaching of our *Manual*, our history, and also to the catechizing of our youth. By the help of the Lord we must earnestly pray for, teach, and lead every new convert who comes into the church until he shall be not only a loyal member but an intelligent member of the Nazarene army of the Lord. All of this can be successfully accomplished only in an atmosphere that is deeply and genuinely spiritual. Organizational unity must find its basis in that deeply spiritual climate which exists only when God's people are "one in the Spirit."

Maintaining Spiritual Health. The third basic problem the denomination must face and solve is the maintaining of a sufficiently vigorous degree of internal spiritual health to throw off from time to time any accumulation of spiritual poisons which may threaten the well-being of the church and to carry forward with spiritual aggressiveness its appointed tasks. This can be accomplished only by zealously maintaining a strong, vigorous spiritual life within.

In establishing denominational identity, a certain minimum of laws and rules are essential. As a result of the sanctified judgment of many holy men of many generations, such a list is written into our church *Manual*. No man can long retain his self-respect, not to mention the blessing of God, who willfully and persistently ignores these rules.

But our final and ultimate safety lies, not in a multiplicity of rules, but in strong affections. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," and again, "If a man love me, he will keep my words." The Psalmist declared, "God is our refuge [our safety] and strength." Christ, in pointing out this truth to the Apostle Peter, asked him that heart-probing question, "Lovest thou me?" and then went on to declare that upon the purity and strength of the affections for Christ depend the strength and usefulness of the Church. If the affections for Christ are weak, the task of feeding the sheep will suffer. If the affections are weak, the fence of protective negatives around the sheepfold will be despised. If the affections are weak, the sheep will be unfed and unattended, exposed to every spiritual enemy and disease. If the affections are weak, the church will become enamored of the world. If the affections are weak, the church will lose her abhorrence of evil. With the cooling of her affections, she will become lukewarm and unpalatable, alike to God and serious-minded men, and finally above her great door of promise and opportunity will be written, "Ichabod."

Our hope and safety lie in keeping close to God. We must have revivals. The energizing touch of God must be upon all we plan and undertake. We must keep the glory down. We must pray, plan, and work with an eye single to the glory of God. We must be separate from the world. The cry of the newly born and the shouts of the newly sanctified must constantly mark the infusion of new blood into the life of the church. Just like a tree planted by the waters, we will not be moved from this central emphasis upon the affections. In all the way we take we look for the sign of the cloud by day and the sign of the fire by night. We will follow God in loving obedience and faith. This is all God requires of us. "Now the end of the commandment is charity [love] out of a pure heart." "Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In the final analysis, no amount of external safeguards can really protect us, but the love of Christ continually shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost will keep our hearts pure, our lives transparent, and our hands clean from any evil. Our religion is a glorious personal relationship between Christ and the soul, and our love for Him is its final test.

And so within a few days, God willing, we shall move out into a new quadrennium. We trust that our course is clearly marked. We must seek the lost by every legitimate means at home and abroad. We must under God assimilate those who join our ranks until we shall stand as one man against sin and for God. We must continually realize the strength and protection as individuals and as a group which come only to those who dwell "in the secret place of the most High" and "abide under the shadow of the Almighty." We will say of the Lord, He is our Refuge and Fortress: our God; in Him will we trust.

We must earnestly pray for the leaders in church and state and for all the peoples of our troubled and sin-sick world.

If Jesus tarries, four years hence another General Assembly will convene to review that record of the church which today is unwritten, to look upon a painted picture of four years of history which is today but a canvas untouched by a single brush mark. I do not recall the source, but somewhere I read of an eager young artist who one day came running to the old master to have him inspect his painting of "The Last Supper." The great old artist examined it a moment, then pointed to the face of Christ and said, "You don't love Him much." The young man was astounded and replied: "Sir, the painting of that face consumed the most of my time. I did not attempt that face until my technique was perfected and my choice and blending of colors was beyond question. I do not understand your statement." Said the old artist: "Faultless organization and a perfect technique are certainly to be desired, but they are insufficient for

the painting of that face. If you had loved Him more, you would have painted Him better." When we view our record four years hence, may we see His beautiful face shining through all we have undertaken and accomplished. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified" (Acts 20:32). "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." (II Cor. 13:14).

