

# Herald of Holiness

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## Doers of the Word

General Superintendent Benner

JAMES, the author of the Epistle that bears his name, is a disturbing sort of character. It is easy to believe that he disturbed the Church of his day. Certainly this is true if he preached in the vein in which he wrote. He begins his letter by magnifying the value of trials, exhorting Christians to "count it all joy when ye fall into divers [variegated] temptations." Later in that chapter he urges, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Chapter after chapter of his brief message is packed full of direct, rugged discussions and exhortations concerning the practical implications of the gospel. "Be ye doers of the word," may well be considered the essence of James's burden for the Church. With full justification in the known tendency of human nature, James feared that those early Christians would become indifferent to the practical side of the teachings of Jesus, and be content merely to hear the Word, agree to it mentally, but do nothing about it.

We face the same fundamental problem. The people called Nazarenes have shown no disposition to forsake their original doctrinal position, or to lower the original standards of the church. On all levels, the determination to hold firmly to these is expressed clearly. The real danger is in failing to match our doctrines with our activities.

The Crusade for Souls Now is a case in point. Scriptural holiness in action calls for soul winning. Scriptural holiness calls for a growing, world-wide outreach to win the lost to Christ. To be hearers only, and not doers, according to James, results in "deceiving [or *cheating*] your own selves."

The Church of the Nazarene has those who renew for us this challenge. It is found in words we have heard so often from the lips of that veteran of the district superintendency, Dr. A. E. Sanner: "Let's do something!" It still rings out in the challenge of our sainted general superintendent, Dr. J. G. Morrison: "Can't you do just a little bit more?"

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. H. C. Benner returned on December 14 from a two-week supervision tour in Mexico. While there he conducted the three Mexican Assemblies.

Rev. J. W. Swearingen, pastor of Bayard Park Church, Evansville, Indiana, has been chosen by the president and board of trustees of Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, to succeed Rev. Charles Ide as field representative for the college.

Rev. David Krick has resigned as pastor of First Church in Columbus, to accept the call to pastor the Bayard Park Church in Evansville, Indiana.

Rev. Hubert King has resigned as pastor of the church in Clarksville to accept the call to pastor First Church in Columbus, Indiana.

Evangelist D. F. Steininger is leaving the field to accept a call to pastor the church in Clarksville, Indiana.

Rev. Robert Nielson has resigned as pastor of Rainbow Boulevard Church in Kansas City, Kansas, to accept the call to pastor First Church in Dallas, Texas.

After eight and one-half years as pastor of Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rev. H. H. Spencer has resigned to accept the call to pastor Rainbow Boulevard Church in Kansas City, Kansas.

Pastor Herman E. Ward writes that the church at Dalton, Georgia, is sponsoring the "Showers of Blessing" program on the new Calhoun, Georgia, radio station, WCGA, each week. It reaches several towns where there is no Church of the Nazarene, and they hope to reach these places and lay a foundation for a Nazarene work.

Pastor Jimmie Fuller reports: "The recently organized Church of the Nazarene, Fort Valley, Georgia, formerly an independent church, has just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. C. B. Fugett; Bob Blanchard was in charge of the music; seekers in almost every service. One of the finest revivals in the history of the local church."

Pastor Ralph Schurman sends word from Nashville, Tennessee: "Grace Church enjoying good days. Our fall revival with Trafton Williams, evangelist, and Clifford and

Lois Keys, was fruitful; received fifteen church members. Thanksgiving offering for missions topped one thousand dollars. Our thirty-minute Sunday evening hymn sing broadcast over WMAK meeting with splendid response and bringing blessing to Nashville. Best of all, God is with us."

Evangelist J. B. Gatlin and wife will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on January 5—also this includes twenty-five years of service for the Church of the Nazarene as pastor and evangelist. They will have open house at their home, 105 West D Street, Glendale, Arizona, where they extend a warm welcome to their friends to call.

Rev. Ernest E. Orton, former pastor of Maine Street Church, Enid, Oklahoma, now pastor of Central Church in Sioux City, Iowa, writes that during the first five Sundays there they broke the Sunday-school record twice. Also had an outstanding revival with Evangelist R. D. Grubbs, with many souls saved and sanctified, and some new people reached.

