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"He Is Risen"

General Superintendent Benner

"He is risen." It is an angel speaking. His name is not recorded, but highest honors must have been accorded to him that he should have been chosen to guard the empty tomb until he could bear celestial witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It was a simple declaration, but in it was comprehended the final validation of all the Saviour had said and done; in it was contained the eternal hope of sinful men for deliverance from the final penalty as well as the guilt and pollution of sin.

And what of those who heard this startling and climactic piece of good news? Often we are prone to feel that the disciples were unusually obtuse and slow of understanding not to have sensed the situation and its mighty truth earlier and better than they did. But in all fairness, put yourself in their place. True, you had heard this Man of Galilee say, "After three days I will rise again."

But just day before yesterday you had seen Him seized by brutal Roman soldiers and nailed to a cross, a spear

thrust into His heart, and His head drooped upon a pulseless breast. Just night before last He had been buried, His tomb sealed, and a Roman guard set to watch it. Now you hear the words, "He is risen," and you look into an empty sepulcher. Probably we, too, would have been victims of all the violently conflicting emotions which those first disciples experienced. Doubtless we, too, would have needed all the assistance and time which they needed to adjust their thoughts and feelings to this miraculous change of situation.

But Jesus, characteristically, understood their need and satisfied every desire they felt for reassurance. To individuals, to the eleven disciples, even to as many as five hundred at one time, He "shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs." "Christ is risen" is one of the most solid and indisputable facts possessed and proclaimed by the Apostolic Church. We shall do well to live more richly and continuously in the realization of this eternal, wondrous truth.

"And take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17).

TELEGRAM

Woodward, Oklahoma—Bethany First Church cast 481 votes in pastoral recall. Rev. E. S. Phillips, pastor, received all but 3 votes on one-year call, and all but 6 votes on second three-year call.—J. T. GASSETT, Superintendent of Northwest Oklahoma District.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. C. R. Thrasher resigned as pastor of First Church in Lexington, Kentucky, and has accepted the pastorate of Pennsylvania Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Rev. Lester Ringhiser has resigned as pastor of the church at Zaleski, Ohio, and accepted the call to the church in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Rev. Roy D. Terry has resigned as pastor of First Church in Brownwood, to accept a three-year call to the church in Kerrville, Texas.

Rev. D. Ward Albright has resigned as pastor of the church at Portland, Maine, and accepted the work of the Marley Park Church of the Nazarene, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

Rev. Leonard Rist has resigned as pastor of the church in Patricksburg, Indiana, and is entering the full-time evangelistic field.

Rev. V. S. Rushing has resigned as pastor of the church in Selma, Alabama, and is re-entering the field of evangelism.

Rev. Paul Pumpelly has resigned as pastor of the church in Jennings, Louisiana, and is entering the full-time evangelistic field.

Just Across the Street

By F. W. Davis

There may be someone, Christian friend,

*Who lives across the street—
A heart that's burdened down with sin*

Desires your Christ to meet.

*So many live right at our door
Who never knew our God,
Nor felt the joy that floods the soul
When washed in Jesus' blood.*

*Let's cast aside our negligence,
And start right out today
To win the ones who wait for us,
That live across the way.*

BE 1 OF THE 100,000!

Who Will Read the Bible Through During

Bible-Emphasis Year

Consider the Frog:

By Dorothy B. Kidney*

A FROG is the bass man in the willow marsh quartet—the basso profundo. He hits the bottom notes with a solid beat. He spaces the darkness with his guttural song and dives spasmodically into the pool to get wet all over. He's the amen corner and he is always there. He doesn't wait half-heartedly for the symphony to start playing in the willow marsh—he starts it. They all know his number down there. He doesn't go around hiding behind lily pads. He sits on them, obvious and plain as a frog can be. Ask anyone down there about Frog and they'll say, "Frog? Sure, he lives over there!" No question about it. That's his place of residence!

It's good to consider frogs. The Church of the Nazarene is *our* church. It's a gospel-preaching church where people get saved. Our cars should be parked in front of it on prayer meeting night. We are living high, and out for souls. The whole town should know where we stand. We are against sin. Let's take a lesson from Mr. Frog! "Henry J. Foster? Sure, I know him. He's against sin. He's a Nazarene! And he lives over there!"

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Sowing and Harvest

By T. T. Liddell*

SOMEONE has said, "Sow a thought, and reap an act; sow an act, and reap a habit; sow a habit, and reap a character; sow a character, and reap a destiny." This may be either a vicious cycle or a glorious triumph. There is no way that we can escape the facts herein presented.

We are people of thought, good or bad in nature. Those thoughts are either the reception of an impression or an expression of a purpose. Evil may be suggested and register its suggestion on my consciousness; but I do not become a partaker until I welcome the suggestion into my motive life and make it a part of my purpose. As a man "thinketh in his heart [or purpose life], so is he." I act consciously through the medium of motive, and my motive energized by thought.

Thus, my actions take on the character of my thoughts. Each act indents itself upon my personality, forming habit that eventually becomes unbreakable. This can be either good or bad, an asset or a liability. Thus, by the bricks of thought, the sand and gravel of action, and the cement of habit, I am building a structure that is my character. Within this structure I shall live and triumph, or taste the defeat that will mean the destiny of my existence.

Therefore, examine yourself in the light of the truth that there is only one life, and it will soon be past. It is only what is done for Christ that will last.

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HARVEST

By Mrs. Ford Miller

You reap what you sow, the Bible says;

*That good old Book is true.
If I plant wheat, I'll not reap corn
But wheat, in abundance too.*

For the farmer who sows the little seeds

*Expects more than what he sows:
The seeds will multiply many times
As the golden harvest shows.*

*If we plant kindness in life's pathway,
And loving deeds as well,
"We'll reap the kindness that we sowed."*

I've heard the parson tell.

*I believe the good old Book is true.
What you sow, you're sure to reap!
Do you want discord for your lot?
Or happiness to keep?*

Another Chance in Japan

General Superintendent Williamson

CHристианITY has another chance in Japan. A generation ago men of vision were saying, "We will either send missionaries to evangelize Japan, or we will send armies to curb and conquer her ambitious military and political leaders." They have been proved right. At a cost of billions of dollars and thousands of lives we brought the government of Japan to unconditional surrender. Now, with kind treatment of the conquered by the conquerors and a merciful treaty of peace, Japan has been opened again to the bearers of the gospel of love and peace.

How long will this golden opportunity to evangelize a nation of eighty-four million people be offered? That is the unanswered question. The speed, the devotion, and the extent of the action taken by the Church of Christ is the only index. Slow, hesitant, halfhearted response will without doubt shorten the time for the harvest and decide whether Japan becomes a Christian nation or lapses back into the shadows of her ancient religions. It may well determine whether this mighty force turns to democracy or totalitarianism. The seeds of freedom are in the gospel. Apart from vital Christianity, democracy has little chance of survival.

We have now spent two full, fleeting days in Japan. They have afforded only a passing glance, but some things are clear. *Japan is fast becoming Westernized.* How we pray that with commensurate rapidity she may become Christianized! *Japan is recovering from the shock of war with an almost unbelievable rebound.* The scars are disappearing. If there is resentment, it is covered for the most part by the will to demonstrate to the world the power to come back. *Japanese people are intelligent.* They are almost 98 per cent literate. They are resourceful and energetic. There are no beggars to be seen in Japan.

The story of the recovery of the Church of the Nazarene in Japan is more thrilling than romance. Our denomination was by government edict swallowed up in the Kyodan of Japan (the National United Church). Our congregations were scattered; the ministers were drafted into the army or sought secular employment. Only three church buildings were left in condition to be used. The spirit of many of the people was broken. Seven years ago we sent the only man we had to see what could be done to rebuild the walls. He

was Dr. W. A. Eckel, whose accomplishments have been extraordinary.

Today we have six thousand full and probationary members. There are eighty churches organized, and at least twenty more preaching places. Between forty and fifty elders are on the roll. They have stepped out under the banner of "Holiness unto the Lord" and the Church of the Nazarene. Twenty congregations are housed in their own buildings. Almost as many more worship in improvised quarters which they own. Eleven churches have assumed responsibility for full self-support. The Susan N. Fitkin Memorial Seminary is housed in a new and appropriate building; it is finishing its first year of operation. The location is excellent. District offices are located here along with several residences.

For two years Dr. Eckel was the only missionary. Then Brother and Sister Doyle Shepherd joined the staff after he was released from military duty. Three years later Brother and Sister Harrison Davis came. Only a few months ago the Hellings and the Bennetts arrived. That brings the force as of now to nine. Much of the time of all the missionaries except Dr. Eckel has been consumed in the study of the difficult Japanese language. Miss Catherine Perry, now working in Hiroshima for the United States government, is under appointment. She will be numbered with the missionaries in a few months.

The Nazarenes among the American armed forces have been a great encouragement in both material and spiritual aid.

The Japan District is out in front in the strength of her national leadership, the practice and potential for self-support, and in the prospect for an indigenous national church. It is at present the largest independent Protestant group in Japan. These Nazarenes are devoted, enthusiastic, and loyal. Let their fellows around the world pray for the progress of the gospel in this great and needy land. A sweeping revival in every church and in every locality is needed.

Christian hope is profitable both for the present and the future, for "godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." The beauty of Christian hope is that it is sure. It is not built on such weak foundation as imagination, or possibility: foundations of too many who know not the Lord. It is built on the eternal God himself.—*Exchange.*

BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

Thanksgiving, 1952 — Bible Sunday, 1953

The House of Bible Knowledge

By Richard S. Taylor*

THERE are three rooms in the house of Bible knowledge. Each has its own key. Two are outer rooms and one an inner room. The first outer room is *familiarity*. In this, one moves through scripture lore with ease and sure step. The patriarchs and prophets, priests and apostles, are all friends.

The key to this room is *reading*. Not casual or tidbit reading, but delighted roaming back and forth, from cover to cover. Such acquaintance begins in childhood, with the Bible stories heard at Mother's knee. It continues through life out of sheer love for the fascinating narrative, sermon, and song found in this wonderful library. Those who make a practice of reading the Bible once each year are using this key, and will find themselves increasingly at home in the room of *familiarity*.

The second is the outer room of *scholarship*—that need not be a frightening word. Even those without extensive training in the schools can enter this room if they will. But it belongs to those who are not merely fascinated and inspired by the words that lie on the page, but who are insatiably curious to know the background of the words, and maybe read a bit between the lines. In this room hidden treasures are laboriously mined. While still an outer room, it is farther in the house of Bible knowledge than the first.

The key to this room is *study*. Time alone is needed to enter the first room. Time plus intense effort is needed to enter this. There are questions of authorship, of destination and intent, of rules of interpretation and the theology of inspiration, which confront the more persistent. Thoroughly basic is the all-absorbing desire rightly to divide the Word and piece it together again, that a systematic grasp of its message might be obtained, and intelligently related to life and interpreted to men.

In this room one may find the advanced scholar in the highly technical task of collating the minute variations in ancient manuscripts, in order to arrive as nearly as possible at the exact original. Or one may observe the humbler student poring over concordances and commentaries, to run down the secrets of a particular word, or trace the true Biblical content of a certain doctrine, or dig out the buried nuggets of a Sunday-school lesson. It is a thrilling and fascinating room indeed. Certainly it is highly important—in fact no one ought to attempt to teach the Word who does not enter this room to the best of his ability.

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But it is also a dangerous room. Many falsehoods and distortions are born in it. Therefore he who would dare enter must make sure that *Humility* becomes his yokefellow instead of *Conceit*. Conceit swaggers with a little learning, and dashes off dogmatically with half-cocked ideas and half-baked doctrines. Humility sits at the feet of others and is not overanxious to trade places. It seeks truth more than novelty, and desires correction more than notoriety. Humility works well with Honesty, but Conceit and Bias are generally found together.

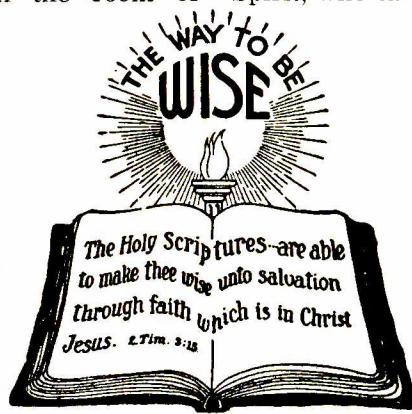
Indeed no one can safely enter this room who is content to abide there. He must go on, into the inner room, which is *illumination*. This is the "holy of holies," for in it the Helper is the Holy Spirit, who takes the things of Christ and reveals them to us.

This room is not open to all, for its key is *faith*, and all men have not faith. Some have entered the first room and have become familiar with the external content of the Bible without entering the inner sanctuary. Others have entered the second, and have become world-renowned scholars; yet with all their vast erudition the Bible in its spiritual essence is a closed Book to them. Their interest is intellectual and professional.

They are astute in textual and historical problems, but are naively blind to the spiritual heart of the Book itself.

In the room of *illumination* will be found a spiritual comprehension which is the gift of God in answer to prayer. In times of great pressure and need promises are made alive and, more than that, are made *personal*, by the Holy Spirit. Profound insights into the truth are granted to the hungry, seeking heart who comes to the Word prayerfully, asking God to search him and speak to him through its pages.

