

November 11, 1953

## Thanksgiving Day—1863

By the President of the United States of America—

### A Proclamation

IT HAS pleased Almighty God to hearken to the supplications and prayers of an afflicted people and to vouchsafe to the Army and the Navy of the United States victories on land and on the sea so signal and so effective as to furnish reasonable grounds for augmented confidence that the Union of these States will be maintained, their Constitution preserved, and their peace and prosperity permanently restored. But these victories have been accorded not without sacrifices of life, limb, health, and liberty, incurred by brave, loyal, and patriotic citizens. Domestic affliction in every part of the country follows in the train of these fearful bereavements. It is meet and right to recognize and confess the presence of the Almighty Father and the power of His hand equally in these triumphs and in these sorrows:

Now, therefore, be it known that I do set apart Thursday, the 6th day of August next, to be observed as a day for national thanksgiving, praise, and prayer, and I invite the people of the United States to assemble on that occasion in their customary places of worship and in the forms approved by their own consciences render the homage due to the Divine Majesty for the wonderful

things He has done in the nation's behalf and invoke the influence of His Holy Spirit to subdue the anger which has produced and so long sustained a needless and cruel rebellion, to change the hearts of the insurgents, to guide the counsels of the Government with wisdom adequate to so great a national emergency, and to visit with tender care and consolation throughout the length and breadth of our land all those who, through the vicissitudes of marches, voyages, battles, and sieges, have been brought to suffer in mind, body, or estate, and finally to lead the whole nation through the paths of repentance and submission to the divine will back to the perfect enjoyment of union and fraternal peace.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 15th day of July A.D. 1863, and of the Independence of the United States of America the eighty-eighth.

(Seal) ABRAHAM LINCOLN

*By the president:*

WILLIAM H. SEWARD,  
*Secretary of State.*

*(Lincoln began the practice of issuing an annual proclamation calling upon the nation to give thanks to almighty God.)*

## TELEGRAM

Conway, Arkansas—Wonderful district Sunday-school convention for the North Arkansas District at Conway, October 22 and 23, with Miss Mary E. Latham, special worker. We can never be as before after her dynamic, soul-stirring, convincing messages.—**Boyd C. Hancock, Chairman**, District Church Schools.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**THANKS:** We wish to thank our many friends for their beautiful messages in telegrams and letters in our recent bereavement of husband and father (Rev. B. F. Nowlin).—**Mrs. B. F. Nowlin and family.**

Pastor D. F. Hail sends word from Lancaster, Kentucky: "Great revival now in progress; 28 seekers first five days; all-time high Sunday-school record on October 25 of 334. Evangelist Ellis Lewis God's man of the hour, and Sammie and Rhea Childress, singers and musicians. God is blessing in an old-fashioned way."

Rev. George Scutt has resigned as pastor at Martinsville to accept the call to pastor First Church in New Castle, Indiana.

Rev. Roy E. Carnahan has resigned as pastor of the church in Potsdam to accept the pastorate of a new home-mission charge in Rochester, New York. This is Rochester's third church and is to be known as Rochester East Side Church of the Nazarene. The opening service was on September 13.

Rev. Robert G. Jones, after seven years as pastor of the West Side Church in Indianapolis, Indiana, has resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Sioux City, Iowa

R. W. Babcock sends word from Wichita, Kansas: "First Church engaged in great revival with Evangelist Sammy Sparks, and Weatherford Quartet; Sunday, October 25, 170 seekers came to altar. Pastor G. A. Gough and people receiving fullest blessings of God."

Pastor Asa H. Sparks sends word from First Church, Richmond, Kentucky; "Automatic electronic machine chimes with power equal to a five-ton bell and which can be heard for a distance of five miles have been installed in our church building now; also the church choir and pastor have begun a broadcast over Richmond's new radio station WEKY, at 8:00 a.m.

## I THANK THEE

By Margaret S. Connolly

*I thank Thee, Lord, another year  
For dear, kind parents in my home,  
For daily sunrise on the hills,  
For Your kind voice in time of need—  
I thank Thee, Lord!*

*For bursting bins well filled again  
And grace to say my daily prayers;  
For peace in all reality;  
For Thine untiring, precious care—  
I thank Thee, Lord!*

each Sunday. The past two Sunday morning services have been times of great victory; no preaching in either service. Last Sunday (Oct. 18) before the congregation could be called to prayer or the offering taken, the altar filled, with all praying through immediately; then it filled again and these found victory too. Now in the beginning of a revival with Dr. Howard Jerrett, evangelist, and Charles and Virginia Terrill, song evangelists."

## SUNSETS Can Be Beautiful

By L. Guy Nees\*

THROUGH the courtesy of a generous friend and the facilities of Trans Canada Air Lines I was aboard a huge plane as it approached a Canadian city. For several minutes we sailed through the air nosing into a most beautiful sunset. It was so gorgeous that the passengers soon ceased their chatter, eyes were lifted from magazines and books, and all were straining to get a good look at this evening grandeur.

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It was really a thrilling spectacle. In fact, it was so unusual that the captain of the plane remarked as we landed, "This is one of those sunsets that you see only once in a while." Just as the color of that beautiful sunset began to fade and the night shades were falling, the lights of our city appeared in the distance. To me it was all symbolic.

I remember the first day I ever saw him. I went to the home to talk to the family about church attendance. He was silent throughout the entire visit. I was a little embarrassed, but I found out later that he was not being rude or unkind—he was always very quiet and reserved. His wife and daughter were saved but not members of the church. He himself had never been a Christian. It was several weeks before I saw him in church. The third Sunday night he attended he came to the altar and was gloriously saved. Sometime later at a Saturday night men's prayer meeting he was sanctified. He never turned back. He entered the church life with such enthusiasm and faithfulness that he was elected to the church board at the next annual meeting and continued to serve for three years.

Then one day he came home from work sick. For quite a while the doctors were perplexed about his case, but then they gave the diagnosis. He had —; there was no cure.

During the last six months of his life, though much of the time in severe pain, he continued to radiate Christian grace and sunshine. Instead of becoming bitter or resentful he was calm and trustful. Just today I received a letter from his wife, who told me, "— never lost faith in the goodness of God. It was beautiful to see." During his last days he took up oil painting, though he had never touched a canvas with a brush before. He copied the beautiful scenes on Christmas cards and did exceedingly well.

On the last night of his life he said to the lady who sat by his bedside, "This is what God wants and it is all right with me." His last words were, "God certainly knew what He was doing when He saved me three years ago." Then he slipped away to be with Jesus.

Yes, with Christ, life's sunset can be beautiful, and just beyond are the lights of the Eternal City.

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*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Matt. 7:21).*

# Let Us Give Thankfully

By Hugh C. Benner\*



**A**s our annual Thanksgiving offering for world-wide evangelism approaches, my mind turns to our Mexican Nazarenes. Few of our people realize that Mexico represents one of our larger fields of foreign service, not only in area, but in results, for on our fine Mexican districts we have 10,000 Nazarenes.

In countries such as the United States, where there is such complete freedom of religious activity, it is difficult to realize the limitations under which our brethren labor in other countries. For example, in the Republic of Mexico, religious services may be conducted legally only in places of worship properly registered with the government for that purpose. Thus, it is impossible to start churches, as we often do, with services in homes, store buildings, or other temporary quarters.

For this reason, it is imperative that we assist our Mexican brethren substantially in securing church buildings. Otherwise, no new churches can be established, for certain opposition groups are constantly watching for an opportunity to accuse our Nazarenes of violating the law. In some sections, the holding of a home prayer meeting has subjected our people to extreme and violent attacks.

In spite of opposition and persecution, our Mexican workers are loyal, courageous, and aggressive in preaching the gospel. In a recent report from Rev. David Sol, superintendent of the Southeast Mexican District, he told of twenty-eight people being saved in one service. Evangelistic activity and progress are reported as well by Rev. Enrique Rosales, superintendent of the Central Mexican District, and Rev. Carlos Stopani, superintendent of the North Mexican District. These, with Rev. Ira True, superintendent of the Southwest Mexican District, and Rev. Everett Howard, superintendent of the Texas-Mexican District, are giving splendid leadership to the Mexican Church of the Nazarene.

In this Thanksgiving Offering, let us remember this particular need. Scores of churches can be established in Mexico if more money is available to assist in constructing church buildings. Pray for our fine Mexican Nazarenes, and give generously that our work in this great harvest field may prosper.

\*General Superintendent

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*What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Matt. 16: 26.)*



## We Thank Thee, Lord!

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

**R**EV. Paul W. Rood was talking one day in Norway with the king. In the course of the conversation he said to him, "We have so much to be thankful for when we look around and see how mercifully God has spared this country, in spite of all that the people have gone through."

"Yes," said the king, "but we forget so soon."

"These words," said Rev. Rood, "have been ringing in my ears ever since. How true it is! We forget so soon."

Sometimes I almost wish we did not have one national holiday we call Thanksgiving, yet we all recognize its merit and meaning. But how much better it would be if everyone could catch the perennial spirit of thanksgiving until our tongues as well as our hearts, day by day, could be filled with praise to almighty God! Truly, "We forget so soon."

Often we lack appreciation for the things we possess and enjoy. A farmer decided to sell his farm. An agent wrote an advertisement and described the house, all the conveniences, the barn, the rich soil, the wonderful cows, and the trees. The farmer said, "Read it again." After the agent had read it the second time the farmer said, "I don't want to sell. I didn't realize I had such a wonderful farm." But is not that true of life? We do not fully realize what we have, and we forget to be thankful.

Most of us are much better off than were people fifty years ago. Some people lived in sod houses in those days and drove a team of oxen. They did not have the conveniences and modern appliances and cars and comforts so familiar to us. We have privileges, blessings, and extras of which they never dreamed. I heard of a man who had a complaining spirit. Said he, "I had no shoes, and I complained until I saw a man who had no feet."

If we could see other lands today and behold their poverty and destitution and hear their agonizing cries for help, food, and deliverance from the iron curtain, we of the Anglo-Saxon world would never cease to praise God for His benefits, His goodness, and His love. In spite of some curtailments, we still have the freedoms of

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our democracies, open churches and Bibles, spiritual as well as vast material blessings. Let us say, "We thank Thee, Lord!"

A man failed in business and came home discouraged and greatly disheartened. He sat down and buried his face in his hands. His loving wife saw his distress and came quickly to his side and said, "What's the matter, dear?"

"I have lost everything, everything," he replied.

She affectionately put her arms around him and said, "You haven't lost everything. You still have me."

Then his little girl came in, put her arms around sweet Daddy's neck, and said, "You haven't lost everything. You still have me, Daddy."

Whatever you may have lost this year, dear reader, you haven't lost everything! You still have Jesus. How wonderful it is to have Him and to know Him!

If you will take a little time out today and count your blessings, one by one, you will be surprised to find out what God hath done.

## THANKSGIVING

### In the Midst of Adversity

By A. S. London\*

THE Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth Rock after five months' passage, weak and weary from the voyage, poorly armed, scantily provisioned, without shelter, without means, and surrounded by hostile Indians.

One is touched as he reads the story of the long, cold, autumnal passage, of one hundred people besides the ship's crew, deserted before long by the ship that had brought them—prey to the elements and to want, fearfully ignorant of the number and power of the savage tribes that filled the unexplored continent upon whose territory they had ventured.

*But they gave thanks in the midst of adversity!* Adversity is part of the universe; it is basic. It is said that when golf balls were first made they were smooth; then it was discovered that after a ball got a few nicks it would go a greater distance. The nicks seemed to counteract the resisting forces of the air.

Adversity makes people. "Let us thank God for adversity, for it gives us the opportunity to prove that we are men." A sacred writer says: "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax" (Ps. 22:14). People today are tired, weary, disheartened, without heart. They are fighting battles, financial and domestic problems; thousands are at the breaking point.

We can give thanks under present-day conditions because of a passage found in the Psalms:

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"My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever. . . . it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God, . . ." (73: 26-28).



"I'll always be thankful to God!" These were the words of a soldier to me, recently returned from Korea, having survived the bloody massacre of Heartbreak Ridge. Humbly he said, "God brought me through; I'll always be thankful to Him."

Life without Christ is a continual Heartbreak Ridge! How thankful we ought to be for deliverance through Christ!