Pastor George Gardner reports that "East Side Church, Phoenix, Arizona, had a great missionary offering—\$2,000.00 raised for foreign missions."

*And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said (Matt. 28:5-6).*

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## Our Spiritual Father

By J. V. Morsch\*

IT WAS just two days following Father's Day that we loaded the two boats with the necessary supplies for an overnight stay on an island in the Mississippi River. A neighbor, my Junior boys' Sunday-school class, and I pushed off from shore to chug a mile out to the island we had chosen to stay on for the night.

That night darkness fell upon us fast. I hurriedly went outside to call the boys in for devotions and retirement. In the quietness of the night, except for the call of the owl and the waves gently lapping the shore. I felt lost and invisible amid the dense foliage of the small island and the mighty Mississippi that surrounded us. I felt unworthy to be called a child of the King. I felt that I had done so little for those around me, and my soul cried in anguish, "Oh, that I may do more, not only for my class, but for the world about me!" And for the first time that night, most of those boys knelt and prayed at our family altar. Though most of their parents never darken a church door, I vowed that I would be their father and lead them in the way everlasting.

But suddenly the light shone through the trees and I saw the moon mount its pedestal. It reminded me of the omnipresent eye of God, our Father. He was looking down at me and talked to my inward soul. He talked to me as if to say, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5); and I will "guide you into all truth." Thanks be to God for a spiritual Father that will go with us in any venture of life, even to the ends of the world. He is the Father above all fathers!

\*Pastor, Lomax, Ill.

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## At the Closing of the Day

(Matt. 28:19-20)

By Marvin S. Cooper

*Over rugged roads we may trudge,  
Not knowing the mission sent,  
But being faithful to God's call;  
He'll remember the way we went.*

*Then when at our journey's end,  
If we have suffered well,  
We'll be glad we plodded on  
To do our Father's will.*

*So as we go hour by hour,  
Be sure He leads the way,  
And He'll reward for every step  
At the closing of the day.*

# Prayer Leads to Power

By S. T. Ludwig\*

**W**E ARE living in an age of power. Electrical power, industrial power, military power, atomic power—what an array of strength! And yet in all of this there is inherent weakness, especially if it is based solely on man's genius.

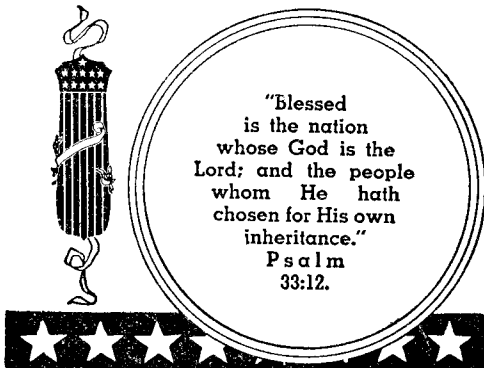
Was it not Queen Mary of Scotland who said she feared the prayers of John Knox more than an army of ten thousand soldiers? Yes, prayer leads to power because it takes us into the presence of God; and God has the answer for this "power age" in which we live.

What the world really needs is a demonstration of God-power. It is the peculiar province of the Church to release this power in the world. For it is through human personality, redeemed and sanctified, that God has a channel for the exhibition of His power.

*Pray your way through* is not simply a sentiment of song, but its meaning is supported by God's Word. One translation interprets Matt. 9:38, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may draft workers into his harvest." So it is prayer that leads us to God, the source of power; and it is prayer that sends us into the whitened harvest fields to rescue perishing humanity.

January 3 to 10 has been designated as the universal week of prayer. What a challenge confronts the Christian Church in this hour! If Protestantism were to go to her knees in earnest, searching, beseeching prayer, what a difference it would make in our tottering world! But whether others do or do not, we are not relieved of our personal and collective responsibility. Let every Nazarene be found praying, not only during the *universal week of prayer* (January 3 to 10), but each succeeding day; for no man can stand humbly in the presence of God and come back a weak man. Such praying will make a difference in our personal lives, in the character of our worship, in the power of our ministry. Prayer can change the course of our world!

