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TELEGRAMS

Yakima, Washington—Rev. J. Paul Downey reports one of the most successful meetings in the history of Yakima First Church with Rev. Sammy Sparks. More than 250 seekers. In remarkable service, filled with blessing, audience pledged more than \$3,200.00 to start Third Church. This unusual generosity followed by glorious altar service with more than fifty seekers.—E. E. ZACHARY, *Superintendent of Northwest District.*

Niagara Falls, New York—Niagara Falls church broke all Sunday-school attendance records for our district, 455 present. Pastor Paul S. Gilmore and congregation are rejoicing.—RENARD D. SMITH, *Superintendent of Albany District.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

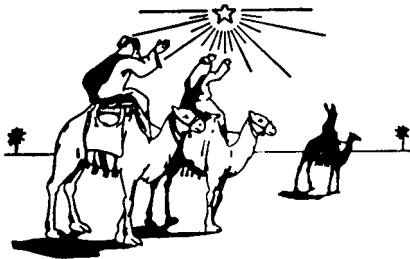
THANKS—We deeply appreciate the kindness of friends in many states who remembered us in our time of sorrow in the death of our daughter, Mrs. Aline Turner.—DR. AND MRS. A. S. LONDON.

The First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri, which was damaged by fire some weeks ago, has been fully repaired. The inconvenience suffered for a time has been compensated for largely by the "new look" which the sanctuary now has.

Pastor H. B. Jensen sends word from Alton, Illinois: "Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, Alton, on Sunday, November 15, closed a very successful revival, with Rev. J. L. Longnecker, evangelist, and Lee Suhling, song evangelist. There was an unusual altar service on the last night with about 40 seekers; many had never before seen such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. All Sunday-school attendance records were broken with 262 present on that day. Love offering of \$100.00 for the pastor. Many new people attended."

After serving for almost four years on the New York District, at Bellmore, Long Island, Rev. Clifford A. Weller resigned and, with his family, moved to Florida, where he has now accepted a call to pastor the church in Melbourne.

Superintendent Leon Chambers of the Gulf Central District sends word: "I am happy to report the first new church for our district—November 15, at Shawmut, Alabama, we organized the Shawmut Bethel Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Jimmy Samples



as pastor. The revival is on and the membership charter not yet closed; fifty people present in the service for the organization of the church, and the outlook is good for a strong church."

Pastor B. Jerry McClain sends word from Louisville, Kentucky: "1,607 in Sunday school at Broadway Church; a driving rainstorm prevented us reaching our goal of 2,000. Trevecca College a cappella choir thrilled our souls; Clifford Keys and Dr. Mackey, president, spoke with enthusiasm. Service was held in Memorial Auditorium. The work continues to grow."

Pastor C. E. Fleshman sends word from Peoria, Illinois: "Great Holy Ghost revival at First Church. Rev. W. E. Carlton and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith mightily used of God; over eighty seekers, twenty-eight united with church; Sunday school growing. Over one thousand dollars in Thanksgiving Offering, surpassing all previous records. Pastor's salary recently increased. Church marches forward for Christ and holiness."

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Across the Corn Patch—

TO CHURCH

By Elizabeth Speakes*

AS I SAT in church one Sunday morning not long ago, my attention was drawn to the picture on the cover of my bulletin. Portrayed there was a field of half-grown corn, healthy looking, gleaming in the beautiful summer sunshine. In the background across the field, nestled among the trees newly leafed, and flanked by markers and tombstones of a small burying ground, stood a modest, white country church, seeming to hold itself proudly erect, pointing with one long spire-finger straight to the sky, silently indicating: "This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isa. 30:21).

In my mind's eye I could see the farmer-owner of the corn patch, having left behind him the toil, sweat, and satisfaction of a week well spent, sitting with his family, ruddy face upturned, as he drew strength for tomorrow while he sang along with others to the accompaniment of a wheezy little reed organ: "Safely through another week, God has brought us on our way." Then he listened intently, responding quietly now and then as the young minister poured out his heart, delivering God's inspired message of encouragement to His people. He stood with head bowed, humbly, as the beloved words of benediction were pronounced: "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling." He filed out with others, his neighbors and friends, exchanging greetings and handclaps, anticipating now a home-cooked meal and a restful Sabbath afternoon.

What is your field of labor? An office where adding machines, typewriters, telephone bells, and petty problems have kept your nerves jangling all week? A nurse's duties that have kept you on the go answering lights, giving baths, medicines, and sympathy, and listening to moans and complaints when it seemed your own physical being was pushed to the limit? A mother whose worries and tasks seem endless, holding close in a warm embrace a little fellow who has hurt himself, while with your free hand you turn down the heat to prevent lunch from burning, hurrying then to answer the summons of the door chime, only to find another salesman on your doorstep?

Where have you worked this week? Are you tired? Here, take my hand; it's Sunday morning. Let's go across the corn patch to church!

*Nampa, Idaho

Editing the Angel's Song

By W. Shelburne Brown*

THE AMAZINGLY simple and joyful announcement of the angel was the good news that "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). In the song there was no attempt at embellishment, but it heralded the hope of the world. Sad to state, the world has not received the simplicity of the advent of a Saviour, but has from that day to ours attempted to read into the message something other than the simple gospel of a Saviour.

Some would sing it, "Unto you is born a great teacher," and that He is. "The common people heard him gladly," and into their untutored minds He was able to translate the greatest truths about God and about man. That is great teaching. His truths are so lucid that when we want to say something concisely we quote the words of Jesus. Visual education is the great appeal today. He anticipated that two thousand years ago, and as He sat on the hillside He painted verbal pictures that the world still cannot forget. "A certain man had two sons . . ." "Behold, a sower went forth to sow . . ."

Yet it is not there we find His greatest worth. Education is not enough. Brilliance alone may end up where Paul encountered it, "professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:22). Insight alone has no lifting power. Legion is the number of those who see their own sin, yet have no power to change themselves. We need something more than a great teacher, and Jesus represents that "more."

Others would sing, "Unto you is born a social worker," and it is true that His gospel always has social implications. Disease was rife in Jesus' day, but He healed the sick who were brought to Him. Immorality was as prevalent as in our day. He met the problem in the life of the woman at Samaria's well, in Mary Magdalene, and in the woman taken in adultery. Out of these contacts there came persons of character and strength to the community. He was a Social Reformer, but social reform alone will not go deep enough to meet our problems.

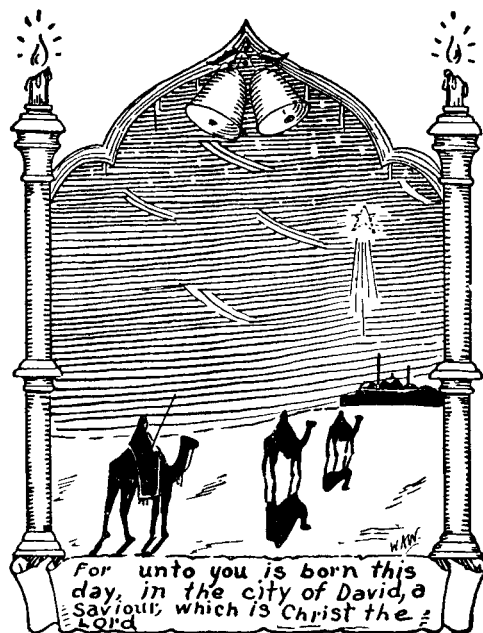
On the banks of the Wabash River, some years ago, was begun another of those numerous and ill-fated attempts

to establish a Utopia. All who became members of this group shared what they had. Each was to live unselfishly and invest all for the good of the whole. It was to be a heaven on earth. But the founders soon found, what they should already have known, that the powers of sin latent in the human heart are too great to be dealt with by any such human scheme. Selfishness ran too deep to be allayed so easily. Soon there was quarreling and bitterness over real or supposed wrongs, and the community went to pieces. So—we need something more than social reform, and Jesus represents that "more" that we need.

There are those who would sing, "Unto you is born a political leader." The message of Jesus brought insights into the worth of human personality that made the crown sit uneasily on many a head. His message cut across unjust demands by the state and the pretensions of those who put the nation ahead of the person. "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21). His teachings always have been the enemy of tyrants. His Church has usually been the first target of persecution from those who would rule men.

Pierre Van Paasen once interrogated Marshal Lyautey of France. The Marshal held a position comparable to that of Pilate in the time of Christ. He asked the Marshal how he would have handled a similar situation. This military leader concluded that Pilate's "secret service" was not operating too well and that he would find such a leader of men as Jesus far more quickly than the Roman authorities did. He would have put Him out of the way far more quickly. Men still need something more than a reformer to cleanse the ways of government. And Jesus represents that "more."

Still another group would sing, "Unto you is born a great example." Would anyone deny that in Him we have the Perfect Example of what life could and should be? All the qualities of life that men count supreme are represented in Him at their greatest beauty. Courage, consistency, compassion are all unfolded in Him, but an example is not enough. Other great men, too, in one way or another have provided inspira-



*Superintendent of Los Angeles District

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Christ Is First in Christmas

By Mina Wiarda*

THERE is no doubt that Christ should be first in Christmas. He is first in that happy word. It is Christ, and then the mass, or feast—the celebration.

But is it so in our annual Christmas festival? Do we think first of Him, and plan for His pleasure, and seek His glorification? Do we recall and reconsider with delight and rejoicing the greatness and significance of the Incarnation? Surely, we must confess that in much of the hurry and worry, spending and extravagance of our Christmas celebration, Christ Jesus has far from first place.

Indeed, it is to be feared that often He is dismissed almost entirely. Many seem to feel that, although Christmas began with His coming, the observance has largely lost its spiritual significance and has become merely the civilized world's great gift-exchange party, a season of special emphasis on good will and charity.

The magnificent songs of Christmas are still sung; but if the living, saving, satisfying Messiah is so largely left out of our Christmas festival or relegated to a minor place, will not the oratorios, anthems, and hymns of the holy Nativity soon come to be looked upon as the music of a bygone age—only a reminder of the thoughts that once occupied the hearts of a people almost extinct on earth, while the carnal Christmas ditty multiplies?

No doubt the Church must lead in the movement to restore Christ to first place in Christmas. If Christians really love Him, live for Him, find their joy in Him, and are grieved with the thought of offending Him, then the Christmas season

*Pierre, South Dakota



offers a very special opportunity to lift up Christ before the misguided, commercialized, paganized Christmas-celebrating world. If His light illumines our souls and shines on our faces, we can make the tinsel and the toys that now charm pale into insignificance.

The world is searching for reality in its quest for happiness, and the Christians have the real treasures and pleasures. If the body of born-again believers will lead in the matter of putting Christ first in Christmas, by all the sacred means God has provided—sermon, song, testimony, story; in every available place—pulpit, classroom, home, street corner, shop, and store; in every institution and wherever humans are found, then the Yuletide may become the blessing to the world that it should be.

If the Church will experience a resurgence of the spirit that puts Christ and His glorious program first in Christmas, the world will take knowledge that we have been with Jesus and learned of Him. Then, instead of the usual church slump at Christmas time, we may see multitudes of sin-weary, tinsel-tired, party-sated souls coming to the reality of the happiness that only Jesus Christ can impart.

Which Christmas is to prevail—the world's with its glamour, extravagance, frivolity, and sin; or the Church's with its righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost? The latter we may have if Christ is again placed first in Christmas!