November 22 is a special day of thanksgiving. I believe Nazarenes are thankful to God for His many blessings. It could be the greatest Thanksgiving ever. God help it to be so!

—C. E. SHUMAKE  
Superintendent of Alabama District

## "They Shall Prosper . . ."

(Psalms 122:6)

By Nona Keen Duffy

*Let us join in a joyous Thanksgiving,  
Let us sing a glad paean of praise  
To the Father, whose Spirit ennobles our hearts  
And whose kindness fills all of our days.*

*Let us sing a new song to Jehovah,  
"For he hath done marvellous things."  
He abides in our midst with protection  
And hears every sparrow that sings.*

*Our God is a bounteous Giver  
Who satisfies all of our needs,  
He gives to us freely and wisely  
And prospers the children He leads.*

*Let us join in a joyous Thanksgiving;  
Let us thank the good Giver above;  
Let us praise Him and thank Him for bounty  
And for His unlimited love!*

# A True Thanksgiving

By V. W. Littrell\*

IT IS not given to many men to add an abundance of words to the vocabulary of religious emotions. But so far as an examination of the Old Testament avails, it seems that David, the poet-psalmist, made use of the words praise, thanks, and thanksgiving more than any of the other Old Testament worthies.

Although gratitude and gladness form the theme of many of the psalms, which we call the Psalter, yet Psalms 100 stands out above others in this respect as a Mount Everest stands out above the surrounding hills. It is entitled a "Psalm of Praise," for it is here that David exultantly shouts, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

Gratitude is the affectionate response of the heart to kindness in any form. Its rarity is a sad comment on human nature. The world's ingratitude is frequently exhibited when material blessings are bestowed; but it is still more general with respect to intellectual and spiritual benefits. Certainly such was not the case or the feelings of David, nor was it the feelings of Nehemiah, the governor of Judah, who must have given some scriptural precedent to Governor Bradford of the New England colonists for the setting apart of a national Thanksgiving Day. It was Nehemiah who said unto the returned captives of Babylon, "Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

History tells us that it was in the year 1621, following the severe winter in which about one-half of the Pilgrims died, that the undaunted remainder of the group decided upon a day of recreation and thanksgiving to God for His many mercies. They had planted their crops and watched them with anxiety, for well they knew that their very lives depended upon the fruitfulness of the fields. In the autumn they reaped a modest harvest. With the fields harvested,

Governor Bradford sent out four hunters, who in one day secured enough wild game to furnish the whole colony with meat for a week. Gathering around a bountiful table, they praised God for His many blessings. Gradually the custom grew of appointing an annual feast day after the ingathering of the harvest. During the Revolution, a day of national thanksgiving was annually recommended by Congress. Washington recommended such a day after the adoption of the Constitution. Today it is considered one of our national institutions or holidays.

We in this country have great cause for thankfulness. We should not forget that we have been and still continue to be the rich recipients of divine favor. It will be a sad day for us when in our prosperity we forget the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and say to ourselves, "Our hand hath saved us." It is God, a bountiful God, who supplies our needs. If we are hungry, He feeds us; if in need of clothes, He clothes us. He walks by our side in the hour of distress, and lifts up our faces to the beauty of the divine light. For this, let us with the Psalmist render unto Him praise.

We need to render thanks unto God for spiritual prosperity. This assumes multitudes of forms and reaches us through divers channels. We render thanks unto God for His mercy undying. The mercy of the Lord endureth forever. It has been mercy all along our pilgrim journey. Mercy wept over us when we sinned and went into forbidden paths. Mercy rejoiced when we returned unto the Lord with broken and contrite hearts. Mercy forgave us, cleansed us, and fully restored unto us the joy of salvation. For this we give Him thanks. Mercy died for us on the cross. Mercy entered the grave and robbed it of its terrors.

Mercy arose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. Mercy sitteth at the right hand of God to make intercession for us. For this, we give Him thanks.

Let there be reciprocal relations between God and ourselves. As He never has forgotten us, let us remember Him and seek to be intensely interested in those things which belong unto our peace. Then we will say with the Psalmist:

I will remember the years of the right hand of the most High. . . . I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings (77:10-12).

*Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.*

*Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.*

*Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.*

*Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.*

*Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.*

*Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.*

*-Psalm 150*

\*Superintendent of Virginia District

# A Music Memo of Praise and Thanksgiving

By Ovella Satre Shafer

## Bishop Ken's Metrical Ascription of Praise

### THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**T**HOMAS KEN, a bishop of the Church of England, was born in Berkshire, England, in 1657. After his ordination he became a chaplain to the Princess of Orange and later to Charles the Second. The Doxology, as we know it now, was originally published as a four-line stanza at the end of three lengthy poems in 1674—"Morning Hymns," "Evening Hymns," and "Midnight Hymns." Bishop Ken was not only a composer but also a sweet singer. When he served as chaplain to Charles the Second, he courageously rebuked the king for sinful conduct, and thus was forced to spend a lengthy period in prison. But this saintly sufferer when called upon to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," even in jail, accompanied his ever cheerful voice with his lute; and as the music penetrated beyond prison walls, his oft-repeated four-line hymn of praise sang its way into the hearts of his hearers.

The tune, "Old Hundred," most commonly used with the Doxology of Praise, dates back to the Genevan Psalter in 1551 and its version of the one hundredth psalm.

Bishop Ken's Doxology is adaptable in expressing the gratitude of living saints, not only during the Thanksgiving season, but whenever man is

wont to display worship and adoration. It also gives hope and comfort to dying pilgrims as they go sweeping through the gates into the golden city of God.

So greatly was Bishop Ken in love with his own lyric that he believed that when he reached heaven he would be permitted to hear the singing of his song by the saints on earth, and expressed his thoughts thus:

*And should the well-meant song I leave behind  
With Jesus' lovers some acceptance find,  
'Twill heighten e'en the joys of heaven to know  
That, in my verse, saints sing God's praise below.*

Surely Bishop Ken's desire and joy must have been fulfilled long ago, for no other stanza ever written is sung so often and widely among Christians of all nations, denominations, and colors as his grand Doxology.

One of the most interesting incidents related to this sublime stanza is that in Billy Dawson's great revival meeting it was repeated thirty-five times in a single evening, being sung after every new conversion—truly something to praise God for.

During this Thanksgiving season, it might be well to open and close our services with the Doxology and review in our minds this hymn of praise, for we can never thank our God enough for the blessings His salvation brings to us and for the privilege we have of being a blessed people in a blessed and free nation.

## THANKSGIVING (Psalms 65)

By A. M. Quick

*Praise waits for Thee in Zion, Lord,  
And here, to Thee alone,  
We bring our sacrifice of praise  
To lay before Thy throne.*

*To east and west and north and south,  
Thy goodness spreads abroad;  
The mountains rise and seas grow calm  
At Thy command, O God.*

*The mornings and the evenings sing  
And growing things give voice,*

*Because Thou visitest the earth  
And all the fields rejoice.*

*Thy harvest is a golden crown  
That diadems the year;  
Thy goodness like a mantle spreads  
O'er lands both far and near.*

*Let all the nations praise Thy name  
And ceaseless tribute bring,  
While pastures rich and fertile fields  
All shout for joy and sing.*

# Thanksgiving for Deprivation

## (Ephesians 4:4-13)

By Raymond C. Kratzer\*

SOMEONE was asked the question, "What are you thankful for?" After a moment's reflection, she replied: "I'm thankful for the things I can do without and still be happy." Different? Yes, but what a refreshing philosophy!

At this season of the year so many people will pause gratefully to thank God for the abundance of the things which they possess. Their gratitude will be sincere, but with the song of thanksgiving there will be also the sigh of longing for those many things that have been denied their grasping hands.

The simple life which tends toward peace and selfless security has been displaced by a complex type of life that knows no boundaries to the wants of man. The value of deprivation is a lost entity to the average person. The scriptural injunction which says, "And having food and raiment let us be therewith content," has been largely overlooked, to the impoverishment of many.

There can be true and abiding joy and actual soul enrichment as a consequence of deprivation. For instance, the other day I visited an invalid lady, still young in years and yet hopelessly crippled with arthritis. Her twisted form lay helpless on the bed without even the ability to feed herself left by the heartless disease. She had graduated from nursing school with the coveted R.N., had a liberal music education, and life glowed with possibilities. Now, fifteen years have gone by and one would imagine that she might be embittered with her lot. But, lo, as I stepped to her bedside she began to testify how precious Jesus was to her and how He helped her in all of her difficulties. She was thankful! Thankful for what? For having learned to be happy when deprived of the normal health of life.

The Apostle Paul had also learned to be thankful for deprivation. He said, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." He discovered that true contentment was a state of the soul which was independent of outward conditions. Not that pleasant surroundings and material aids are not helpful in easing the burdens of life, but these things do not control the sanctified spirit; rather they supplement it.

A young mother of several children testified recently concerning the frailty of her small daughter. Almost since birth she had suffered from ill health. But with eyes glowing and a face radiant with the grace of God, this mother told how this

chronic illness in their home had been a blessing in disguise. She said that through it God had taught her patience, understanding, tolerance for others, and had deepened the wells of sympathy in her heart to make it more like that of her Master's. Yes, she was deprived of a healthy daughter, but thankful that through this deprivation God had mellowed her life and sweetened her spirit.



It would be an enriching experience at this Thanksgiving season for one to see what he might do without for the coming year in order to give more liberally to the cause of world-wide missions. One's spirit would be enlarged in direct proportion to the sacrifices made, provided that one's attitude toward the self-denial would be positive and buoyant. David of old said concerning his offerings to the Lord that he would not offer "unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing." He sounded in this declaration a secret note of victory through sacrificial giving.

The little child, in trying to quote the twenty-third psalm, said: "The Lord is my Shepherd, He is all I want." Certainly that was well said and pictures correctly an all-sufficient Saviour. What does it matter if I do not have health, or wealth, or worldly acclaim? Why should I care if life's pathway is rough and steep? If others seem to be loaded with the material substance of this world and I am poverty-stricken, I need not care if only I have Jesus, for I can do all things through Him.

"Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" If one's body plods, his soul may soar, and he may live a life of victory in spite of any circumstance. The individual who learns the secret of happiness when forced to do without has discovered a new level of gratitude which will lift all of life into the place of a sacrament.

Regardless of my plight I resolve to be thankful. Thankful for joy or pain; thankful for loss or gain; thankful for debasement or exaltation; *thankful for deprivation!*

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*Where is thy dependence?* When we depend on organization, we get what organization can do. When we depend on education, we get what education can do. When we depend on man, we get what man can do. When we depend on prayer, we get what God can do.

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# WORSHIP THROUGH +++ GIVING

To those who are not called to be missionaries, the next best way to spread the gospel is through giving. The Bible tells how the Philippian church sent money to Paul to help carry on the work. Thus, they were vitally interested in the missionary work of the Early Church.

The backbone of the missionary work of the Church of the Nazarene is the General Budget, and those who give through this channel have a right to feel that they are a vital part of the missionary program. When Paul wrote to the Early Church, he was thankful for the support he had received, but he was most thankful for the good that came to the givers. They had worshiped through giving.

—JOHN STOCKTON  
*General Treasurer*

## "Abstain from All Appearance of Evil"

(I Thess. 5:22)

By Clyde W. Rather\*

**I**N THE whole library of divine truth, to my mind this is the greatest scripture, for upon this fact hinges the destiny of man. To obey this injunction is to have constant and vital communion with God and to come off more than conqueror in every conflict. But to disobey this fact is to be driven by satanic forces deeper and deeper into the frightful fog banks of gloom and defeat.

Had Samson obeyed this command, he never would have gotten away from the Nazarite vow,

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fallen in love with Delilah, lost his hair, his eyes, and been made to pull the mill tongue like an ox. Look again at Samson, the mightiest preacher God ever sent out against the cohorts of hell. What a grand exhibition of strength as he takes the jawbone of an ass, cleans up a thousand devils, and puts to flight the armies of Satan! What a preacher! What a soul saver and power for good! How the Spirit of God at times did come upon him! He was the army, the infantry, cavalry, the captain, the major, and the general; and when this mighty giant of God went on the warpath, his enemies trembled. But alas! How sad! I can hear the sobs and sighs from the galleries of heaven as the angels with downcast eyes whisper, "Samson, the mighty, has fallen."