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Difficulties are sure to increase, but the power of the Lord is unlimited. When He asks you or me to buy bread, or how we shall solve this or that problem, it is only to prove us. He always knows what He will do; and if we wait His time, He will show us also.—J. HUDSON TAYLOR.

## 1954

### A Year of Faith and Prayer

By Katherine Bevis\*

**L**ET US make this year, this year of 1954, a *year of prayer!* It was Tennyson who said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." And as we *pray* more, let us make this year a year of *faith*.

*Prayer and faith!* What a combination! The prayer of faith will accomplish much. It will work wonders; it will open doors; it will make crooked things straight; prayer in faith will remove mountains.

Abraham prayed and brought God down almost to his own terms. Elijah prayed and called down fire from heaven. Daniel prayed and was saved from the lions. Paul prayed and prison walls were shaken. Luther prayed and the gates of Rome shook. Knox prayed and Queen Mary trembled. Wesley prayed and a great revival saved old England. Muller prayed and great orphanages were reared. Roberts prayed and a Pentecost swept over Wales.

In Rom. 8:31, we read these words, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" We need a *faith* that will trust and rest.

It is told of John Paton that, when he was translating the New Testament into the language of the Sandwich Islands, he found no equivalent for the words believe and faith.

While Paton was at work one day, a native teacher came to him very tired and worn from long travel. He threw himself down in a cane chair and, putting his feet on another, used a word which meant: "I am resting my whole weight here." Instantly Mr. Paton had the word he wanted. Faith to those Sandwich Islanders meant the act whereby the whole weight of mind and heart is resting on Jesus.

Someone has said, and true, "If you worry, you don't trust; if you trust, you don't worry." These two can never be "classmates" in life.

God means what He says. He says what He means. Then it is our place to trust His wisdom to the extent that we are able to pray the "prayer of faith."

This new year opens before us with the challenge of its possibilities.

Some people were climbing up a mountain and came to some snow and ice. The weather was very cold. As they went higher they expected

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to find it still colder, but they soon came to where flowers were blooming.

One in the group exclaimed, "How is this? Down yonder is ice and snow, but here are these beautiful flowers!" The reason was this: the part of the mountain where the flowers grew faced the sun, but the other part was turned from it.

As we go into this new year let us turn our hearts toward Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is the Light of our life, and from whom all goodness comes. Then as the flowers on the mountaintop, our lives shall be beautiful and a blessing to others as we live through the days of this new 1954.

## A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

### That Started a Revival

By Mrs. Norvie Clift\*

"That was a stirring message Brother Goslaw preached this morning!"

"Yes, it certainly was!" I agreed. "I've never heard him preach a poor sermon yet!" There was a silence for a moment after these words were uttered. Our hearts and minds were going back to the Sunday night before, when our pastor had presented us with a message the like of which we had never heard before, both stirring and thought-provoking. It was his New Year's message—one which was inspired of God and left a deep imprint upon each soul represented in the service.

This is the message as it was presented to us. Read it through. I hope and pray that you will be as honest in going down the list as the young man in our church who was startled and perplexed with the result of his findings.

"New Year's Examination of Our Consciences"

(By Rev. Robert Goslaw\*\*)

*Introduction:* The business houses, shops, stores are now engaged in the yearly task of taking inventory. The son of one of our members was complaining that his mother was so tired this week end. I asked, "Why?" He replied wearily, "Mother has been taking inventory at her candy shop." Now I just can't see how a person would get tired counting and handling luscious chocolate candy, but I guess that even that is a wearying task. However, every businessman knows that the only way to determine profit or loss is to stop and take inventory at the close of each year.

Tonight, each of us stands at the close of 1952. Where do we stand in the great business of living for God? Have we gained or lost this year? If the first week of 1953 ushered in the great judgment day, on which side of the ledger would our

spiritual life be registered? Tonight God wants every man and woman in this house to take an examination of his conscience. Now I know that there is a weak human tendency to hide from something that might be disagreeable, try to sugar-coat it over, seek to rationalize it away; but hear me—no man can get away with such practices with God!