A Light upon the Mountain

By Geita Blanchard

*There's a light upon the mountain
And the day is at the spring,
When our eyes shall see the beauty
And the glory of the King.
Weary were our hearts with waiting
And the night watch seemed so long,
But His triumph day is breaking
And we hail it with a song.*

*There's a hush of expectation,
As the shepherds stop to stare.
And the breath of God is moving
On the quiet midnight air.
Lo, the angel choirs of heaven,
Singing, "Glory," everywhere!
In the fading of the starlight*

*We behold the coming morn,
Where in a humble manger
Christ, the King of Heaven, is born;
And the eastern skies are glowing
As with light of hidden fire,
And the hearts of men are stirring
With the throb of deep desire.*

*Hark! they hear a distant music,
And it comes with fuller swell.
'Tis the triumph song of Jesus,
Of our King Immanuel.
Shepherds hurry forth to meet Him—
And may our souls be swift to bring
All our sweetest and our dearest
For the glory of our King.*

Christmas in the Home

By Grace Noll Crowell*

GOD HAS given parents one of the greatest gifts of all time: the ability to make beautiful and lasting memories in the hearts of their children. If they are earnest and sincere in living up to that trust, they will leave behind a legacy far surpassing that of lands or gold. If they fail, it is an offense to the Lord who loves little children and long ago bade them be brought unto Him.

The Christmases of earth have afforded especially rich material for the making of memories, clear and lasting, and wise are those parents who realize that fact and who work conscientiously to give their children the Christ of Christmas.

Countless men and women today would have been impoverished lifelong and would find Christmas drab and meaningless had their parents not kept the day sacred, and taught them to do so. The memories of their childhood teaching are like ever-glowing lamps within their hearts to make the day a thing of wonder and delight.

Christmas should be a joyous, happy holiday, but it should be more than this—it should be a holy day, kept holy in remembrance of the Saviour of the world. In the heart of every household He should be honored and glorified. The day should be a day of gladness and of self-forgetting, and its eve should be a night of starshine and of glory in memory of the Christ.

There could be no more beautiful picture than that of a mother who groups her children about her to give them the beautiful gift of the Christ to move in their lives; to see her planting within their hearts the seeds of faith and trust as she tells them of the Child of long ago, and of the love of God, the Father, which prompted Him to send His Son as a Saviour to the dark and needy world.

It is a lovely sight to see the stars in the eyes of little children as the mother tells them of His own special star, His sign, that henceforth will make all stars reminders of Him, and things of wonder to their seeking eyes. She will tell them of the gifts brought to Him that far-off night: the gorgeous jewels, the sweet-smelling perfume, the glittering gold—making those gifts a symbol to all God's children everywhere of the gifts they themselves can bring and lay at His feet: the gifts of kindness, obedience, and love—gifts He will value as highly as He did the priceless treasures brought Him by the three kings of old.

*Dallas, Texas

A mother can, and should, instill into the hearts of her children the thought of giving rather than of receiving. Many a Christmas has been spoiled for those who think only of the gifts they are to receive, while they have had no part in the joy of selfless outgiving to others. Too often in such cases Christmas becomes a disappointment and the fruit thereof is bitter in their mouth.

O mothers, early teach your children the truth that it is far more blessed to give than to receive; and teach them to put into practice the beauty of unselfishness.

Simplicity should be the keynote of Christmas in any home. Too lavish expenditure for decorations, too many expensive gifts, too great an abundance of rich foods are sadly out of variance with the utter simplicity that surrounded the Christ child at His coming. His only light was that of a star shining through the rafters of an ancient stable. He had no rich apparel awaiting His arrival. Doubtless His swaddling clothes

were torn from harsh, coarse grain sacking. His bedding was straw, and His food was His mother's milk. Yet he was a King who came straight from the ivory palaces of heaven to teach us that the essential things of life are love, joy, peace, mercy, and a close walk with our God.

If children learn that a few simple gifts for themselves are really sufficient, and far more satisfying than many with which they are soon sated, it would be a substantial lesson in economy that would prove helpful in later life.

One can believe that a lighted candle set upon a window sill may be especially pleasing to our Lord. Let the children light their candles in His honor. A candle is the clean, white symbol of His earthly life, which was lighted by the hand of God himself to guide all earth's journeying pilgrims on their way.

A mother can early teach her children that He is the Light of the World, and that a candle is a lovely thing to light in His memory. Indeed, He was like a burning, sacrificial candle; He was white and tall and straight, sending out a glow to make the darkness bright that gathered about His earthly pathway. At His coming the whole earth was lighted. The illumination He gave forth has widened out to the farthest reaches of eternity. A child can be told in beautiful, simple language of that Light that came, and that flickered out for a brief while, then lighted again, to stay lighted forever.



There is a great fount of beauty and of truth to be unsealed by parents to their children, who are ever thirsting for knowledge. Oh, that they all might keep Christmas the shining time that it really is! Oh, that they may tell out the good news of the Christ's coming at home and abroad! Tell it to the children, that they may tell it to their children, and to their children's children. This is the greatest gift any child can receive from his parents—a lifetime gift for his soul's eternal good.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By Katherine Bevis*

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! Season's Greetings!

THESSE are the phrases that are on men's lips and in men's hearts during the Yuletide season. But let us not lose sight of the real cause for Christmas as we go about exchanging gifts and wishing happy thoughts for those we love.

*Houston, Texas

Let us remember that two thousand years ago the Christ child was born in a manger in Bethlehem, and throughout the ages and down through the centuries we have honored the birth of this great Galilean who came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost.

As we go about our daily tasks during this Yuletide season and the new year to come, let us remember that we have a duty to humanity just as Jesus did in the stony hills of Judea.

The way is sometimes hard—the tasks arduous, yet challenging. But remember, the rewards are great.

Let us pray for strength individually and collectively to carry forward the selfless thoughts and ideals; let us kindle in our hearts a flame that will cause us to have a burning desire to do more for the downtrodden, the lost souls about us.

With these thoughts in mind, let us go forward in His name, as we extend our sincere wishes to all for happiness during the Christmas season and throughout the new year.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee (Ps. 119:11).

GOLD

Frankincense

And Myrrh

By N. C. Schlichter*



IT WAS, and still is, an Oriental custom and regarded as of great importance, that one must never visit a superior, especially a king, without some gifts. Among such gifts none have been more highly prized than gold and costly spices. So nothing was more in line with ancient custom when the wise men came, guided by the star, to that house which sheltered Mary and the young Child than to present the newborn King of Kings with gifts. And no gifts could have surpassed in value or been more appropriate than gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Frankincense (so named in English because it gives forth its odor so freely) and myrrh are both resinous gums obtained from certain species of trees growing in countries near the Holy Land.

Frankincense burns with a bright, white flame and was much used in ancient times for illumination purposes. But it was valued much more for the sweet odor which it gave off while burning and for its medicinal qualities. In Bible times it was gathered mainly in Arabia and in the Persian mountains, but some of it came from trees which grow on the slopes of Mount Lebanon. May to September was the season for gathering

*Annville, Pennsylvania

the lumps of gum which had been allowed to harden on the trees for three months.

Myrrh comes in the form of small, reddish-brown lumps which possess a very distinctive aromatic odor. This gum is obtained from a thorny shrub which flourished on the sunny slopes of the Levant, especially Arabia. The gum exudes through the bruised bark of the myrrh tree. Myrrh was used chiefly as an ointment, but it was also burned like incense for its delicious odor. In the Book of Genesis we read how Joseph was sold to a group of merchants, who were carrying "spicery and balm and myrrh" to Egypt.

The supreme Christmas lesson of these first Christmas gifts lies in the fact that they were given after the wise men "fell down, and worshipped" the Christ child. The gifts were symbols of worshiping hearts, and Christmas gifts of today are valued by the eternally reigning Christ only when given in His name with the love of a worshiping heart.

The gift of the gold was all a part of the divine plan of God the Father for the newborn Heavenly Babe. How Joseph must have rejoiced for it when he realized that he must flee for the Child's safety to a strange land! That gold was a practical gift, as our loving Saviour wishes many of our gifts to be. Who gives the needed gift today gives like those wise men of old.

The Wonderful Prince of Peace

By E. E. Wordsworth*

AT THIS Christmas season we again cast our eyes toward Bethlehem and the Saviour of the world. There is radical confusion prevailing in the world. The doctrine of Karl Marx is reaching out like a deadly octopus with its tentacles everywhere. This poor, sick, neurotic, crooked thinker has divided the world into two classes who are constantly trying to get at each other's throats because of bitter, unrelenting hatred.

Henry C. Link in *The Way of Security* says of Marx that "he was born of a well-to-do father and sent to a good school where he flunked out. He could not get along with his schoolmates; he never had a friend. His father got him a job, but he could not get along with his associates. Finally, he persuaded a girl to marry him, but he could not get along with his wife and family. They had four children, three of whom committed suicide." Karl Marx resented the world, hated the successful, and despised the Christian religion. He persuaded a capitalist, Frederick Engel, to support him while he wrote *Das Kapital*. And communism today is sweeping the world because of the diabolical influence of this wretched man.

But we quickly turn away to behold Jesus, our wonderful Redeemer and the Prince of Peace. See the Christ of mental health, a Man who loved everybody and whom everybody loved. "The common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12:37). A man to Him was the same whether he was rich or poor, a Jew or a Gentile, white or black, yellow or brown. Jesus never taught hatred, resentment, race prejudice, class prejudice, or such like. He taught that, to become great, people must love one another as brothers, serve in lowly service, and go the second mile. He gave us the story of the Good Samaritan, and always He "went about doing good."

The world today must choose between the ideology and satanic program of Karl Marx and the blessed principles and life of the Christian religion. If you choose the one, you get the slavery of mankind. If you choose the other, you get the freedom of mankind and spiritual peace.

The Prince of Peace gives sweet peace to the soul when He justifies it. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). Before pardon, the sinner is rebellious against God and His laws, but peace is generally the first fruits of our justification.

There is also sanctifying peace. The carnal mind in the believer prior to the obtainment of this grace keeps up a continual warfare within. It is "enmity against God." Sanctification destroys this inner unit of depraved nature and brings a deep, serene, tranquil peace hitherto un-

known. "To be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Jesus, as our Prince of Peace, enables us to "live peaceably," to "follow peace," and to be "peacemakers," not troublemakers. Bishop Ryle said: "Now is come to earth the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, the perfect peace between a holy God and sinful man, which Christ was to purchase with His own blood, the peace which is offered freely to all mankind, the peace, which, once admitted into the heart, makes men live at peace one with another, and will some day overspread the world."

This peace, then, according to Ryle, will someday "overspread the world." Yes, praise God, this is true! The day is coming when the shot and shell, the bombing planes and cannons' roar will no longer be heard in the land, but righteousness and peace shall reign from shore to shore. "And of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end . . . The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:7). His princely rule shall perpetually increase and be unlimited. At Christ's first coming there was a hidden spiritual victory over Satan, but the open one accompanied with "judgments" on Antichrist and every enemy of righteousness will characterize the Second Advent.

I have read that near the North Pole, toward the close of the long night which lasts for months and months, when the people expect the dawn of day, some messengers go to the highest point to watch; and when they see the first streak of

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They Worshiped in a Stall

By Dorothy W. Madden

*There were no pews—just a cattle stall;
No organ, no chimes—but the angel's call;
No pulpit fine—but a rough-hewn bed,
Where wondering shepherds hence were led.
No silks or furs this flock arrayed;
No minister—but a newborn Babe.*

*They came as they were—no pretense at all,
These worshipers to the Bethlehem stall—
With hearts that sought the King of Kings,
The Source from whence all blessing springs;
And when they found Him, side by side
They knelt and worshiped—satisfied!*

*Pastor, Goldendale, Wash.

At this Christmas time, will we
worship in the spirit of those—

In the Inn or at the Manger?