But even in this room there are dangers. Just as intellectual formalism may encrust the mind of the scholar, so fanaticism and heresy may deceive the devout. For conceit and spiritual dullness may enter this room also, through the carnal mind of an unsanctified believer. He may thus become a prey to false insights, foisted by the adversary posing as an angel of light, which he ignorantly but brazenly interprets as special revelations of the Holy Spirit. Therefore he who would know the Bible by access to this room should pray earnestly for a clean heart, and for the humility and teachableness which characterize it. And furthermore, he should ever guard himself against being



disrespectful to the other rooms. Just as the scholar who stops short of the inner room of *illumination* fails to gain a true knowledge of the Bible, so he who would scorn the room of *scholarship*, and seek to bypass it, exposes himself to silly delusions. For the Bible has not only a spiritual heart but an intellectual and factual content as well, and the inner is encompassed by the outer. To seek to detach the spiritual from the factual will result in all sorts of religious vagaries and follies. Though the *presence* of illumination may depend on the fact of faith, the *measure* of illumination is at least partially determined by one's knowledge.

The moral is: Let us enter all three rooms. Let the student who has rejoiced in the first two hasten to enter by faith into the room of living power and divine tutelage. Let the believer who has entered the inner sanctuary first, by a sky-blue conversion, hasten to unlock the others. In fact, let him remove the doors and tear down the walls, and live in one great room of *familiarity*, *scholarship*, and *illumination*, entered by a door with three keys: *reading*, *study*, and *faith*.

God's Word to You

By C. B. Strang*

A NEW, modern encyclopedia defines the Bible as "specifically, the book of books." This is a very significant designation, and has its parallel in the Bible pronouncement that Jesus is the "King of kings." The central Figure in the Book of Books is Jesus, the King of Kings. Christ is above all other kings, and the Bible is above all other books.

The Bible is God's Word. It conveys His thoughts and ideas to us. These thoughts and ideas are expressed in the words of the Bible. They are eternal and shall never pass away. It is a thrilling thing to know that we have as a possession something that is sure and eternal. In a changing world there is one unchanging Person and there is one unchanging Book. But the Bible is not only God's Word; it is God's word to us. As we read it we should keep the concept ever before us that this is the way God talks to us. If we do this it will make it so much more significant.

Recently, the writer was sitting in his hotel room in the city of Minneapolis. He especially needed some encouragement that particular morning. While praying, he asked God to speak to him from the Book of Books. Opening his Bible, his eyes fell on the following passage: "Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: . . . No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the

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heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord" (Isa. 54:4, 17). It was the very promise that he needed. He exultantly thanked God for thus speaking to him, and bravely faced the future with the promise ringing in his ears and sounding in his heart. This was *God's word to him*.

When we pray God is always listening. He has the inclined ear. The Psalmist tells us: "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry" (Ps. 34:15). And again he says: "Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live" (Ps. 116:2).

As the writer's father became older, his hearing was not so acute. Many, many times he would incline his head, with his hand to his ear, to better hear the voice of one of his children. The Heavenly Father, whose ears are not deafened, inclines His head to better hear His earthly children. God's Word tells us so! This makes it easier to pray.

Little children in our homes and church schools should have emphasized to them that the Bible is *God's word to them*. We should increasingly strive to get this important concept into their minds. It ought to be the most natural thing in the world for a child to read or have read to him the Bible, and as this is done he should be saying: "This is God's word to me."

All during this *Bible-Emphasis Year* we should give thanks to the God who directs His thoughts and words toward us. We should thank God for wise translators who have made it possible for us to read the Bible. We should appreciate educated commentators who open up the meaning for us. We should praise God for inspired ministers and teachers who bring us messages from it. We should grasp the Bible with our mental and spiritual understanding and say: "*This is God's word to me.*"

The Bible

By Kathryn B. Peck

*Blessing my life through the years as they fly,
Guiding my footsteps t'ward mansions on high,
Growing more sweet as the glad days go by—
The Bible—God's wonderful Word!*

*Helping me over life's uneven way,
Giving me strength through the heat of the day,
Bidding me pause for a season to pray—
The Bible—God's wonderful Word!*

*Whispering comfort when sorrows oppress,
Lending me grace for my deepest distress,
Cheering my soul with its soothing caress—
The Bible—God's wonderful Word!*

*Giving me courage and strength to endure,
Promising refuge eternal and sure,
Pointing me home to the land of the pure—
The Bible—God's wonderful Word!*

(From *Golden Windows*—used by permission)

Defeated by the Ideal

By Ponder W. Gilliland*

BEFORE having the courage to become a real, all-out Christian myself, I still had the courage to tell exactly what a Christian ought to be and what he ought to do. I held the Christian life in high esteem and nothing short of the ideal was acceptable. Waverings and shortcomings were occasions for judgment, with but little sympathy for obvious human weakness.

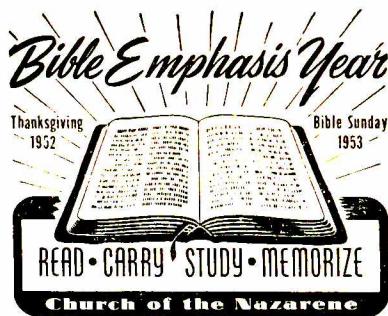
I had plenty of company, and there are still a great multitude who act that way. Lacking courage to commit their own lives to Christ, they still draw the perfect line for those who make the bold venture. About them there is a self-complacency and spirit of self-congratulation. "Now if I ever become a Christian," they remark just before passing judgment. Then rush into a picture of the ideal, little realizing that it is easy to stand behind a protective tree and criticize the strategy of the person who has been bold enough to walk into the open battle.

My pre-experience ideals of Christian conduct were vivid, and I was sure that their complete realization would be easy and simple. I made a few starts, and discovered that my ideals did not find ready accomplishment in the real life. Unwilling to work with anything short of the ideal, I concluded that it was best not to try at all. Serious failures and years of spiritual blundering finally brought me low at the feet of Christ, where I pleaded, "You don't have much to work with here, and my weaknesses will give You plenty of trouble; but if You feel like I am worth working on, I will give myself completely to You. You will just have to take me the way I am, and try to make me what You want me to be." *And He took me that way.*

Little by little, Christ has revealed to me that there are many weaknesses of which I never dreamed. Often the discovery has been most painful. Into every new discovery, along with a rather slow working out of some of the older ones, there has come a voice, not only promising grace sufficient, but indicating that the entire life is to be one of *getting ready* for something.

Before becoming a Christian, I had some definite ideals concerning the Christian's relationship to the Word of God. I felt that when one fell in love with Christ he would anxiously crowd in every possible moment to read His Word. I thought the appetite would be so strong and persistent for the "Bread of Life" that a real Christian would resent even the necessary things of life that would pull him away from it, for even a little while. I believed that I would impatiently rush through all that intervened, so that I could get alone again with His Word, and take it into my heart. Such a feeling was to be daily, and hourly.

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But alas! it did not work that way for me. There were times when the very truth of God seemed to leap out at me, and give me just that exact help I needed. But I found myself unwilling to face some truths that were becoming persistently clear. My ideal insisted that the Word of God was like a *well of living water*, and I found it difficult to admit, even to myself, that there were times that I read it and every well seemed exhausted and every stream seemed dry. My *ideal* insisted that His Word was the *Bread of Life*, and it was difficult to face the fact that there were days when the morsels seemed dry and crusty, and seemed to give very little satisfaction. If this was God's *Love Letter* to me, as I had heard, then I should deeply cherish each possible moment with it, and linger long over it. But honesty compelled the admission that oftentimes I went to it with slow feet. It was to be a *Light unto my feet*, but there were times when I came away with no apparent lifting of the gloom. I had been told, "Read every day until God speaks personally to you through some verse." Most days He did speak, and I could not understand why there were days when I read, even more than usual, and still put the Book down without feeling the grip of a personal message.

The ideal still seemed right; anything short of it was failure. Because I did not understand the working out of an ideal, the ideal defeated me. I was slow to learn that the accomplishment of an ideal is an achievement and not a gift.

The failure was not in His Word proving to be less than it ought to be but in my learning that sometimes we store up food for future use, and that usually the storing brings less satisfaction than the consuming.

A few weeks ago I felt pangs of hunger in the soul. I was alone in a hotel room. I picked up my Bible and started reading. There was no extraordinary anticipation nor unusual expectancy. I had read the same words many times, but gradually they began to grip my heart as never before. The satisfaction brought increased hunger for more. Why had not these chapters spoken to me this same way before? I wondered. Before I was through with that reading, I had read four complete books of the Bible. *It was Bread*. Then, as I sat there meditating over what I had read, I realized that God had used the familiarity of the words to bring new hope and meaning that day. Out of the past, when some of the verses meant

but little, God brought a foundation on which to build hope today.

Not too long ago there came a time of problems when "the darkness could be felt, and light could not be found." The problems seemed solid and unyielding. The more I glared at them, the more stubborn they appeared. I turned on the light, and picked up my copy of *Letters to Young Churches*, by Phillips. His translation of the Epistles seemed especially appropriate that night. As I read, far into the night, the light from His Word increased, until the problems were seen, not through frail human eyes alone, but alongside the promised help of God. Then I realized that God had actually taken scriptures that I already knew well, and on that foundation of mere acquaintance He flooded the light of understanding. The past readings had given God something through which He could work. His word became a *Light*.

Just three days ago, as I was driving down the highway, I felt that some burdens had piled up until no shoulders but mine were underneath. There was no relief. Then, I thought, I wonder what God would like to say to me if He could speak just now. I started to stop, and read and pray, but remembered I was already on a close schedule. So I started quoting all the promises I could think of. Some of them had been real to me many times, but others were just promises I had read, or memorized, but experience had never made them mean too much to me. But as I spoke aloud these promises, and prayed over them, I felt the load getting lighter. God had moved in through the avenue of His promises, and we shared the burdens. The load was no less real, and as far as I could see the solution was no nearer—but, through His Word, God had come in to share them. Then I realized that the promises that had helped the most were not those that I had leaned upon before but some other ones that I had never appropriated for my personal experience. Having read them and become acquainted with them when they seemed to mean but little had made it possible for God to make them real when I needed them.

I thank God for the times when Bible reading and study is as interesting and exciting as a letter from one deeply loved. I am also glad that even when every stream seems dry I can still hide His Word in my heart, knowing that He will find occasion to use it for my good.

The ideal is right. But even without the strong appetite at times, and without the exciting expectancy, I have found a principle that makes it wise and rewarding to share much time with the Lord through His Word. Though at times I may need to go with slow feet, still I can go, knowing that His Word will not return void. *It will accomplish!*

A Bottle in the Smoke

By G. Franklin Allee*

For I am become like a bottle in the smoke; yet do I not forget thy statutes (Ps. 119:83).

IN A BOOK rich in meaningful simile and replete with allegories such as no other book in the world contains, we come to instant attention as our eyes fall upon this expressive statement and its companion verses. Imagination flips a switch, and upon the screen of our minds a picture appears—the picture of a man sitting before a crude and smoking fireplace of stone. And in the smoke, which a raging tempest beats back from the wide chimney, hangs a leather water bag, smoke-stained and marred, but full of some savory substance of the sustenance of life.

This man of God, this writer of immortal songs, has been passing through a terrible and strange period of trial. It is as though all the forces of good and evil had been making of his soul a battleground. About his life raged a storm exceeding in violence the raging of the elements outside his humble dwelling. Men had allied themselves with Satan to seek his destruction, friends had failed him, his own family had turned away. In all the world there seemed no help.

In verse 78 he tells us the proud had sought with malice to humiliate him. His emotional barrel had run dry so long ago that he could scarcely remember when it had spilled over, even a little (v. 81). Worst of all, he had been forced (v. 82) to endure God's silence. He remembered the hatred and persecution (v. 85) the God-haters had heaped upon him, and the traps they had laid for his soul. He had suffered pain and known sorrow. Tears had been his daily portions for weeks without end.

The wind roars down the chimney and smoke billows out to envelop the wineskin with its precious contents. A promise from God's Word, memorized long ago, leaps to his mind. Faith stretches strong arms to embrace him, and courage grows in his heart like Jonah's gourd. This is the answer to his problem. Here is the gate to his victory, God's eternal Word hidden away deep in his heart and memory, so deep that no outward storm of temptation or trial can reach it and bring about his failure.

"All thy commandments are faithful" (v. 86), he declares with rising confidence. "They had almost consumed me" (v. 87), he testifies, "but I forsook not thy precepts." He is like a bottle in the smoke, scarred outwardly—and who can hope to reach heaven without some scars?—but inwardly serene and unspoiled. He has discovered an anchor-rock to which he may tie until the storms blow past, unmovable and sure. Laying his hands upon that rock, he steadies his soul. Enfolding him like a thick and protective garment, the purity of the Word shuts out the im-

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purity of his surroundings. The hatred and cruelty of a warring world find their mightiest counteractive agent in the love he assimilates through reading and memorizing the truth. Dishonesty and greed may be practiced by everyone else in the world and guile may be demanded of him, but strength takes hold of his will and ideals of integrity come to new birth in his soul. Each chapter read and each verse remembered adds to his conviction that the faithful Judge will sometime exact penalties for unrighteousness and reward righteousness with eternal good.