Had David obeyed this injunction, he would have closed his eyes at the first sight of temptation and taken himself to the pavilion of safety and place of prayer. But instead, he lingered and was drawn like a magnet by temptation's power until the fatal crash—then multiplied defeats: that awful murder; the disgracing of his own daughter; the killing of his own son by a brother; the dying of the illegitimate child; until the climax was reached when the faithful prophet of God stood looking into the depths of his soul and exclaimed, David, "Thou art the man."

Why did these men of the Bible go down in defeat? How did it all happen anyway? First, because they did not abstain from all sights of evil. Second, they did not walk in the light God had given. Third, they did not fortify their weak points. Fourth, they went on in the strength of past successes. Fifth, they failed to live wholly in the will of God. Sixth, they got out of divine order.

If we would "abstain from all appearance of evil," what experiences we would enjoy! What beautiful, perfect love would leap through our hearts! What ringing bells would toll the joy of the Lord in the belfry of our souls! The song-birds would flit through the woodlands of our being, chirping the songs of praise and gladness.

## FOR THESE GIVE THANKS:

By Ovelia S. Shafer



Sing unto the Lord..  
He hath done marvellous things

Ps. 98:4

For churches—welcome with the warmth of God;  
For starlit skies—and green, unbroken sod;  
For golden harvests safely gathered in;  
For nightly rest that follows daytime din;  
For these give thanks!

For love of friends whose fellowship we share;  
For food, for clothing, for God's tending care;  
For comfort gained alone from prayer release;  
For hearts made joyful by the Prince of Peace;  
For these give thanks!

For beauty of the flow'rs and sunset hues;  
For altars—and for pathways we may choose;  
For music when glad hearts are wont to sing;  
For truth of His soon coming—our Saviour and our  
King;  
For these give thanks!

Our hearts would always be laden with the sweet fragrance from God's promises.

When an ugly temptation comes, keep it on the run. Do not open the door and invite it in; do not take its hat and coat; do not give it a chair; do not offer it a bed; it is a rebel and you must conquer it and put it out.

Entire sanctification not only qualifies one for service, but also places that beautiful grace of perfect love in the heart. It eradicates the "old man," destroys the works of the devil, and places one in the beautiful relationship to God that none but the pure in heart enjoy, and then he has peace with all men.

## The Dean's Diary

By E. B. Shannon\*

**Monday:** It is really wonderful how close God becomes in our chapel services. This morning we were just having a regular devotional service. There was a congregational hymn, a prayer, and as Mrs. L—— read the compilation of scripture on "Fear Not, Be Not Afraid," you could feel the Spirit of God settle down upon us. Oh, the Shekinah of His glory was so real! Then Professor ——— began to sing, "Fear thou not . . .," for Christ is our Pilot. As he sang, conviction became so real a thing that students began leaving their seats and making their way to an altar of prayer. We closed that chapel service with hundreds of students and faculty members kneeling around the altar helping the seekers and telling God how much we love Him.

I am sure that there are very few places on this earth outside of the holiness colleges that a scene such as I have described above could be found. It has been twenty-five years since I first registered in a Nazarene college, but I'm glad that the same God whom we worshiped in chapel back in 1928 is still the God of our Nazarene young people today. No, I don't have any fears for the future of the Church of the Nazarene as long as we have colleges where the youth can get established, get in the habit of carrying a burden for the lost, and of praying until "the glory falls."

I couldn't refrain from comparing this scene with one which I viewed a few weeks ago at a large state university. I sat in the audience and heard one of the staff members address the conference with these words: "There are some people in the world who think that they can go to a higher power outside themselves for help with their problems. I can tell you it can't be done." Thank God, I know it can be done, and the students whom God so graciously blessed this morning also know that it can be done; for they, and I, have trusted and tested God's promises and we know they are true.

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## "No Importa!"

By Jean L. Phillips\*

GENTLE, brown-skinned Conchita stood in the midst of what might well have seemed a major tragedy to her Anglo (English-speaking) neighbor. A terrific downpour of early spring rain had threatened to melt the whole of her neat, sun-dried adobe brick house. Her neighbor wanted to sympathize with Conchita.

"It is such a shame that the rain came in such torrents and just caved that roof into your living room like that," she said.

"*No importa!*" Conchita insisted, actually smiling between her very white teeth. "The men will get new poles from the arroyo, and brush and adobe mud, and in a day it will be better than before."

"But your lovely walls you had just whitewashed so nicely—."

"*No importa!* A few hours, a few sweeps of the good brush, and all the walls will be white again, whiter than before."

"But your nice new white curtains—will they really wash out white again from all this stain?"

"*No importa!* The kettle over the open fire in the patio and the good soap from the *tiendacita* on the side street, the good bright sun on them, and they will sparkle like the stars again."

"But the remnants of the roof have fallen into your border of gay geraniums and kitchen herbs—."

"*No importa!* I lift them out the wreckage and stake the plants up a few days, then it look as if we had no rainstorm."

Her Anglo neighbor gave up. The sweet Holy Spirit in the heart of Conchita was not a bit different from that same Spirit in the Anglos who came to the big church on the better street. But how often we need Conchita's outlook as to what is *importa* and what is *no importa*!

"Mrs. Christian, your house is not so elaborate and so up-to-date as that of Mrs. Non-Christian on Fashionable Street!"

"*No importa!* My house is adequate for our needs and my Saviour has been two thousand years now building for me a special mansion in Glory! What it will be like and how beautiful it will be I have little idea, but that is all that is really important to me."

"But, Mrs. Christian, you are wearing your winter coat a second winter and Mrs. Non-Christian has a new one of the finest fur!"

"*No importa!* The white robe of His righteousness which He has given me is so dear to my heart I only ask that my material coat be adequate, comfortable, and nice enough not to bring reproach upon my Father's providence."

"But, Mrs. Christian, you are driving an auto model that is three years old and Mrs. Non-

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Christian has the very latest off the assembly line!"

"No importa! Our auto runs perfectly and has been well cared for. We do not need to be embarrassed about it at all. If the Lord delays, He will see that we are able to have a new one when we need it; and if He comes before that time, we shall have a trip through the air to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb without any auto, new or old."

"But, Mrs. Christian, your bank account and assortment of stocks and bonds is far below that of Mrs. Non-Christian, and you gave most of your vacation trip savings fund to that missionary last Sunday night."

"No importa! John's sister wants us to have our vacation with them on their farm, where the children can ride horses and work in the garden and pick fruit and vegetables and gather eggs and see the dairy section in operation. Our vacation will cost us little more than two weeks at home. We shall have treasures on the mission field and treasures in heaven."

After all, what is important and what is not? Blessed Lord, help us to revise a lot of our values in the light of our eternal hopes and with the mind of Christ, lest the enemy trick us into losing the heavenly treasures, if not our own souls along with them.

## A Dying Grain of Wheat

(John 12:24)

By Eric W. Johnson\*

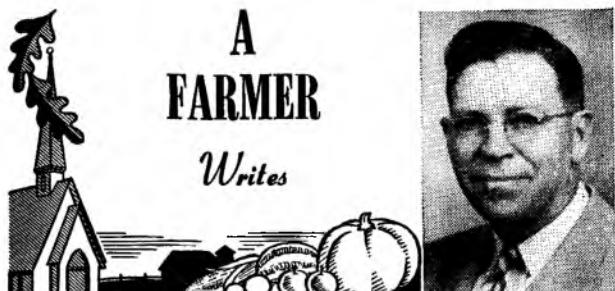
**L**AZARUS' resurrection had brought to Christ and His kingdom tremendous publicity, both comforting and threatening, all depending upon their attitude to the Son of God. Even the Pharisees, regardless of how reluctant, were forced to admit, "Behold, the whole world is gone after him" (John 12:19).

Their knowledge of the kingdoms of this world was confined to mainly two—their own and that of the Gentiles. The latter was subdivided into the Grecian and the Roman. The growing influence of Christ's miracles had become a topic of international magnitude because we notice that during the Passover feast a company of Greeks came to Philip, the disciple, (probably because his name has a Greek form, and may imply some relationship) and said, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Philip consulted Andrew, and together they presented this request to the Master. Christ's reply is both significant and far-reaching: "The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit" (John 12: 23-24).

There is nothing in the record to indicate how the Greeks received this temporary, though kindly, rebuff, but shortly afterward, as they beheld the crucified Christ on "the accursed tree," the full significance dawned with its warm glow in their hearts. What Christ meant was clearly this: If the Greeks had seen Him then, they would not have seen the real Christ at all; they would have seen "the man Christ Jesus" but not the "Saviour of men."

There are many impressive points from which to view the much-famed Niagara Falls. You may behold the rainbow-draped cataract from Goat Island; you may hear its thunderous rumble from its iron-protected riverside; you may see the racing current sweep out from under Suicide Bridge and roar with dictatorial defiance, baring its mighty muscles of white, as it gallops onward to the sea. But for the clearest, unobstructed panorama of the falls, cross the International Bridge over to the Canadian side, for there is the most perfect revelation of the falls.

You may look at Christ from the viewpoint of Teacher, or Physician, or Counselor; but for the most perfect view, look at Christ from Mount Calvary. The apocalyptic seer on the Isle of Patmos describes Him as the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8); and this view so gripped the soul of the great Apostle Paul that he said, "Though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more" (II Cor. 5:16). The real Christ can be seen



*A Thanksgiving prayer:* My heart is filled with thankfulness and praise to God as I look on the golden harvest fields of which He has made me steward. As I prepare with haste for harvest, that the precious grain might be saved, I realize a greater need for haste in reaping the harvest of never-dying souls. Although I cannot be a laborer in foreign fields, I shall give generously, that "the Lord of the harvest, . . . will send forth labourers."

—ADOLPH HILL  
Hooker, Oklahoma

*Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful* (Luke 6:35-36).

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only while in the process of dying. The externals of the Crucifixion—its blood, the lacerated body, the agony and dying—are, to say the least, not beautiful; but the repulsive becomes attractive when you realize that Christ died for you.

"Sir, we would see Jesus." It was the Greeks who first welcomed Christianity. There cannot be a more striking contrast than between the eagerness with which these received the truth of God manifested in the flesh, and the difficulty which even the Jewish Christians had in realizing this glorious truth. The Greek woman of Syrophoenicia stands out as a giant in the realm of prayer; and it is from the Greeks we have received the inestimable legacy of the New Testament.

This heavenly Grain of Wheat died; but ever-widening acres of wheat, watered by His precious blood, are whitening for the harvest. What a harvest!

*We would see Jesus, for the shadows lengthen  
Across the little landscape of our life;  
We would see Jesus our weak faith to strengthen,  
For the last weariness, the final strife.  
We would see Jesus—that great rock Foundation,  
Whereon our feet were set by sovereign grace.  
Not life, nor death, with all their agitation  
Can thence remove us, if we see His face.*



## Another Service—VISUAL ART

"Have received advertising ordered for coming evangelistic services at Church of the Nazarene. It is our first series of meetings and the first time we have ordered Visual Art advertising from you.

"I am very well pleased at both the quality of the work and the speed with which you filled the order. Thanks for a job well done. You may be assured of our orders in the future."

—PASTOR

## Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

### NEW CHURCHES

**Telegram**—Just organized new Alaska church at Ketchikan on second anniversary of beginning services. Ten charter members; more coming. Sun-school record attendance broken. New church under construction. Fully financed locally.—CLARK H. LEWIS, Pastor.

**Telegram**—Overflowing crowds witnessed organization of Tempe Church of the Nazarene today, fifteen charter members, many fine prospects yet to join. Sunday school over sixty. W. E. Heizer installed as pastor at \$50.00 per week and furnished parsonage. \$10,000.00 educational unit completed in choice residential section of college city.—M. L. MANN, Arizona District Superintendent.

District Superintendent W. E. Albea has organized two new churches in the Dayton area on the Western Ohio District. The Wrightview Heights Church has thirty members and is worshiping in a vacated church building. Rev. Roy Nash is the pastor. The Sunday-school attendance is above ninety.