By George H. Talbert*

AS WE approach the holiday season there is no danger that we will forget Christmas. Just now the radio announcer says, "Just six weeks from tonight we will be celebrating Christmas Eve; only thirty-nine more shopping days until Christmas"—shopping days; that is the import of the announcement, and to many, of Christmas—gifts, toys, family parties, celebrations.

We Americans are fast becoming inveterate celebrators of days, and quick-change artists in the making. We get intensely patriotic around July 4 and forget it on the fifth. We wear the garments of praise and thankfulness with considerable awkwardness around the fourth Thursday in November, pause a brief moment on December 25, and go on to get disgustedly drunk on December 31, then sleep it off on January 1. We dash off with religious indifference until the week before Easter, mourn a bit on Good Friday, bloom out in all our finery on Easter Sunday, and then off we go to the drab commonplace of life again.

How much of the true spirit of Christmas—Christ in the heart—do we feel at Christmas amid the frills, the follies, and the Santa Clauses who are supposed to drive reindeer through the air, slide down a chimney, and leave presents they have manufactured at the North Pole? How many of our children will hear the true story of Christmas—Christ Jesus, God's gift to man, in the heart bringing peace on earth, good will to men? Will we worship in the spirit of *the inn or the manger?*

The people in the inn that first Christmas Eve never knew the significance of the occasion. They had feasted, drunk, dined, and danced to their hearts' content; there was plenty of food and fellowship, a large crowd; a fine time was had by all. At long last the festivities broke up, the last guest retired, the inn was silent, the night was still. They slept through the greatest night in all history, completely oblivious of the magnificent spectacle, the glorious occasion with the greatest significance the world will ever know. "God with us," "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Even the innkeeper who assigned the manger to Joseph and Mary did not see the star.

How easy it is to miss, amid all the frills and the follies of a commercialized Christmas, the star of the East that guided the wise men, and

will guide us today! Theirs was the spirit of the herd, wine, song, fun, laughter, the things that money can buy, the spirit of the inn. Is it less true of the multitudes today?

There were a few who were different that night; they saw the manger—not many. Not many of the world's billions have seen the manger, but Joseph and Mary and the wise men saw it, and bowed to worship there. They knew the true spirit of Christmas—Christ, the Gift of God, revealed to men—and went away to tell the story around the world. The Word says, "They departed . . . another way"—yes, and all who have seen the manger and bowed there have departed another way.

The name of the innkeeper and those of all of his guests have long since sunk into oblivion. Doubtless some collector would pay a handsome price for the guest register of that particular night, but it has gone and the names and the people with it. But the names of Jesus and Joseph and Mary and the wise men who bowed at the altar live on, not in collectors' shops, or art galleries, but in the hearts of all who have bowed at the manger, guided by a star—wise men.

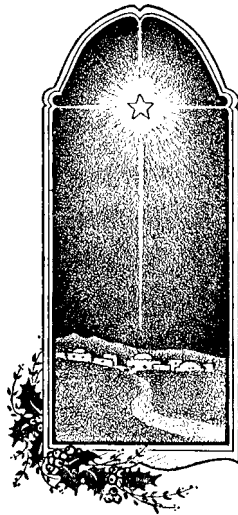
*Wise men came from the fields afar,
Led by a bright and shining star*

*To a manger stall and a bed of hay—
And wise men follow that star today.*

Let us beware lest in the commercialized Christmas with its frills and follies we find ourselves in the crowd

at the inn, and become so involved with the mechanics of the season that we awake Christmas morning to find we have failed to see the star of the East.

Stewardship is more than a matter of fractions, whether of one-tenth or of one-half, but a philosophy underlying all of life. It conceives of life, not as a goblet to be drained, but as a chalice to be shared. The chief business of the Christian steward is to give, his getting being incidental to his giving. Stewardship imparts the set of service to all of life. Service in its full rich stewardship significance is not casual good turns done incidentally, but the abiding intent of life, its basic import. The Christian is here, not to get, but to give as a partner and fellow worker with God.—*Covenanter Witness.*



*Evangelist, Abilene, Kansas



THE TREE AND THE STAR

By E. Wayne Stahl

*A stately star above the Christmas tree
There in the church was glorious to see;
That star's five points glowed with electric fire;
Then sounded music from sweet beauty's lyre.*

*And as I saw those tips of burning gold,
Across my memory in richness rolled
A truth Charles Wesley in his hymn declares
Of Jesus Christ, "Five bleeding wounds He
bears,*

*"Received on Calvary." Lord, make us see
The wondrous glory of our Christmas tree
Comes from that other "tree," where Thou hast
died,
A curse for us (1), who now are glorified.*

*And, Jesus, make us feel this Christmas time,
With joyous certainty, this fact sublime,
That if in love we suffer here for Thee
Partakers of Thy heavenly glory we shall
be (2).*

*Outshining e'en the Star of Bethlehem
Is that bright glory in the souls of them
Who now are near to God, who once were
far (3),
Who heard Christ say, "I am the Morning
Star" (4).*

(1) Gal. 3:13; (2) II Tim. 2:12; (3) Eph. 2:13; (4) Rev. 22:16.

TRUE GIVING

By Ovella Satre Shafer

*The giving of gifts at Christmas
Dates back to the wise men of old
Who brought their treasures to Jesus
And laid at His feet, we are told—
Fragrant, costly, attractive—
Frankincense, myrrh, and gold.*

*The giving of gifts at Christmas
Which comes from a custom of old
Is beautiful if we remember
The Christ, of whose birth we are told—
A gift for Him and His kingdom,
For "other sheep . . . not of this fold."*

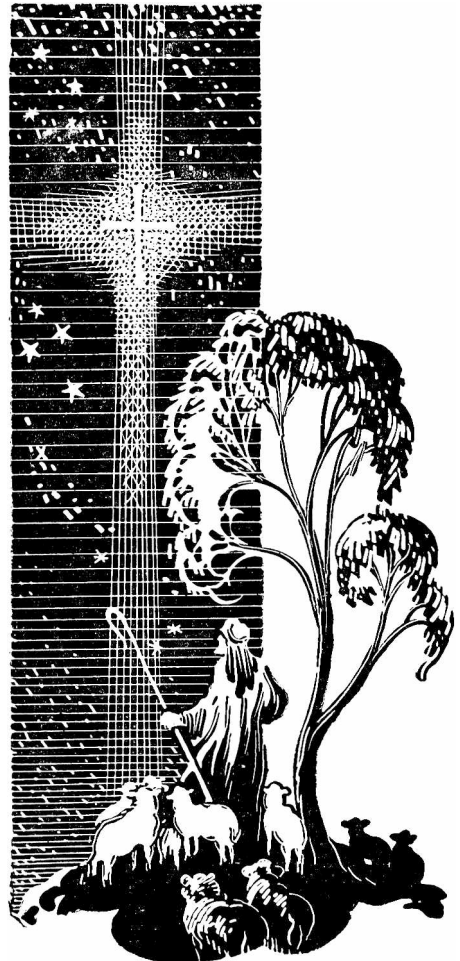
O'ER JUDA'S FIELDS

By A. M. Quick

*O'er Juda's fields let praises ring,
O'er Juda's fields where the angels sing,
Where shepherds watch their flocks by night,
And skies above are sudden bright
With tidings of a King.*

*O'er Juda's fields how glad the sound,
O'er Juda's fields let the song resound:
"To you is born," O blessed word,
"A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,
And in Bethlehem is found."*

*O'er Juda's fields and far away
Let this blest message sound today.
Let all men hail this happy morn
On which our Saviour Prince is born,
And worship Him for aye!*



I'm Thankful for Christmas

By A. S. London*

WE PAUSE at this Christmas season to give thanks to Christ, with emotions too deep for words to express. Our minds go back to childhood days (when Mother filled our stockings with candies and fruits), to the program at the old church, the Christmas tree, the little red wagon, red-top boots, and the expression of love from Mother to her boy.

If it were not for Christmas, mother and childhood would have but little meaning. Before Jesus came, children were a burden, and mothers were driven like beasts of burden. We say with David Livingstone, "Today I dedicate my life, myself, my all to Jesus." He gave us Christmas.

If there were no Christmas, we would not know of the compassion of Jesus for the oppressed, the blind, the ignorant, the bereaved, and the brokenhearted. Jesus says, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." A blessed promise!

If it were not for Christmas, we never would have known of the "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." It is the story of His grace in behalf of the oppressed and the unfortunate, and all those who are distressed. Christmas gives us the right estimates and appraisals of human beings. It gives the only adequate atonement for sin.

If it were not for Christmas, we would never have known of One who will stick closer than a brother. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He also said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Jesus is the supreme Light upon all supreme questions.

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If it were not for Christmas, we would have no hope beyond the grave. Caesar, the great soldier, stood up in the Roman senate and said of a dead senator, "If there is anything more for him we cannot tell."

To the three great questions—life, death, eternity—Christ alone has the answer. He said: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore." Christmas bears the news that Christ brought life and immortality through the gospel.

Plato said, "If there is anything beyond the grave we cannot say." Christmas says, "Jesus has the keys to death and the grave. Trust Him and go on without fear." Blessed truth!

Christmas says, "Thy brother shall rise again." "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

There are no words to describe nor scales to weigh the worth of such language to a suffering, brokenhearted, war-torn world such as we face today!

Thank God for the Christmas season of 1953!

The Wonderful Prince of Peace

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day, they put on their brightest apparel, embrace each other, and cry, "Behold the sun!"

Dear reader, One greater than the natural sun is coming. The night of sin is far spent. It is time to put on the wedding garment. There should be the "holy kiss" and the Christian "embrace"; there should be, in other words, delightful Christian fellowship and holy unity and heavenly peace, for, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh!" "The Sun of Righteousness [shall] arise with healing in his wings" (Mal. 4:2). "The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness" (Luke 1:78-79). Behold the Sun! Behold the Sun! To behold Him is life and peace.

BETHLEHEM

By Margaret Connelly

*Cold were the streets of Bethlehem
Under Herod's black decree,
But over them shone one bright star,
As bright as it could be;
And in a lowly manger stall
A little King lay sleeping.
Love, forgiveness, and peace were there
And over the whole earth creeping!*

*A warm breeze softly touched the palms
And the shining desert sands,
While the wise men silenced their camel-bells
And loosened the wide girth bands.
For they came to visit the little King
And they knelt where He lay sleeping—
The bright star lighted His manger bed
While they their tryst were keeping.*

Editing the Angel's Song

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tion for humanity, but an ideal like that of Jesus is soon seen to be an impossible ideal unless some inner dynamic is provided that men may attain.

No! We do not need to edit the angel's song. His was the message from God. He sang about what man needs the most—a Saviour. We need to be taught, but we need that inward teaching that writes the Word upon our hearts. Social reform we need, but more than that, and before that, we need the inner cleansing that gets at the problem of sin. Political help we need, but more than that we need a Saviour from sin so that we can see in every man our brother and our responsibility. All of us can rejoice that when the angels caroled on the first Christmas Eve, they sang about the Christ who had come

to meet our basic need—sin. He is the Saviour. This is the good news of Christmas. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

Clouded Vision

By David J. R. Spittal*

THE FIRST thing that attracted me was the cart he was pushing. It was small, homemade, and seemingly put together in a very careless fashion. The wheels were loose and shaky. To operate the cart, the owner had to stoop over and grasp two bars that extended toward him. Then I became fascinated by the man behind the cart. He seemed as one who had become prematurely old by arduous work. His clothes were filthy and ragged. His hair was matted and uncombed. His whole appearance was repulsive and presented a ghastly figure.

I watched him go from one garbage can to the other. I saw him remove the pieces of metal, the old tins, particles of scrap, and discarded junk, and load them on his little cart. After watching him for some time I had occasion to speak to him. This was his story.