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The Hour of Opportunity*

THE CHURCH is an institution which is divine in its origin and divine in its mission. But the Church is also a human institution, consisting of human agents organized under divine direction for the purpose of co-operating with divine agencies in the great task of establishing the kingdom of God on earth, with the ultimate aim of reaching the great dual objective, the glory of God and the salvation of men. The human element in the church, though useless when divorced from the divine, is a factor of prime importance. The enlistment and the development of the man power of the church is, therefore, a matter of no small concern.

Perhaps one of the reasons for some of the loss of man power in our missionary program is that it has never been enlisted. Men have never felt their responsibility of missions as they should. They simply turned the program over to the good women of the church and accepted a program of "taxation without representation." Because of this, many of our men do not attend missionary service, read missionary books, or fast and pray for missions.

The result is that we have a great host of men who are uninformed and uninterested in missions—not because they are not good men or willing, but because they have never been enlisted in this great work of spreading the gospel. Why is this so? Because of the widespread misconception of

the real nature of the missionary work. The average man hesitates to use his energies and time in furthering the cause of missions because, as we have said, he has come to look upon it as the task of the women of the church. Instead of enlisting these men and appealing to them for help, we have let them sit on the side lines and we wonder why, like Peter, they decide to go fishing. If we win worthwhile men to active missionary work, we must offer them a worth-while program. This is the hour of opportunity to challenge and enlist our men in this great work of getting the gospel to those in darkness.

When God has something He wants done, He looks for a man. We talk much about methods. *Men are God's methods.* Of course I speak in the generic sense. God does not work apart from personality. When He looked for a man to carry His message to India, He found that man in William Carey, helped him to learn seven difficult languages and preach and win hundreds of souls to Christ. When He looked for a messenger to send to China, He found that man in George Morrison and endured him with power that enabled him to learn the most difficult language in all the world, and sustained him twelve years before he won a convert. When He looked for a man to send to Burma, He found that man in Judson. When He would witness against the corrupt and wicked world, He sent Noah. When He wanted to build a nation that was to be His peculiar people, He called Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees, and sent him forth to be its founder. When He looked for a man to send to the Gentiles, there was a man and Paul became His messenger.

No, the work of the church is not to be left to the women alone, but our men must be enlisted in this great cause. There is a new crusade on for Christ and missions in our church, and our men are on the march. We never faced a greater challenge than today. When men recognize their part in the program of missions and give themselves to this cause, there will be advancing along every line. This, my friends, is the hour of opportunity! Let us pray that God will give us a great host of men in our church, men of high and holy purpose, men of zeal, men of vision. Dr. Jenkins in his book says, "If effort is to follow, vision must lead the way. Where there is no vision the people perish." He goes on to tell of the great progress that has been made in the world because of men of vision. Why the steamship? There was Fulton, a man of vision. Why the railroad? There was Watt, a man of vision. Why the telephone? There was Graham Bell, a man of vision. Why the airplane? There were the Wright brothers, who were men of vision. So it is with the kingdom of God. It waits on Christian vision that sees the multitudes scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd, and ministers to them.

Jesus pressed His way through all the forces of hell, and thrust himself into the world to bear our sins, and share our sorrows. This is the "good news" we are commissioned to bear to all the world. Christ leads and calls His men to follow. The forces of Satan are desperately in earnest; but we look at the uplifted Cross, and say, "By this we conquer." This is the hour of opportunity. Let us go forward in the name of Jesus Christ and give to the world the good news. When the Church of the Nazarene was yet an infant, one of its noted leaders and founders, Dr. P. F. Bresee, sounded the Nazarene missionary slogan: "We are debtors to every man to give to him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

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THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

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Topic for July 27: God Prepares a Leader

Scripture: I Samuel 1:1—4:1a (Printed, I Sam. 1:20, 24-28; 3:1, 16—4:1a)

GOLDEN TEXT: *And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men (I Sam. 2:26).*

I wish you would read Luke 2:52 in close connection with today's Golden Text. When you have done so you will notice the striking likeness. This parallel is all the more noteworthy in that it characterizes the first and the last in the long line of prophets. Of Samuel, the first in the line of real prophets of God (Acts 3:24), it was said that he "grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men." And of Christ, the culmination of all the prophets (Deut. 18:15), it was said, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." It might be helpful to note the qualities that characterized the prophetic leader-

ship, or may I say the redemptive leadership, of both these prophets.