The Knollwood Church, in a suburb of Dayton, was organized with the

co-operation of Rev. O. A. Singleton and the Parkview Church. A father and son, Frank and Don Morgan, presented the new organization with a property for the church for which they had refused \$10,000.00. Rev. Noel Whititis has been appointed pastor.

We now have fourteen churches in Dayton, and yet many more places that we need to enter with the Church of the Nazarene.

### Touring the Rocky Mountain District

It was recently our privilege to be with Rev. Alvin L. McQuay, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District, in the interest of home missions. One cannot travel the wide expanses of this large area without being impressed with the tremendous task a district superintendent has in caring for this field. Brother McQuay is doing well.

I was with him covering the district two years ago. The advance in these two years is very apparent. The Nazarenes of the Rocky Mountain District are a loyal, aggressive group. Their giving for home missions this time showed a marked increase over that of my former tour.

Brother McQuay has a number of

active home missionary churches in the making. The pastors and people of the district are faithful and enthusiastic for the future of the church. The established churches are making wonderful progress and soon in the larger cities we will have some large congregations sufficiently well financed to be able to more substantially support the program.

May God continue to bless Brother McQuay and his fine people.

### Grass Roots Conference In Dallas, Texas

The four Texas districts met in their Crusade for Souls Conference in First Church, Dallas, October 13-15. This conference was one of the best yet held. The special speakers were Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Nicholas A. Hull, and myself. Every session was animated and charged with enthusiasm.

The attendance was very gratifying. This testified to the aggressive leadership of the district superintendents of these Texas areas. Every evening the large auditorium and the gallery were filled and at times many had to stand. First Church did a royal job in entertaining the group.

Two high points on the program were when a group of pastors told of their experiences in visitation evangelism and the next day a group of laymen told of the rich blessing to their own souls and the wonderful results of personal evangelism. The

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## "THANK YOU!"

**C**OME years ago I knew a man who for some time had served as pastor of a certain church. Then he resigned. This brought almost a storm of protest from the members and friends of the church, who were profuse in their expressions of appreciation for his work. In other words, they said, "Thank you," many times. This was excellent, and I'm not surprised that the pastor said to them, "If I had had any idea that you appreciated my work so much, I don't believe I would have resigned." But it was too late; the step already had been taken, and other plans had been made.

We teach our children to say, "Thank you," when gifts are made to them or kind deeds are done for them. This is as it should be. However, not only should children express their appreciation to others for their benefactions, but grown people should do it also. It is not enough to have a feeling of gratitude in your heart; you ought to express that feeling; you ought to let your friends know by word of mouth that you appreciate their kindnesses.

It doesn't cost much to say, "Thank you," and yet a real "Thank you" may mean a great deal to the other person. It may come to him just at a time when he needs something like that, or save him in some crisis in life. We ought to give flowers to the living as well as to the dead. God can look into our hearts and know whether we have there a feeling of gratitude, but even God likes to have us praise Him. He appreciates lip service, thank you's that are sincere. How much more then must human beings appreciate our words of thanksgiving, since they are unable to know what's in our hearts unless we tell them! A thankful attitude is a wonderful thing, but if unexpressed it has no value for your human benefactor. Thanksgiving is especially a "Thank you" time from the standpoint of what God has done for us.

## GRATITUDE

**G**RATITUDE is a warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor. There are some people who do not know what gratitude is; they never have a warm and friendly feeling toward anyone, regardless of how much is done for them. Either they take for granted the good that comes to them, or else they feel it was only what was due them. Therefore, they never have any feeling of gratitude, any appreciation toward their benefactors. If such people ever say, "Thank you," they do it hypocritically; their expression of appreciation is not genuine, it is not from the heart. They say what they do not feel. In such cases a "Thank you" is better left unsaid. On the other hand, there are plenty of people who because of reserve, timidity, or carelessness never say, "Thank you"; they never make public their gratitude.

# EDITORIALS

A feeling of gratitude is fundamental in the business of thanksgiving. Still, when the feeling is there, when the feeling of appreciation is in the heart, it hasn't come into its full significance until it has been expressed. So then, don't be stingy in letting God and those human beings who help you know about your gratitude. Ingrate is one of the worst words in the English language. What an ingrate Judas was! As a bosom friend and follower of Jesus Christ he had received good upon good from Him, and yet he betrayed Him. He had no feeling of gratitude toward his Benefactor. A man who turns against his mother, robs her or slays her, is an ingrate of the most infamous type.

There are few sins worse than the sin of ingratitude. The milk of human kindness has gone from the heart of the confirmed ingrate, and darkness has settled down over his soul. Let us be appreciative; let's keep our hearts open to real gratitude. And don't be afraid to let it get out on you through your lips.

## Deeds of Gratitude

**A**S A RULE, when we think of giving expression to our gratitude, we think of doing it in the form of words. This, as we have indicated in the preceding articles, should be done. We should express in words our gratitude, but we should not stop there. We should manifest our gratitude by deeds also; we should be ready to render good to our benefactor in the way of deeds.

More than once I have known of a son, often the oldest, who has stayed by his widowed mother, has helped to support her and the younger children at the cost of his own education. Perhaps he has also sacrificed the privilege of having a home of his own for many years, if not throughout life. Why has he done this? In many instances, his actions have grown out of nothing more nor less than sheer gratitude. He has appreciated so much what his father and mother did for him, especially his mother, that he was willing to forego many things in life in order to express his appreciation to her by deeds.

Praising Jesus Christ, our Master, by word of mouth is good, and should be done, but praising Him with deeds is better. If we love Him and appreciate what He has done for us, nothing will please Him more than for us to serve Him in bringing the glad news to others. This thought is implied in the teaching of Jesus as to the judgment in Matthew 25. Jesus said to those on His right: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye

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clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungry, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (vv. 34-40). Thus caring for the needy of earth is one way of expressing our appreciation to Jesus for His goodness to us. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

All about us are those who are not only sick, hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison, and strangers whom we can help in Jesus' name and thus show our appreciation to Him for what He has done for us, but also there are those who are spiritually hungry, thirsty, naked, in prison, and strangers to whom we can minister as a revelation of our gratitude to our Saviour and Master.

If there were no other motive for you and me to throw ourselves heartily into the Crusade for Souls Now than gratitude to Jesus because of what He has done for us, that ought to be more than enough to cause us to do our part. At this Thanksgiving time we ought to pledge ourselves anew to do everything we can in the Crusade for Souls Now.

Yes, we should have a warm and friendly feeling toward our benefactors, and we must express this feeling in words and, still better, in deeds. This holds good in a special way for our greatest Benefactor, Jesus Christ.

## My Greatest Benefactor

AT THANKSGIVING time we naturally think of our benefactors, those who have helped us and bestowed the goods of life upon us. I was reared in a home where there were several of us, both boys and girls, enough certainly to make life very interesting. My father worked hard and made an excellent wage for his day and time; he took care of his family, not extravagantly, but well. We were neither undernourished, nor under-dressed. My father was not stingy, neither was my mother. I've known plenty of people who had much more money than they had who held onto their dollars much more than my parents did. My father carried on across the years, provided for his family, without complaint. He liked his work and enjoyed making provision for those who were dependent upon him. My mother was a real mother who loved her children and sacrificed for

them. Both my mother and my father believed in God and religion and gave the church a prominent place in their lives and in their home; they didn't consider doing anything else. They encouraged us to prepare ourselves for life, and helped us as much as they could. They saved a little as they went along, but they were not so anxious to do this that they couldn't enjoy life and living. We had a pleasant home and many pleasant experiences came to us.

I enjoyed my early school days and all my school life; with my friends I was happy in the school, and with my brothers and sisters and father and mother in the home. Mine was a typical, wholesome home, and I am thankful for it. I owe much to that home, to the community in which I grew up, and to the school which I attended. At Thanksgiving time the feeling of gratitude wells up in my heart to God for the blessings that came to me in early life, for the things which I could not have bestowed upon myself; blessings which came to me from others who were my benefactors.

Later, after finishing high school, I had the privilege of going to college and on to seminary and university—privileges which many raised in my circumstances never had, and privileges that in the early days of my life I never dreamed I would have. God was good, and in one way or another provided these opportunities. At this Thanksgiving time I also bring praise to God for these benefits.

There have been people in my pastorates—many of them—and in the schools where I have taught whom I have learned to love and respect. Scores, perhaps hundreds of them, have made wonderful contributions to my life. They have been my benefactors, and I never can be the same because of what they have done for me. Thanksgiving is a good time to thank God for these friends who have meant so much to me across the years.

For many years now I've had a wife and children—almost every experience that can come to a man has come to me, and my days have been filled with good things. I thank God for my wife, my children, my home; they have been my benefactors in many ways. Life would have been very different, indeed, and much less rich if I had not had them. I thank God not only for the home that I was reared in but also for the home I have had since that wedding day in 1914.

I could go on and speak of the church to which I belong, which has meant so much to me; of the nation of which I am a citizen, that has made invaluable contributions to my life. There is almost no limit to the benefactors that I have had, but the greatest of all my benefactors has been God. My religion has meant more to me than anything else; it has been real and vital and wonderful. It has not been a burden; it has been a delight. It has enriched the benefits which have come to me through all of these other benefactors.

If I had eternity in which to do it, I could not ever express my appreciation to God in words and deeds as fully as I should and would like to. I am glad that not only can we thank God every day in the year but that as a nation we have set apart one day in which we especially turn our thoughts to Him and bring our praise to Him. God, through Jesus Christ and the blessed Holy Spirit, has been my greatest Benefactor. My heart is overflowing today with gratitude for all His many mercies. Yes, it is so exuberant at this Thanksgiving season that I want to close my meditations with the words of the old hymn:

*From all that dwell below the skies  
Let the Creator's praise arise.*

*Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
Thro' ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.*

*Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;  
Eternal truth attends Thy word.  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring;  
In songs of praise divinely sing.  
The great salvation loud proclaim,  
And shout for joy the Saviour's name.*

*In ev'ry land begin the song;  
To ev'ry land the strains belong;  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise,  
And fill the world with loudest praise.*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

#### Greetings from Nicaragua

**G**REETINGS from the Nicaraguan Nazarene Foreign Mission Council. This land of slender palm trees, grass huts, banana plants, and coffee bushes presents, aside from a unique beauty, a great harvest field of lost souls. More than ever before we have been made aware of the divine stewardship to which we have been called. Your prayers are coveted that we might be more effective and zealous for God and the church.

The island with its erupting volcano is the scene of three new congregations. Other new places of work have been established. Our pastors are self-sacrificing and devoted to Christ and His ministry. Gains in attendance and membership are not startling but on the climb.

The clinic this year treated only 1,775 cases, as it was closed most of the year for lack of a nurse. Our central day school in Rivas is a success and the others are progressing nicely. The Bible school has 22 students this year with the students showing healthy spiritual growth. This year, with our first graduating class of 4, we reach the culmination of our efforts, as these young people go out into the work for our church in Nicaragua.—**EVELYN RAGAINS, Nicaragua.**

#### Peru Moves Forward

The work is marching forward. We began our second semester of Bible school with 22 students. Last week we conducted a revival meeting in one of the suburbs of our city where we have been conducting regular Friday night evangelistic meetings and a Sunday school on Sunday afternoons by some of the students and young people of the local church. During the revival meeting we had an

average attendance of 103. Several of this vicinity are new converts from our assembly in August that was held here in the local church.—**HARRY J. ZURCHER, Peru.**

#### The Work Goes On

You will be pleased to know that the work at the Downs is progressing and we rejoice that God is blessing.

The attendance at the main station is steadily improving. Three weeks ago there were fifty-six in service on Sunday morning. We do praise God that the enemy is being defeated and precious souls are finding the Saviour. We are praying much that God will give us a Holy Ghost revival in the Northern Transvaal. The people there are much less responsive than the Shangaans of the Eastern Transvaal, but we praise God that nothing is impossible to Him and we are expecting victory in answer to believing prayer.

The work in the asbestos mines has had a setback at Mafefe Location because four of the mines have closed down and there seems to be no possibility of their reopening in the immediate future. This has given a blow to the work there, as many of our men have been thrown out of work and have either returned home or have gone elsewhere to find employment. We are praying, however, that these men shall be kept true to the Lord and that they will seek to establish other groups, so that out of seeming defeat there may come a great harvest of souls.