Here is the Word of the Lord! "Let a man examine himself" (I Cor. 11:28). This was the command before we take of the precious sacrament of the Lord's Supper. "Examine yourselves" (II Cor. 13:5), and then the prayer of the Psalmist, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart" (Ps. 26:2). He is going to be the Examiner at the judgment, so the wise man will open his heart and life to Him now.

Some of you look as though you wanted to say, "But, Pastor, what will I do with all the little things that He will find?" Oh, I have good news tonight. You confess and forsake them and God will put them under the Blood, never to remember them any more.

Will you all bow your heads and shut out all other thoughts and cares for a few minutes while you take your examination of conscience? Will you open your hearts to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to search you, that you might be a better servant of God this new year?

1. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of pride.* This is a root sin and slyly traps so many people in its damning fingers.

Have you been more interested in self than in God?

Have you made it your aim to be always better than others?

What have you been vain about: personal appearance, clothes, personality, possessions, family, abilities, success in business, studies, or church work?

Have you looked with scorn on other people for their misfortunes, sins, stupidity, or weaknesses?

Have you talked too much? Called attention to yourself that you might bathe in the admiration of others?

Have you been feeling sorry for yourself—indulging in the sin of self-pity?

Have you refused to admit when you were in the wrong—refused to apologize?

Have you been resentful or suspicious of others?

Have you been stubborn and self-willed?

My friends, these sins must be put under the Blood. Put them there now!

2. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of idolatry.* Israel was condemned, judged, punished for her idolatry. The same spirit will bring God's judgment today. Oh, I know that we do not fall down to golden calves, but we can be idolaters.

Have you put another person before God's will for your life?

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## THE UPPER ROOM

By Alice Whitson Norton

Have you let another person keep you from going to church?

Have you committed some other sin to please or stay in good favor with some person?

Have you wanted popularity so much that you have not prayed or done some good thing for fear that people might laugh at you?

Have you love for money or clothes so much that you even sinned to get them?

Tonight you can destroy the golden calf and put the sin under the Blood. You can begin the new year with God first.

3. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of irreverence.* Could this be one of the vulnerable points in our church? It is sin and will separate us from holy fellowship with God.

Have you missed church on Sunday when you could have gone?

Have you failed to pray each day and commune with God?

Have you always kept Sunday as it ought to be kept? Have you done unnecessary work on Sunday?

Have you indulged in reading, watching of television, and pleasure pursuits on Sunday which do not glorify God?

Have you tried to worship God when in church, or have you been sometimes irreverent, or joked about holy things, or made uncalled-for comments about God's people?

Have you been ashamed of your salvation?

4. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of disobedience.* It is better to obey than to sacrifice. God will not accept anything short of obedience!

Have you deliberately disobeyed God or ignored His desires for you?

Have you shown disregard for the rules of the church which God has given as a pattern for holy conduct? (Right here I wish I had time to read the General and Special Rules of our church that God has given as our pattern of holy conduct.)

What sins have you committed with regard to your wife (husband), children, or other members of your family?

Have you given as much care and attention as possible to the religious life of your family: for example, with regard to grace at meals, family prayers, family churchgoing, etc.?

Jonah disobeyed and went down, but prayer and willingness to obey brought a revival to a nation. Let us wipe out any trace of disobedience, and revival will come!

5. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of hate or anger!* Have you killed anyone, either in outward deed, or in your heart?

Have you wished someone were dead?

Have you gossiped about people?

Is there anyone whom you now hold a grudge against, or are unwilling to forgive?

Have you lost your temper—and your religion?

*On wings of steel I soared into a sky,  
Opalescent with the sunset's vivid rays.  
Above me lay a great unconquered space;  
Below me lay a twinkling, mystic maze.*

*A strange elation crept into my soul,  
The sweetest thing I'd ever known by far.  
I felt by only reaching out a hand  
I could with ease touch either moon or star.*

*Then suddenly the earth seemed far away—  
The heavens were like meadows in full bloom.  
And here in meditation with my Lord  
I found new faith within this "upper room."*

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There is cleansing from these troublesome sins. The Holy Ghost can take out that trigger-happy temper and give you love and stability. Claim the victory tonight!

6. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of impurity.* This is the hardest sin to confess, because we are so ashamed of it; but we must confess it to God and get the fountain of our life clean.

Have you been impure in thought, word, deed? Were these things done alone or with a man or woman?

Have you looked at evil pictures with satisfaction, or read suggestive passages in books?

Have you been immodest in your actions toward the opposite sex? Have you been immodest in your dress?

Since unfaithfulness begins in the thought life, have you been unfaithful? As black as this sin is, God can make you white as snow. Trust Him tonight!

7. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of theft.* A young man in the state penitentiary told me one day, "Preacher, all criminals are not behind bars." That is true!

Have you stolen anything?

Have you cheated in business, games, lessons?

Have you been over-extravagant in clothes, home, car, television, or social life?

Have you tried hard to pay all your debts and refused to contract more until they are paid?

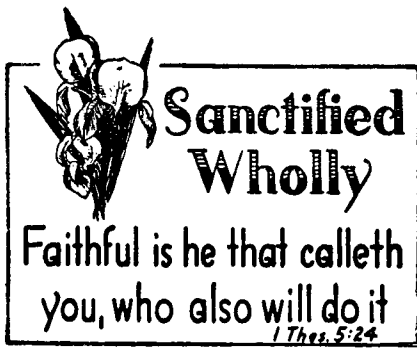
Have you remembered that God has given you all you have? Have you given as much to the church as you ought?

Have you stolen from God in withholding tithes and offerings?

Have you used God's tithe money for other things?

Have you wasted time, and then did not have time to work for God?

God will forgive when you restore. Restitution is the visible proof of obedience. It is a hard road but, once you travel it, you will not want to go over it again!



8. *Open the door of your conscience relating to the sin of envy or discontent.* Have you been jealous of others, because they had more things, more money, were better looking, or more successful, or because they received more attention than you?

Have you been grieved at the prosperity or attainments of others?

Have you been glad when others failed, or were in trouble?

Have you been willing to listen to choice bits of gossip about others?

Have you allowed yourself to be discouraged and given up fighting to be brave and joyful?

Have you thought that God does not love you because of some misfortune?

Have you given up trying to be good?

It matters not who you are, where you live, what your bank account is—sin is sin. It must be confessed, forsaken, and then God will forgive.

Will you all please pray? What is your score? Does the Holy Spirit point out failures? Let us all vow to God tonight that we will begin this new year with victory and be used of God to see a revival in our church.

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God did not lead our pastor to make an altar call; however, there was a young man present who heard the sermon and was greatly troubled. A father of two beautiful little girls and husband of a loving and devoted wife who had prayed through to victory not too long before realized that he was going to have to have help from Someone mightier than he to get his sinful life straightened out. After having mentally scored himself on each point, and found himself greatly lacking—and worse than that—a sinner in every respect, he knew God was going to have to save him.

His mother, a saint of God and a woman of prayer, had held on in prayer for him many years. It was in her living room that some twenty of us, upon his invitation, gathered that night after church, and it was there that he poured his heart out. We were broken up as he told of his need of salvation, for we had known him, and our hearts had bled for his little family, and for him who needed God so desperately. We gathered around him for prayer. The fire fell—our prayers and those of his mother were heard

and answered shortly before midnight. God had saved him. Praise His name!

But that was just the beginning—each night this past week there have been some old-fashioned prayer meetings in the homes of our people, and each night this week we've struck fire. The result—a revival in our church, a revival without an evangelist! Several victories have been added, hearts have been melted, new and refreshing testimonies have been heard; tonight the singer could not finish her song, and the pastor's sermon was laid aside with the Spirit taking full control of the Sunday evening evangelistic service.