1. *The Primacy of the Spiritual.* With both Samuel and the Saviour, favor with God was placed before favor with men; and that is no mere coincidence. It is listed first because it was sought first by both of them. Now favor with God is not obtained by waving some magic wand, or by standing in some line of favored position. It comes by following simple rules. There must first be divine intimacy before there can be divine favor. There must be plenty of private consultations, and much private tutoring. It is nice to have friends speak kindly of our spirituality, but is profoundly better to have God's smile and the warmth of His presence. Then we know that we actually have "favour with God." And to be honest, we are not equipped to lead people

anywhere until we have first been led of God into the quiet pastures and still waters of lonely meditations and prayer. Yes, "favour with God" is primary with all of us.

2. Then follows *Genuine Popularity.* "Favour with men" suggests the quality of being liked or at least appreciated. We have no obligation to be admired by the world, but we do have a deep and lasting obligation to avoid being obnoxious to the world. The Early Church had that favor, as we read in Acts 2:47. It is often obnoxiousness more than holiness that turns communities and persons against us. Certainly we cannot win people to Christ until they are won to us personally. "Favour with men" does not refer merely to physical attractiveness; it means winsomeness of personality, warmth of heart, cheerfulness, and a smiling countenance. These are what attract and these are what the Holy Spirit came to give.

Would you come into the line of the prophets? Then first have favor with God, and add increasingly favor with men.

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CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Visitation Yields Results

LAST FALL at the Regional Conference on Visitation Evangelism in Pasadena, California, one pastor was especially enthusiastic about the results from visitation in his own church. His Sunday-school superintendent was a recent convert and had read the Visitation Evangelism manuals and followed the procedure outlined exactly. Continuing results proved the effectiveness of the methods used.

The superintendent himself became an outstanding caller. During the spring he made 478 calls. In two months he brought into the Sunday school over eighty new people. He made an average of twenty-five new contacts each week, and three to five new people were present each Sunday from the week's calling. No wonder the pastor was enthusiastic!

Callers from this Sunday school were not discouraged by what other groups reported on areas which they planned to visit. One church worker told them they wouldn't find one prospect in a hundred calls in a housing project. They went right ahead

with their calling and found an average of one prospect out of three calls in the next unit.

This calling has resulted in new interest and life in all of the organizations of the church, with new people present in the services.

Here is an excerpt from a letter from another pastor on visitation:

"I think it is now time for report number one on results from visitation evangelism. We 'kicked off' in January with eight callers and the pastor. We weren't snowed under with results since this community is conservatively estimated at 50 per cent Catholic. Anyway, we did get results the first day and each succeeding calling day.

"The most outstanding result of the campaign is what it did to the rest of the church. Each department became newly alive! Our Sunday school began to grow, enthusiasm mounted, burdens for revival increased. On Easter Sunday we broke all previous records: 253 in attendance, \$561.00 in

the Easter offering. Two weeks later we had the greatest revival I've ever been in. Eighty people seeking the Lord; one hundred seekers altogether; eighteen have joined the church and twenty-two more good prospects. Of course, we feel that the situation is just opening and that the opportunity for growth and expansion is now golden. What makes this whole thing stand out in such bold relief is that it comes after three years of recession on all lines."

Here and there, increasingly, we are joining the Crusade for Souls. More and more must join during this quadrennium, until every church is actively engaged in this great endeavor. The two churches above will no doubt join the Evangelistic Honor Roll for 1951-52, and have thirty or more members received by profession of faith or from other denominations. The fact is that when we become busy at visitation, we begin to have new people. New people in our services means new people during our revival campaigns, more seekers at the altar, more new members for the church, and God's blessings on every department of the work. *Crusade for Souls*—Now!

No sacrifice is grievous when it entails the right motive.—H. T. BEYER.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Please explain how a church can have very spiritual services, with people getting saved in almost every service and a large group of young people who have the blessing, when an outstanding leader in the church has made a lot of bills which he is making no effort to pay—some of his bills having already been put into the hands of collectors?

A. This is indeed a mystery, and yet it may not be such a mystery after all. The truth is no doubt being preached, and in such a church as you describe there are many who are praying and keeping up in their lives spiritually even if this one of whom you speak is falling down. Sometimes there is unusual success even when the preacher himself is falling down in his life. God is on hand and is ever ready to bless His truth and answer the prayers and honor the efforts of His sincere followers. I might add that it is a disgrace to the cause of Jesus Christ for a layman or preacher to be so notoriously careless about his debts. It not only hurts others, but sooner or later it will ruin the man who is guilty of such sinning. In the long run, a person just can't get by with such careless living.