A rich and restful peace moves in upon his heart. Like the Christian of today who has discovered the value of God's Word in the battle with sin, he realizes that to each man God gives a sanctuary into which he may retire when pressed too heavily by the enemy. It is God's recorded message to man, the Bible. Blessed be its pages!

The Christian cannot hope to escape conflict in this life. He has no promise of immunity from temptation. Persecution and the world's hatred have been foretold as his lot. But, oh! the blessedness of God in giving us a printed message which we may read daily and store away in memory's pocket for the day of trouble or time of service. Then in the greatest of trials the Christian will suddenly find some faithful promise springing up in his heart. Perhaps it is some verse committed to memory when a child in Sunday school; or it may be his mother's favorite promise, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He has a sanctuary into which he may retire until the smoke of battle clears away and the dark blanket of temptation's night is folded and put aside. He is "like a bottle in the smoke," suffering outwardly, but triumphant and protected within. Yes, blessed be the holy Word of God!

DELIVERANCE

By Mary Stanley

*Misfortune called at our house,
And I wept in deep despair;
I bent beneath a burden
That seemed too great to bear.
Then in my desperation,
I bowed my head in prayer.
The Saviour I'd neglected
Now heard my fervent plea,
Reached out His ever-loving arms
To help a wretch like me.
My heavy burden lifted,
And I, once blind, could see
That I without my Saviour,
Like a ship without a sail,
Had been drifting with no Pilot
To steer me through the gale.
Now Jesus is my Captain—
Let the billows 'round me roar,
With Him to set my compass,
I'll make the other shore!*

I Believe in Child Conversion

By John L. Knight*

As a nine-year-old, backward, barefoot country boy, in a weekday morning service, in an old-fashioned revival meeting, I bowed at an altar of prayer and was *quietly*, but *definitely*, converted. That was nearly forty years ago, but Jesus Christ was so real to me I have never doubted that experience! I could not give a testimony, except to cry. When the minister asked who were my parents, I could only place my hand on the head of my father, who was sitting near—I was speechless! I did not then, nor do I now, judge the quality of my conversion on the length of the testimony I gave at that time. But I knew that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, had come into my heart and life and I was a new creature in Christ (II Cor. 5:17).

Since that wonderful day I have believed in child conversion, and have consistently urged children to get saved early in life. Because I believe in child conversion, each year our district features an *Evangelistic Crusade for Children and Youth*. This is usually held from Easter until Mother's Day. Special effort is put forth to reach the unsaved boys and girls and young people connected with our churches and Sunday schools. There are approximately one-half million children and young people in Florida who receive no kind of religious teaching. At least two thousand unsaved children and young people are connected with families who attend our Sunday school and church services. These furnish a most challenging list of prospects for immediate evangelism. Our hope and prayer is that we may reach these two thousand young people and win them to the Lord before April 30, 1953! We must Crusade for Souls Now!

The plan for our district is simple, but worthy: (1) the Christian young people are organized into groups on the local level; (2) the pastor holds special prayer meetings with instructions in soul winning; (3) every spiritual force is channeled to the winning of boys and girls and young people; (4) the Sunday school, the N.Y.P.S., the Lamp-lighters' League, the regular and special evangelistic services all become powerful means in reaching this worthy end.

This becomes a part of the "Crusade for Souls Now" as outlined by the Board of General Superintendents in their quadrennial address to the Thirteenth General Assembly. That report said in part:

"In seeking out the material with which to build the church during the next quadrennium we make the following recommendations:

"*Nazarene Homes*. 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

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homes, and especially the youth in those homes. This program should be 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. We must win our young people to Christ and save them to the church, and the ideal time to do this is during those tender, formative years."

The Florida District is going "all out" in an intensive *Evangelistic Crusade for Children and Youth* during the months of March and April. *Yes, I believe in child conversion!*

The Human General—the Divine Commander

By E. Wayne Stahl*

IT WAS a June night of the year 1952. Thousands upon thousands of people filled the vast auditorium where the Republican National Convention had been holding its sessions. Some hours earlier General Dwight Eisenhower had been nominated for president of the United States.

Since that choice he had not appeared before the gathering. The immense throng, eager to get sight of the man who might be the next "First Citizen" of the republic, were shouting, "We want Ike! We want Ike!" Over and over, for some minutes the vociferators repeated their request.

Joseph W. Martin, former speaker of the National House of Representatives, was serving as chairman of the assembly. As the crowd continued yelling those three words, he made heroic efforts to secure silence, banging his gavel incessantly—but unavailingly.

Clearly I recall hearing over the radio what he said at last, with imperturbable good humor, as the "We want Ike's" sounded like the noise of many waters—"If you'll be quiet, I'll give him to you."

In about two minutes the desired quiet had arrived, and shortly afterward the nominee walked out on the platform.

That remark of Chairman Martin taught me a great spiritual lesson. I thought of those majestic words of the forty-sixth psalm, "Be still, and know that I am God."

One reason why many of us do not have a more glowing sense of God's nearness is because we fail to quiet ourselves in the secret place of prayer. "When thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret" (Matt. 6:6). There is peace in His presence. It is noteworthy that, in that psalm from which I quoted in the preceding paragraph, the "Be still" of verse ten is followed in verse eleven by "The Lord of hosts is with us."

THE EVANGELISTIC PULPIT:

The Law of the Tides

By C. Wm. Ellwanger*

DR. FREDERICH C. SPURR tells of a boy born during the first world war. He was city-born and city-reared. At the age of five years he saw the spreading ocean for the first time. Many were the times that he had in his fanciful, boyish mind tried to fathom the greatness of the ocean. He stood upon the shore with his little pail and shovel, speechless in the awesome sight.



"It's so big, Daddy!" he cried.

The next morning when he came down to have his first swim, the tide was fully out. A vast stretch of sand lay between him and the water faraway.

Disappointed, the little fellow turned away, saying, "What a shame the sea has gone away! Will it ever come back?"

A few hours later he looked, and lo! the ocean was billowing in full tide. Gleefully the lad jumped up and down, crying, "Daddy, does it always come back like that after it has gone out?"

"Always, my son," was the father's answer.

The law of the tides has operated unavailingly throughout the history of mankind. In one era there comes a strange tide of uplift and spiritual renewal. Then there follows the ebb tide. The mud flats of spiritual laxity become evident and all the ugliness of the corruption of sin which had crept in is uncovered before the eyes of men. Then when things become too desperate, sin-taught, and disillusioned, men rise from the mire and call upon God. "From out of the mysteries of infinity, the tide turns; prophet and evangelist rise up and the voice of God is heard again in the land" (From *New Testament Evangelism*, by Arthur C. Archibald).

We may be in a day like that which preceded the Wesleyan revival in England, or the Great Awakening in the colonies in the eighteenth century. In those days the preaching of the gospel had degenerated into colorless essays and political harangues. The masses were indifferent toward spiritual things. Immoralities were multiplied, and the lower classes were destitute of spiritual life. Membership in the church was based upon the good works of men rather than a saving knowledge of Christ. These conditions are descriptive of the time in which we live. The

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spiritual tide of our day is at a low ebb. The tide has always returned! It must return again!

If the Church of Jesus Christ is to meet the challenge of this frightful age, there must be a return of the surging tide of dynamic, soul-saving evangelism. While the methods of winning men to the Kingdom have not changed since Christ sent the disciples forth with instructions and definite methods of winning men, the ensuing centuries have witnessed changes in customs, the emergence of new conditions, and advances in civilization in general which have made it imperative that we alter and adapt our methods of evangelism to meet the need of the age in which we live. The Master's command remains: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19).

Oh, that we might witness a return of the tide of vital revivalism in our great church! Evangelism must be at the front of the militant program of our churches. Let us plan our revivals more thoroughly; let us combine all agencies of the church toward the end of evangelism; let us pray for a resurgence of the revival spirit, and thus turn the tide back for genuine, divinely sent revivals everywhere in Nazarene-land in 1953!

On Taking Your Stand

By Raymond C. Kratzer*

IN THE critical days of housing shortage in the university city of Moscow, Idaho, when the GI's were flocking to school at the close of the second world war, I had gone to the housing committee of the university to try to find a room for a student. The room was filled with young men who listened eagerly to the list of available rooms being read by the director. Each card had listed on it the number of accommodations, and the name and address of the owner. One card

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God's Plan

(Ezekiel 36:27)

By A. M. Quick

*"To put my Spirit in you." This the plan
Of the Eternal God for sinful man;*

To lift him from the pit and miry clay,

To plant his feet upon the upward way.

*Cleanse and transform him through the holy Word
And make his heart a temple of the Lord.*

*This is God's plan. Though men neglect
And all the leaders in the world reject*

The Prince of Peace, no peace can be

Until men's hearts from inner strife are free.

*Until the Prince of Peace shall rule within
Men's hearts delivered from the curse of sin.*

would say: "Large room, two double beds, can accommodate four," and in like manner each card had its specific instructions.

Soon a card turned up with words written on it like these: "One room for a young man of a religious nature." When this statement was read, there was an undercurrent of mirth that filtered through the group there. Surely there would be no young man there so foolish as to acknowledge that he was of a religious nature! But quick as a flash a tall, broad-shouldered young fellow stood to his feet and stepped to the desk, saying in a voice clear and distinct, "I'll take that card!" I wanted to cheer, and I am sure that there was a subdued feeling of admiration in the hearts of many of those young men who wished that they had the courage to stand up for their convictions.

As we look back across the pages of history, we can easily discover who those individuals were that have made a mark for God and for good in the world. They are those who have had the backbone and moral courage to speak out for the right regardless of what it cost them. We see this epitomized in the lives of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego when they stood before King Nebuchadnezzar and said: ". . . we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods" (Dan. 3:16-19). Strange how many people solicit the approval of the world and ignore the approval of Almighty God, in whose hand their breath is!

The Unavoidable Christ

By J. M. Yarbrough*

BARRED doors guarded Jesus' bereaved disciples as they had fearfully and sorrowfully gathered in the home of one of them. They seemed to have been deriving some comfort in being secluded as they were alone with one another and with their thoughts and memories. But as they ate slowly and talked in subdued tones, suddenly there was One among them who could bind up their broken hearts and assuage their grief. He was not to be avoided by closed doors. He proved himself to be the *Unavoidable One*.

Pilate thought he had handed Him over to the soldiers and by so doing had gotten rid of Him. The soldiers in turn thought they had destroyed Him as they nailed Him to a cross. The Jewish authorities assumed He was interred everlastingly as they placed Him in Joseph's new tomb. But He showed them who would have the final word. Pilate had to answer to his conscience and before the bar of a higher justice. Dante, in his *Inferno*, imagines Pilate as kneeling down by an ever-

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flowing stream and trying to wash guilt from his always bloody hands, only to find that they would never be clean.

The soldiers ran afoul of Him sooner than they thought, for even on the third day after His crucifixion things began to happen as they guarded the tomb. With the earth reeling and rocking, they fell as dead men. Pilate discovered Him to be the *Unavoidable One*, and the soldiers were then learning the same lesson.

The Jewish rulers thought that, once He was buried, the soil would forever enfold Him. They had gotten Pilate to have Him crucified! They had obtained soldiers to watch the tomb! But now as He came forth they had to answer for Him and to Him even yet. They discovered Him to be the *Unavoidable One*!

Millions since have learned the same lesson. He stands, even after twenty centuries, as the *Unavoidable Christ*! By the open grave, around or on the bed of pain, in the hour of deepest crisis, men still discover their own weakness and helplessness, as He rises in ever-increasing splendor, strength, and power, proving ever and again that sooner or later He will be dealt with and answered to. To each and all of us He is and always will be the *Unavoidable Christ*.



A GENUINE holiness revival swept Adelaide, Australia, through our little church there—a church our missionary dollars had helped to start and maintain. Among those sanctified was Murray Richter, pastor of the Baptist church in nearby Gawler. His testimony to the experience soon required his resignation. He joined the Church of the Nazarene and secured secular employment, but his call to preach burned within him. As a result, we have a new church in Gawler with Brother Richter as pastor.

In recent weeks in our Australian churches, a young man and his wife were baptized and united with the church, a drinking husband was converted and his home reunited, a young banana farmer sanctified and called to preach, now preparing in our new Bible college. And Australia is only one of the overseas home mission districts our Easter Offering will assist.

GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

They Did It Like This

WE HAVE received a few detailed reports of the way that local societies presented the General N.Y.P.S. project, which was \$50,000.00 for Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa. That from Kansas City First Church seemed to be unique enough to pass on to others.

The teen-age and older group met in a combined meeting with a "dock scene" where ships to South Africa and Australia were docked. Every person, the congregation as well as those on the program, was going on the trip. Tickets had been sold in advance, \$5.00 for first class, \$3.00 for second class, and \$1.00 for tour rate, by a staff of "travel agents." Members were notified by letter what the plan was, so the agents found informed travelers.

Two groups of Nazarene passengers, one going to Australia and one to South Africa, "accidentally" met on the dock (luggage and all) and in informal conversation told of the countries to which they were going, about the project for Bible colleges, and the like. Music was provided by a quartet who came to "see the group off." Prayer was had with the group before they went on board ship. Deck hands,

fully equipped with sailor hats and mops, made the scene realistic. Background noise was provided by tape recording of an actual dock scene, lending much to the atmosphere.