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"I was raised as an orphan. No one ever cared for me and I still am in doubt if anyone loves me. I have been pushed around all my life and have gone to the lowest class of society. I live in a little hovel with meager possessions. When I sell the junk that I have collected for the day, I am paid a small amount. This trifling sum meets my need. I am satisfied with my existence and I do not crave any other life. My whole future is tied up in this little cart and these garbage cans. Please don't bother me. The only thing that haunts me is the constant worry that someday this little cart may catch on fire and may be destroyed. This is my only problem, for other than this I like things the way they are."

As I left him I said to myself: There goes a man without a vision. Yet he illustrates many Christians and church members that I have met. Many Christians have a vision that extends only to their own door. Their thought is for their own personal gratification. There is no vision, and no desire to see others saved. Many churches feel that they must satisfy their own needs within their four walls and yet forget that souls are dying without Christ.

God help us to lift our eyes from "our little cart" and determine to be Christians with a worldwide vision and a mighty passion for others. "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for December 20: Let the Prince of Peace Rule

Scripture: Isa. 2:2-4; 9:2, 5-7; 65:17-25; Luke 2:8-14)
(Printed, Isa. 2:2-4; 9:2, 5-7; Luke 2:8-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Unto us child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace* (Isa. 9:6).

Isa. 9:6 is one of the greatest and most thrilling of all the great prophetic passages. There is the first gray blush of dawn; and then, even as we watch, the first golden streaks of light burst forth into a full-orbed sunrise. So it is with this passage of scripture. And more still: for with one mighty step we are carried along until the Sun of Righteousness, in noontide zenith splendor, shall hold sway forever and forever. What a prophecy!

This prophecy is unmatched in its sheer sweep of time and spheres. It was uttered centuries before the birth of Christ. It envisioned the humble manger in Bethlehem and swept on till it encompassed the throne of the universe—what a sweep! The tiny, little One who cried softly in the borrowed hay strides to the universal

throne to the acclaim of the redeemed millions of earth.

We all agree—*Let Him Rule!* But note: "the government shall be upon his shoulder." This does not only speak of His eventual rulership. It startles us with its casualness, for it says "shoulder" and not shoulders. It was Dr. S. S. White who first drew my attention to this spiritual gem. Isaiah pictured Christ ruling with an ease and readiness that is utterly unknown by human rulers. For history records the back-breaking loads, the heart-crushing burdens, the nerve-racking tensions when government is placed on humans and it always requires both shoulders—and they become stooped. But Jesus shall bear the government upon His "shoulder." This underlines His omnipotence, His infinite wisdom, His deity. And really why not? Why should the One who spoke worlds into being not be able to order their eternal economies? Why should not the One who created us by word of His mouth not be able to carry our governorship easily in that day when "the kingdoms of this

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ"?

Of course, also, it tells us that in that Kingdom which He shall set up there will be no lawless elements, no battles with evil forces. For it shall be the realm of eternal peace, and He shall be the Prince of Peace in final and eternal verity.

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Lord, Stir Us Nazarenes!

By F. W. Davis

*Lord, stir us Nazarenes today;
Please set our hearts aflame.
Endow us with Thy mighty power,
Salvation to proclaim.*

*Keep us pure without—within,
And teach us how to pray,
'Til every heart is burdened for
The souls who've gone astray.*

*Oh, lead us on to deeper things
Than we have ever known,
Until our souls are lost in love
From Thy eternal throne.*

*Grant us a place back of thyself,
That we may not be seen.
Oh, send a great revival, Lord,
To every Nazarene!*

EACH YEAR we celebrate the birth of Jesus. We look back to the time when He was born into this world, when He came to live and work among men and begin the building of His kingdom on this earth. Prophets of old looked forward to this same coming of Christ, and have expressed their hope in many and varied ways. One writer some time ago expressed this thought in these words:

"They looked forward to the appearing of a scion of David's house, a Messianic king, under whose benign and everlasting rule mercy and truth should meet together. As described by the Psalmist, he is the Lord's son, to whom the nations are appointed for an inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for a possession. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth, and his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth. He shall be at once priest and king—a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek. In like exalted strains, Isaiah pictures the anointed king: 'There shall come a shoot out of the stock of Jesse and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit: and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, and the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge, and the fear of the Lord. Righteousness shall be the girdle of his reins. The government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government, and of peace, there shall be no end upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it with judgment and righteousness from henceforth, even forever.' Something of the same inspiring hope appears with Jeremiah. 'Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute judgment and justice in the land. In his days, Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is the name whereby he shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness.' Micah and Zechariah picture the earthly circumstances which are to mark the coming prince of David's house. 'Thou, Bethlehem Ephrath, which art little among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.' 'Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation, lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt, the foal of an ass.' In Daniel's picture, on the other hand, the aspect of heavenly majesty stands in the foreground. 'I saw in the night visions, and, behold there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before Him. And there was given him dominion and glory, and a kingdom, that all the

peoples, nations and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.'"

Looking at it from a distance, the prophets seem at times to see the first coming of Jesus blending into His second coming. They do not differentiate completely between the two events. Both seem to be suggested in these prophecies as they are taken together. In accordance with this, it is not out of place for you and me to think of the two together. While we celebrate the first coming of Jesus with joy, we also look forward to the time when He will come again and climax the work which He began when He came by way of the manger.

The first coming of Jesus was marked by joy; the same will be true of the second. "Joy to the world," for Christ has come; and "Joy to the world," that Christ is coming again. When He comes again, the Kingdom which He inaugurated centuries ago will reach its consummation. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Christ Loved the Church

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: . . . (Eph. 5:25). Christ loved the Church without limit. We know this because He made the supreme sacrifice for the Church. He went all the way in His giving; He went to the cross and gave His life for the Church. He didn't just talk about giving himself; He didn't merely say that He was willing to do it—He did it. Love, if it is real love, is always practical. It has feet and hands; it manifests itself in action. In this instance the love of Jesus Christ manifested itself in the highest form, in giving His life, in giving himself. "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Chrysostom brings out the depth of Jesus' love for the Church in these words: "Wouldst thou that thy wife should obey thee as the church obeys Christ? Do thou then care for her as Christ for the church, even if thou must lay down thy life for her—shrink not shouldst thou suffer even this, thou hast not matched at all that which Christ hath done, for thou doest thus after thou hast already won her, but He sacrificed himself for her who had turned away from Him and hated Him, and when she was thus disposed, He brought her to His feet, not by threats, nor by insults, or terror, or any such thing, but by His great solicitude."

Stephen S. White

Jesus Will Give You Rest

Yes, there would be much less trouble in the home, and fewer divorces, if all husbands loved their wives as Jesus loved the Church. His love was limitless.

What was the ultimate, or supreme, desire which Jesus hoped to realize? That the Church might become His wife. Before this could happen, however, the Church must be holy as He is holy. Therefore the Word says: "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word." This is the immediate reason that constrained Jesus to give His life for the Church. That was the objective reason, the purpose, the immediate end which Jesus hoped to achieve in giving himself for the Church. On the other hand, the subjective cause of His sacrifice on the cross for the Church was His love for the Church. He never would have been willing to give himself for the Church that He might sanctify it, in order that the Church might become His wife, if He had not loved the Church with an infinite love. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16); and Christ so loved the Church that He gave himself for it, "that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:26-27).

A companion text which brings out the same thought, that is, the fact that Jesus so loved the Church that He gave himself for it that He might sanctify it, is found in Hebrews: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (13:12). He was willing to go outside the camp, and endure the shameful death of the cross in order that He might sanctify His people, because He loved them.

The Christian is ever being exhorted to have a love for lost souls, a love that knows no limit, that will be willing to do anything for Christ to help win those who are outside of the ark of safety. All of us who have been saved ought to be willing to enter into that love which God had for the world when He gave His only begotten Son, the love that moved Him to send His Son down to earth to die for lost men. And His love within our hearts ought to move us to do more than many of us are doing in order to win the sinner to the Master. Along with this, we ought to be willing, as sanctified people, to love the Christian and do our best to get him to accept Christ in His fullness, even as Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it in order that He might sanctify it.

I REMEMBER when as a young man I worked on the railroad; I turned concrete with a shovel, for ten hours a day, six days a week. I recall also that along about that same time I helped in the building of some concrete abutments for railroad bridges. It was then that I wheeled gravel in a steel wheelbarrow until my hands almost ceased to function. When the day was over it seemed that I couldn't force my hands to hold the handles of that wheelbarrow any more, or compel my feet to move again. I was tired, dead-tired. There are many reading these lines who will know exactly what I am talking about; they have been physically exhausted. How sweet was sleep after such weariness! How refreshed one felt after a night of slumber!

But this physical tiredness doesn't compare with mental tiredness. A few times I have studied until late at night, and once I remember that I kept poring over my assignments until it was six o'clock in the morning. I rested for just a few minutes and then started to classes, in one of which I was to have a very difficult examination. When that day was done, after having studied all night before and taken examinations or sat in the lecture room most of the day, I was mentally weary. I did not see how I could compel my mind to study any more. Again, a good night's sleep came to my rescue. In the morning I was ready to start out once more, with a mind that to a large extent had forgotten that it was weary the day before.

But physical and mental weariness are not as terrible as spiritual tiredness. How well do I remember when the burden of my sins became so heavy it seemed I could stand it no longer! I am not surprised that such burdens sometimes force people to the verge of suicide. I also remember that I repented, prayed through, and trusted God, and the burden rolled away; the clouds were gone, the birds began to sing, and I was in a new world. Jesus had given me rest. He had said to me, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28), and I had heeded the invitation and He had verified His wonderful promise. What a night that was! Only those who have come to Jesus and have had their burdens rolled away know what I am talking about. If, perchance, there is someone reading these lines who is still beset by sin, let me tell you now that Jesus will give you rest.

Even after this experience I came up to the time when I felt I should settle it forever that I would go all the way with God. He had done wonders for me already, but I had not yet made a complete consecration; I did not yet know what it was to have the sin nature within eradicated and receive that rest of soul and spirit which is reserved for the people of God. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9). For a time I hesitated and struggled, but one day

I said an everlasting "yes" to God, I turned my back forever upon sin, the devil, and hell, and turned my face toward God and heaven and holiness. Then, what a change! Peace and rest that passed all understanding came into my heart like a mighty river. I could sing in the words of the choruses, "Oh, happy rest; sweet, happy rest!" and

*Peace! peace! wonderful peace,
Coming down from the Father above!*

What Jesus did for me He will do for you, my unsanctified friend. He will give the peace of God by freeing you from the nature of sin within.

I close with a comprehensive invitation in the words of the last stanza and chorus of the song "Jesus Will Give You Rest":

*Will you come, will you come? How He pleads
with you now!*

*Fly to His loving breast:
And whatever your sin and your sorrow may be,
Jesus will give you rest.*

Oh, happy rest; sweet, happy rest!

Jesus will give you rest.

*Oh, why won't you come in simple, trusting faith?
Jesus will give you rest.*

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. In what way is the ministry just another white-collar job? I heard it called this recently.

A. Much has been said about white-collar workers within recent years. They are those who are engaged in the professions or have some type of office job, in contrast to those who work with the hands, manual laborers, or followers of some trade. They are called white-collar workers because they do not have to wear work clothes in order to carry on in their fields of activity. They have been spoken of disparagingly because, as a rule, in these days of high prices their wages have not increased to the same extent as those of the common laborer and those who work at the trades. From this standpoint, I can understand how a person might speak of the ministry as just another white-collar job. Nevertheless, I would not like to talk that way about my job as a minister. I have been especially called of God to my task, and I would not want to say that it is just another white-collar job, even if I thought that the pay I receive places me in that class, as well as the kind of clothes I wear in performing my duty. No higher position can ever come to a man than preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ if he is really called of God to do it. Therefore, I would not want to call it "just another" anything.