A few weeks ago we were privileged to visit a compound some twelve miles beyond Mafefe and were enabled to establish a group there, and there are already four men in the believers' class. It is a very needy place, teeming with natives. At this place, called

"Dublin," we had about thirty in the first service and we are praying that this may prove to be a good opening.

All the other groups are progressing and we would covet your prayers that God will give wisdom as we seek to open up other work in this area.

Please pray much for us—the enemy is very busy in these days. It is only by much prayer that souls can be rescued from his grip. How we praise God that all things are possible to those that believe! May God give us that faith that shall sink the mountain to a plain, causing us to go forward conquering and to conquer.—**ERIC AND LILIAN COURTNEY SMITH, Northern Transvaal, South Africa.**

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speakers drove the nails but these personal testimonies to the thrilling results of the work clinched them. No one could say that personal visitation does not work, because these men worked it and it paid off in terms of the salvation of souls.

Without exception those who attended this conference received new inspiration to win men as Jesus won many—by personal visitation.

It is my prediction that a new day has dawned for many of the pastors and people of this state and that results can be noted in the future accomplishments and statistics.

With one voice the Texas Nazarenes said, "On with the Crusade!"



*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it (Luke 9:23-24).*

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

## Topic for November 22: Christian Compassion for a Needy World

Scripture: Deut. 10:18-19; Matt. 9:35-36; 25:34-40; Mark 1:32-34; 8:1-9  
(Printed, Matt. 9:35-36; Mark 1:32-34; 8:1-9)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth* (I John 3:18).

"Lord, give me more compassion," I heard a man pray the other day; and I readily asked the Lord to do the same for me. For there is no stored-up oversupply of compassion in this old world of ours. The little girl was asked what sympathy was and she said, "Sympathy is your pain in my heart." And that could pretty well go for compassion.

Jesus, as in all other matters of life, was superbly our Pattern in compassion. His life was so much a case of bearing people's pains in His

heart. In our lesson today we read, "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." There is a verse to read over and over again, for it fairly pulsates with Deity.

The compassion of Christ had the quality of scope. He was able to feel deeply, not alone for a suffering man here and there, but He literally suffered with all the thousands who suffered. Not a man was crippled, or hungry, or morally warped, but Jesus shared in that man's plight. The scope of His compassion was as broad as

the great sweep of the multitudes who came to His ministry.

But it is a human weakness to feel sympathy for all humanity in a general way but never become specific enough to do actual good to any one person. Christ's compassion swept out to encompass the millions, but it narrowed down until the full focus of divine yearning came to play upon one poor, broken heart and life. Christ never lost sight of the trees in the forest—and multitudes, to Him, were gatherings of heart-hungry persons.

So we read that He healed "every sickness and every disease." There you have a true greatness. Jesus was showing the kind of compassion that had scope enough to be truly great, and point enough to be actually effective.

God grant to each of us larger and better compassion.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

**Q. What becomes of the infants and children of Christian parents who are alive at the time of the Rapture? Are they accepted in their innocence because of the Christian faith of their parents, or not?**

A. I don't remember ever seeing any discussion of this question, and I am quite sure that there is nothing specific about it in the Bible. However, it seems to me to be reasonable to believe that all children who have not reached the age of accountability would participate in the Rapture. God is just, and, according to my way of thinking, this would be demanded by justice since they are in the Kingdom.

**Q. Will you please discuss I Cor. 7:14 in the Question Box? There is a church near my house where it is emphatically taught that children, neither of whose parents have obtained the Holy Ghost and speak in an unknown tongue, will be eternally lost if they die before the age of accountability.**

A. First, I would say that all children who die before they reach the age of moral accountability—before they realize the difference between right and wrong—will be saved. This is clearly the teaching of the Bible. In Mark 10:13-14, we have these words: "And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those

that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Their final salvation does not depend upon their parents' being saved or sanctified. Moreover, neither the baptism with the Holy Ghost nor final salvation depends upon a person's being able to speak in an unknown tongue. Now as to I Cor. 7:14, which reads as follows: "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy." In the verses immediately preceding this one Paul tells the husband that he need not put away his unbelieving wife and gives the same advice to the wife. This because, as he says in the verse before us, the believing member of the union sanctifies the unbeliever. Thus their union is not illegal or illegitimate and the children born thereof are not illegitimate or unholy, but holy. The meaning here of clean, holy, or sanctify is ceremonial, or ritualistic, and not moral.

The unbelieving husband or wife and the children are ceremonial, but not actually, sanctified. Thus God's sanction is placed upon the marriage and the children springing therefrom are not illegitimate. Otherwise, it would be like one of God's

chosen peop'e, or one belonging to the covenant, marrying a heathen.

**Q. Should I attend a church that does not preach holiness just because my husband was brought up to attend this church?**

A. I could not advise you to do it if this church is outspoken in its opposition to the doctrine of entire sanctification as our church stands for it. Go to the nearest church which stands for entire sanctification as a second work of grace. If there is no such church close by, then pray for God to move you and your family to a town or city which has one or else bring a church of this type into your community.

**Q. What is the stand of the Church of the Nazarene on foot washing?**

A. It does not teach or practice the ceremony. However, its members would not make light of those who do believe in and observe it. Still, I am sure that all would agree that the spirit of humility is more than its form, and at this point no doubt all of us could improve.

**Q. Are the members of the Church of the Nazarene supposed to know how the expenses of the church are being carried on? Also, in regard to the pastor's salary—it seems as if the members of the church board are the only ones who know what it is. We pay our tithe, and I feel that we should know. Shouldn't there be a public report occasionally?**

A. I think that it is customary in our churches for the treasurer to re-

port to the church board at its regular meetings. The pastor and the members of the church board are my representatives. I helped to elect them, and I am not afraid to trust

them. Also, at the annual meeting of the church a full report of all finances is made by the treasurer, and I have a right to ask any questions about the report which I desire. Further-

more, I do not believe that the members of the church board, as a rule, try to hide what the pastor is being paid or what other bills are being taken care of.

## The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

### The Discipline of Time

THERE are only twenty-four hours of the day and night. There are no more and no less. What we accomplish in each day will depend upon how well we use these twenty-four hours. In fact, some would claim that the margin between success and failure in life is determined by whether or not one carefully disciplines

himself with respect to his time.

Of course, there are certain portions of the young person's time that are pretty well determined for him. Eight or nine hours should be spent in sleep. Two hours will be spent eating. Six hours will be spent in school. Two hours will be spent in routine responsibilities in the home. That

leaves about six hours unaccounted for which would fall in the category of leisure time.

For one to properly discipline his time (1) he must see to it that his time spent in the regular duties is carefully invested. He must not waste this time but faithfully use it for the purpose intended. (2) He must carefully apportion his leisure time to profitable and useful pursuits. He must allow time for his own spiritual needs and for Christian service as well as for cultural and personal interests.

The Christian is a steward of his time and should discipline that time in the full light of that stewardship.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Fortville, Indiana—Our church recently closed a revival with Rev. Carl Prentice, evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Atkinson as singers. God used these fine workers in a wonderful way. The church is rejoicing because of the effects of the revival. A number of souls were converted and backsliders reclaimed. The messages of Brother Prentice were very plain and convincing, and God honored his ministry. The singing was spiritual and uplifting. The attendance was very good throughout the meeting. We met for prayer regularly during the revival, and the pastor and people called and visited many people during this time. God blessed our efforts and the attendance and interest of the Sunday school, church services, and prayer meeting are on the increase. We love our church; the people are very kind and thoughtful to their pastor and family.—Lewis W. Swope, Pastor.

tendent, Dr. George Coulter, for the morning service and an afternoon meeting. His family was with us too. It was a real pleasure to have many friends and visitors enjoy the day with us. One of the local newspapers had a reporter to cover the event for us; he gave a splendid story in connection with the pastor and people, as well as the message by Dr. Coulter. Rev. A. L. Diffee has a vital concern for God's work and a faith and vision that are an inspiration to his people, who are wonderfully united in purpose and spirit.—James A. Randolph, Secretary.

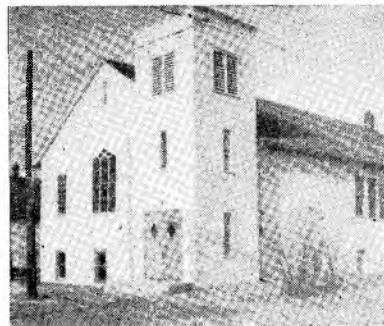
Pastor Vernon E. Thomas reports from Woodland, California: "On coming to this church we found a spiritual and co-operative people, and through their co-operation God is beginning to give us results in this part of His vineyard. Woodland is a town of about 10,000 population, twenty miles from Sacramento. This last summer we had a vacation Bible school under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Carpenter of Oakland First Church with an enrollment of 74 and an average attendance of 60. A number of boys and girls found the Lord as their Saviour; also a number of children have been brought into the Sunday school by the vacation Bible school. God has been rewarding our prayers and efforts with hands raised for prayer and seekers at the altar. Recently we closed a gracious revival series with Rev. Maurice F. Gordon, evangelist. A new family for whom we had been praying was won to the Lord as well as a number of others who bowed at our altars. For this we give God the glory. We are thankful for the teen-agers we have found here, and for those who gave their hearts to the Lord during our revival.

After spending five years at Palo Alto, where by the help of God and the people we were able to construct a new church in the heart of that beautiful and growing city, we find that one of the real needs of the Woodland church is a new building. Some good groundwork has already been done by the former pastor, Rev. V. D. Gibson, in that a good building fund has been established. We are enjoying one of the best parsonages on the Northern California District, which was erected under the ministry of Rev. John Monroe."

Pastor V. C. Mulkin reports: "While pastoring the church in Sulphur Springs, Florida, we received a call to pastor the Pickford, Michigan, (Upper Peninsula) church, and began our work here in May of 1951. This is a small farm community and we have enjoyed our work with these fine Nazarenes, and have made some gains. We have a good, adequate church building; also a lovely, near-new, modern parsonage. This nice parsonage was built by Rev. Lloyd Pounds, who had a successful pastorate here. We have enjoyed the ministry of various good workers in our revival meetings—G. S. Shafer, H. W. Cornelius and wife, W. W. Geeding and wife, Everett Kimball and wife, and Dale Huffman. The last meeting was with Brother Dale Huffman, and his fine spirit and clear preaching of the Word of God were greatly appreciated; he is a strong and effective preacher, also a good singer and plays the accordion. The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is almost virgin territory for our church—for years, Pickford has been the only Church of the Nazarene above the Straits. Recently a work has been organized at Ironwood, and now a Sunday school has been started in the home of a Nazarene family at Sault Ste. Marie. Help us pray for this territory that needs holiness so much."

## Jamestown, North Dakota

The Church of the Nazarene was officially organized in Jamestown on May 22, 1922, with 35 charter members, an outgrowth of the Laymen's Holiness Association, led by Dr. J. G. Morrison. The congregation purchased and remodeled an old building for a church; facilities were added and improved from time to time. The first unit of the major enlargement program which had been planned was begun under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Gerdes in July of 1952. Construction began, and the framework of the new addition to the front of the former building was erected. Delays in securing needed materials hindered the completion of the new part until the spring of '53. The work was finally completed under the leadership of our present pastor, Rev. Edwin



Zimbelman, who came to us in September of '52. The new addition consists of a tower, three new Sunday-school rooms, a mothers' room, new pastor's study, and a complete new

Denison, Texas—I celebrated my twelfth anniversary as pastor on Sunday, October 11, and also on this day we broke our Sunday-school record with 646 present. During these twelve years the church's property valuation has increased from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and God has helped us to win many souls to Him and the church. We give Him all the praise as we begin our thirteenth year.—H. F. Crews, Pastor.

Ridgway, Pennsylvania—Our recent revival services, September 22 to October 4, were richly blessed of God through the Spirit-filled ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Davidson. In all, some fifty to sixty souls were either saved, sanctified, or reclaimed. The messages of Brother and Sister Davidson were heart-searching ones with much prayer behind them. We praise God for the victories won in these services.—John R. Congalton, Pastor.