Q. What is the meaning of Genesis 6:2? Some Bible scholars teach that the people of that day, those referred to in Genesis, were polytheists, and they base this view partly on Genesis 6:2. What do you think about this? Did the people of the Bible start out with a belief in polytheism, and then was monotheism, or the belief in one God, gradually developed?

A. There are some liberal thinkers who hold that the reference to the sons of God—sons being in the plural—points to the fact that the people of that day were polytheists, or believers in a multitude of deities. Such an explanation is not necessary. There are other ways of explaining the phrase "sons of God" than by falling back on a belief in polytheism. A recently revised Bible dictionary gives three possible explanations of the words, "sons of God." They are (1) the great and noble of the earth, and the daughters of men they marry are women of inferior rank; (2) angels who left their first estate and married women from among the children of men; (3) good men, worshippers of God, who were especially represented by the descendants of Seth (son of Adam), whose genealogy is given in Genesis 5. Thus the sons of God are

contrasted with the daughters of men, that is, other men. No place is made here for polytheism, and the third and last of the possible explanations is accepted. I agree with this conclusion.

Q. Do you think it advisable for one who is not saved to teach in a Vacation Bible School?

A. As a rule, it certainly would not be best. However, I can conceive of the fact that there might be an exception. There could be a situation where it would be impossible to get a teacher for a certain place in the school except by taking a person who was unsaved. Further, the person might be well equipped for the work otherwise and might be of unquestionable moral character and have the respect of the people in the church and the community. This, of course,

would be an exception which would have to be decided upon in each instance by those on the field—the pastor and others with him who have general charge of this work, and not by one like myself who is unacquainted with the local situation.

Q. How should one compare Exodus 24:10-11 with John 1:18? In the first reference we are told that the people saw God, while in the second we have these words: "No man hath seen God at any time."

A. This seeming contradiction appears in several places in the Bible. The passages which tells us that no man has seen God at any time simply mean that no man has seen God in all of His fullness, or glory. In our present natural state, we could not stand to look upon God in all of the fullness of His holiness, or deity. Nevertheless, this does not prevent God from revealing himself to us partially, or in a modified form. Thus man can see and has seen God, but not in all of His fullness and glory.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Major Words In a Minor Key

I HAVE NEVER been considered a musician, yet I have studied the art long enough to know the difference between a minor and a major key. Never have I been fond of minor key arrangements, mostly because they have a tendency to make me feel sad and forlorn. Sometimes I have found myself, in the presence of music, becoming melancholy and disconsolate, only suddenly to come to the realization that the music being played was in a minor key. Yes, I am definitely a *major key* woman!

To me the major key tells of hope, of courage, of victory, of the conquering of good over evil. All of my favorite music finds expression in the major key.

Today we had as a guest in our church service a beautiful singer of Israel. While she was on the way to the platform, our organist started the introduction to the song to be sung. Immediately I found myself settling into a pensive mood, and it was but a matter of moments before I realized our guest soloist was going to sing a song which was written in the minor key. I was filled with amazement at first. Questions came popping into my mind. Was this singer going to sing to us a plaintive melody? Would the words fit the wailing tones of the

dirge (a musical composition expressive of grief)?

Then the words came forth. They were victorious words about trust, obedience, and love. Definitely the words were major words. They expressed determination to face the problems of life without fear. I could hear no words during the three stanzas sung which could be classed as melancholy.

Major words in a minor key! The marvel of such a thing intrigued me. I asked myself this question, "Could one truly sing and testify in the major key and yet live in a minor key environment?"

It is a fact that there are griefs in all of our lives. There are difficulties which must be faced. These fall into the minor key. "Into all lives some rain must fall." Some take the rain and put minor words to it. Others take the rain and triumph through Jesus Christ. They spend their days of living in minor environments in singing words of praise and joy and trust—words suitable for the major key only.

I would pray today that my Heavenly Father will keep me always singing in the major key. I pray that He will never find me singing minor words in a minor key, but that He will keep me by His grace so that wherever I am found, even if it be

in minor environments, places which would definitely call for wailing and discouragement, I will use words which become the Christian whose hope is in Christ Jesus.

Unselfish Christians

IT IS NOT easy always to be an unselfish Christian. At first to call anyone a Christian and at the same time class him as selfish sounds like a mistaken identification. But put yourself to the following test and after you have answered—truthfully, now mind you—then ask yourself if you are really an unselfish Christian in all of your life situations.