Q. If the spirit of man is eternally conscious, where is this consciousness during what we term unconsciousness? Or, where is the eternal consciousness of the spirit which never dies during those periods when we know nothing, as while we are asleep or are under the influence of an anesthetic?

A. In the first place, you mean everlasting, or unending, consciousness, instead of eternal; for eternal means without beginning as well as without ending. You do not claim

that man's consciousness is without beginning, I am sure. Second, there are those psychologists who would deny that there is such a thing as absolute unconsciousness. They hold that we are never free from some form of consciousness, such as dreams or other types of semiconsciousness. Third, at present, or in the life which we are now living, the real man, or inner person, in its functionings, or manifestations, is dependent upon a body with a nervous system. Because of this, its awareness, or consciousness, may be limited by injuries to this nervous system or by other shortcomings of the same. Therefore, when we are freed from the nervous system—as we shall be in the next, or future, life, we shall not be in danger of suffering these limitations of awareness, or consciousness. Fourth, we know that the Bible teaches the immortality of the soul and the resurrection of the body, although the resurrected body will be very different from our present body—much more akin to what we know as spirit now than to our earthly body. Finally, everything which has been said above militates against a belief in soul-sleeping, or absolute unconsciousness, which some teach as to the soul between death and the resurrection. Further, such a view has never been a part of the great creeds of the Christian Church, and has no valid basis in the Scriptures.

Q. How does the account of the creation in Genesis I allow for the existence of cave men and prehistoric animals?

A. The theory of evolution which carries with it belief in cave men and prehistoric animals is a theory which cannot be demonstrated. I have before me a book published this year by a believer in evolution which states that evolution is a theory that cannot be proved. It also later puts the view

in the same class with all other scientific hypotheses; and a hypothesis is a guess made in an attempt to interpret or account for certain facts. Only a day or so ago, I either read or heard a report over the radio to the effect that what had been thought of as the well-established prehistoric remains of a certain type had just been proved to be a hoax. Such as this has occurred before. Also, we should remember that the emphasis in the Genesis account of creation is upon God as the Cause of all that exists rather than upon the method God used in creating. Again, some conservative Bible scholars would make room for the extra time necessary to account for the existence of cave men and prehistoric animals by what has been called the restitution theory. Between the first and second verses of the first chapter of Genesis there is catastrophe of some kind—usually thought of as the fall of the devil—which brought on chaos. Then a re-creation begins with the third verse. This, they think, makes room for all of the time needed since the first creation. Further, others would make the days spoken of in the first chapter of Genesis as periods of time rather than twenty-four-hour days. This would be another way of arranging for plenty of time to account for cave men and prehistoric animals. Then there is the tendency in science today to speed up the whole process of creation by means of mutations and the possibility of atomic changes inaugurated by God in connection with His creative processes. Here unimaginable means are set before us whereby the whole matter of creation might have been streamlined in a fashion never dreamed of in connection with past theories of evolution. This might even complete the circuit and bring us back to the twenty-four-hour-day scheme, which some of us have never seen fit to abandon. Anyway, I see no reason for permitting the cave man and prehistoric animal notions to undermine my belief in the teachings of the first chapter of Genesis.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Bible Society Offering

ONCE again the time of year rolls around when the Church of the Nazarene joins with Christians everywhere in supporting the cause of Bible translation and Bible distribution. This is made possible through the N.Y.P.S.-sponsored project for giving on Universal Bible Sunday, December 13, to the United Bible Societies. Churches within the United States and its terri-

tories give to the American Bible Society; churches in other nations give to the respective branch of the United Bible Societies.

Our responsibility in this work is not great in dollars and cents, yet the outreach of what we do give is beyond all comprehension in terms of good done. The young people of the churches will be challenging our people everywhere, as will the pastors, to the im-

portance of the Bible in these days of chaos and distress. Let us all feel that we have a responsibility in getting the Bible to the world.

The agencies of the United Bible Societies warrant our faith and confidence. They are doing a job which we would want to do ourselves if there were no interdenominational agencies already busy at the task. They are providing all or portions of the Scriptures in 1,059 languages of peoples and supply the Word of God for the use of missionaries at work in every area of the world. Our part of this world-wide endeavor is vital and important.

CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Nampa Crusade Conference

NOVEMBER 10, 11, and 12 were the dates of a very special grass-roots Crusade for Souls Now Conference held in the College Church at Nampa, Idaho. This conference was held instead of the regular Preachers' Meeting for the Idaho-Oregon District. District Superintendent Younger presided in a most attractive manner. He is giving this district very capable leadership and is loved and highly respected by all his pastors and laymen. Idaho-Oregon is making the best record that it has made in many years.

One very significant fact is that the Nampa churches, of which there are now five, are co-operating in a fine spirit. This was evidenced by the fact that on Wednesday night of the conference they all dismissed their prayer meetings and came together to fill the great auditorium of the College Church. The unity of spirit was such as to invite the very presence of the Lord in the midst. "They were all with one accord in one place."

A very small per cent of the Idaho-Oregon churches were actively working the Crusade for Souls Now program in an organized manner. But the challenge was well received. Without exception the people who went home from the conference went definitely to do more about the organized promotion of personal soul winning.

Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. S. T. Ludwig were my co-workers in this conference. Their messages were heart-stirring and especially owned and blessed of the Lord. Sanctified Nazarenes do not mind being stirred up. In fact sanctified Nazarenes enjoy being stirred up—and these Idaho-

Oregon Nazarenes acted as if they had the blessing.

It was a privilege to have Dr. John Riley, president of Northwest Nazarene College, in the conference. He urged the students to attend, and many did on Wednesday and Thursday. The chapel service was thrown into the conference. Dr. Riley is making personal soul winning a part of the ministerial training the young preachers at Northwest Nazarene College are receiving. He is fortunate in having Dr. D. Shelby Corlett and Professor Elwood Sanner as members of his faculty. These men were in the vanguard of the Crusade and helped mold its conception. They also took part in the program.

A beautiful and significant occasion was an early Christmas presentation to the district superintendent and his wife on the last night of the conference. The pastors and friends surprised these gracious district leaders by presenting to them beautiful and practical gifts. This being the latest district gathering before Christmas they took advantage of the event for their presentation. It is these little extra things coming spontaneously from the hearts of a people that give a man heart to stay in the front of the battle and consider no demand a sacrifice in order to see the work of God go forward.

May God bless the Idaho-Oregon Nazarenes!

New Mexico Crusade Conference

A grass-roots Crusade for Souls Conference was held on the New Mexico District, November 11 and 12, at El Paso First Church, where Rev. Harold Morris was the host pastor. Five services of inspiration, chal-

lenge, and instruction opened the eyes of our pastors and people to the fields which are "white already to harvest" right at our door. District Superintendent R. C. Gunstream conducted the services with the blessing of God, and in the closing meeting brought an impassioned appeal to pay the price in intercessory prayer and effective witness in an all-out effort for souls across the district.

The conference followed immediately the conclusion of our Coast-to-Coast Missionary Convention, and the new team of workers coming in brought new inspiration and blessing with them. The conference team consisted of Dr. L. J. Du Bois, Rev. Andrew Young, and Rev. Alpin P. Bowes. Outstanding points from their messages were these:

1. Our people honestly want to be soul winners, but they must be shown how and led into this thrilling work.
2. We must have the Crusade on our hearts if we expect it to affect others' lives.
3. You can't lose for winning if you participate in the Crusade for Souls Now!
4. This Crusade is everyone's task, but even two or three persons can change an entire church or district.

We left the final service of the conference with the consciousness that a new day of soul winning is dawning on the New Mexico District.—EUGENE M. CULBERTSON, Reporter.

Today the world needs a voice of authority. We are hearing too much of what men think, with no authority to back up what they say. It would be putting it mildly to say that we are facing great problems. Sin is on a rampage, and nothing seems to be able to restrain it. The influence needed today is that of the true prophet who will say, "Thus saith the Lord." God still says that the soul that sinneth shall die.—IRA L. TRUE, Sr.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

New Church

"A recent visit to our new work on the island of Ometepe was a thrilling experience. I organized the church at Los Angeles at the foot of our great active volcano, Concepcion, with eight members. Every one of them is a real Nazarene. Forty sympathizers of the gospel attended the baptismal service on the lake shore. We expect a good harvest soon. This is the second church we have been able to organize during the last six months."—C. G. RUDEEN, *Nicaragua*.

Zone Rally in Peru

We recently had a three-day zone rally in Chota. The people came in from six churches and several unorganized congregations and there was a wonderful attendance. One night 300 filled the auditorium. We were certainly glad that we had a good-sized church in which to have the meetings. The people slept in the basement, and we rented the house just across the street for a cooking and eating place. There were thirty at the altar on Saturday night—some new people, and some believers seeking holiness.

Sunday was a wonderful day with 168 in Sunday school. Our morning worship service was blessed with the special presence of the Lord. Brother Julca, our invited worker, brought the message. There were 2 children dedicated, a wedding consecrated, and 15 baptized. At least 65 took Communion. Many remarked that it was like a small assembly for attendance.

Brother Zurcher, district president of the N.Y.P.S., was present to guide the young people; Brother Torgrimson boosted every department; and Miss Marjorie Mayo was here as the director of the district Junior work. Our nurses, Miss Roth and Miss Julca, were kept busy seeing patients who were brethren from distant congregations with teeth to be pulled and infections to be treated. Thank you again for sending us a consecrated and trained nurse. The people have taken her to their hearts and appreciate her very much.

The three-day zone rally was voted a great success and the last week of June, 1954, has been set as the date for another one, if the Lord tarries.

Continue to remember the work here in the mountains. These are people who accept the gospel with open hearts and now is our opportunity to get it to them.—LUCILE TAYLOR, *Peru*.

Bolivia

This has been one busy year for us. We feel that we are just beginning to do missionary work, and only wish that there were more hours in the day! Because of our limited staff I have been helping out as treasurer of the mission, Bible-school director, teacher, pastor, president of the district young people's society, buyer for the mission, and have been in charge of selling Sunday-school materials, Bibles, books, and all church periodicals, as well as the sugar, flour, and rice supplies to twenty-eight workers each month. On the side I study Spanish.

We are receiving requests from the various churches for entering new

students in our Bible school next year but we do not know how many we can handle. We could double our enrollment if we were able to take care of them adequately.

In spite of the handicap of our small staff, we are happy in the work in Bolivia. Our hearts are encouraged and thrilled at what God is doing through our limited ministry. Our church attendance is growing. In August, Brother Hunter received twenty-one members into full communion and fifteen on probation. The offerings and tithes have doubled for the year. During the month of July we held special services each Thursday evening, presenting the life of Christ in colored slides. We never had below 200 in attendance on these nights.

May I enlist your continued prayer interest on our behalf, as we continue to labor here among our Bolivian people.—JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Bolivia*.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

The Northeast Zone of the Wisconsin District had a great zone rally in the interest of Sunday school, Thursday, November 12, at Antigo, Wisconsin. Rev. A. E. Gerdes, Sunday-school chairman of the Wisconsin District, was in charge of the service. Dr. E. G. Benson and Dr. C. A. Gibson, district superintendent, spoke. Dr. Benson gave an inspiring message on visitation. Over two hundred were in attendance.—Reporter.

Evangelists Alvin and Annabelle Richards write: "We have open time in July and August, which we would like to slate as singers or evangelist in camp meetings. Write us, Linden, Michigan."