Following the offering, in which everyone participated at the close of the program, the count showed that, whereas the goal had been \$167.00 (at the quota of about one dollar a member), over \$300.00 had come in. This shows what can be done if some time and effort and interest are invested in it.

Many of our societies have taken hold of this project in a similarly enthusiastic manner. Other groups have not as yet been able to work it into their spring program. Has your society done its part in this thrilling project? Property has been purchased in Australia. It will take all of their half of the \$50,000.00 to buy this and partially equip it. A down payment has been made on splendid property, formerly an orphans' home, adjacent to our new church in Pochesfstroom, South Africa. The N.Y.P.S. offerings are vitally needed to make these purchases possible! Have you had a part?

Worry is a parasite living on an unrelaxed mind.—D. B. KIDNEY.

Prayer Tower Request For April

Missionary Appointees

There will be approximately thirty-five missionaries who will be going to foreign fields in 1953. This number includes missionaries on furlough who will be returning. It also includes those who were appointed for the first time at the General Board meeting in January, namely:

Dr. and Mrs. Quentin Howard,
British Honduras
Rev. and Mrs. Donald Owens,
General Appointment
Miss Lois Santo, General Appointment
Miss Edna Lochner, Africa
Miss Lois Pass, Africa
Rev. and Mrs. Howard Sayes, Trinidad

Also, we welcome into the ranks of missionaries in the Church of the Nazarene thirty-three who were on the field in Africa representing the International Holiness Mission, which united with the Church of the Nazarene last fall. Let us pray for this entire group. Let us pray for those returning to the fields from furlough. There are always problems incident to returning for the second or third time. Let us pray for the new appointees as they begin their deputation work and plan for their equipment. The initial adjustments to a foreign field, problems of language and all, place a heavy load on the new missionary. Let us pray for the missionaries new to the church in Africa. Let us so pray that they will feel new power and grace added to their lives.

Paul's "Bible-Emphasis Year"

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (II Tim. 3:14-17; 4:1-2). These words are from the last epistle that Paul wrote. He penned them a short time before the executioner's ax fell upon him. I bring them to you, not to discuss their rich and varied meaning, but rather to give their general setting, or context.

Paul was writing to Timothy, a young and much-beloved friend in the gospel, whom he must soon leave. His best advice to him in this hour was to recommend the Scriptures to him. Timothy had been taught them in his youth, and he must continue to depend upon them. Nothing could be of more value to a young man who was about to lose his best spiritual friend and earthly adviser. Of course, Paul is referring here to the Old Testament, but what he said is even more true of the New Testament. Besides, while Timothy did not have the New Testament as we have it, he did have it in the sense that he was in the midst of its making. These words imply this fact: "But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me" (II Tim. 3:10-11). Timothy got the life and teaching of Paul firsthand.

Paul was in his late sixties, and I am sure that the Scriptures meant more to him than ever as he faced death for his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. He not only exhorted Timothy to emphasize the Scriptures; he was giving a big place to them in his own life and thinking when he said: "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:6-8). It was good for both Timothy and Paul, the young and the old, to have a Bible-Emphasis Year.

But this is not all. There is another truth in the general context here. It is that Paul was talking about the perilous times which were to come upon the earth. Whatever we may believe about the

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second coming of Christ, we must all admit that we are living in perilous times. They may not be the perilous times of the last days, but they are certainly bad enough to be in that class. Men's hearts are failing them because of fear. In such days as these, then, what better recommendation could be given to the Christian than to read and meditate upon the Word of God? Paul's Bible-Emphasis Year was inaugurated in a world very much akin to the one in which we live. If it was good at that time for the young and the old and all who faced the difficult and the perplexing, it should certainly be beneficial to the followers of Christ today. Our Bible-Emphasis Year is Pauline.

"Homburg Heaven"

A FEW DAYS ago Adlai Stevenson spoke of Washington, D.C., as "Homburg Heaven." Under the Eisenhower administration, it is no doubt the happy hunting ground for Homburg hats. However, I would not want to leave the impression that the seat of the government of this country is heaven in any real sense. I am afraid that it is not even approaching that state very rapidly.

In the editorial columns of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, I have been glad to mention the unusual attitude which President Eisenhower has taken toward religion. I thank God that he believes in God and knows how to pray. I am also delighted that he has joined a church on profession of faith, and is attending church regularly. That is the type of leader this Christian nation ought to have. He has my prayers, and I hope that he has the prayers of Christians everywhere. May his devotion to personal and national righteousness continue unabated.

While Eisenhower has made progress in the right direction, some of his party leaders have not distinguished themselves in this respect. I refer to the Republican Club on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., of which many of our readers no doubt have already heard. In order to refresh our minds, let me give the story as it has appeared in the newspapers: "This week end a new club opens up right across from the House of Representatives office building, so close that you can throw a stone through one of the windows, or run across for a quick drink between votes.

"Instead of looking out on the stern headquarters of Bishop Cannon, Republican congressmen will be able to drop in on a plush lounge, little tables around a bar, and a total of thirteen rooms for conferences and relaxation.

"This delightfully appointed oasis in the middle of a relatively dry area is called the Capitol Hill

Stephen S. White

Club and is organized, not by the hard-drinking Democrats, but by the dignified Republicans for their exclusive use."

I understand that it costs \$500.00 to become a member of this club, and several of the top leaders of the Republican Party—excluding President Eisenhower—have joined it. Roosevelt, Truman, and other Democrats opened up the floodgates of intoxicating liquor upon Washington, D.C., and the rest of the country. I hope the Republicans have not set out to compete with the Democrats in this respect. If they have, "Homburg Heaven" will come to be anything but a real heaven.

Lest someone think that this furor about the Capitol Hill Club is a waste of time, I close this article with a message from Rev. Dr. Albert P. Shirkey, a prominent Methodist minister in Washington, D.C., who was one of the first to cry out against this Republican Club. Here are his words as given in the *National Voice*:

"You ask on what grounds I protest drinking on the part of Government officials. I will answer you, 'Because they are the servants of the people, and as long as we have Government of the people, by the people, and for the people, we, the people, have a right to protest any action that puts in jeopardy the welfare of others.'

"Any pilot who drinks is grounded as unfit for the split-second decisions he is called upon to make. 'If you drink, don't drive' is the slogan of safety for the road. Any athlete who drinks is kept from the game because he cannot do his best. If this be so, it is wrong—deliberately wrong—for men to drink who are called upon for the decisions that affect our lives as a nation and as a world.

"We are in an atomic age—a wrong decision can bring us to the place of disaster overnight. Never have men in high places of Government had such responsibility thrust upon them as now. This is the reason why I protest the opening of a drinking lounge for our Government officials.

"I say again, as I have said before, 'It is a sin and a shame and a blight on our country for this to be done in such a critical hour of the world's history.'"

Holy Bible, Book Divine

THE BIBLE is the holy Word. It is not holy because it says nothing about sin. It tells us much about sin and sinners. It is not holy because it is personal and moral and thus free from sin in and of itself. A book is a thing and cannot be holy in this sense. On the positive side the Bible could be thought of as a holy Book because it tells sinful man how he can become holy. This, however, is not the chief reason for calling the Bible a holy

Book. Primarily, it is holy in that it is God's Book, the Book which He has written for man. Things that belong to God are sacred, holy, consecrated to holy purposes. The temple, the vessels in the temple, and any other merely material realities which have been set apart for God's use are holy in this secondary manner. The Bible is God's instrument which He employs to bring His message to man and, as the title of the hymn declares, it is indeed the "Holy Bible, Book Divine."

But someone may insist that the Bible is a human as well as a divine Book. From one standpoint this is true, while from another it is not. God and man did co-operate in the making of the Bible, but God so helped man that the Book produced was unique. Its teaching as to this life and the life hereafter is infallible. God so guided the human writers that we can trust fully its message. This cannot be said of any other book. This "Holy Bible, Book Divine" means to its discerning readers all that the hymn by this title declares:

*Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to teach me what I am,*

*Mine to chide me when I rove,
Mine to show a Saviour's love;
Mine thou art to guide and guard,
Mine to punish or reward,*

*Mine to comfort in distress,
Suff'ring in this wilderness;
Mine to show by living faith
Man can triumph over death;*

*Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom.
O thou holy Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine!*

"That's Your Worry, Too"

I BOUGHT some oranges a few days ago. The lady I paid did not count them. I said, "I thought you would want to check the number." She answered, "No, if you get one less than you pay for, that's your worry." I jokingly replied, "But if I took one more than I should have, that's your worry." She quickly came back with these words, "No, that's your worry, too."

It did not take me long to agree with her. Sin has a kickback which no one can escape. If I had cheated the groceryman, I would have hurt myself far more than him. One orange more than I paid for, if deliberately taken, would have made me a thief. All thieves are sinners, and no one can be worse than a sinner.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinneth from the beginning" (I John 3:8). Of the Jews who sought to kill Him, Jesus said, "Ye are of your father the devil, the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). He who knowingly takes anything which does not belong to him

sins and thereby establishes his kinship with the devil.

"But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. 32:23). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" (Gal. 6:7-8). "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:20). "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). These verses, as well as many others in the Bible, set forth the twofold effect of sin. The sinner is

punished by his sins and for his sins. There is the natural and individual outcome of sin, and there is also the legal and social sequel to it. These scriptures also imply that this result of sin is inevitable. A man's sin always catches up with him. According to recent statistics, a person who escapes from a federal prison has one chance in 3,500 to stay free. But a sinner does not have even this meager opportunity to get away from the penalty of his sin. One's sin never fails to run him down. No person can evade the effect of stealing one orange—"That's your worry, too."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Thank You!

"Thank you so much for prayers for camp. God came in answer to everyone's prayers and graciously poured out His Spirit. We humbly praise Him."

Joyfully yours for India,

MARY E. ANDERSON

On Furlough

Rev. and Clifford Church and family arrived in New York on January 22. They are home on furlough from Africa.

On February 23 Miss Esther Thomas and Miss Gladys Owen, also of Africa, arrived in the United States on furlough. They were accompanied by Miss Estella MacDonald, who has had to furlough because of ill health.

Bible School Report

We have now moved to Stegi and opened Bible school on February 25. So far, we have twenty-four students. We are looking to the Lord to make 1953 an outstanding year in the history of Bible school work here. With the two schools combined, it should open a new chapter in the progress of this vital branch of our missionary effort. At this juncture, our most urgent need is for Spirit-filled, equipped African leaders to thrust out into every field, for a great forward move in the evangelization of the heathen.

We are quite comfortable now in our new home, and becoming acclimatized to the country atmosphere after being in contact with town life for so long. It is a joy to have fellowship with the other missionaries here. We are really a United Nations organization at Stegi, for the United States, Great Britain, Australia, and South Africa are represented. The children have begun at their boarding school in St. Marks, Mbabane, about seventy miles from here.—REV. H. KENNETH BEDWELL, *Swaziland, South Africa.*

APRIL SCHEDULE

Chappell, Geraldine
March 29—April 10 E. Michigan Church, Clifford
March 29—April 15 Canada West
April 19-26 New Philadelphia, Ohio
Douglass, Elvin
March 29—April 12 N.E. Oklahoma
April 15-30 West Virginia
Drake, Lois
April 2-19 Colorado
Eades, Rev. & Mrs.
March 15—April 5
Wash.—Philadelphia
April 8-19 Central Ohio
Fowler, W. C.
April 3-5 Rossville, Ga.
April 10-12 Jackson, Miss.
April 15-26 North Arkansas*
Hall, John
April 12-26 San Antonio
Hayse, George
April 12-26 San Antonio
Heffin, Lesper
March 29—April 15 Canada West
Lee, Earl
April 3-5 Oxford, Pa.
April 9-12 E.N.C.
Matchett, Ruth
March 29—April 12 Georgia
McKinlay, Mary
March 29—April 12 Canada Central*
Penn, Joseph
March 29—April 15 Canada West
Pitts, Joseph
April 5-19 S.E. Oklahoma
Wise, John
April 12-26 San Antonio
Witthoff, Evelyn
March 29—April 15 Canada West

*Tentative

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Days of Victory

These have been days of outstanding victory in St. Vincent. At the close of our watch-night service, nine Christians were sanctified wholly and three souls were saved. Every Sunday a

goodly number have been saved. Last week end, although full moon had not as yet arrived, the pastors spent the night in prayer. (The Cape Verdian pastors always spend the night of the full moon in prayer.) Seven men from the church took part—but with God we were eight.

That Sunday afternoon we were making a hurried visit to each one of the outstations to show a visitor what is taking place in Cape Verde. Among other places we visited the prison. As we entered the door a little late for service, we were met by a Bible school boy in charge of the prison work, who said, "All of these want to be sanctified." That was a thrill. All of us prayed and heaven came down to earth. Sixteen prisoners were sanctified that afternoon and five more were saved. You never heard more definite testimonies to two works of grace in all your life. That night an artist from continental Portugal was converted. Since that time, he hasn't given us any peace. He wants to dedicate his life to the church as the other Bible school fellows have and to enter the ministry.