You remember the story of the laborers who went to work on a job early in the morning. They worked all day for a certain amount of pay. Later, in fact just one hour before working hours were over, some more men were hired for the same amount of pay as the men who had worked all day had been hired. The men who worked all day were not one bit happy because the latecomers were paid the same amount of money they were. You probably remember that Jesus said that the kingdom of God was like that. Some will get into the Kingdom even at a late hour while others will get in early in life and will work hard all of their lives spreading the gospel story. The reward for all will be a place in heaven.

Now, be careful! I can almost hear you say: "I want everyone to go to heaven. I don't care if people do come in late and I came in early and worked hard yet get the same reward as those who entered the Kingdom late."

I once knew a young boy who carefully saved all of his money. He did without ice cream when his older sister spent her money for ice cream. He bought no candy, even when everyone about him bought candy. He firmly did without candy in order to save his money.

By the beginning of September, the lad had saved two dollars. His sister had saved only one dollar. Both children were proud of their savings, but the boy was especially happy because he had saved the most.

One day the children were invited to eat in a restaurant with their grandfather. While seated at the dinner table, the lad proudly displayed his money while the little girl only halfheartedly showed hers.

"I tell you what, John," said Grandfather, "if you will give me your two dollars to keep for you, when Christmas comes I will give you four dollars."

That sounded wonderful to the boy, so willingly he handed over the

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Books for Parents . . .

"THE CHRISTIAN HOME" SERIES

Parents are the first teachers of religion. The church is therefore concerned to help parents understand how to win their own children to Christ and to establish them in the Christian faith.

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The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

"Think on These Things"

THERE is a passage from the Word of God which should hang on the wall of every young person's mind. It would be a good motto to repeat every morning and to recall every evening. Do you have it as one of your reliable memory passages?

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things

are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil. 4:8).

This is a big order. But it is just the formula which is needed if we are to keep our minds pure, and if we are to keep them from becoming Satan's refuse dump. This is an active process of selection. We must search after those things which are true and honest and just; we must magnify those things which are pure and lovely and which are of good report; we must grasp hold of virtuous thoughts whenever they appear; and we must lend ourselves to praise instead of destructive criticism. We cannot do this without some effort. These thoughts are not going to dig us out and force themselves upon us; we are going to have to cultivate them.

And there is no way to disregard this principle and yet escape the disastrous results. We wonder sometimes why we are not making the progress which we feel we should as Christians. Frequently, the cause is right here, for the mind is powerful in the building up or tearing down of the spiritual life.

Let all of us covenant with ourselves and with God that we are going to let our minds be saturated with the thoughts which will be to the honor of God, which will adorn our Christian lives, and which will leave us with neither regrets upon our memories nor stains upon our characters.

Prayer Tower Requests

July 20-26

Philippines

The work in the Philippines is progressing in an encouraging manner even though it is a new field and even though it is in political unrest. Our leaders there, the Pattees, and new appointees, Rev. and Mrs. Adrian Rosa and Miss Frances Vine, need our prayers. Pray too for the eleven national workers.

July 27-August 2

British Guiana

Encouraging reports are coming from British Guiana of the progress of the work there. Particularly thrilling is the increase of interest among the young people. They have taken hold of the N.Y.P.S. program, literature, evangelism, and all and are in every sense "on fire" for God. Let us pray for the youth there, for the leaders, for the two churches and two national workers, and for every phase of the work.

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Here are some of the newer gospel songs that are being heard on religious broadcasts over the country . . . numbers by Stuart Hamblen, Ira Stanphill, and others.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Evangelist Arthur E. Kelly reports: "It has been my privilege recently to conduct my second revival with Rev. Gordon Winchester and his church at Lanett, Alabama, where God gave us a wonderful meeting. Brother Winchester is a great leader of his people and keeps them busy. On Easter Sunday this church had 887 in Sunday school. They are planning on building a commodious sanctuary and educational building soon. This is truly a faithful, loyal, and pioneer pastor and people in precept and example."

West Columbia, South Carolina—Center Street Church recently extended to our pastor, Rev. D. R. O'Kelley, a unanimous three-year recall. During the past year, under Brother O'Kelley's leadership, there has been a 100 per cent increase in church membership, also a 100 per cent gain in Sunday-school attendance. All budgets of the church have been paid, and there is a beautiful nine room Sunday-school annex which is near completion, with present plans to completely remodel the auditorium. Brother O'Kelley and people are looking forward to another great year for God and the church. A beautiful spirit of unity prevails.—Mrs. J. S. Lee, Secretary.