Pastor Ira J. Hoover writes from Iowa City, Iowa: "We closed a revival Sunday night, November 8, with Rev. H. E. Hegstrom, evangelist, and Bob Blanchard, singer. This Spirit-filled team gave us a good revival with a goodly number seeking the Lord. Dr. George Frame was with us for five days at the opening of the revival, and his Spirit-filled ministry built a real foundation upon which God could work and move."

Evangelist C. B. Hail writes: "I have the first two weeks of January open and would be glad to slate them somewhere in the eastern or middle states. Write me, % U. S. Allen, 2104 Grange Hall Road, Dayton 3, Ohio."

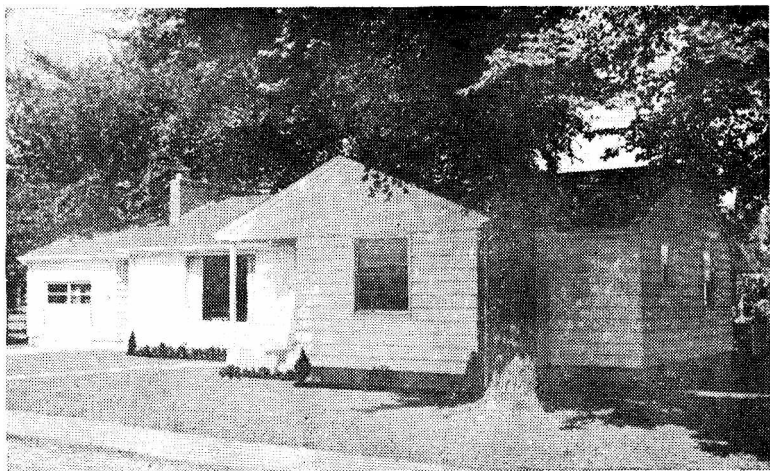
Jefferson, Ohio—We recently closed a very profitable youth revival with Rev. J. O. McCaskel, evangelist, and Mrs. McCaskel, song evangelist. Sister McCaskel's leadership and spirit were

a real blessing to our young people. The messages of Brother McCaskel were of the highest type and were used of the Lord in the salvation of the lost. On the closing night of the revival the church presented the pastor with a new typewriter. We are enjoying our ministry here.—John R. Donley, Pastor.

Pastor Roy J. Nash reports from Dayton, Ohio: "We came to the Wright View community last April. In June, District Superintendent W. E. Albea organized the Wright View Church with seventeen charter members. Shortly afterwards we held a three-week revival with local preachers and singers. Several people sought and found God in pardon and purity and were added to our number. Recently we had a five-day revival with Rev. P. E. Kuykendall. His messages were true to the old-line type of preaching, accompanied by messages in song by the Wright View trio. God met with us, hearts were stirred, sinners convicted, and sixty-five people knelt at the altar of prayer with spiritual need. Thirteen new members were added to the church, making a total of thirty-four members. Our Sunday-school average for the month of October was eighty-one; we are in need of space very badly. Last Sunday pledges of \$1,000.00 were made for the addition of new rooms. We honor and welcome the Holy Spirit in our midst and there is seldom a barren altar. We thank God for His blessings upon our work here and for the privilege of working for Him in this rural community. We have a loyal group of praying people willing to sacrifice and help build this church for God's glory and the salvation of souls."

Nazarene Parsonage, Eugene, Oregon

Pastor Charles McKinney writes from Jackson, Michigan: "Last May we resigned our pastorate at Grand Rapids East Church after nearly four wonderful and happy years. Coming to Jackson we found a fine group of loyal Nazarenes. God is blessing our ministry here, and since coming we have decorated the auditorium, bought a new Hammond organ, and purchased five lots in the choice section of the city to launch a building program which will include a new parsonage and church. Budget payments are well ahead of schedule. We recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. J. C. Wallace as the evangelist. We have received several new members, and the Sunday school is running well above any previous average in the history of the church. Our people are happy, spiritual, and united, and we press along with faith and courage."



In December of 1949 our pastor and family moved into this newly constructed, three-bedroom parsonage, valued conservatively at \$16,500.00. This made possible the use of the old parsonage adjacent to the church as an annex to house our growing Sunday school. This parsonage and our

beautiful new sanctuary, both completed in approximately three years' time, are a monument to a co-operative, sacrificial, spiritual people who love God and know how to pull the load together. We appreciate our good pastor, Rev. Duane E. Muth.—Mel Graves, Secretary.

Evangelist Maurice F. Gordon writes: "This past year I have been busy in the vineyard of the Lord in our churches on the Northern California and North Dakota districts, and God has given us some outstanding revivals. At this writing I am in a good revival in Bowbells, North Dakota. Due to change of pastors and unavoidable circumstances I will have three dates open from January 1 to February 22, which I would like to fill either in California, Washington, or Oregon, if possible. My messages on prophecy, Jewish customs, and evangelism have drawn excellent revival crowds. I travel on a freewill offering basis. Write me at 2417 'C' Street, Selma, California."

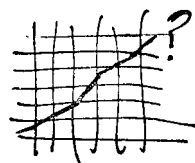
Montpelier, Ohio—Our church recently closed a good revival with Rev. Cloyce Elsea, evangelist. Several souls were saved, reclaimed, and sanctified. God was with us and His holy presence was felt in every service. Sunday morning, October 25, all records were broken with 100 in Sunday school. The last evening of the revival a nice love offering was given our pastor, Rev. L. B. Miller.—Thelma Stemen, Secretary.

Pastor Russell E. Lewis reports from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: "God is indeed blessing the work at the Lincoln Place Church, especially the past two months. Through prayer and visitation, new families are coming to the church and finding God. The Sunday school is showing an increase of 25 per cent, with 214 present Sunday, November 1. We have had with us recently as special workers Rev. Howard T. Lewis, Rev. O. F. Zachary, the Jones Family, Dr. C. Warren Jones, and Rev. R. Emsley. We appreciate the ministry of all these fine followers of God. Last year we gave \$2,400.00 for missionary work. The people have a burden for the entire work of the church. God has given us a fine crowd of godly people, with a fine building. We expect by the help of God to press the battle for holiness in this great area."

Bethany, Oklahoma—After three years of fruitful ministry, Dr. E. S. Phillips was given a call for three more years, with only three negative votes. The church appreciates the labors of the pastor, and he is held in high esteem by the college, district, and Bethany community. Mrs. Phillips is president of the N.F.M.S., teaches a Sunday-school class, and co-operates fully with her husband. They have a fine family. God has blessed us in all departments of the church, but the major emphasis has been in the realm

of the spiritual; rarely do we have barren altar services. The church has two prayer rooms, open about eighteen hours each day. For years we have sponsored the "Showers of Blessing" radio broadcast. Rev. Bennett Dudney, for the past three years minister of Christian education, gave unsparingly of his time and energy. Rev. Robert E. Green, now taking Brother Dudney's place, has had marked success as youth director. During the school year the Youth Center is run on a three-night basis, for the junior high, high school,

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and college groups. An average of 250 young people participate in this program each week. This summer approximately 150 young people attended the youth institute, and 100 boys and girls attended the youth camp. Almost all those who went to camp unsaved found the Lord there. Rev. Robert Ulrich, church visitor, makes hundreds of personal calls, and directs the work of the Lamplighters. Each year this group distributes 5,000 copies of the special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. This assembly year the Sunday school had an average attendance of 1,058 under good leadership. The largest class is taught by Dr. C. A. McConnell, who at ninety-three years of age is doing some of the best work of his life. Under the general N.Y.P.S. there are seven groups for the various ages. Bethany-Peniel College is the most important business in Bethany. There is a wonderful spirit of harmony prevailing between the college and church. The local church paid in excess of \$8,000.00 to the college during this past year. The work of Professor Dunn as minister of music, his wife as pianist, and Mrs. A. LeRoy Taylor as organist is appreciated by the church. A new parsonage was built and the former parsonage taken to help care for our growing Sunday school. The new parsonage is three and one-half blocks from the church; it was built for \$22,000.00 but is worth at least \$35,000.00. During this assembly year a total of \$127,444.00 was raised for all purposes; of this amount \$19,745.00 went to general interests. Many of our mission fields have workers who are members of the Bethany Church. Bethany has four other Nazarene churches, and a recent revival was held with the organization of the fifth church. The mayor, city manager, clerk, treasurer, fire chief, and six of eight council members are Nazarenes. Bethany has had a phenomenal growth during the past four or five years, and we are praying and working that this will continue to be a holiness center.—James R. Garner, Reporter.

Little Rock, Arkansas—Life Line Church recently closed the greatest revival in our history with Rev. Carl and Ethel Prentice, evangelist and children's worker. The blessed Holy Ghost was present in old-fashioned convicting power from the first service. The last Sunday morning the evangelist did not get to preach. Over 50 souls prayed through either for pardon or purity, and 9 members were received into the church. With a church membership of only 20 before the revival, our Sunday-school attendance record was broken with 122 present the last Sunday. Finances came easily; the evangelists were well paid and the pastor received \$10.00 per week increase in salary. Brother and Sister Prentice stayed over for a service Monday night, and God helped us to raise \$1,250.00 on a fund to build a new church. We will use the old building for an educational unit. Pray for us.—Joe Holladay, Pastor.

Station	City	Power	Time	Day
<i>Connecticut</i>				
WAVZ	New Haven	1260 kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
<i>Maine</i>				
WGUY	Bangor	1230 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
WGUY-FM	Bangor	93.1 meg.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
<i>Maryland</i>				
WNAV	Annapolis	1430 kc.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday
WNAV-FM	Annapolis	99.1 meg.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday
WASL	Annapolis	810 kc.	9:00 a.m.	Saturday
<i>Massachusetts</i>				
WHAU	Haverhill	1490 kc.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday
WHAU-FM	Haverhill	92.5 meg.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday
WACE	Springfield (Chicopee)	730 kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
WACE-FM	Springfield (Chicopee)	100.3 meg.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
<i>New Hampshire</i>				
WOTW	Nashua	900 kc.	6:45 p.m.	Sunday
WOTW-FM	Nashua	106.3 meg.	6:45 p.m.	Sunday
<i>New Jersey</i>				
WWBZ	Vineland	1360 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
<i>New York</i>				
WVBT-FM	Bristol	95.1 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WVCV-FM	Cherry Valley	101.9 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WVCN-FM	De Ruyter	105.1 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WHUC	Hudson	1230 kc.	2:30 p.m.	Sunday
WHCU-FM	Ithaca	97.3 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WVOS	Liberty	1240 kc.	12:15 p.m.	Sunday
WLFH	Little Falls	1230 kc.	12:45 p.m.	Sunday
WHLA-FM	Niagara Falls	98.5 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WSLB-FM	Ogdensburg	106.1 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WKBS	Oyster Bay, L.I.	1520 kc.	4:30 p.m.	Wednesday
WIRY	Plattsburg	1340 kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday
WHVA-FM	Poughkeepsie	104.7 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WBCA-FM	Schenectady	101.1 meg.	5:30 p.m.	Sunday
WEVR-FM	Troy	91.3 meg.	12:00 noon	Tuesday
WFLY-FM	Troy	92.3 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WRUN-FM	Utica-Rome	105.7 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WWNY-FM	Watertown	98.5 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WWNY	Watertown	790 kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WFNF-FM	Wetherfield	107.7 meg.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
<i>Ohio</i>				
WHKK	Akron	640 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Saturday
WCMW	Canton	1060 kc.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday
WTNS	Coshocton	1560 kc.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday
WJER	Dover	1450 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
WLIO	East Liverpool	1570 kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday
WFOB-FM	Fostoria	96.7 meg.	6:15 p.m.	Sunday
WJEH	Gallipolis	990 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WMOH	Hamilton	1450 kc.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday
WMOH-FM	Hamilton	103.5 meg.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday
WIRO	Ironton	1230 kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday
WKOV	Jackson	1280 kc.	various times	
WLMJ	Jackson	*	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WMVO-FM	Mt. Vernon	93.7 meg.	3:00 p.m.	Sunday
WSPD	Toledo	1370 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WSPD-FM	Toledo	101.5 meg.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WWST	Wooster	960 kc.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
WWST-FM	Wooster	104.5 meg.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
<i>Pennsylvania</i>				
WRTA	Altoona	1240 kc.	6:15 p.m.	Saturday
WVAM	Altoona	1430 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WESB	Bradford	1490 kc.	9:45 a.m.	Saturday
WESB-FM	Bradford	97.3 meg.	9:45 a.m.	Saturday
WESA	Charleroi	940 kc.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday
WCPA	Clearfield	900 kc.	10:05 a.m.	Sunday
WEEX-FM	Easton	98.3 meg.	4:15 p.m.	Sunday
WHGB	Harrisburg	1400 kc.	6:45 a.m.	Saturday