Monday, January 19, our house was filled with cries of repentance—the biggest victory of the year. A hitherto outstanding churchman had grown cold and was not on speaking terms with several others from the church. He was reclaimed and immediately afterwards sanctified wholly. What a blessing he's been since—a soul winner!

Yesterday, without an altar call, five ladies stayed to be sanctified at the close of the service. Likewise two young men stayed to be saved. That was at night. In the afternoon, nine were converted and one young lady was sanctified. At the close of the evening altar service those same praying churchmen, and more, for the number increased, asked, "Senor Mosteller, can't we go out to the sandy hillside again tonight?" Well, we went and what a night of prayer! We call it praying through but they said, "We have a presentiment that a great victory is on the way."—REV. EARL MOSTELLER, *Cape Verde Islands.*

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Bi-District Crusade for Souls Conference

THE LOS ANGELES and Southern California districts, superintended by Rev. Shelburne Brown and Dr. R. J. Plumb, recently sponsored jointly a Crusade for Souls Conference at Long Beach First Church. The special speakers were Dr. S. T. Ludwig; Rev. Harold Daniels, pastor at Albuquerque, New Mexico First Church; and Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, pastor of University Avenue Church in San Diego. It was my privilege to bring the keynote address.

From every point of view the conference was a success. Real enthusiasm was generated in the matter of personal visitation evangelism. Pastors were unanimous in stating that this phase of our work had a new grip upon them. One pastor writes, "We are all really inspired in the cause of visitation evangelism, having these evidences that it is actually working."

This conference was marked by almost 100 per cent attendance on the part of the pastors of the two districts. And the fact that the large auditorium was filled almost every session with the galleries full at night showed that a high percentage of laymen attended the conference. This is the purpose of these "grass roots" conferences. If we can get every Nazarene to see the glorious possibilities in personal soul saving, there is no limit to what we can do.

The testimony everywhere is that when our people call on their friends and neighbors new faces soon appear in the services, new seekers find their way to our altars, and new recruits are added to the church membership.

These conferences build a fire under us. Pastors and people get a new vision of what can be done and proceed to work at the job. So successful was this conference that both Dr. Plumb and Brother Brown now plan for one on their districts next fall. Any superintendent who plans for a conference should get in touch with our office, and we can assist in the finances and securing top-ranking personnel for such a conference in his district. On with the Crusade!

Colored Work Conference

The Sixth Annual Conference for the colored work of the Church of the Nazarene met at Nazarene Bible Institute, Institute, West Virginia, February 18 to 20. General Superintendent Vanderpool presided, and his wise

leadership and tender spirit were greatly appreciated.

Dr. Vanderpool brought the message on the opening night. Other messages during the conference were by Rev. L. T. Wells, Rev. Leon Chambers, and Rev. Alpin P. Bowes.

Pastors and some laymen were present at the conference from our churches in Mississippi, New Orleans, Indianapolis, and Detroit, as well as the local church at Institute, and from other churches in the surrounding area. The reports of these pastors and the written reports from those who could not attend indicated growth and progress. Since the last conference, churches have been organized at Los Angeles and Pasadena, California, and pastors are progressing towards fully organized churches at Portland, Oregon, and Des Moines, Iowa. A number of Sunday schools and missions were also reported.

A major item of business was the setting up of the Gulf Central District, to include the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. The district was officially inaugurated Thursday afternoon, February 19. Rev. Leon Chambers of Fairfax, Alabama, was appointed district superintendent. An advisory board of four members was set up: Rev. Melza Brown, Rev. R. W. Cunningham, Mr. John T. Benson, and Mr. Leslie Casmere. It was the prayer and desire of all at the conference that this new district will make possible a more rapid growth of our church among the more than ten million Negroes of this area.

The report of the Nazarene Bible Institute was given by President E. E. Hale, Rev. R. W. Cunningham, and Rev. Clarence Bowman. Our competent, Spirit-filled faculty have the confidence of our people and certainly merit our prayers. They are planning for an increased enrollment next year.

The report of the Memoirs Committee remembered the sacrificial labors and untimely death of Rev. J. J. Bogan, pioneer pastor at Institute and well loved by all.

We now have a membership of 435 in all our colored churches, an average Sunday-school attendance of 775, and property valued at \$265,150.00.—Alpin P. Bowes, *Reporter*.

Missionary Specials

The Board of General Superintendents and the General Board last January authorized several missionary specials for home-mission fields. Among these are two for our colored work, now urgently needed.

For Nazarene Bible Institute, a special of \$2,000.00 was authorized for library, dormitory, and classroom furnishings, and chapel furniture. We have an opportunity to secure a complete religious library for only a nominal cost if we act now. The other furnishings need to be secured during the next few months, to be ready for the fall semester.

For the completion of our parsonage at Meridian, Mississippi, a special of \$1,000.00 was authorized. We have a church building and the parsonage stands unoccupied and unfinished. We must finish it in order to secure a good pastor for our excellent opportunity there.

Any individual, missionary society, or church interested in taking these specials, or any part of them, may write to the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism.

FORSYTHIA

By Jessie W. Finks

*Forsythia is the dauntless leader of
spring shrubs.*

*Dark days do not depress her, or
lessen her determination.*

*She goes right on in preparation to
sally forth the first sunshiny day:
And, with her golden wand, to marshal
in spring's bloom parade.*

And she brightens her surroundings!

*We can learn a lesson from her. . .
Not be o'erwhelmed by the pall of sin
on every hand.*

*Or lessen our determination to do all
that we can.*

*May it not be said of us,
"Because iniquity shall abound, the
love of many shall wax cold."*

*We must not be discouraged at sins
today which chill the spirit.*

*Our job is to press on . . . and toward
the mark . . .*

*And, with the golden wand of love,
win others.*

Then, marshal forces . . . and lead on!

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for April 12: Paul's Conversion

Scripture: Acts 7:58—8:3; 9:1-30; 22:1-21; Gal. 1:1; Phil. 3:4-6

(Printed, Acts 22:3-16)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord (Phil. 3:8).*

We have just finished a six-month study in Matthew and have seen Jesus as He taught and performed miracles on all sides. Miracles are the trade-mark of Deity; wherever Christ goes you would expect to see miracles. And so miracles don't stop because Jesus ascended again to heaven. We begin today to study in Acts, and here again miracles happen.

In fact, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus ranks as one of the great miracles of the Christian ages. Indeed it was more world-shaking in its effect than the feeding of the multitudes or the stilling of the storm on Galilee. As we look today at the conversion of Saul, remember we are walking in

the presence of the Wonder-Worker still.

Among the tremendous changes in Paul's life brought about by the conviction of the Holy Spirit was the spiritual awakening and the re-evaluation of life as a result. The Golden Text tells us the story in Paul's own words. When a man with Paul's mental attainments and social position casts these aside to win Christ, it is nothing short of a divine miracle. Paul was not making fun of scholarship or schooling when he testified in today's Golden Text. He was but witnessing to the wonderful way God gave him a new sense of values. The new vision of Jesus Christ so outshone all former values that in comparison they seemed like refuse or garbage. In anybody's life such a change is a miracle.

In one of his inimitable sermons, Frank Boreham tells of the man who

went to Australia in the early days of this century and cleared up the wilderness to plant an orchard. It bore well and he was prospering and happy. Then one day news came that gold was being discovered in that area. So the man tore out his orchard and mined out the area for gold. He struck it rich and found himself wealthy. Now he planned to take his wealth and return to England for a well-earned rest. On boat a storm arose and the people had to take to the life-boats to save their lives. The man found himself in a crowded boat clinging to his gold, when the boat started to sink and the order was given for all to swim to land nearby. Now he threw away his gold and struck out for shore. The man who discarded apples for gold now cast aside his gold for life itself.

It was some similar thing that made St. Paul count all life's attainments as refuse as he struck out boldly for Calvary. Isn't conversion wonderful?

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *Please define Exodus 20:16. Just what is meant by bearing false witness against your neighbor?*

A. Bearing false witness against your neighbor is lying about him. You lie about your neighbor when you deliberately misrepresent him by word or deed.

Q. *When did Paul arrive in Rome?*

A. We do not know exactly. As someone has said, we are not absolutely sure when any event in Paul's life happened, but we know approximately the time of the occurrence of every significant event in his life. I would say that Paul arrived in Rome in A.D. 61, but it could have been A.D. 59 or 60. You will find each of these dates championed by some New Testament scholar.

Q. *After almost three months' time, I now write you about what I think is a very important matter. First, I wish to say that I enjoyed your answers in the Question Box until the issue of December 10. I was shocked at your answer concerning the ten virgins in the number of that date. Someone asked if the five foolish virgins would be lost. In your answer you stated that the story of the ten virgins is a parable, an imaginary story. Now the*

thing that shocked me was that Jesus gave imaginary stories, according to your statement. I have wondered if this could have been a misprint. I accept the first part of your statement, where you say that the story of the ten virgins is a parable. But a parable, as I understand it, is an allegory, or short narrative, taken from real life or nature, from which a moral is drawn in order to present a spiritual truth. Please explain what you meant by the part of the answer which I cannot accept.

A. I appreciate the fine spirit of your letter, and am glad that you felt free to write me about this matter. I don't think that we are very far apart in our thinking, and I'll do my best to clear up the matter. I find that Webster's unabridged dictionary defines a parable thus: It is "a short fictitious narrative of a possible event in life or nature from which a moral or spiritual truth is drawn." Please notice that the word fictitious is in the definition, and this term is a synonym of imaginary. It would not be incorrect to define a parable as "a short imaginary narrative of a possible event in life or nature from which a moral or spiritual truth is drawn." I have no doubt but that there have actually been people who did exactly what the five

foolish virgins did, but when Jesus gave the parable He had no certain five persons in mind. He was telling a fictitious, or imaginary, story in order to illustrate a spiritual truth. The same is true of all of His parables.

Q. *Does the Holy Spirit come into the repentant sinner's heart as an abiding Comforter when he is justified?*

A. No, I know of no church which claims this, or anything in the Bible which implies it. The sinner, when he is justified, is regenerated, born of the Spirit, but he is not filled with the Spirit then. Jesus, in the third chapter of John and the first thirteen verses, taught Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had not yet been saved, that he must be born from above, or of the Spirit, before he could enter into the kingdom of God. However, He told him nothing about being filled with the Spirit, or baptized with the Spirit. Again, on the Day of Pentecost, the 120 were filled with the Spirit (Acts 1:4); but there is every reason to believe that the 120 were saved, and not sinners, before they were filled with the Spirit. They had a ten days' prayer meeting preceding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Finally, John gives us these words: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it

seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:15-18). Two facts

stand out in this passage—Christ promises to pray only for the Father to give the Comforter to those who love Him and keep His commandments, those who already know the

Holy Spirit. Then He states that those of the world, sinners, cannot receive the Comforter, or abiding Spirit, because they do not know the Holy Spirit.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Shamrock, Texas—On February 1 we dedicated our new building to the Lord. Rev. O. W. Jenkins, district superintendent, brought the message to a house full of people. We sang amid tears of joy and rejoicing, and \$300.00 was given in an offering to help finish the building. We came here in March of 1950 and found a loyal band of people, numbering about twelve, having Sunday school in a borrowed house. We organized as best we could, averaging seventeen in Sunday school the first year, twenty-seven the second, and thirty-five last year; with the high monthly average of forty-three for four months in succession. We now have fifteen church members and we are enjoying the new building. The building cost \$5,500.00 and some donated labor.—M. D. Hewitt, Pastor.

Jennings, Louisiana—We have just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. L. Hoffman as the evangelists and singers. Mrs. Paul King was in charge of the song service. God gave us an outpouring of His power in the old-fashioned way. I am closing my fourth year at Jennings, having started the church in a home-mission effort. God has given us some good people who have made real Nazarenes. The church is now self-supporting with a neat church building and parsonage. I have known the call to evangelism for some time and have been waiting for God to say when. I am resigning the pastorate in May to enter full-time evangelism. I am now making up my slate. Write me, 1705 Henry St., Pineville, Louisiana.—Paul Pumpelly.

Santa Barbara, California—On February 15 we closed a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. H. T. Eastman as workers. God blessed the ministry of these fine people with several good altar services. The Eastmans carried a burden for the meeting and many found the Lord. The Lord has blessed our own ministry since coming to Santa Barbara last June. Our Sunday school has been making some nice gains numerically; God has blessed the work financially, and the church has given us a nice raise in salary. We have received several new members, and the church recently gave us a unanimous call for another year. On February 22 our church enjoyed the ministry of Mrs. Louise Chapman, for the morning service. After listening to the stirring message of this woman of God we feel we want to make this year the greatest year of our lives for the cause of foreign missions.—James H. MacLellan, Pastor.

Seat Pleasant, Maryland—Faith Church closed a successful revival with Evangelist Harry J. Felter on February 22. Brother Felter preached rugged, old-fashioned truth uncompromisingly, yet with tenderness and love. It was not a shallow revival; we had a good number of seekers who were deeply convicted and prayed through to a real experience of regeneration and sanctification. The church was revived, and finances came easily. Rev. and Mrs. Harold Berrian took care of the special music and singing, and were a real asset to the meeting. Brother Felter is an excellent preacher who is a blessing to the church. Many friends were won to the church, and some became members at the close of the revival.—Jerold K. Jones, Pastor.