Rev. Lee Spradlin reports from Wichita, Kansas: "Grace Church has recently broken all previous Sunday-school records with an attendance of 240. At this time our children presented a wonderful program climaxing two weeks of daily vacation Bible school, conducted by Rev. Lenore Ball, the efficient director. Many of the boys and girls were saved during the school. The future looks bright for Grace Church."

Pastor Harry McElrath writes: "I am pastoring our Palmdale Church here in Tucson, Arizona, which is at 38 W. Palmdale Drive. If you have friends or relatives or boys at the air base here, write us, and we will be glad to visit them."

Unselfish Christians

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money. Then Grandfather turned to the girl. "And, Jean," he said, "if you will give me your dollar, when Christmas comes, I'll give you four dollars."

My, what a wail went up from John! He was going to get twice as much as he had saved, and yet he was unhappy!

Are you an unselfish Christian?

Evangelist Lee L. Hamric writes: "Just prior to our General Assembly I had a good meeting at Talihina, Oklahoma, with Brother Johnnie Harrison and his church. God blessed and gave victory, for which I thank Him."

Rev. L. B. Hoff writes: "We have resigned our pastorate in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, and have accepted an evangelist's commission from the Canada West District. Coming to Prince Albert in 1947, we found that Brother Robert Condon had built the church over the basement which had been the Nazarene auditorium for twelve years. During our stay in this church, we built a parsonage, valued at \$14,000.00, which is furnished and located adjacent to the church. Lots have been secured so that plans can be carried forward now to landscape the property, which is located in one of the city's best spots. We have seen forty members added to the roll during the years, and the congregation has always stood by in a spirit of faithful and self-sacrificing co-operation. Finances have more than doubled, and we have closed this last year going over the top with our budgets. The pastor's salary has been increased \$10.00 per week, with all utilities provided, and the added advantage of the new parsonage quarters, with garage. The parsonage is fully furnished. In the church we have installed a new stoker and have made some worth-while improvements in the basement auditorium and Sunday-school rooms. Since April, 1948, we have ministered weekly over CKBI, and over \$5,000.00 has come in from radio listeners to pay for the radio time used. During this period of time, we also featured our 'Showers of Blessing' program for eighteen months. God opened the door to a rural work, and we saw a revival and now have a Church of the Nazarene organized at Tweedsmuir. We have also worked to establish a boys' and girls' summer Bible camp. Souls have been saved every year at these camps, and they are now developing into a zone-wide venture. We leave here to assist with the North Dakota camp meeting, and will accept calls from those requiring evangelistic meetings. Song leading, chalk artistry, and the precious gospel represent briefly the type of ministry we have to offer. Write me, % 210 Second Ave. N.E., Calgary, Alberta."

Toronto, Ontario—First Church recently closed one of the most successful revival meetings of its history with Rev. R. Newman Raycroft as evangelist. His messages, given under the unction of the Holy Spirit, brought conviction and decision to over a score of needy hearts, who came seeking pardon and cleansing. Brother Raycroft's faithfulness and sincerity in the ministry of the Word were much appreciated by the pastor and people, and certainly the good evidence of God's presence in the midst of the people will not be forgotten. Although the growth here has not been rapid nor outstanding, yet the gains made

and spiritual temperature of the people have been most heartening. The Sunday school has enjoyed a remarkable upswing in attendance since the spring rally, and an enthusiasm for greater aggression is manifested. New people are being contacted in the community. The desire to see God work and greater advances realized for the glory of God is the prevailing feeling of this people. We are encouraged in the ministry of God's service.—Harold R. Brown, Pastor.

Pastor Gene Mallory writes from Walnut Creek, California: "If you have friends or relatives stationed at Camp Parks Air Force Base, please let us know. Walnut Creek Church is the closest of our Nazarene churches to the base. Write me, Box 1079, Walnut Creek, California."