WARD	Johnstown	1490 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WARD-FM	Johnstown	92.1 meg.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WLAB-FM	Lebanon	104.1 meg.	4:00 p.m.	Wednesday
WKVA	Lewistown	920 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
WHAT	Philadelphia	1340 kc.	7:15 a.m.	Sunday
WHAT-FM	Philadelphia	105.3 meg.	7:15 a.m.	Sunday
WPME	Punxsutawney	1540 kc.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday
WQAN-FM	Scranton	92.3 meg.	8:30 a.m.	Saturday
WKBI	St. Marys	1400 kc.	5:00 p.m.	Saturday
WNAE	Warren	1310 kc.	12:30 p.m.	Sunday
WLYC	Williamsport	1050 kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
WLYC-FM	Williamsport	105.1 meg.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
<i>Rhode Island</i>				
WPTL-FM	Providence	91.5 meg.	3:30 p.m.	Saturday
<i>Vermont</i>				
WIKE	Newport	1490 kc.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
WHWB	Rutland	1000 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
WTWN	St. Johnsbury	1340 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
<i>Ontario, Canada</i>				
CFOS	Owen Sound, Ont.	1470 kc.	5:15 p.m.	Saturday
CKOX	Woodstock, Ont.	1340 kc.	6:00 p.m.	Sunday
CKOX-FM	Woodstock, Ont.	106.9 meg.	6:00 p.m.	Sunday
<i>Prince Edward Island</i>				
CJRW	Summerside, P.E.I.	1240 kc.	8:30 p.m.	Sunday
<i>NEW "SHOWERS OF BLESSING" STATIONS</i>				
WKOY	Jackson, Ohio	1280 kc.	various times	
WLMJ	Jackson, Ohio	*	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WIZZ	Streator, Illinois	1250 kc.	1:45 p.m.	Sunday
<i>New Foreign Stations</i>				
6BY	Bridgetown, W. Aust.	900 kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday
6IX	Perth, W. Australia	1240 kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday

*Consult local newspaper for exact time.

Hollydale, California—We recently enjoyed six days of special evangelistic services with Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. Gould as evangelist and singers. Our church is in somewhat of a continuous revival condition, as people are praying through in our regular services; the Goulds gave it added impetus with their deeply spiritual ministry, and a great altar service the closing night of the services. We are seeing very wonderful and definite results from our regular weekly morning intercessory prayer meeting, and the Sunday evening prayer band. New people are getting into the fountain for salvation, backsliders are getting back to God, and believers are being beautifully and genuinely sanctified, for which we give our wonderful Saviour all glory and praise.—Earl W. Powell, Pastor.

Darbyville, Ohio—We enjoyed a gracious revival and spiritual uplift in our autumn revival, which closed October 25. Rev. W. W. Loveless was with us for the third time in the last three years. His sermons were deeper, richer, and more searching than ever before. His originality and unique method of unfolding the Scriptures make his sermons effective. Our people love him and want him to come again. We had fine results, with thirty-seven seekers at the altar, and some real cases of regeneration and sanctification. On the last night the people gave a nice love offering to the pastor and wife. The outlook for our church is bright.—Lawrence Martindale, Pastor.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—October 18 was the close of one of the best revivals in the history of Crown Heights Church. Sister Morris Gill, evangelist, preached under the mighty anointing of the Holy Spirit. Prayers of several years were answered, and new folk from the community attended services for the first time. November 1 marked the first anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Maule as our fine pastors. The Lord blessed in our services throughout the day. Seven united with the church in the morning service. Both the Sunday-school and church attendance are on the increase. The day was climaxed with the mighty presence of God and shouts of victory—the pastor didn't get to preach.—Alma Bates, Secretary.

Royersford, Pennsylvania—Sunday, October 25, was indeed a red-letter day for us, as our new Sunday-school annex was dedicated, together with our completely renovated and refurnished church auditorium. All of the services of the day marked this step forward, and in the afternoon service District Superintendent E. E. Grosse conducted the dedication. March 1 was our ground-breaking service, and through these intervening months the work on this project has moved rapidly forward under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. R. E. Zollinhofer. Well over 3,000 hours of labor were contributed by pastor and people in the construction. In the new annex there are nine classrooms, three on the second floor separated by modern folddoors which, when opened, make a small

chapel seating 100 persons. This project cost \$33,500.00; nearly \$10,000.00 toward this amount has been raised since February 1. Throughout our building program our people have shown a spirit of sacrifice, unity, and co-operation which has kept the presence of the Holy Spirit upon our services. Our Sunday-school attendance has had a substantial increase in the past year—average for 1952, 147; 1953, 178. God has truly blessed us in every phase of our work. Our pastor has been with us little over a year, and in that time he has won the respect of the community and the good will and love of the members and friends of the church. He has labored faithfully in the construction of our annex and is to be commended for his efforts, not only in the material, but in the spiritual area of our church life.—Mildred Bean, Reporter.

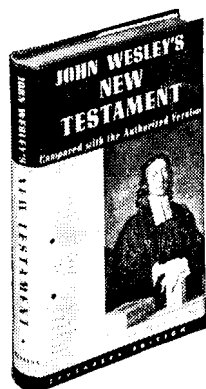
Evangelist Ralph C. Gray and wife report: "At this writing we are in our fifth revival since returning to the evangelistic field the first of September. We also preached one Sunday for Pastor Bert Daniels at First Church, Miami, Florida, and helped in a great home-coming Sunday at the Central Church in Dallas, Texas, with Pastor Clyde Ammons. In all of our revivals the Lord has graciously blessed and honored our ministry, souls have been saved and sanctified, and the churches greatly revived and encouraged. We were at Fayetteville, Tennessee, with Pastor Joe Porter; at Paris, Tennessee, with Pastor John Lunden; and at Francisco, Indiana, with Pastor Marvin Patton. Our last revival was with Pastor Douglas Roach and his good church at Nacogdoches, Texas, where God gave us a good meeting with twelve praying through in the closing service. At this writing we are in the beginning of a very good meeting at Hedley, Texas, with Pastor Geneva Kilgore. From here we go to First Church, Lubbock, with Rev. Milton Poole, and will close the year in a meeting at Colorado City, Texas. Our slate for 1954 will begin with meetings in California in January and February. We are very happy in the work of old-fashioned revivals. We are keeping our own souls refreshed so that we may be able to bring a revival spirit to others. We are most grateful to the churches which have called us for 1954, and we are going to make this the very best year of our ministry in building the Kingdom and winning souls."

Huntington, West Virginia — The smile of God is upon Central Church. Our fine people have been faithfully laboring to raise money to start construction of a much-needed Sunday-school unit. After several months of prayer and work, Rev. Sammy Sparks came to us for a one-week revival. On the closing Sunday of the revival, we had 325 in Sunday school, and received fourteen members into the church. God helped Brother Sparks to raise almost \$5,000.00 in thirty-day pledges for the building fund. The revival closed with 43 people praying

through around the altar. On Sunday afternoon, October 25, a large crowd gathered on the church lot for a ground-breaking ceremony. With the presence of the Lord felt by all, Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent, turned the first shovel of dirt to launch a building program that will give us eighteen classrooms and two assembly auditoriums in addition to our present rooms. At this writing the building is well under way, and we hope to occupy it by Easter Sunday. God has been good to us in the six years we have been with these fine people.—J. C. Wallace, Pastor.

Hendersonville, North Carolina—We recently closed one of our greatest revivals with Evangelist Harold Runyan. After the third night there were no barren altars. The altar was lined time after time with souls being saved and sanctified. There was such conviction that there was no set time for altar services—people even came during the offering and were sanctified. One night there were four altar services and no preaching. The crowds were wonderful, and offerings came easily. God has been good to us; for the past twelve months there has hardly been a Sunday night service

without seekers at the altar. Camp-meeting fires have burned for six years since the church was organized. This past year we had to add another unit to take care of the crowds; this makes our present building twice as large, and valued at \$11,000.00. We have a Sunday-school average of 298 for the past year, and run over 100 in prayer meeting. We also had a wonderful revival last spring with Edward and Lydia Stevenson, singers. In mid-summer Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Church gave us twelve nights of soul-stirring messages crowned with victories at the altar.—W. H. Gentry, Pastor.



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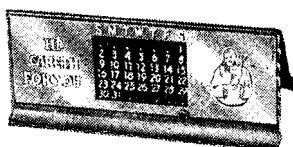
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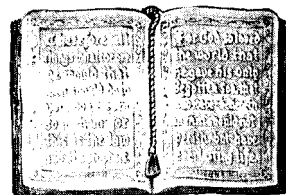
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Trenton, Ohio—God is blessing us in a marvelous way. This is our twelfth year as pas'or of the church and I have never seen the presence of the Lord so manifested as He has been for the past three months. Our Sunday school has broken all previous records for the past four months, with good attendance during the entire summer. Our average for the month of October was 264. In September we had the greatest revival our church has ever had, with Rev. C. Tom Davis, pastor of the Rose Hill Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Song Evangelist Jack Bierce. God used these good men in a wonderful way. God came in some of the services so that no preaching was necessary, and people literally ran to the altar. Conviction was so great that people prayed through in their homes. There has been hardly a barren altar service since the revival, with new people getting to God in both morning and evening services. We have received 10 new members since the revival. Our church is proving a blessing to this town and community. We have outgrown our building twice and are planning to enlarge again this spring. We are in this Crusade for Souls Now campaign continually, and there is the best of harmony in the church. Our good people take care of their pastor in a financial way, paying all utilities and a good salary. Our budgets are well cared for. We began on November 8 to broadcast our Sunday night services over radio station WPFB, Middletown, Ohio, at 8:00 p.m. Anyone living within 100 miles of Trenton will be able to pick it up. It is a pleasure to work with this great church and people.—A. M. Wilson, Pastor.

Sheldon, Illinois—Our church was wonderfully blessed through an eight-day revival with Rev. and Mrs. David J. Spittal, November 1 to 8. The Spittals were in charge of the music and preaching, and God's presence presided over each service in a mighty way. A number of souls prayed through and the spiritual condition of the church is miles up the road because of these services. The pastor was given a nice love offering the last evening of the revival. We believe our church will make much progress for the Lord and His kingdom.—Ronald Axtell, Pastor.