It is late now. In the stillness of the night I lay thinking of all the joys of the past week and of the glorious service tonight, and was rejoicing and praising God for what is taking place among our people. Yet a heavy burden weighed on my heart as I was adding up those souls who are yet outside the fold. I thought of three of our teenage girls who are living radiant Christian lives, and whose parents are unsaved or backslidden. Then there were several husbands of some of our women who need Christ. I prayed for each one individually, earnestly asking God to save him, and believing that He will. But I was still unable to fall off to sleep, for the tremendous load seemed to be getting even heavier, and the darkness even blacker.

Then a strange and wonderful thing happened. A car went by and, turning the corner, flashed its lights into the room, and at that very moment the Lord gave me a portion of scripture found in Ps. 50:10, ". . . and the cattle upon a thousand hills [are yours]." Thank God, we don't need to be satisfied with just a small portion of what God has to offer, but we can and should ask largely! If we but ask Him, He will give us souls—more souls than we can count on our two hands. May God help us in this coming year to witness for Him, to work as we never have before, to pray for souls and see them won for Him. We can, and we will!

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## GOD MAKES NO MISTAKES

By F. W. Davis

*Sometimes we may question the judgments of God,  
And weaken when corrected by His chastening rod.*

*But His all-wise plan, laid out for our path,  
Was made to protect us from fall and His wrath.*

*God's pen never blots, nor His tongue never slips.  
No words ever fail that fall from His lips.*

*To our wonderful Father, why shouldn't we bow,  
Who hath made no mistakes, from creation till now?*

## Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley\*

### XVII. The Rest of Faith

WE HAVE considered the wilderness state with its unrest; we must now consider the spiritual rest which awaits the people of God. This is presented in the fourth chapter, as a "rest of faith," symbolized by Israel's inheritance in Canaan. The keynote of the chapter is *rest*. Four rests are mentioned.

*The creation rest.* "And God did rest the seventh day from all his works" (4:4). God delighted in the work of His hands, for it was perfect. It was marked by no sin, no defilement, no corruption. There was no fading leaf, and no wasting of animals or man. All things were in the glorious freshness of youth. In the New Testament this power is interpreted in a spiritual manner, "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4:6). God, who created the worlds, has power also to transform souls from darkness to light through Jesus Christ.

*The Sabbath rest.* The institution of the Sabbath provided a "rest day" for man. It is called a Sabbath, for therein God rested. That in which God rests, or takes possession, becomes holy. Hence Isaiah, the prophet of the spiritual dispensation, regards the Sabbath as a cessation from sin (Isa. 58:13-14). Satan's power over men is such that the things of the world are of more importance to him than his eternal well-being.

*The Canaan rest.* The inheritance in Canaan was intended to provide for Israel a place of rest from their weary wilderness wanderings. Being a material inheritance, it could not possibly satisfy the souls of men, and hence another day was appointed, looking forward to another and spiritual rest. Israel failed to enter into their material inheritance at first because they doubted the power of God (3:12), the love of God, and the word of God.

*The divine rest, or the rest of faith.* "There remaineth [or awaiteth] therefore a rest to the people of God" (4:9). God's power is not exhausted. There is reserved yet a "sabbatism" (or a keeping of the Sabbath) for the people of God, and to this spiritual rest God now calls all His people. Moses failed to bring the people into the land—this privilege being accorded to Joshua—but Jesus is "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (7:25). There are two outstanding characteristics of this precious experience. (1) "He that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from

his own works, as God did from his" (4:10). Only as we cease to trust in our feeble fleshly efforts shall we find purity of heart through faith; only then shall we realize the flow of divine power through cleansed channels in our work for Christ. (2) We which believe "do enter into rest" (4:3). It is as simple as this. "If by faith," said Mr. Wesley, "why not now?"

What a glorious experience is this entering into the sabbath of rest! It is like a beautiful spring morning with dew on the grass, flowers blooming in their beauty, birds warbling their praises, and over all the mellow light of early morn. So is this experience. There comes a freshness of soul, a glorious deliverance from our own feeble efforts, and a full reliance in faith upon the power of God. And this experience shall more and more stretch out to the perfect day. "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (4:1).