Pastor H. B. Hughes writes: "We are now in our second year with St. Paul First Church. God has wonderfully led and blessed the church during the past year. Our average attendance is now well above twice what it was when we came. We are believing God to help us double again during this year, and our present progress indicates that we will. We have wonderful people in St. Paul. Finances have increased with the attendance. Every obligation has been met and we have improved and redecorated our church and educational plant to the extent of about fifteen hundred dollars. The pastor's salary was raised twice during the past year. We have the most generous people we have ever pastored. We have new people in our services every Sunday and God is giving us the victory. We have recently closed a united Twin City revival. The seven churches of St. Paul and Minneapolis came together in our building for a great union revival. Rev. Harold Volk was the evangelist and Ronald Lush was

the music director. This was the first effort of this kind in the Twin Cities and all of us were encouraged with the results. The attendance was good, and on Sunday nights our large church was crowded to capacity; extra chairs had to be added to seat the people. God came in power and glory and the altar was lined with seekers night after night. Another such meeting is planned for 1954 to be held in Minneapolis First Church. It is a joy to work with such fine pastors and people as we have in the Twin Cities and on the Minnesota District."

Evangelists Emmett E. and Jewell Taylor write that they have an open date in January which they would be glad to slate anywhere from Kansas to Florida. Write them, % Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

Iowa Falls, Iowa—In October our church had a revival with Evangelists W. W. Geeding and wife. They were both at their best, and we greatly appreciated their ministry with us. God blessed in giving a number of seekers.—R. G. Edwards, Pastor.

Rev. P. A. McGuire writes: "Feeling it was the will of the Lord, we resigned as pastor of our church in Pixley, California, to enter the evangelistic field. He placed His stamp of approval upon our decision by giving us full-time work for the year up to December 20, with some dates slated for next spring. Souls have prayed through to victory in every place, and we are in our fifth meeting for the summer and fall. We have time open now from January 1 to March 15, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord leads; also slating for '54 after April 15. My wife and daughter travel with me and we are prepared to carry the whole program of the services. We have our own house trailer for convenience of entertainment. Write us, Box 14, Hammonton, California."

entrance and vestibule. The entire exterior of the new and old parts was finished in white stucco, completely changing the appearance of the church. The cost of this improvement was \$10,000.00 of which \$6,000.00 has been paid to date. A dedication service for the new addition was held October 1, with District Superintendent H. F. Taplin speaking, and Superintendent Gene Phillips of Iowa District offering the dedicatory prayer. The occasion was the district Sunday-school and N.Y.P.S. tour; thus representatives from all the churches on the Southeastern Zone were present. We thank God for helping us to make this improvement possible. Our average Sunday-school attendance for last assembly year was 115, and we have been able to hold the district A banner (class over 100) for three consecutive months now.—Anna Aggola, Secretary.

Evangelist Fay A. Fouse writes that he has two open dates for the winter, December 29 to January 10, and January 12 to 24. He will begin a meeting in Princeton, Indiana, on January 26. He will be glad to go anywhere. Write him, 635 Western Avenue, Winchester, Indiana.

Benton, Arkansas—Sunday, October 18, marked the greatest day in the history of our church in this growing industrial city. God mightily used the ministry of Evangelist R. F. Lindley. He upholds the standards of the church and boosts the entire program of the denomination. His straightforward preaching and the pronounced presence of God gave seekers at an altar of prayer in nearly every service. An all-time high in Sunday school was reached and a fine class of fourteen members united with the church. For the first time we have organized a Young People's Society and a Junior Society. These organizations were made possible through the victories of this revival. There is a great influx of population in this area, as Benton is the largest source of aluminum ore in North America. If you have friends or loved ones moving here, notify the pastor, Rev. Earl Wassom, 517 Richards, Benton, Arkansas, and he will make the contacts.—Reporter.

Pastor Luther King reports from Lexington, Alabama: "Coming to Mary's Chapel three years ago, I found a number of loyal Nazarene Christians. By the Lord's help and the help of these loyal members and a number of our good evangelists, such as Rev. J. A. Manasco, E. E. Michael, Wilson Douglas, Lottie Phillips, and Joel Danner, we have seen the church increase from 62 to 96 in membership. During our last revival with Brother Danner, 31 were saved, 5 sanctified, 20 joined the church, and 27 were baptized. The church gave the pastor a \$10.00 per week increase in salary. We are now in the process of improving our property. We thank God for what He has helped us to do."

Evangelist Guthrie Hughes writes: "I wish to thank all the pastors and churches who have slated me for revival meetings. I am now in my first revival since entering the field, with Pastor Oren Baker at Ft. Madison, Iowa. God is giving us a good start. We are believing God to give us souls. My address is Greenfield, Indiana."

Evangelist L. B. Mathews writes: "Since our last report we have been busy in the work of the Lord. During the last few days of August we were in a wonderful camp meeting at Warm Springs, Georgia. Here we preached with Rev. Harry Bennett of the Methodist church. Brother Joe Darity was the song leader. Rev. J. L. Jamison, pastor at Manchester, Georgia, is president of this camp. Next we were in a tent meeting at Kingston Springs, Tennessee, with Rev. Horace E. Duke, pastor. From here we went to Morristown, where Pastor Allen Carpenter and his people have accomplished a modern miracle in this home-mission field. Then we went to Cookeville for our fourth meeting with Rev. James L. Neal, pastor. In all these places God gave us glorious, Blood-bought victory, and souls were saved and sanctified wholly. To Him be glory! At this writing we are in a meeting at our First Church in Springfield, Illinois, Rev. Frank H. Watkin, pastor. We press on doing our best to occupy until He comes. We have a few open dates for 1954. Write us at 2902 Belmont Blvd., Nashville 12, Tennessee."

Greensboro, Pennsylvania — Old-fashioned revivals are not characteristic of first-generation Nazarenes only. We of this church have been participants in a real spiritual awakening, marked by deep conviction and genuine victory. Rev. Thomas S. Fowler was the evangelist, and his ministry was marked by breadth of Biblical truth and fruitful altar calls. Seekers responded to the invitation on eleven of the thirteen nights. The church was filled almost every night, with Sunday-school attendance at near capacity. Many people were reclaimed, a number newly converted, and some sanctified. In addition to preaching, Brother Fowler played the guitar and sang at each service. We greatly appreciated his ministry with us.—Charles M. Coller, Pastor.

Pastor Grant M. Barton writes from Bloomington, Indiana: "After four years of labor with the good people of Mishawaka, Indiana, First Church, we accepted the call to our First Church here. Our first Sunday was July 16. We arrived just in time to help a little in entertaining the district assembly amidst the most ideal setup we have ever seen. Everyone present enjoyed the great air-conditioned auditorium at Indiana University. We have found the people of First Church wonderful. They have proved their wholehearted acceptance of us with their big welcome and good things to eat which they brought into

the parsonage. God has added His blessing to prove that we are in His will by giving us seekers at the altar almost every Sunday night, and the shouts of victory in the camp. We cannot be happy without that. Sunday-school attendance has increased every month; and last Sunday, Rally Day, we had 451 present. Our average for the past three weeks was 349. Work has been organized among the teenagers and last Sunday night 28 of them were singing in the choir. It looks like a real revival is breaking out in their midst. We recently baptized 16 of them. Our budgets are quite heavy, but they are all paid up to date and a nice operating balance is on hand. We are fasting and praying as we enter an old-fashioned revival, November 3, with Rev. C. C. and Flora Chatfield. If you have friends in this community or attending the university, we would be glad to contact them for you."

Glasgow, Scotland—History was made in a memorable renaming service held in the Parkhead Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, October 4, the forty-seventh anniversary of the founding of the church by Dr. George Sharpe. A fine congregation gathered in Burgher Street to witness the unveiling of the church memorial title by Rev. Peter Clark, oldest minister of the British Isles North District. Simultaneously, a memorial title in memory of our highly esteemed founder and his wife was unveiled in the church vestibule. After the singing of "O God of Bethel," Scottish paraphrase of Gen. 28:20-22, the pastor, Rev. Sydney Martin, read Psalms 84 and portions of Hebrews 11 and 12. Mr. Clark was then introduced and, while performing the unveiling ceremony, spoke lovingly of Dr. Sharpe, stating that not only was Dr. Sharpe the founder of the church in Parkhead, but throughout Scotland, England, and Ireland churches had been formed. Mr. John Taylor, one of the older members of the church board, led in prayer and, after singing "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken," the congregation went into the church, where the service was continued. When a further hymn had been sung, Rev. A. J. Lown, pastor of the Bolton church and special anniversary preacher, prayed. Mr. Clark then delivered his commemorative address based on Obadiah 3 and 4, with special reference to the words, "among the stars." In the course of his message he said: "Dr. Sharpe came down into the world in which men lived. His figure with its dignified bearing, his frank smile, and sanctified spirit were readily recognized in the streets of Parkhead. There was no class distinction with him, nothing to hinder in his preaching to the lost and dying. If he had lived among the stars, this service would never have been. He preached with a degree of passion becoming the cross of Christ, and the winds of time have borne the seeds all over the world—to India, Africa, and to

America. From today this church shall be known as the Sharpe Memorial Church. Dr. Sharpe's name shall be held in everlasting remembrance." Rev. S. Martin thanked Mr. Clark for his inspiring and challenging address and made intimation of the inauguration of a memorial organ fund, saying that Dr. Sharpe believed music to be of prime importance in the church services, and that he had always had in mind the installation of a worthy instrument in the Parkhead Church. The pastor ended by quoting two fitting scriptures, Exod. 35:4 and 5; II Sam. 24:24. The memorial service concluded with the singing of a favorite hymn of Dr. Sharpe's, "A Charge to Keep I Have."—Mrs. W. A. Noble, Reporter.

Denver, Colorado—We have had a most refreshing week of special services at First Church with Evangelist Paul Martin in charge. He was ably assisted by R. E. Bridgewater of Colorado Springs, who had charge of the music and was a blessing in his ministry of special song. The revival messages of Brother Martin were outstanding, and came from a burning heart. Over and over again the altar was lined, and God gave many wonderful victories during the meeting. Brother Martin is one of the best in his work with the youth. We are now in our sixth year as pastor of this church, and are having a good time with this people under the blessing of God. Recently we have purchased eight lovely lots in University Park for a new building site, and we look forward to the day when there will be a new First Church with modern equipment and all the necessary facilities to carry on our program.—J. B. Miller, Pastor.

Evangelist Andrew Johnson writes: "I give God praise for a very busy summer and fall in the evangelistic field: conducted five revival meetings; attended twelve camp meetings, in four of which I was one of the workers; also delivered special addresses on temperance and prohibition. I am now slating for 1954; write me, Wilmore, Kentucky."

Kalama, Washington—We recently enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Laten and Loura Teare in a two-Sunday meeting beginning September 23. Their beautiful vocal duets accompanied by Brother Teare on the autoharp were a blessing to all. Many of the songs were his own compositions. Mrs. Allen Bennett directed the congregational singing with Mrs. Teare and Mrs. Ray Simmons as pianists. Brother Teare preached with anointing, and his rich Biblical messages stirred the hearts of all. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting and a number of folk met with the evangelist in morning prayer meetings. God honored His Word with seekers and finders at the altar.—Allen A. Bennett, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We have the following revival dates open that we would like to slate with any church needing our services as preacher and singers: December 30 to January 10, January 27 to February 7, and February 10 to 21. Write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Dayton, Ohio—Radcliff Heights Church had a good revival in October with Rev. Allen Wagner as the evangelist. God blessed, souls prayed through to victory, and the church was enriched by the inspirational messages of Brother Wagner.—Thomas Knox, Pastor.

Seattle, Washington—On September 27 Dr. Hardy C. Powers dedicated the building of Highland Park Church in a wonderful service. The sanctuary and the overflow room were packed to capacity. It was a great testimony to the faithful people who had worked so hard to erect a new soul-winning station in Seattle. In May, 1952, the Washington Pacific District, under the leadership of Superintendent B. V. Seals, purchased the site with the mere shell of a building, condemned and ready to fall. Now with the investment of the \$10,000.00 total by the district and the thousands of donated hours by consecrated members who became carpenters, bricklayers, plasterers, and laborers, we have a building valued at \$35,000.00, plus new pews and rugs. Coming to the church last November 23, we started having Sunday school and regular church services on December 21. The church is not yet one year old, but our membership has grown from 22 to 49, and our Sunday school has grown from 50 to 118, with Sunday, October 11, being a record day with 162. God has richly blessed the dedicated work of the people and His Spirit has been upon the services. New people are being reached continually in the section of Seattle once widely known as "Tavern Row."—Arthur E. Mottram, Pastor.