Rome, Georgia—We closed one of the best revivals in our history on November 8, with Evangelist W. M. Tidwell. We had good crowds and over twenty-five seekers during the meeting. In the closing service we witnessed one of the greatest services we have seen in a long time. Brother Tidwell preached under the anointing of God, with the same fervor and power that he had twenty years ago. We have never worked with an evangelist who carries a greater burden for souls. The revival brought good results. At the last board meeting we voted to become a "10 per cent"

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Evangelist Andrew Johnson reports: "I have had a great year in the evangelistic field. I am planning for the coming year, and making out my slate. I desire to conduct revival meetings or week-end rally conventions in the states bordering on the Gulf of Mexico. Write me at Wilmore, Kentucky."

Pastor Willis R. Scott writes from Newton Falls, Ohio: "We are happy to report the best revival in the history of our church. The Holy Spirit came upon the very first service during a special number in song by our evangelists, George and Charlotte Dixon, and without any preaching we had a victorious altar service. God mightily blessed throughout the entire meeting. The crowds increased with each service until the last Friday evening the building was filled to capacity. We saw a great number of seekers kneeling and finding victory at the altar of prayer. We received new members and have a number of new contacts from the meeting. We give God the glory and praise and do thank Him for His continued blessing. Brother and Sister Dixon are consecrated to the upbuilding of God's kingdom; the burden they carried was appreciated by all in the church. We enjoyed their Bible-centered, God-inspired messages and the fine musical numbers they brought. Finances came easily and a good, liberal love offering was given the pastor."

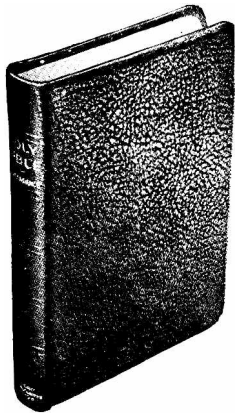
Kirkville, Missouri—After ten and one-half years of progressive and efficient ministry in our church, Rev. W. R. Kornegay has resigned and accepted a call to First Church, San Antonio, Texas. Under his leadership we have built an almost completely new building, purchased a new parsonage, and within the past two years have done extensive redecorating and remodeling. The yearly budget has increased from \$1,700.00 to \$12,000.00. There are still

twelve original members worshiping with us, and since Brother Kornegay's coming he has added to this number more than two hundred members. For the past four years we have broadcast our evening services, which acquainted the surrounding communities with our church, resulting in our gaining many new members and friends. In the three services held on this final Sunday, November 8, there were nearly one thousand in attendance; there were thirty-one on his first Sunday in Kirkville. Many nice gifts from members and friends were presented the Kornegays. We feel we have indeed been privileged to have them with us and shall miss them greatly, but we pray God's continued blessings upon them in their new location.—Lila Bowers, Secretary.

Virden, Illinois—We recently closed a good meeting with Rev. J. O. and Helen Hoke. They preached holiness with power and unction. We consider them able holiness preachers; they did our church much good.—Joseph W. Peters, Pastor.

Greensboro, Indiana—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Miss Lottie Phillips, evangelist, and the Hicks-Foley Evangelistic Party, singers and musicians. The Spirit of the Lord fell upon every service. A number of times Sister Phillips didn't get to preach because of the shouts of victory and souls praying through at the altar. A good number of souls were saved and sanctified; forty-seven bowed at the altar. One man who had never bowed at an altar before (forty-four years old) was gloriously saved. We had a wonderful healing service. The offerings came in a wonderful way, without any pulling. Nine new members were received into the church on the last night of the meeting. God blessed Sister Phillips and her ministry to all of our hearts; the singers were anointed with the Holy Spirit. We also enjoyed the singing of a ladies' trio from Muncie. The revival spirit continues in our services with souls praying through to victory.—James Ford, Reporter.

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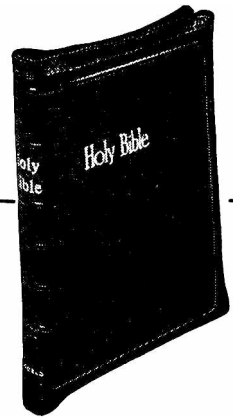
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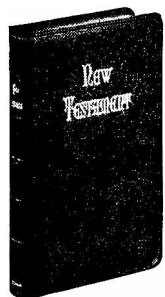
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Herod's perplexity

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: and he was perplexed, because that it was

Youngstown, Ohio—Wickliffe Church is the baby church of the Akron District. Its organization was the result of two tent meetings: one sponsored by Rev. Edward Barton, pastor of First Church, and his people in the late summer of 1952; the second sponsored by First Church and the district. As a result of these two meetings District Superintendent C. D. Taylor effected the organization last August 30, with sixteen members. The charter remained open for six weeks, with seventeen more uniting, making a total of thirty-three charter members, of which nineteen were transferred from First Church. For the present we are worshipping in the Wickliffe Christian Church. Sunday school and worship services are being held Sunday afternoons at two-thirty and three-thirty. Lots are being purchased and plans made to build the first unit, two-story, 30 x 70 feet, without basement. Later a 40 x 70-foot unit will be joined to the first unit, making an L-shaped building. The first public service of this new church was held September 27, with forty-seven in Sunday school. For the month of October the average was sixty-one. Wickliffe, a section of Youngstown on the west, is a fast growing subdivision just outside the city limits. Hundreds of new houses are in the process of construction and many more are planned for the future. There is one large elementary school in operation and another being erected. With only two churches in this section,

a small Lutheran and the Christian church, this community affords one of the best opportunities we have seen in a long time.—R. J. Smeltzer, Pastor.

Alva O. and Gladys Estep write: "We have made a change in our spring slate, and will have a revival date open for the first part of March. We would like to slate this date between Florida and Phoenix, Arizona. We carry the full program—preaching, song service, special numbers, and Scene-O-Felt pictures to illustrate our messages. Write us, Box 238, Losantville, Indiana."

Guthrie, Oklahoma—We closed a fine one-week meeting November 1 with Evangelist Robert Emsley from Leeds, England. Brother Emsley is one of the finest teachers on the doctrine of holiness. Our people like him, and the church was helped greatly. We had good crowds, with twenty-three at the altar. Our Sunday school showed some gain. Our church is growing; we are running a little ahead of last year in attendance. We received one fine young married couple into the church since the assembly; they are standing by the whole program of the church. We have had one teachers' training class since the assembly, and are planning another one. God has wonderfully helped; the people love us and we love the people. We had fifty-nine in prayer meeting on Wednesday night before the revival meeting began. We are also carrying on cottage prayer meetings each week. We feel that our church and this city need a revival. We solicit your prayers.—E. L. and Mrs. Looman, Pastors.

Belton, Texas—Sunday night, November 1, was the closing service of our revival campaign with Brother L. C. Messer and wife as music directors, and the pastor preaching. It was a very hard battle through the whole meeting, but God came to us the closing service, giving us ten sincere seekers, all praying through to victory. The Messers did their part well, and the church and friends greatly appreciated their wonderful singing and beautiful spirit. There are some of the salt of the earth here, and they are loyal and true.—L. Lee Gaines, Pastor.

Pastor Paul Darulla writes from Wheeling, West Virginia: "Our church is having wonderful days, recently closing a good revival with Evangelist Russell Bowman. The crowds were good, with seekers at the altar and much good resulting. Finances came easily, and a love offering was taken for the pastor. Three fine people joined the church as a result of the revival. Our Sunday school averaged eighty for the month of October, our prayer-meeting attendance is between forty and fifty, and a good spirit prevails in our services. We are in our third year here, and we love and appreciate our people. If you have any friends or relatives in Wheeling we shall be happy to contact them. Write us at 34th & Chapline Streets."



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Henry Stroman writes: "One of the most thrilling experiences of my life came this past month in preaching at a Nazarene church in Korea near my present duty station—one of the churches pictured in the September issue of the *Other Sheep*. There were nearly two hundred people seated on the floor of the church building and standing in the entrance. The pastor told me that there were several there who had never been in a Christian service before. God helped me to preach and the message was conveyed through an interpreter. At the close of the message, the pastor asked for a show of hands, and there were seven of those hands indicating that they wanted to let Christ deal with the problem of sin in their lives. The opportunities are wide open.

"In talking with a Korean Air Force pilot today, he told me this: 'Buddhism is dying out in Korea. Only the old still cling to it. The young are rejecting it, but are not necessarily turning to Christianity.' Herein lies our challenge."

"It has been a privilege to receive your literature, for which I am very thankful. I have received a great blessing from the papers and when I finish them I gladly pass them on to some of the other boys who are trying to live for God while they are in the service for their country.

"I am working as an assistant to one of the chaplain's in the armed forces. I thank God for the opportunity to have a small part of working for Him while I am in the army. I only have one desire and that is to win souls for the Master while it is yet day. I feel that what we do we must do as quickly as possible.

"I praise God for the call that He has given me. It is truly wonderful to know that God has a work for us as soon as we get out of the service. I attended Trevecca Nazarene College before entering the army and plan to continue my ministry as soon as possible."—ROBERT BALLARD.

And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's (Luke 20:25).

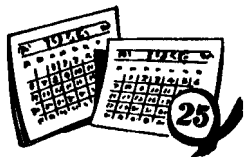
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Church school workshops were conducted on each of the four zones of the Chicago Central District during the second and third weeks in October.

The special speakers, Rev. Norman Oke and Miss Mary Latham, emphasized in a helpful and inspirational manner various church school themes. More than 400 enrolled in the classes, which were as follows: Administration, District Superintendent Mark R. Moore; Teaching Adults, Dr. John Colner; Teaching Youth, Rev. L. Guy Nees; Teaching Primary and Junior Classes, Rev. Sylvester Smith; Teaching Kindergarten and Nursery Classes, Professor W. P. Sloan and Mrs. Willard Taylor; Home Department, Hobart Clary; Vacation Bible Schools, Mrs. C. T. Corbett; Caravan, Rev. Joe Clark.

This new venture on the district was enthusiastically accepted. Plans are being made for the workshops to be held next assembly year.

BYRON M. CARMONY, *Chairman*
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**Western Ohio District
 Sunday-School Convention**

The Western Ohio District Sunday-school convention met at Springfield First Church, October 26 and 27, with Rev. O. A. Singleton, district chairman, presiding. Rev. George Gallo-way, host pastor, gave us a wonderful welcome and provided wonderful facilities in his fine church building.

Rev. Norman Oke was the special worker, and we will never be the same after hearing his challenging and informing messages. Dr. W. E. Albea, district superintendent, says this convention was the best attended, with about every church on the district represented. No doubt this was due to his wise planning in co-operation with the district church school board.

Our district is well organized, and we hope to make this year the greatest in its ten-year history. In our last rally, October 11, we had 15,199 in attendance, with an average of 14,123. We are driving for 15,000 in our mid-fall rally on November 22. We were glad to add another new Sunday school to our district—Knollwood Church in Dayton—on November 8, with 76 in attendance.

The district superintendent, with the church school board, has just completed a tour of the nine zones of the district to present the year's work as outlined by the board.

G. B. BREESE, *Secretary*

Complacency is an opiate which nullifies one's powers to achieve, and turns the victor's song into a lazy lullaby of defeat.—H. B. GARVIN.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—The poem "If Jesus Came to Your House" (printed on back page of August 26 "Herald") has been printed in tract form by the author, and may be secured through Mrs. C. A. Blanchard, 15 S.E. Third St., Gainesville, Florida.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. George Reeves of Le Mars, Iowa, a daughter, Audrey Joy, on November 7.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Louis McMahon of Sun Valley, California, a son, David Louis, on November 2.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Preston J. Theall of Neodesha, Kansas, a daughter, Marcia Ann, on October 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Samuel N. Smith of Valley Stream, Long Island, New York, a daughter, Mary Graham, on October 10.

—to Rev. and Mrs. William E. Wineberg of Miami, Florida, a daughter, Nona Sue, on October 7.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Douglas of Houston, Texas, a son, James Darrell, on September 27.

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