### A Day in Norway (VIII)

By Haldor Lillenas\*

"If we are to give any sensible instructions to this stranger, would it not be better if only one of us speak at the same time?" We had stopped at a sharp bend in the road to inquire from two men engaged in the task of repairing an old house, how we might find the little community of Eikangervaag. Arriving just in time for the ferry at Steinsto, we were now on the other side of the fjord and had proceeded over a very twisted little road to this point. Both men were extremely willing to answer my questions. The man on the roof finally "gained the floor."

"Yes, you should follow this road over the mountain through the tunnel. Then when you arrive at the fork of the road, turn right down through the little valley. When you get to the gas station be sure you do not take the left road, but proceed on the road leading right. When you arrive at the first red house on the left, it might be well for you to inquire there. By the way, which Eikanger do you want? There are eight families bearing the name of Eikanger. Is his name Bjarne?"

No, I did not know, but I did know his wife's name is Lily.

We finally located the little yellow house on the side of the hill, with the grass roof, and the barn about ten feet from the door of the dwelling. Beyond could be seen the dark blue waters of the Osterfjord and the powder blue peaks of the coast range in the distance. Brother and Sister Bjarne Eikanger are probably the only members of the Church of the Nazarene living in Norway. During many years they have been members of the church at Santa Monica, California. Three

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years ago they left the States to make their home in this community about thirty miles north of Bergen. Due to impaired health Brother Eikanger cannot hold a regular job, but he is able to operate the small farm which has been turned over to him by his aging parents. Mrs. Eikanger is American-born as are their two children, a daughter fifteen and a son five. All three have learned to speak an excellent Norwegian. The five-year-old lad understands English, but will speak only Norwegian.

In order to get to church these people must walk a good distance and then go by motorboat an hour's trip across the fjord. There is a prayer house at Eikangervaag and here we had two good services. The first one was not very well attended, but on Sunday night the building was full and the presence of God was indeed manifest. We who are able to attend the church of our choice are indeed very fortunate. There are many hungry-hearted people in Norway who would love to attend a good, spiritual church. They are weary of the ritualistic, formal church, and most of the younger people refuse to attend the services. Pray that God may open the door for the Church of the Nazarene in this ripe field. Brother and Sister Eikanger are letting their light shine in the little community in which they live.

Perhaps someday the Church of the Nazarene may be able to open its doors even in this remote section of the picturesque kingdom far towards the north. Our visit and fellowship with the Eikangers shall remain a pleasant memory during the years to come. May God greatly bless these people so far from their own church connections.

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## "Seek Ye First . . ."

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Seek ye first the Kingdom,  
Where God's the eternal King,  
And where the highest gladness  
Comes from our witnessing;*

*From our speaking out for Him,  
Our living His Word each day;  
Our daily pleas at the Kingdom's throne  
For others when we pray.*

*Seek ye first the Kingdom,  
And all its righteousness,  
And all things shall be added  
That will your spirits bless.*

*This is the sacred promise  
To men the ages through,  
And every earnest seeker  
Has found the promise true.*

## Blinding—Binding—Grinding

(Part Two in "The Rise and Fall of a Strong Man")  
(Judges 16:21)

By John T. Donnelly\*

*The Philistines took him, and put out his eyes.* The story of Samson would not be complete if we did not look at the threefold character of the harvest which he gathered from his misdoings. The actions of men are often appalling. Why we persist in following certain courses is hard to explain. If there is an explanation at all, it is that men are blinded. Perhaps no man ever deliberately wrecked his life; nevertheless, wrecks are abundant. The explanation must be that they were blinded by some evil power.

*Oh wad some power the giftie gie us  
To see oursel as others see us!*

But that is one thing we dislike to do more than anything else—to look at our own character.

*And bound him with fetters of brass.* How we Americans love to sing, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty"! And yet many who sing it are slaves, bound to some vicious habit. What is liberty? Some take it to mean to do as one pleases. Never was there a greater mistake. Liberty has its foundation in morals; it is founded in the eternal oughtness of things. A man has no right to do wrong. There is a law of health. A man has no right to eat just anything he pleases. He must learn what agrees with him. In other words, he must eat according to a law of health. Civil law is on the same principle. I must regard others, or I will be sent to prison. There is a moral law in the universe which must be kept or else suffering follows.