Rev. Hugh S. Clark writes: "For almost ten years I have been in the pastorate, but am again entering the evangelistic field, August 1. I have been a pastor, evangelist, and orphanage worker for the last twenty-seven years. I am ready to go where the door opens for me to preach the gospel. Write me, 502 Pyke Rd., Lexington, Kentucky."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—I am advised that Rev. O. F. Zachary of Benton, Illinois, will enter the evangelistic field in August. Brother Zachary is experienced both as pastor and evangelist, and holds good revivals. He is a strong preacher and earnest soul winner. I am glad to recommend him and trust that he shall be kept busy.—W. S. Purinton, Superintendent of Illinois District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Yvonne Platt of Mobile, Alabama, and Harold W. Spencer of North Manchester, Indiana, were united in marriage on June 21, in the Nazarene parsonage in North Manchester, with the groom's father, Rev. Harold W. Spencer, officiating.

Mary Lou Billue and George Harold Woodall were united in marriage on June 14, at the home of the groom's sister in Tyler, Texas, with Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman, pastor of Grace Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Miss Marian D. Hoffman of Schulykill Haven, Pennsylvania, and Cpl. K. Blair Tollard of Fairmont, West Virginia, were united in marriage on June 14, in the Church of the Nazarene in Schulykill Haven, with the bride's mother, Mrs. Mildred Hoffman, officiating.

Miss Dorothea Lemon of Owen Sound, and Rev. Charles J. Muxworthy, Nazarene pastor at Peterborough, Ontario, were united in marriage on June 14, at Owen Sound, with Rev. T. E. Martin, district superintendent, and Rev. H. V. Muxworthy, father of the groom, officiating.

Miss Patricia Jo James and Roy Henshaw, members of Grace Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage on June 12, at their church, with Rev. Richard W. Law, cousin of the bride, officiating.

Ruth Moses and Rev. Ivan Weatherby, both students of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, were united in marriage on June 6, at the College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, with Rev. T. O. Weatherby, father of the bridegroom, officiating, assisted by Dr. John E. Riley.

Miss Muriel Richart and Albert Downard, Jr., of Glendale, Arizona, were united in marriage on June 3, in the Glendale Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Paul W. MacLearn, pastor of the Sunnyslope Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Miss Dolores Edna Roberson of Glendale and A/2 C. Arthur Standard of Phoenix, Arizona, were united in marriage on June 8, in the Glendale Church of the Nazarene, with the father of the bride, Rev. Glenn A. Roberson, officiating.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN PENROD writes: "One of the high lights of the month was the conversion of an airman and his wife who had separated and both gotten into trouble. They both came to the office, wept, confessed, and prayed through and went out a happy, united couple. They are showing by their changed life that it was real."

"I received your letter and it does me good to know that the people 'back home' remember and pray for me.

"We don't have a chaplain on the ship, so I deeply appreciate the books you will be sending me.

"You might be interested to know that, since we don't have a chaplain, a group of us get together about three times every week for a Bible Hour. We sing, pray, and study the Bible. Your books will give us additional literature to study."

CLINTON J. CURRY
U.S.S. "Cabildo"

"I praise God for full and free salvation, for His saving and sanctifying and keeping power. I also thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and that it stands for Jesus and the way of righteousness.

"I am stationed at Clark Air Force Base, Philippine Islands; my family has been with me here since February 28.

"We are having weekly Friday evening prayer meeting in our home. M/Sgt C. L. Hocker began this service some time ago, and since his departure to the United States we are continuing this service in our home. We have had three services thus far and have averaged about fifteen adults. These groups are men of many faiths, but so far each service has been very good, the Holy Spirit being present each time.

"I hope and trust that any Nazarene servicemen (and men of other faiths) that are stationed here or may arrive in the future will contact me and join our service, that we may be a blessing to one another and lift the banner of Jesus high.

"I have met our Nazarene missionary, Rev. Harrison Davis, in Tokyo; also our Philippine missionaries, Rev. Joseph Pitts and family and Rev. J. W. Pattee and family. It is always a great blessing to visit and associate with these ones that are in God's service.

"I wish to thank you for the free literature, especially the HERALD."