Vici, Oklahoma—We recently closed a victorious revival with Rev. and Mrs. Carl Kruse as the evangelists. Brother Kruse's warm spirit of God and forceful messages were a great inspiration, and the youth services conducted by Sister Kruse were excellent. Sister Kruse and her ability in music and youth lessons with flannelgraph, suede-o-graph, and objects appeal to every type and class of people; therefore, the attendance each night was exceptional. Much praying, fasting, and calling was done before and during the revival, and many souls were saved and sanctified. During the entire revival the sweet presence of the Spirit could be felt, and the closing Sunday morning was crowned with victories at the altar and a Sunday-school attendance of 141.—Melvin L. Riddle, Pastor.

Taft, California—Beginning our pastorate here the last Sunday of January, we found a group of fine Nazarenes with a good church plant in a nice community. The former pastor, Rev. Irving Sullivan, had laid a good foundation and had a successful ministry here. In February we had a revival campaign with Evangelist Trafton Williams, and Ron Lush as singer and musician. The revival closed on Sunday, March 1, and the members say it was one of the best the church has seen in many years. The dynamic ministry of Brother Trafton Williams was used and anointed by the Spirit in the convicting of sinners that resulted in a number of conversions. Several believers sought sanctification and witnessed to the experience. Ron Lush was at his best, and inspired the church with his unique presentation of the gospel in music. He organized a good choir, an orchestra, and several musical groups

that will be a blessing to the church. The community of Taft was not left in doubt that something was going on at the Church of the Nazarene, for the meeting was advertised through the newspapers, the radio, by the Visual Art advertising, and personal work. This resulted in good crowds, finances coming easily, and souls at the altar.—Ed McConnell, Pastor.

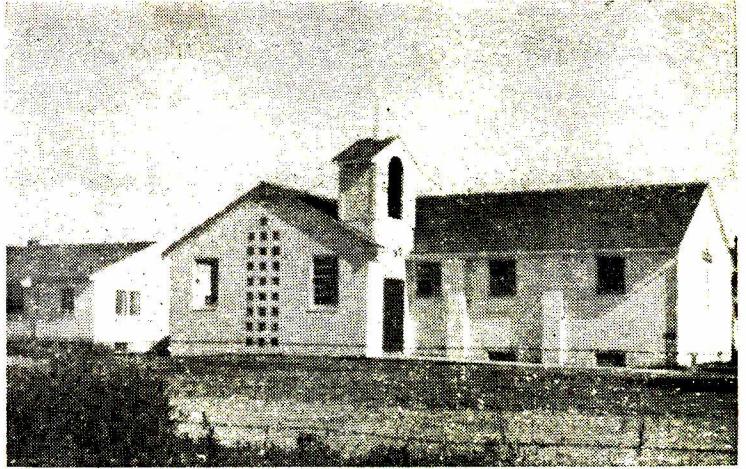
McCrary, Arkansas—Harris Chapel Church has recently had a very good revival with Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife as special workers. There were seventeen beautiful professions; some were middle-aged fathers and mothers, with families, and some very fine young people. This was the sixth revival with the Whitleys across the years of our pastoring, and they were never as good as this time. The church has called them back for the summer of 1954. Brother Whitley is a rugged, straight-shooting, Holy Ghost preacher, and his messages are heart-searching and convincing. Mrs. Whitley is a very able choir director and effective soloist, and her singing blesses the people. This is a rural work, but is the only Church of the Nazarene in the county. We have been pastor here less than a year but the church is growing in spirit as well as numbers.—P. A. Lewis, Pastor.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana—Grace Church recently closed one of the greatest revivals of its history with Rev. J. W. South as the evangelist. The Spirit of God was evident in each service as the church was revived, sinners were saved, and believers sanctified. Brother South is a good singer and musician, as well as an anointed preacher. The church voted unanimously for his return.—Ray Dake, Pastor.

Pastor Amil Petersen reports: "Last November we resigned the church at Newmarket, Ontario, to accept the appointment to the Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, church by Dr. Edward Lawlor. These four months have been proof that the appointment was of the Lord. The folk have accepted us in a gracious way, and the spirit of optimism prevails in the whole church. The altar services in our regular services have been outstanding, with souls seeking the Lord almost every Sunday evening. Nine folk have been received into the church. Our radio broadcast, "Lamp-lighters," is proving to be a real blessing to the community, and people of all denominations are being helped through it. We ask an interest in your prayers, that the Lord will continue to bless His work in this part of His vineyard. We appreciate the Canada West District, its leader, Dr. Lawlor; and we love the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene."

Olivia, Minnesota

This church was dedicated recently at an impressive service conducted by General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers. This church and parsonage, valued at \$30,000.00, is the product of four years of home missionary activity in a small town. The congregation was organized with six charter members, October 24, 1948, by District Superintendent Arthur C. Morgan. Under the leadership of Rev. F. J. Duke and others, a parsonage chapel was begun, which was to house the congregation during the next three years. In June of 1949, Rev. and Mrs. David J. Sullivan arrived to pastor the church. The congregation was growing, and plans were soon under way to build a church. These plans became concrete after a visit from Dr. Roy F. Smee, in August of 1950, when over \$2,200.00 was pledged by the local congregation for the new structure. Work was begun immediately, and by Easter Sunday, 1952, the congregation moved into its new home, a building that will seat 175 persons, has space for ten classrooms, a young people's auditorium, and an office. During this time, each department has grown. Local expenses have been met, and all district and general interests have been



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Hayward, California—This church is enjoying the best days of its history. The Lord is blessing in a special way, and souls are praying through in almost every Sunday night service. Twenty-one new members have been received since our last assembly, and the Sunday school is running far ahead in attendance of any time in the past five years. We have several of the young men in the air force attending our services. Parks Air Base is located just a short distance from Hayward and we have many contacts there. These young folks are among the finest to be found in our church, and they are making their presence felt in a special way in lifting up the standards of our beloved church. We have endeavored to serve this church for the past five years; this is far the best year. The church was kind enough to extend us a call for another year. The church is located in one of the fastest growing communities in the state of California. If you have friends or relatives living near here, we would be glad to contact them for the church if the information is sent to us.—Phillip H. Hampsten, Pastor.

the evening services. It was also our privilege to teach the class of superintendents and supervisors. Pastors Sumners of Wellston, Young of North Side, Harding of Maplewood, Miller of Central, DeBoard of East St. Louis, and London of First Church were in the convention a part or all of the time. Eighty-five credits were given to those who completed their courses. It was a great week!"

Evangelist Fred W. Fetters reports: "Since last reporting it has been my privilege to conduct revival services in the following churches. In our First Chinese Church in Los Angeles we had a one-week meeting, and God gave us seekers for the new birth and sanctification in all but one service. This congregation, under the leadership of Rev. Harry Wiese and Brother Lee, have erected a beautiful and commodious auditorium which is very adequate to their needs. Our next meeting was in Paradise, California, where Rev. J. P. Fisher is the pastor. He and his good wife and perhaps not more than three families started the work there less than three years ago. God has helped them to secure a lot and a small building in which they have been worshipping. God blessed in this meeting with souls praying through to victory. In Terra Bella, where Brother E. D. Leavell is the pastor, the Lord again met with us and a goodly number of souls found Him in regeneration and sanctification. The congregation has erected a new church and parsonage and an annex. From Terra Bella I went to the Sonoma Valley Church in Elverano, California, where Brother Bruce Coleman is the pastor. Again God blessed with thirty-one seekers. Our next meeting was in Sierra Madre, California, where Brother Orian Burlison and wife are the aggressive pastors. God honored His Word and

twenty-three came forward to pray through to victory. Next it was my happy privilege to conduct our second meeting in the Church at Yreka, California. We enjoyed the fellowship with the pastor, Harlen Mundell, and God blessed with souls finding Him. From Yreka we motored through the giant redwoods to Fortuna, California, to be in a meeting with Brother and Sister Nikkel. In this meeting it was my privilege to speak each day at noon to a group of high-school students. We had twenty-six seekers and finders of one or both works of grace. Our next meeting was in Live Oak with Brother Fred Berkley. Here the weather was somewhat against us for attendance, but God helped us with His presence. Woodland, California, was our next stop, with Brother V. D. Gibson, pastor; God is blessing his labor there. Their Sunday school is too large for their present quarters, and they are now in the process of changing locations and building a new church. It has been a privilege to labor with all these pastors. Our next meeting will be in the Riverside Drive Church in Los Angeles with Rev. Emma French and her people."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Lafayette Park Church, of St. Louis, Missouri, with Pastor B. G. Wiggs, saw 604 present on the Sunday of our convention. This school has 7 departments, with 75 on the teaching staff. The pastor has received 50 new members into the church in ten months, and has a high average gain in the school, with good altar services on the Sabbath. Pastor Wiggs is a devout man, studious, and an organizer, with a large group of personal workers. Five thousand dollars was pledged for additional Sunday-school equipment. The week nights were given to Christian Service Training courses. Seven classes were in session each night, then our lecture at the close of

Winchester, Kentucky—This group was organized as a home-mission church in May, 1952, with five members. Various attempts had been made in the past to place a church in this city of 11,000 people and had failed. The present church is a result of a home-mission revival sponsored by the Eastern Kentucky District and held by Rev. W. T. Mason in the courthouse, plus the prayers and regular fasting for four years of one of our good members, Mr. Thomas Bohanon. Our good district superintendent, Rev. D. S. Somerville, effected the organization. Sister Rice and I felt led of God to come to this church at our last assembly, and moved here

August 21. The N.Y.P.S. of the district had agreed to pay the rent on our parsonage for a year, as their part in helping to get the church started; they have stood by us wonderfully. Here is the miraculous results of this home-mission effort: God has helped us to buy and remodel a good church property in a good residential section of Winchester, has given us one of the best revivals I have ever been in with Rev. Donald Ballard as the evangelist, has given us some of the best people of the city as members, until our membership now numbers thirty-one, and has helped our Sunday school to grow from an initial attendance of 13 to last Sunday's attendance of 108. We have accepted the budget apportionments given us by our district and are paid up to date; also have subscribed over \$150.00 to the District Home-Mission Budget. The church gained city-wide recognition in this last revival, with the nightly attendance averaging 175. God gave us some wonderful victories at the altar, with a wonderful outpouring of His Spirit Saturday night, with shouting and praising God ending with an altar service with no preaching. This revival gave us 10 of our 31 members, of whom 27 are adults. We came to this church with nothing promised us but the parsonage, and God has seen to it that all our needs have been supplied. The church has always, even from the first week, paid us a good salary; the district gave us a nice Christmas gift of \$50.00. We are now living in a beautiful four-bedroom apartment with all utilities paid.—J. B. Rice, Pastor.

Austin, Texas—March 1 marked the close of a twelve-day revival in First Church with Evangelist Bert Daniels. It was a successful campaign from the very beginning. Several new people were reached for the church, and seventeen persons knelt at the altar during the meeting—some very bright professions, one or two reclamations, and some for heart purity. We have been pastor here for three months now, and the Lord has been good to us in our work. The people are loyal, sacrificing Nazarenes, and some very substantial gains are being made. The Sunday school is on the increase, with 104 present the last day of our revival. The heavy financial load is being handled in a very efficient and practical manner. Our people tithe and the Lord is honoring the efforts put forth.—A. L. Dennis, Pastor.

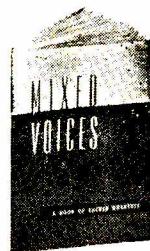
Evangelists Lloyd and Gertrude Ward report: "The year of 1952 was one of the most fruitful years of our ministry. We worked in twenty-two revival campaigns, which took us from New York to California, and Michigan to Florida. We also flew to Cuba last February and visited our good missionary friends, Rev. and Mrs. John Hall. It was a thrill to preach, sing, and draw for our Cuban Nazarenes; but even a greater thrill when three Cubans were gloriously converted in the last service at El

Calvario. Our first revival this year was with Rev. C. Hayes in a meeting at Tiffin, Ohio. He is doing splendid work there, and we had good attendance and some definite victories. The following two meetings at Sumter First and Bennettsville, South Carolina, were outstanding revivals. At Sumter, the attendance was record-breaking; night after night the large auditorium was filled and several nights we had to use the balcony and extra chairs. There were over 100 at the altar, new members for the church, and 406 in Sunday school the closing Sunday. Rev. O. T. King, the new pastor, has won the hearts of the people and revival fires are burning. He succeeded Rev. D. Thaxton, who organized and pastored the church until elected district superintendent last fall. Brother Thaxton built a beautiful, large church. The church gave us a return call for '55. At Bennettsville, with Rev. L. Jenkins, we also had an old-fashioned revival, with a call to return. Some said it was the greatest revival in the history of the church. The attendance reached an all-time high, using extra chairs and packing the auditorium, which seats four hundred. There were 102 seekers at the altar, several new members for the church, and 256 in Sunday school. We have a full slate ahead and are enjoying our work in the field of evangelism. We do praise God for the Church of the Nazarene and our good pastors and people."