Pastor H. C. Hatton reports from Sterling, Illinois: "This is my ninth year as pastor of this great church. It now looks as though this year will be the banner year of them all. On October 18 we closed a fine revival with Rev. and Mrs. Chester D. Plummer. They cannot be beaten; they sing and preach well, and carry a real burden for souls. Their beautiful spirit is lifting. Our church will long remember this revival. Coming here eight years ago last July, we found a fine group and a fine opportunity. At that time the church had 41 members, the first unit of our present building valued at \$20,000.00, and an average of 88 in the Sunday school. It was easy to fall in line and follow the pattern which had been set by former leaders. God has helped us in a wonderful way during these years. Today we have 111 members. A second

unit has been added to our church building, giving us a plant valued at \$50,000.00, and we are looking forward to adding the third soon, which will give us one of the finest church plants. When finished it will be valued at \$125,000.00. Our Sunday school has more than tripled and we are now averaging 270. The church was organized December 7, 1941. God surely has honored and blessed during its brief history. This congregation is made up of fine people. We have servicemen and young people in places of higher education nearly all over the nation. It is a real pleasure to be their pastor and we look into the future encouraged."

Britt, Iowa—Our church recently enjoyed a three-day Harvest Mission Festival with Rev. Florence Walling, missionary to the Navajo Indians in New Mexico, as guest speaker. She brought a young couple with her: Navajo Indians who are going to school, and intend to take the gospel back to their own people. A missionary offering was taken in the afternoon service amounting to \$1,087.00. We give God the glory for a wonderful offering and the inspirational messages. The work here is being carried on by Rev. James Adams, who came as our pastor several months ago.—Mrs. Byron Hunsley, Secretary.

Pastor G. B. Breese writes from Dayton, Ohio: "Central Church has recently closed a wonderful revival meeting with Rev. Russell Bowman as the evangelist. Brother Bowman is a fearless preacher of the Word and a great soul winner. The altar was lined with seeking souls several times, and eight new members were re-

ceived into the church at the close of the meeting. We have spent nine wonderful years with this church as pastor. We have seen it grow from a home-mission church of about 10 members to a membership of 223 today. We have bought and paid for our present church building, which is valued at well over forty thousand dollars, and will soon launch into the completion of our building which will seat over 500 and give us classrooms for a greater Sunday school. All departments of the church are doing well, and we are expecting this to be the greatest year in our history."

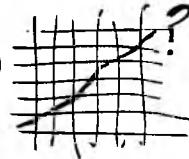
#### Canadian Nazarene College

Registration at Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, shows a significant increase commensurate to progress along many lines in the growth and development of this young college.

With the addition of several new members to the faculty, efficiency in operation is already easily noticed, and the current year is accompanied by optimism on the part of all on the campus. New teachers on the faculty include Mr. Bernard Seaman, graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary, who has completed much work toward a doctorate. Mr. Seaman fills the position of dean. Mr. Kenneth Seale has returned to the faculty as principal of the high school. From Hamilton, Ontario, comes Mrs. Fern Gardiner as a new instructor of piano.

In the spring zone-wide campaign for capital funds conducted by the president and Rev. Carl Bangs of Chicago, \$9,000.00 was raised, which made possible many improvements on the campus. Among these improvements are the painting of all buildings, con-

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The spiritual tone of the year was set by "Spiritual Orientation" the first week, a series of five services conducted by Rev. Dwayne Hildie, pastor of First Church at Edmonton. These services were climaxed on Friday evening with an altar service that will be long remembered. Rev. George Coulter, pastor of the Main Street Church in Toronto, was the evangelist in "Spiritual Emphasis Week" held in the chapel and the local college church. Many students and townspeople sought and found victory in these services and Brother Coulter set a high standard for the ministerial students as a pattern for the gospel ministry.

Unity among the teachers and confidence in the leadership of President Arnold Airhart characterize the faculty and staff. In keeping with the forward spirit of the Canada West District under the capable leadership of Dr. Edward Lawlor, Canadian Nazarene College takes its place in the preparation of ministerial and lay leadership for the Church of the Nazarene.

LEO D. STEININGER, Registrar

#### North Dakota District N.Y.P.S. Convention

Our annual N.Y.P.S. convention was held on Friday, June 26, at the Sawyer campgrounds, with the president, Brother R. L. Burks, presiding. We were thankful for God's presence and the victory shown in the reports.

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Brother Burks was re-elected as district president. We appreciate his fine leadership and spirit. Others elected were: vice-president, Rev. Claire Kern; secretary, Mrs. H. Ketterling; treasurer, Rev. Ralph Hull; teen-age supervisor, Hancine Arneson; and Junior supervisor, Marion George.

The special speakers for the convention were Rev. Vernie Smith and Roger Taylor. Their messages in word and song were inspirational and we felt privileged to have them with us.

With the help of the Lord, North Dakota young people are going forward for Him.

#### James W. Short Retires as Indianapolis District Superintendent

Rev. J. W. Short made all the preliminary plans for the Indianapolis District assembly with the usual enthusiasm known to him for more than thirty years, yet aware of the action of the General Assembly of 1952 which effected his retirement. His attitude and interest with his excellent work on the district have been indicative of his great character.

His heritage and early training had much influence upon his entire life. He was saved and sanctified while yet in his teens and began preaching as a youth. He was educated in Gilford College, Taylor University, Cincinnati Bible School, and Asbury College.

In the beginning of his ministry he wisely chose for a life companion Miss Mary Frances Wines, daughter of the late J. M. and Mattie Wines, veteran preachers and contemporaries of Dr. Bresee. Brother Short has always given much credit to Rev. and Mrs. Wines for their interest, prayers, and wise counsel.

His first pastorate in the Church of the Nazarene was at Seymour, Indiana, upon the suggestion of Dr. Bresee. He later became pastor at Dayton, Ohio; Nampa, Idaho; and Bresee Avenue of Pasadena, California. More than thirty years of his useful life were spent as a district superintendent. He served the following districts with great distinction: Pittsburgh, Indiana, Iowa, Western Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Indianapolis. More than two hundred churches have been organized through his inspiration and direction. His faithful services and consecrated life have been great factors in founding a great church.

Rev. and Mrs. Short have earnestly worked for the cause of foreign missions for more than fifty years. No doubt they have had a major part in raising a million dollars for the lost in dark heathendom. He has raised no less than \$200,000.00 for Olivet, Nampa, Bethany, and Pasadena colleges. During his ministry as a pastor and district superintendent he has been instrumental in bringing to our church some well-known leaders in all the avenues of service in the church.

The Indianapolis District has always appreciated Brother and Sister Short. For an expression of love and their high esteem, they gave them a beau-

tiful cottage on the campground with a substantial love offering; also the Western Oklahoma District gave them \$200.00 as a love gift.

His retirement as district superintendent does not mean Brother Short's retirement from active service. He is now scheduled for many holiness conventions, district tours, and revivals. The needy fields and his passion for souls will stimulate him as a faithful warrior. Although the Shorts have many devout friends throughout our nation, the Indianapolis District and all of Indiana claim priority upon them.

We thank God for Brother and Sister Short and the great good they have done. Our prayers will go with them into their new fields of labor.

GROVER VAN DUYN, Reporter

#### Nicaragua Council Meeting

Our council meeting has come and gone, yet the memories of its inspiration and blessing will linger on in our minds and hearts for many a week. Our hearts were stirred as we new missionaries listened to the personal reports of the veteran missionaries and realized more than ever how privileged we are to be a part of this wonderful group of Nazarenes. Very little was said in these reports about the sickness, heartache, and suffering which many of them have gone through during the preceding twelve months. To these warriors of the gospel it is not sacrifice, but simply loving service for the Master.

Perhaps the climax of the entire council meeting was when District Superintendent C. G. Rudeen gave his report. It was wonderful to hear him speak as he said: "We do thank God for every inch of ground taken from the enemy, but we feel we have fought a battle of Korea. We have had our share of Heartbreak Ridges. . . . God forbid that we ever establish a thirty-eighth parallel truce. Although we seem to start every battle with our backs to the sea, may we have that soldierly spirit that sets total victory—then Yalu and beyond—as our goal."

God has truly blessed our Nicaragua District this year, as is indicated by the following accomplishments reported by Brother Rudeen. "We have opened new work this year at San Juan del Sur on the Pacific; Plan Grande nearby; Los Angeles and Esquipulas on the island; Cardenas on the Costa Rican border; Potosi, within student reach; and several places in the San Carlos area such as El Castillo, Sabalo, Solentiname, and Rio Cabeza de Leon. We want to go into Nandaimi soon, along with the whole north and Honduras. God has opened the doors as fast as we have been able to enter; may we ever be ready to enter as fast as He opens. We have organized churches this year at Pacaya and Los Angeles and might well organize at Plan Grande. We have baptized believers in all of these places. These advances have been encouraging. Perhaps the most encouraging to me has been the island work.

I plainly see the hand of God in it all. Our new Nazarenes there are as Nazarene as you will find anywhere in all the world. God bless don Augusto and give him tact for the great task that confronts him."

Progress has been made in the Bible school under the leadership of the Ragainses and Miss Neva Flood, as in the day schools under Miss Crain. Miss Heflin and Miss Culley were complimented on the wonderful work of the clinic. Miller Memorial Church, the largest and nicest Protestant church in Nicaragua, has just been completed in Managua, the capital city, under the supervision of Brother R. C. Wellmon.

It has been only through the grace of God that any accomplishments have been made. Please continue to put Nicaragua on your prayer list during the coming year as Rev. Harold Stanfield returns from furlough to take the helm once more as district superintendent.

C. DEAN GALLOWAY, Reporter

#### Akron District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting was held at East Liverpool, Ohio, with Pastor Lloyd Morgan as host. Our newly elected district superintendent, Rev. C. D. Taylor, presided over the sessions that convened on Monday evening, October 5, with full sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. G. B. Williamson brought the messages throughout the convention on the theme, Crusade for Souls—Now! Three papers were ably presented by Rev. James Hunton of Cleveland First Church; Rev. L. D. Morgan, pastor of East Liverpool First Church; and Rev. Milton Bunker, pastor of Akron Kenmore Church. Rev. W. A. Strong, pastor at Dayton, Ohio, presented two messages during the convention, one inspirational and the other informational, on the Crusade for Souls—Now!

One of the features appreciated by the ministry this year was a beautiful communion service conducted by Brother Taylor, assisted by Dr. Williamson. Reports were given on the boys' and girls' district camps and the N.Y.P.S. institute. One morning session was devoted to business and home missions.

The Akron District recently purchased a beautiful district center, located just out of Canton, Ohio, where the district superintendent will make his headquarters. The district center was discussed relative to finances and the wonderful response of the churches to the need. A name was finally accepted in order that it might be designated sufficiently to be located by all who might like to see it.