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Miss Ola Pyle and Dewey Melvin Hardin, both of El Dorado, Arkansas, were united in marriage on May 30, with Rev. M. M. Snyder, Nazarene minister, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a brother in Iowa for a husband and a father;
by a lady in Ohio for a young nephew in the air force, now AWOL from his training field for several weeks—the boy and his parents are unsaved;
by a lady in Tennessee, that she and her husband may be enabled to have a small home;
by a lady in Illinois for "a very special request";
by a brother in Indiana for a miracle of God in behalf of their pastor, whom doctors say has a cancerous growth and must undergo an operation unless the Lord undertakes—he is very weak in body and suffering much pain;
by a lady in Indiana for her husband, who is sick and unsaved, and no doubt will have to return to the hospital soon; for a backslidden son and his wife to return to God;
by a lady in Illinois for a sister in Christ who has an incurable disease, according to the doctors, that God may undertake for her—she is now in the hospital;
by a lady in Georgia for special prayer for her son, who has an evil disposition he can't seem to overcome;
by a sister for "a special unspoken request, that God will have His way for my good and His glory";
by a lady in Missouri whose home has been broken up because of her husband getting mixed up with a group of people who do not hold the marriage vow sacred—she is desperate.

Nazarene Camp Meetings

Central Ohio District Nazarene Camp, July 18 to 27, at the campgrounds, on Morse Road between U.S. Hi-way 3 and Cleveland Ave., Columbus, Ohio. Workers: Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. L. T. Corlett, Rev. J. E. Williams, evangelists; Rev. Charles Ide, youth evangelist; Olivet Nazarene College Viking Quartet, youth singers; Mrs. H. C. Little, children's worker. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent, will be service director. For information write the secretary, Rev. C. D. Westhafer, 319 Elm St., Ironton, Ohio.

Colorado District Camp, July 28 to August 3, at the district campground (follow Hi-way 50 to 8600 W. Colfax, then north two blocks on Dover Street). Workers: Dr. S. S. White, Rev. R. N. Raycroft, Dr. T. W. Willingham; Professor Ronnie Lush in charge of music; Mrs. Harry W. Dickerson in charge of children's work. District Superintendent C. B. Cox, platform manager. For information, write the camp secretary, Rev. Wm. Lambert, 1755 Dover St., Lakewood, Colorado.

Suwannee River Camp meeting of the Florida District, July 28 to August 3, at the Suwannee Campgrounds, three miles north of White Springs on U.S. Hi-way 41. Workers: Rev. Glenn Griffith, Rev. W. L. French, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Abersold, and Mrs. Ben Marlin. For information, write Mrs. C. R. Moore, Box 1049, Lake Worth, Florida. Rev. John L. Knight, district superintendent.

Northern California District Camp Meeting, July 31 to August 10, at Beulah Park, two miles north of Santa Cruz, California, on State Hi-way 17. Workers: Rev. Howard W. Sweeten, Rev. C. Wm. Fisher, Dr. H. Orton Wiley, preachers; Bob and Madge Killion and Charles Higgins, musicians and singers; Paul and Monica Martin, youth activities and people's meetings; Rev. T. H. Stanley, prayer meeting director. Dr. George Coulter, district superintendent. Camping facilities, rooms, meals, all available on the grounds. For further information, write to Beulah Park, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California.

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District Assembly Information

MINNESOTA—Assembly, July 21 to 24, at the Methodist Church, on East Third St., Redwood Falls, Minnesota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Ben D. Le-master, 108 E. Chestnut St., Redwood Falls. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

SOUTHWEST INDIANA—Assembly, July 30 and 31, at Indiana University Auditorium on I.U. Campus, Bloomington, Indiana. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Franklin Moore, 731 W. Howe, Bloomington. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

EASTERN KENTUCKY—Assembly, July 30 to August 1, at First Methodist Church, 401 W. Main St., Richmond, Kentucky. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Asa H. Sparks, 516 North St., Richmond. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA — Assembly, July 30 to August 1, at the District Campgrounds, North East, Maryland. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Monroe Hand, North East, Maryland. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

WESTERN OHIO—Assembly, July 30 to August 1, at the St. Mary's Church of the Nazarene, R.F.D. (Route 29) St. Mary's, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Robert L. Ellis, 420 Columbia Ave., St. Mary's, Ohio. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

KENTUCKY—Assembly, August 6 and 7, at First Church of the Nazarene, 24th and Howard Sts., Louisville, Kentucky. Entertaining pastor, Rev. A. J. Frank, 2335 Date St., Louisville. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

KANSAS—Assembly, August 6 to 8, at First Church of the Nazarene, 211 E. Fourth, Hutchinson, Kansas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Mark Smith, 500 N. Plum, Hutchinson. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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ILLINOIS—Assembly, August 6 to 8, at the District Campgrounds, Nazarene Acres, R.R. 1, Dawson, Illinois (15 miles east of Springfield). Entertaining pastor, Rev. Frank H. Watkin, 924 W. Edwards, Springfield. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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