Salina, Kansas—Recently we closed a wonderful revival meeting with Rev. D. C. Van Slyke as the evangelist. The presence of the Lord was manifest night after night with the altars being lined each service. Over one hundred men, women, and children prayed through to good victory in the Lord, and it was not unusual to hear the shouts of high-school boys and girls as they found the Lord precious to their hearts. Brother Van Slyke is a wonderful preacher of the Word; his preaching is straight but true and comes with the anointing of God. The church gave the pastor a \$100.00 love offering, and stood by the revival with their presence and their money. God is blessing the work, and souls are being saved. This church is one of the finest on the Kansas District, willing to give, work, and pray that men might be saved.—James L. Hull, Pastor.

Evangelist R. F. Lindley reports: "I recently closed a good week-end meeting at Bells Chapel, Arkansas, where Brother Harse Honie is the good pastor. Brother Honie has pastored this church for the past twelve years. I am now in the midst of a good revival at Hoke, Arkansas. This is a new church recently organized by District Superintendent W. L. French. Brother T. C. Potts is the hard-working pastor. Crowds are good and several have already prayed through to victory, with a week to go before the revival will close."

Ketchikan, Alaska—We have recently completed a most wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Parrott of Kelso, Washington, as evangelists. Brother Parrott preached and sang holiness for eight days, during which time our little chapel was filled to capacity four different nights. Before each service a Bible study on holiness was conducted, and people from at least seven different denominations came through rain and wind to study what God's Word has to say about this vital experience. Mrs. Parrott was interviewed on one of the local radio stations, eliciting much favorable comment. On the last Sunday of the meeting, there were fifty in attendance at Sunday school, which, although not a record, did enable us to post an average for February of forty-three, our highest since opening the Ketchikan work. We appreciated the work of the Parrotts among us, and the souls which were born again and those who received the light on holiness of heart will long rejoice with us. Work on Ketchikan's \$40,000,000.00 pulp mill is expected to boom this summer, with a consequent influx of population. If your relatives or friends are coming here, we shall be glad to contact them. Our Sunday school has just about reached capacity, and we are praying for additional space and consecrated Nazarenes to help us carry the burden of teaching. Our address is Box 874, Ketchikan, Alaska.—Clark H. Lewis, Pastor.



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Cedar Falls, Iowa—We have recently finished redecorating the interior of our church. Sunday evening a little child came forward of her own accord to be saved. We have had fifteen seekers so far this year, with a number saved or sanctified for the first time. We have had a 10 per cent increase in membership so far this year. Our members contributed \$186.20 per capita last year. We had a fine meeting in October with Evangelist Lowell Yeatts. There were several seekers during the meeting, and the preaching was wonderful. We have unanimously recalled Brother Yeatts for a meeting in 1954. The people of our church have been very good to us. At recall time last assembly year they gave us a unanimous one-year call, and then followed with a unanimous three-year call. At Christmas time we were surprised with a merchandise and cash gift totaling \$56.00 plus. We thank God for His blessings and our fine people, who we know also back us with prayer.—Paul H. Varce, Pastor.

Pastor C. E. Winslow reports: "It has been our delightful privilege to serve the fine people of Roanoke, Virginia, First Church for the past nine and one-half years. During this time the original indebtedness was liquidated and a new air-conditioned sanctuary, 44 x 75 feet, with full basement, was constructed at the cost of approximately \$85,000.00, giving us property valued at \$125,000.00; the mem-

bership of the church has doubled, and the Sunday-school attendance increased more than 200 per cent. For more than six years we have conducted a weekly broadcast from our church each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. In the fall of 1951, we rented a three-room cottage at East Gate, a suburban area, and began a branch Sunday school under the sponsorship of First Church. In a short while the Sunday-school attendance exceeded the capacity of the cottage. The board of First Church surveyed the situation and agreed to sponsor a building program to meet the demand. Consequently, in the spring of '52 a lovely, 28 x 40 foot, cinder-block chapel was constructed, with full basement. Sunday school was held at three o'clock in the afternoon, averaging more than 60, with 98 attending on rally day, and 125 at Christmas. One year from the beginning of this Sunday school, after two short revivals were held in the chapel, the work was organized into a church, with 15 charter members. After organizing, we conducted preaching services on Friday nights and continued the afternoon Sunday school for two months. On February 1, 1953, Rev. V. W. Archer was secured as full-time pastor, and the property was transferred to the trustees of the new organization. This work is going forward under the leadership of the pastor. We thank God for His marvelous blessings during our ministry here. It is with mixed emotions we leave Roanoke, but we gratefully anticipate the privilege of laboring with the splendid congregation at Manchester, Connecticut."

Louisville, Kentucky—Broadway Church rejoices in the continuation of God's blessings. We recently closed a very successful revival with Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Fisher as evangelists. Many seekers found Christ as their Saviour; others renewed their former vows or were sanctified. As a result, a substantial number were added to the church. Sunday, February 1, we called our pastor, Rev. B. Jerry McClain, for three more years by an overwhelming majority vote. The following Sunday, the Sunday school surprised our pastor and his wife by observing it as Pastor's Appreciation Day. The family was presented with fourteen floral pieces by the various departments and members. In addition the pastor and his wife were each presented with checks to be used at their own discretion. In the evening service, about ten people, saved during the recent revival, knelt at the altar seeking sanctification. A wonderful spirit prevails and we are trusting God for greater victories in the ensuing year.—Eli O. Mangum, Reporter.

Evangelist Lee L. and Elsie Hamric report: "We are in the closing of a good revival with Rev. A. F. Daniels and wife. We had some wonderful altar services with old and young praying through to definite victory. Brother Daniels is doing a fine work here in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, and

the church is moving forward. Our next meeting will be in Rochester, Indiana, with Rev. F. C. Savage and his fine people. We have open time for revivals immediately, and would like to slate this time in Indiana. Write us, 221 W. Rosemont St., Dallas, Texas."

Charleston, West Virginia—We have recently closed one of the best revivals Southeast Church has had in a long time. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and Professor Ray Moore were our workers. They made a great team. Dr. Vanderpool is not only an able administrator, an outstanding leader of men; he is also one of the greatest evangelistic preachers of our day, and Brother Moore sang as only he can. He made a great contribution to the meeting. Even though there was a city-wide preaching mission in progress, and we were in the midst of a flu epidemic, we had large crowds for the meeting. There was good victory at the altar every night. Several new people came. We hope to average 500 in our people were reclaimed and sanctified. The church was blessed and encouraged with these outstanding workers. We are now in our big 500-for-10 campaign. We hope to average 500 in our Sunday school for a ten-week period. We have paid for our new Sunday-school bus, erected a new neon sign, and purchased two new \$5,000.00 lots just east of our church and parsonage and hope to get our educational annex started in the next few days. Our son, Lewis Hadley, who was recently called to preach, preached his first sermon to our congregation three Sundays ago. He has been busy speaking at nearby churches since. We are happy in His service and rejoicing in the victories.—Hadley Hall, Pastor.

Evangelist D. C. Reynolds reports: "At this writing I am in a meeting in Long Beach, California, with Brother Paul Brandyberry, then have two other meetings scheduled. Also, I have some open time which I'd be glad to give to any of our churches while I am on the coast. Write me, 2619 N. Dewey Avenue, Oklahoma City 3, Oklahoma."

Calgary, Alberta, Canada—Christ was always interested in those destined to go through life with limited faculties, and many times His compassionate heart responded to their plea for help, and He healed them. No doubt it was a degree of this Christly compassion that inspired Mrs. Frank Page, lay member of First Church in Calgary, to induce her pastor, Dr. Oscar F. Reed, to begin worship services for the deaf. Mrs. Page is familiar with the sign language of these people, and through the years has become acquainted with a number of such people in the city. It seemed an ideal setup and the class was begun. The service, from three to four on Sunday afternoon, is conducted as any other service. Dr. Reed reading the Sunday-school lesson for the day, followed by a short exposition thereof; the offering is taken, the people welcomed, and perhaps a film shown.

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Mrs. Page interpreting to the group the verbal portions of the service. Anywhere from eighteen to twenty-five attend. This has become a regular feature of the work of our First Church in Calgary, and we greatly appreciate the work of Mrs. Page and Dr. Reed in this field of service.—E. Dowkes, Church Secretary.

Song Evangelist Helen M. Quillin writes: "April 1 will mark two full years I have been serving the Lord in the field of song evangelism. It is a wonderful field, God is blessing, and I am enjoying the work; I am happy to be a laborer in His vineyard. I have a special burden for our smaller churches, many of whom often feel they cannot afford to pay a singer; but I shall be glad to come, if it is not too far from my home (I am on the Central Ohio District). Write me, Box 155, Syracuse, Ohio."

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "Our first engagement for 1953 was with the Glendale, Arizona, church, where Rev. Glenn Roberson is the spiritual, aggressive, and capable pastor. Glendale is one of our good churches, indeed, and God gave a wonderful revival with many victories at the altar. Our next campaign was with Phoenix Central Church, where Rev. W. L. Dicus has served as the faithful pastor for four years. Here we saw some beautiful victories of salvation and sanctification, also of divine healing. The Holy Spirit was manifest throughout the meetings. At Venice, California, we were with Rev. Perry O. Pults and his fine people. God was present in a gracious manner from the opening to the closing service. We felt it was an extra good meeting, both for the membership and in reaching the unsaved. It was a joy to be associated with Brother Pults and his family again. He received a fine class of members. We are now at Compton, California, in a revival, and God is already giving some definite victories. God has used Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Crawford to do a fine work at Compton, and they have a strong call to continue as pastors here. We praise God for His blessings!"

Rev. Russell and Ruth Lewis write: "After five years of missionary work on our field in Africa we felt led of the Lord to accept a call to pastor the work here in Lincoln Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The church here has been serving the Lord and this community for fifty-two years. We have a fine new building and a wonderful crowd of faithful, holy-living Nazarenes. This city presents a great challenge to the church; within a radius of five miles of our church 700,000 people live. God has blessed. We have had two good revivals, one with Rev. R. J. Smeltzer and another with Rev. C. T. Corbett. All departments of the church show increases. The church has given us a unanimous recall. We intend to press the battle for the Lord and the church."

Central Ohio District Preachers' Meeting

The general consent was that this year's Preachers' Meeting at Lancaster, Ohio, February 16 to 19, was the best ever held on this district. The leadership of our well-loved district superintendent, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, and his wise planning laid the foundation; each speaker and worker filled his place most capably; and God most graciously witnessed His approval with His presence in our midst. None of the eighty-five pastors, or their wives, or the visitors and friends who attended, can be the same for being there.

The main program of the meeting centered about the messages of General Superintendent H. C. Benner and the doctrinal lectures of Dr. J. Russell Gardner, chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, Olivet Nazarene College. These anointed men, each speaking twice a day, endeared themselves to the hearts of all.

Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, was present during a part of the convention and gave a splendid report of the work of the college and the challenge which our educational program presents. Mr. Elvin Hicks, the congenial representative of the Publishing House, was there and really had what the preachers wanted in the way of books and supplies. The progress of various district programs was given by the respective leaders: Mrs. Harvey S. Galloway, district missionary president; Rev. Ernest B. Marsh, district church school chairman; and Rev. William O. Blue, district young people's president.

Of inestimable importance to the success of the convention was the fine way that Pastor Elwood Dodge and the people of the Lancaster church provided for the entertainment of the guests. They were indeed the superb hosts. All were conscious that God was in our midst and we are strengthened in vision, determination, and faith to push ahead in the work.

PAUL HAYMAN, *District Secretary*

Preachers' Convention

The Northwest Indiana District Preachers' Convention was held February 23 and 24 at the Glen Park Church, Gary, Indiana. It was a privilege to be with Rev. U. D. Dibble and his people in their fine new building. Brother Dibble did a wonderful job as entertaining pastor.

Dr. George Franklin, district superintendent, served as chairman of the convention and did a fine job of keeping the meeting on schedule and running smoothly. The theme of the convention was "Crusade for Souls Now." All district interests were presented by the district officers and department heads. Rev. Arthur F. Grobe, pastor of the Frankfort First Church, read a paper on "Hospital Visitation"—a very fine presentation.

The outstanding feature of the con-

vention was the addresses of General Superintendent Samuel Young. His messages were very practical, inspirational, and helpful. Dr. Young is always a challenge to better living and better service for the Master. I am sure everyone profited in a spiritual way by having this man of God as the speaker for two days.

The convention was thrilled by the special singing of Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Tink, pastor of the Rockford, Illinois, First Church; Rev. Murray

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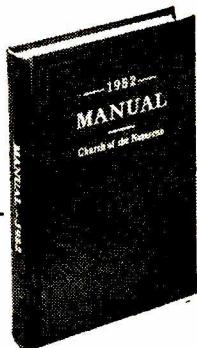
Rev. Charles D. Ide and a male quartet represented Olivet Nazarene College. Brother Ide challenged the pastors of the district to pay the Olivet budget in full.

Dr. Charles A. Gibson, superintendent of the Wisconsin District; Rev. Mark Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District; and Rev. Ted Martin, superintendent of the Canadian Central District, were guests of the convention. There were many pastors present from neighboring districts, also ministerial students from Olivet Nazarene College.

The convention was saddened by the death of Nelson Franklin, of Medford, Oregon, brother of the district superintendent. The convention expressed sympathy and love to Dr. Franklin by sending flowers. There was a wonderful spirit throughout the convention.