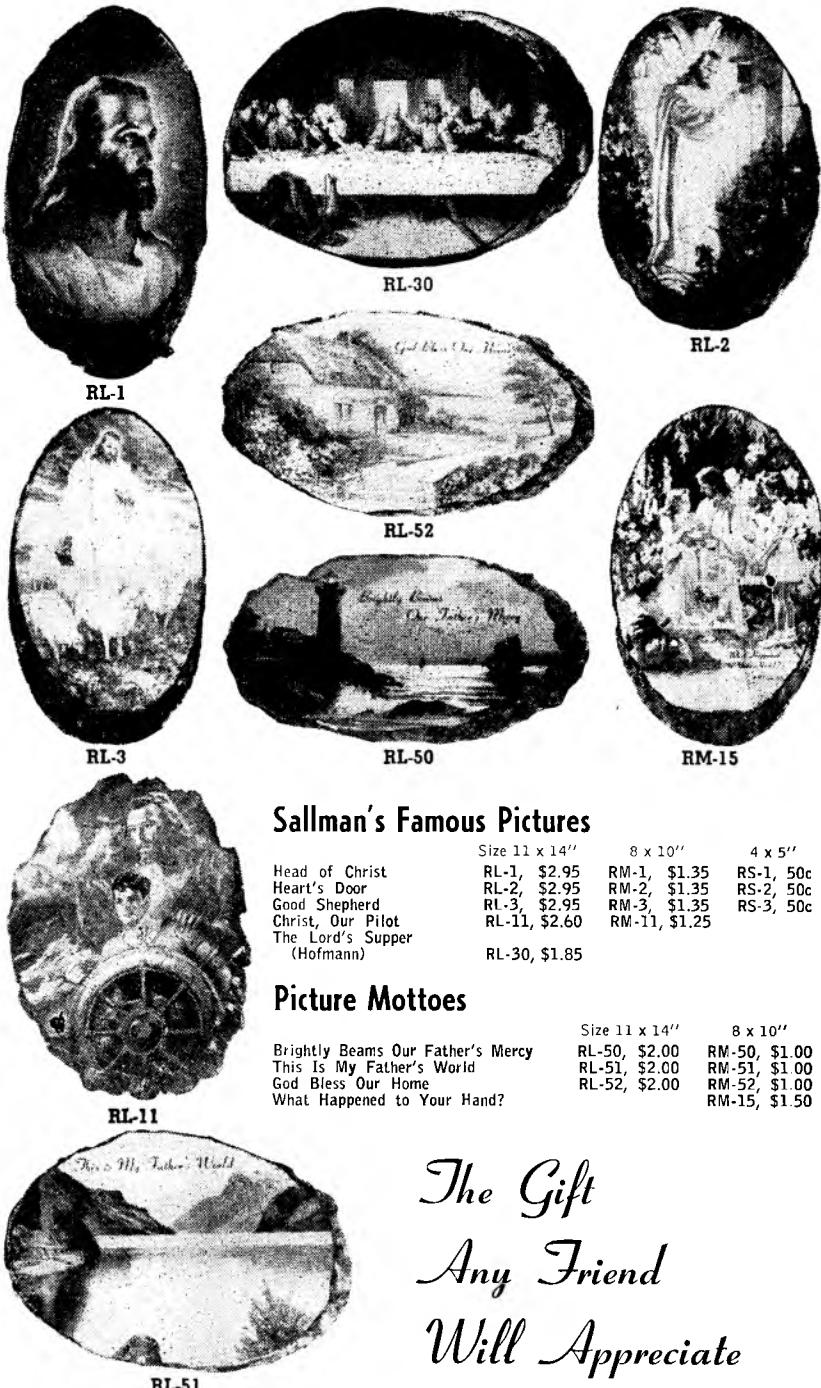
Our hearts were challenged to promote the cause of Christ and His kingdom here upon earth in the hearts of men. The need is great, but Akron District assumes with the Church the world around the Great Commission.

L. L. KOLLAR, Reporter

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## Southeast Oklahoma District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The second annual district N.Y.P.S. convention convened at First Church in Henryetta, Oklahoma, on September 22.

Rev. R. T. Williams, pastor of Oklahoma City First Church, was the special speaker for the convention. He brought an inspiring message which will be long remembered by those who heard him.

Our district president, Rev. Thomas Gilham, presided with ease and efficiency. He was re-elected with a fine vote of confidence. Brother Gilham's review of the year's activities and his humble spirit brought to our hearts and minds the high lights and blessings of the past year.

God's presence was manifested and a spirit of fellowship was evident from the beginning to the close of the convention.

With the support of the district president, council members, and the district superintendent, the youth of the Southeast Oklahoma District go forward to accomplish greater things for God and the church in the coming year.

RENA MAE COWAN, District Secretary

## DEATHS

REV. BEN F. NOWLIN was born March 2, 1882, in Copeville, Texas, and died July 27, 1953, at his home in McKinney, Texas, after more than a year of illness. He had been retired from active work less than one year at the time of his death. His last active service was on the Houston District, where he pastored the Houston Denver Church for five years. He also pastored the churches at Sulphur Springs, Klondike, Majors, and Tyler, Texas, on the Dallas District; then went to Grace Church in San Antonio, where he stayed for six years. On the Eastern Oklahoma District he pastored the church at Cushing and Muskogee First; and in Arkansas at North Little Rock and Bentonville. He was converted, sanctified, and joined the Church of the Nazarene in its early beginning. In his last days he was a blessing by his testimony and prayers to those who visited him. He is survived by his wife, the former Minnie Vaughan, and four daughters: Mrs. Jessie Addington, Mrs. E. D. Sams, Mrs. Jeff Gardner of Dallas, and Mrs. Alvin McCullough of California; also three sons: Bill, of McKinney, Clifford, and B. F., Jr., of Dallas. Funeral service was conducted in the Northside Church of the Nazarene in McKinney; here he was a member and preached his last sermon. The service was conducted by Rev. Paul H. Garrett, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. L. Gholson, Rev. E. Akin, Rev. Mr. Blackshire, and Rev. Mr. McCullough. Burial was in Wilson Chapel Cemetery.

MRS. ROSINA BLOORE, wife of Rev. Norman M. Bloore, Nazarene elder of Fort Worth, Texas, died August 12, 1953, in a hospital in Fort Worth. Although not a member of the Church of the Nazarene, she was one at heart, and was well known among the Nazarenes of the city. Both she and her husband were born in Birmingham, England. By her consistent Christian life, she won the hearts of those who knew her and will be very much missed in the community.

MRS. EDNA HILLS FULLER was born October 30, 1883, at Elsie, Michigan, and died August 21, 1953, at her home in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. For the last twenty years she had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene and was a tireless worker in the various departments. Converted early in life, she was married to Thomas U. Fuller in December of 1904. She leaves to mourn her passing a daughter, Mrs. Harry House, and a son, Merritt. Mrs. Fuller spent many years as a teacher of music in the public schools, was a past district president of the W.C.T.U., and one of the organizers of the Isabella County Holiness Association.

JOHN HARRIS was born December 8, 1886, and died August 27, 1953, having lived all his life about ten miles southeast of Muncie, Indiana. He united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1917, and with others was responsible in many ways in starting the Church of the Nazarene, Perry Township, Delaware County, Indiana. He donated a very fine plot of land on which to build this church, which bears his name. For some thirty-six years he was an ardent supporter of the local Harris Chapel church, and supported all causes of our denomination. God blessed him with a fine family. He and his wife (Mrs. Lewis Gates Harris) reared a family of nine children; one son died in 1929. The children are Robert M. of Arizona; Emmett, Joseph, Johnny, and Gordon of Selma, Indiana; Mrs. LeRoy Burleson; Mrs. Harold Windmiller, and Mrs. Carl Crisp of Selma; and Mrs. Wesley Burch, wife of Rev. Wesley Burch of Concord, North Carolina. Funeral service was conducted at Harris Chapel, in charge of his pastor, Rev. Alva Kelly, assisted by Brother Robbie Johnson and daughter, and Dr. E. O. Chalfant, a lifelong friend of Brother Harris.

DEWEY SHERBON was born April 5, 1898, at Peckham, Oklahoma, and died August 26, 1953, in a hospital in Ponca City. In 1919 he was united in marriage to Miss Birdie M. Reed. He retired in 1949, after having been stricken with a coronary thrombosis in 1946, from which he never completely recovered. Brother and Sister Sherbon united with First Church of the Nazarene, Ponca City, in 1920; Sister Sherbon is an ordained elder. Brother Sherbon lived like a Christian, suffered like a Christian, and died like a Christian. Funeral service was conducted in the church by his pastor, Rev. L. Wayne Sears.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECOMMENDATIONS

I am happy to recommend Rev. L. T. Edwards and wife, P.O. Box 110, Lowell, Oregon, who are now evangelists in the Church of the Nazarene. Brother Edwards has had a fruitful ministry in the pastorate for some years, and has re-entered the evangelistic field, in which he has been very successful. Their program of music, coupled with a vital presentation of gospel truth related to modern-day themes, makes their ministry unusually effective. They carry a burden for souls.—S. T. Ludwig, General Church Secretary.

I desire to recommend most heartily Rev. Claude W. Jones to any and all who may be interested in a typical Nazarene evangelist. He has recently resigned as pastor at Ephrata, Pennsylvania, to re-enter the field. The urge of the Spirit, coupled with an avalanche of calls, is sufficient evidence to indicate the will of God. His preaching is clear, scriptural, sane, and effective. He has an outstanding record of achievement in the area of evangelism. God has signally blessed his labors. Temporary address, 60 Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts.—Ernest E. Grosse, Superintendent of Washington-Philadelphia District.

Rev. Ralph S. Lanterman of Red Deer, Alberta, is a commissioned evangelist on our district, and has served well in the field of evangelism for a number of years. He is now preparing his slate for 1954 and will go anywhere for freewill offerings. Any pastor who wishes a strong, Biblical, evangelistic preacher would do well to call Evangelist Lanterman. I gladly recommend him.—Edward Lawlor, Superintendent of Canada West District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Orval J. Nease, Jr., of Ontario, California, a son, Byron Andrew, on October 22.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hayes of Lexington, Kentucky, a son, E. Warren, Jr., on October 18.

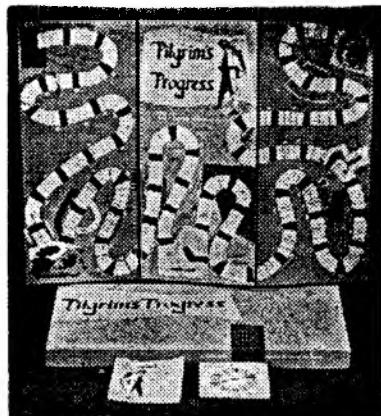
—to Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Morrell of Ewan, Washington, a daughter, Rebecca Jane, on October 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Shroud of Port Arthur, Texas, a daughter, Esther Jane, on October 10.

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—to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Tibbets of Norwich, Connecticut, a daughter, Nancy Ann, on October 8.

—to Pfc. and Mrs. Harry C. Greene of Dayton, Ohio, a son, Stephen Russell, on October 8.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Walter S. MacPherson, Jr., of De Land, Florida, a daughter, Esther Claire, on October 7.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Walker of Danville, Illinois, a son, Randall Earl, on October 5.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Crofford of Oakland, California, a son, Craig LaMont, on September 28.

ADOPTED by Rev. and Mrs. Elvin H. Ernest of Kansas City, Missouri, a baby girl, Luella Jeanne; and by Rev. and Mrs. Jerald D. Johnson of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a baby boy, born September 21, and brought to them on October 5—they have named him Jerald DeWight, Jr.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene brother in Pennsylvania, for a friend in Ohio, also for a radio actor in West Virginia;

by a Christian lady in California that God will heal her, also that God will make a way for her loved one to be saved before it is too late;

by a mother from Ohio for a desperately urgent unspoken request;

by a Christian lady in Illinois for a young man who has known a good experience with the Lord, but who seems to be possessed by Satan, that he will let God break every fetter and save him and his family from possible tragedy.

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CHAPLAIN Lowell George writes from California: "We have concluded another very profitable V.B.S. on this base. Mrs. George planned and directed the school. Department supervisors were chosen, not only for their ability, but for their spirituality. During the two weeks of the school the children were assisted by their supervisors to accept Christ as Saviour. There were approximately sixty of these children. The night of the program several of the parents, who are not Christians, expressed how differently their children have acted in the home since attending Bible school. We praise God for the privilege of leading the children of air force personnel to Christ, as well as their parents, and the unmarried young men."

Rev. A. G. Hanners, pastor at Vallejo, California, writes: "I'd just like to let you folks there at the central office know how very much we appreciate all you are doing to help us in contacting these fellows who are on the move so much. We do appreciate our servicemen. It seems we have been abundantly blessed with some wonderful Christian servicemen coming in here from all over the country. They make a real contribution to the services. We get letters for months and years afterwards from many who have been with us here. It has been a real privilege to help some find the Lord, others to be sanctified, and still others have heard the call to the ministry. We have our own 'missionaries' who have been in our services, who are now out circling the globe, giving a positive witness for Christ. Some are in Japan, some are in Korea, some in Alaska."

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