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REV. JAMES MCGRAW was elected by the Board of Trustees of the Nazarene Theological Seminary to become professor of practics in place of Dr. L. A. Reed, who went to his reward in the fall. Mr. McGraw comes with a wide experience in both the practical field in which he is teaching and in the spirit and history of the Church of the Nazarene. He was born into the family of one of the pioneer preachers of the Church of the Nazarene in the Southwest. He received his Liberal Arts degree from Bethany-Peniel College, his Master of Arts degree from Texas Christian University. He and his wife spent some time in evangelistic work. He pastored in Ballinger, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas, First Church twice; Norman, Oklahoma; and First Church, Sacramento, California. For three years he was assistant to the president of Northwest Nazarene College, helping in the administration of the college and in the public relations of the institution. Also, during this time he was head of the Department of Practics and Theology and taught in these fields.

Mr. and Mrs. McGraw, with their two sons, are living in Kansas City and are making a splendid contribution to the church work in this area.

LEWIS T. CORLETT, President

Department, Home Department, Caravan Work, Personal Evangelism, Church School Administration, and Vacation Bible School. Those serving as class teachers were: Rev. E. S. Phillips, Rev. Darrell Slack, Rev. J. P. Ingle, Rev. F. R. McConnell, Rev. Frank Kemendo, and Mrs. Paul Temple. Eighty-six Christian Service Training credits were given to persons attending all six classes of the school. Nearly double that number of people attended the four sessions offered the middle day of the workshop.

Dr. E. G. Benson was secured as special speaker. He gave a detailed explanation of our Sunday-school literature, both uniform and graded series. He also explained the use of the Achievement Guide now in use in our Sunday-school work. Some time was given to question-and-answer periods. Dr. Benson's messages of inspiration were of the highest caliber, and we feel that God has used him to help us get a better grasp of our Sunday-school task.

Rev. L. Wayne Sears, district church school chairman, directed the workshop in a very efficient way. Wendell Lillenas, from the Book Shoppe, handled the sale of all textbooks used and maintained a bookstand during the entire gathering. Rev. J. T. Gasset, district superintendent, served as consultant and helped the school to maintain a high level of efficiency. The sessions were held at Enid First Church with Rev. L. S. Oliver as host pastor.

ELMER H. STAHLY, Registrar

Midyear Convention Abilene District

The Abilene District Midyear Convention was held in Sweetwater, Texas, February 23 to 25, with General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner as the special speaker. Our district superintendent, Rev. Orville W. Jenkins, had the program well planned and organized. Papers were presented by various pastors on the subject, "Crusade for Souls Now"—by pastors and laymen in our visitation evangelism program and regular services, using our money and the organizations of the church to bring men to Christ.

Dr. Benner challenged us to become real crusaders and inspired us to become soul winners. He reminded us that our age is as wicked as any, and he asked, "Is it nothing to you to see so many people lost?"

A crusade has received its impetus and, under the leadership of our efficient district superintendent, Abilene District will make great strides for Christ.

The Sweetwater church with its pastor, Rev. Carl W. Bunch, entertained us well. We were privileged to have several visitors, and Rev. Curtis Smith represented Bethany-Peniel College. The general N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, was with us for one night.

J. OTTIS SAYES, Reporter

DEATHS

REV. HENRY ELSNER, one of the pioneer leaders of the holiness movement in the East, died on January 25, 1953, at Jamaica, New York City, New York. Brother Elsner was born in New York City on March 22, 1870, and spent his entire life in the city. He entered business in 1886; was converted in 1888; was sanctified under the preaching of Rev. John Norberry in a mission under the direction of Rev. William Hoople in 1894; married Miss Minnie Sworn in 1892, who went to be with the Lord in 1924; became the father of a son, Theodore, now pastor of the Nonsectarian Tabernacle in Philadelphia, in 1901; married Miss Ruth Clougher in 1927; and died in 1953. After his experience of sanctification, Brother Elsner joined the holiness mission of which Rev. Mr. Hoople was pastor. In 1895 the mission relocated on Utica Avenue in Brooklyn and was known as the Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle; in 1907 it affiliated with the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. From the time of his conversion until the time of his death Brother Elsner was active in evangelistic work. He organized and conducted the Gospel Brass Band; acted as the Sunday-school superintendent and the assistant pastor of the Utica Avenue Pentecostal Tabernacle under Brother Hoople; was ordained by Dr. P. F. Breesee in 1908; preached under the anointing of God in many churches and camp meetings; and was a faithful, devoted member of the Church of the Nazarene from the time of its birth. At the time of his death, Brother Elsner was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Richmond Hill, New York. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Clougher Elsner; his son, Rev. Theodore Elsner; his granddaughter, Mrs. Mildred Deinert; and a host of spiritual children who will someday rise to call him blessed.

REV. VERNON A. O'BRIEN of Christiansburg, Ohio, evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, was born on July 29, 1925, and died in a hospital in Columbus, Ohio, on December 27, 1952, of a brain hemorrhage. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Circleville, Ohio, and an elder on the Central Ohio District. He was ordained at the 1952 District Assembly. Brother O'Brien was an inspiration to everyone who knew him, and hundreds of souls were converted and sanctified under his ministry. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two daughters: Connie Lou, eight; and Brenda Kay, nineteen months. He had a full evangelistic slate with meetings slated well into 1955. The high esteem with which he was held by those who knew him was evidenced by about 850 friends and relatives who attended his funeral. The service was held in Springfield, Ohio, with Rev. D. E. Clay, pastor of the Columbus Parsons Avenue Church, a close friend of the deceased, in charge. Interment was made in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens in Springfield, Ohio.

REV. MRS. BERTHA MAGEE MILBY was born May 30, 1882, and died February 4, 1953, after many years of illness. She was a faithful member of West Side Church, Decatur, Illinois, at the time of death. She was saved at the age of twelve and sanctified one year later at a camp meeting held at the fairgrounds in Springfield, Illinois. She was licensed to preach in 1923 and was ordained September 1, 1929, in Chicago by Dr. J. W. Goodwin. Sister Milby lived a life of godly piety and true holiness. She loved the Church of the Nazarene and labored faithfully with her companion, Lucas G. Milby, in pastoring several churches in the denomination. They pioneered the work in Decatur at First Church, erecting the church building there, and in their ministry eight buildings were built at different pastorates. Funeral services were conducted at West Side Church by her pastor, Rev. Fred Reedy, assisted by her former pastor, Rev. G. H. Harmon, District Superintendent W. S. Purinton, Rev. W. B. Kelly, and Rev. Harold Graavat. Interment was in Macon County Memorial Park Cemetery. She is survived only by her husband, who resides in Decatur, Illinois.

MRS. ANNIE HOSLEY SHRADER, beloved wife of Dr. James Houston Shrader, went to be with Christ October 13, 1952, following a long illness. She was born in Spring Valley, New York, July 11, 1885, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Hosley. Her early girlhood was spent in Spring Valley. She moved with her parents in 1898 to Cliffondale, Massachusetts, and in 1902 to Washington, D.C. In 1911 she was united in marriage with Dr. J. H. Shrader. To this union three daughters were born. She and her family have lived successively in Washington, Baltimore, East Orange, N.J., and finally in Wollaston, Massachusetts. The last fifteen months of her life were spent with her daughter in Waterville, Vermont, and it was here that she passed away. She was a woman of exemplary Christian life and devotion, active in the work of the Kingdom as long as health permitted. She is survived by her husband, her aged mother, and her daughters: Mrs. Muriel Mann, Miss Margaret Shrader, and Mrs. Jean Mullen. Funeral services were conducted by

Dr. J. Glenn Gould, pastor of the Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, assisted by Rev. Lee Allison, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Waterville. Interment was in the Waterville cemetery.

DIANE CHRISTINE LEPPERT was born October 28, 1950, in Oak Park, Illinois, and died January 28, 1953, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the age of two years and three months. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Leppert; a sister, Marilyn; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Riddle of Chariton, Iowa; and Mr. Edward Leppert of Chicago, Illinois. Preceding her in death was Mrs. Theresa Leppert, a grandmother. Funeral services were conducted in the First Church of the Nazarene, Phoenix, with the Rev. Andrew Young officiating. A graveside service will be held in Chariton, Iowa, during the last week of May.

MRS. MATTIE MAY PROCTOR died February 9, 1953, at the hospital in McKinney, Texas. She was a charter member of the Mount Pisgah Church of the Nazarene, and a wonderful saint of God for many years. She was always active in the work of building the Kingdom. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, and two sons. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Thelma Steelman, assisted by Rev. Martin L. Pattan, and the Reverend Mr. Weir.

WARREN W. LINFOOT was born March 22, 1882, at Beatrice, Nebraska, and died February 1, 1953, at his home in Conneaut, Ohio. He was united in marriage with Phoebe Kremer in 1906. Converted in a Salvation Army corps, he served for many years in that branch of God's work. He united with the Church of the Nazarene at Ashtabula in 1922 and became a very devoted member, coming fifteen miles to services winter and summer. He is survived by his wife, Phoebe, and two daughters: Rozelia at home, and Mrs. Jon Owens of Conneaut. Funeral services were held in the Free Methodist church of Conneaut, with his pastor, Rev. Frank C. Lehman, bringing the message, assisted by Rev. O. O. Ireland and the Reverend Mr. Tovey.

ALMOND J. CRAWFORD was born March 4, 1873, in Ontario, Canada, and died January 28, 1953, at Olympia, Washington. He was united in marriage to Darrell A. Hardy on July 25, 1900. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. E. E. Martin and was sanctified later. Brother Crawford lived a consistent Christian life and was an inspiration to his every pastor. He was a member of Olympia, Washington, Church of the Nazarene at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and seven children. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Merritt M. Mockler, with interment in the family burial ground.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Danielson of Kent, Ohio, a daughter, Robin Lee, on March 12.

—to Mr. and Mrs. James Oler of Long Beach, California, a daughter, Barbara Jo, on March 6.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Eldred E. Dustin of Grand Island, Nebraska, a son, Kenneth Wayne, on March 5.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stouffer of Cleveland, Ohio, a son, Gary Dean, on March 5.

—to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris McKinney of Phoenix, Arizona, a daughter, Della Gay, on February 11.

—to Mr. and Mrs. William Bell of Melrose, Massachusetts, a daughter, Alice Louise, on February 10.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Olson of New York, a son, Robert Clinton, on January 26.

—to Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Smith of St. Joseph, Missouri, a daughter, Janet Arlene, on December 25, 1952.

RECOMMENDATION—I am happy to recommend Rev. Paul Pumpelly, Box 252, Jennings, Louisiana, as evangelist. He dug out our church at Jennings, and has served as pastor since it was organized; but he feels definitely led to enter the evangelistic work. He is a sweet, spiritual brother, carries a burden for souls, and is an excellent preacher and wonderful soul winner. He served with the U.S. Marines, and has some wonderful experiences to tell of God's power to see a man through.—Elbert Dodd, Superintendent of Louisiana District.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in West Virginia, as her health isn't good—she believes in divine healing;

by a Nazarene lady in California for her brother, who has had a serious heart attack, that he may get back to God—that a brother in Minnesota, one in Oklahoma, and a nephew in California, with their families, may yield fully to the Lord—she does believe God is able;



"I wish to thank you for sending me the periodicals. I have enjoyed reading them, and as I read the HERALD God sends down His blessings and at times it is so hard to contain them inside. I never took much interest in the HERALD until I entered the service, and now I don't know what I would do without it. The messages are enriching and uplifting to the downhearted and homesick person.

"I am so glad that I was raised in the Church of the Nazarene. I am now a member at Trinity, Billings, Montana. I see all these other girls who aren't as lucky as I, and my heart goes out to them. I have Christian parents who prayed for me while a sinner and so many are here without praying parents or any prayers behind them.

"I am especially thankful for the Grace Church of the Nazarene in Champaign, Illinois. I went down there to visit, a complete stranger, but they opened up their arms of welcome to me and made me feel right at home. I know God is going to bless the church for all they are doing for the service men and women. I am thankful for our church in Waukegan, Illinois. Brother L. C. Brown is the pastor. If it weren't for these two churches that I attend, I probably wouldn't be a Christian today.

"I am so glad that God is still on the throne and that He never forsaketh His own children. I am glad He can send that deep settled peace to my heart when I feel homesick and blue evenings as I sit in my barracks.

"Please pray for the service women as well as the men. One never knows what is on the inside until you get on the inside. Girls are so depressed and sick that they will do anything to regain their freedom and disobey rules and regulations to the extreme.

"I want to let my light shine for my Saviour.

"May God richly bless you as you keep sending out the periodicals to the service men and women. It truly helps a Christian along the way to read Christian literature in spare time."

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SAN ANTONIO—Assembly, May 6 and 7, at the San Pedro Playhouse Auditorium, San Pedro Park, San Antonio, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Tucker, 1737 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio (send all mail to the district superintendent). Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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CANADA CENTRAL—Assembly, May 13 and 14, at Toronto St. Clair Church of the Nazarene, 1277 St. Clair Avenue, West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Wm. Eckel, 161 Westmont Avenue, Toronto. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

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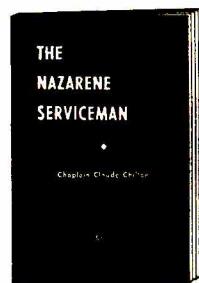
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