*And he did grind in the prison house.* The fruits of a misspent life are not only *blinding* and *binding*, but *grinding* as well. Samson, bound in fetters of brass and blinded, is grinding for his enemies and the enemies of God, and in turn being ground by them. How humiliating to be a fallen hero! Here is a picture of crippled, fettered, and humiliated greatness. Called upon to deliver his country, he betrayed his trust and instead became a slave himself, a victim of those he had been called upon to conquer.

When a man gives his best to the evil forces of the world, those forces turn upon him and grind him. If you want proof, go to the prisons and other places of wretchedness. Not only is a man ground for his own misconduct, but evil causes him to grind many others who are innocent. Samson failed, and so Israel had to bear the yoke and bondage until another leader arose above the weakness of man to save his country.

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The Cross is what identifies us with Jesus Christ. It marks our discipleship. It separates us from the world. The Cross is where we die out to the presence of carnality within.



# The Effectualness of Prayer

By Norman C. Schlichter\*

**E**FFECTUALNESS is a noun too little used. To speak of the effectualness of atomic energy seems to me to make this God-planned physical force more awesome than any other characterization of it. Long before the recent challenge of this energy to the everyday security of every man alive, thinking upon the effectualness of prayer stirred my mind and soul to new wonder at the power of this other God-planned spiritual force.

Just as all answers to what atomic energy is fall far short of clarity, so do all answers to a similar question about prayer leave much mental darkness in their trail. Both these great forces are indeed largely mysteries to God's humble creature, man.

What evidences we have so far of the effectualness of the atom are fear-inspiring; but, thank God, not so are those we have of prayer's power to produce spiritual realities, and indeed physical ones incident to divine healing. James's reference to the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man, which led me to my noun, *effectualness*, follows hard upon the fact of physical healing by faith in the God of prayer.

Never did Christian believers need more than now to meditate upon and become partners with God in the effectualness of prayer. No darker darkensses have ever fallen upon God's chosen few than these immediate days in which we live. Mental and spiritual confusion are dominant in most places of authority, political and spiritual, in every land.

Never before were there so many of the believers in Christ in need of the prayers of their fellow believers. Often in my own times of prayer I seem to hear Christ say audibly, "Be instant in prayer, My little children, now as you never have been before."

This is one reason why I am writing as I am today. Another reason is to share anew with others my own faith in the glorious effectualness of prayer.

A great new daily reason for thanksgiving to the Father of prayer is the fact that fresh proofs of this are coming in a flood from the places most cursed by godless political rulers of our time.

Never had any of His believing ones more genuine assurance of the effectualness of prayer than now. We should give sincere thanks constantly that we believe in a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God.

Have you ever thought, if God knows the name which He has given to each of the multiplied millions of His stars (and Isaiah says He does), how easy it is for Him to know those of our fellows for whom we pray? How it must

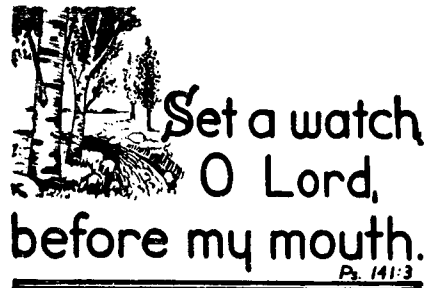
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rejoice His heart when He hears us praying for others by name! The more personal our prayers are, the more conversational they are, the more effectual they will be.

General William Booth, believing in the intimate presence of God, as we all should do more and more, prayed at all hours of the day and night wherever he was. It was this habit that made his influence so great on many of the political leaders of his time. When consulting such men, from prime ministers down, not only in his own but in other lands, about various aspects of Kingdom progress, he frequently stopped and, bowing his head, would say, "Just a minute. God is interested in this. Let's talk to Him about it. Let's ask Him for more light on it."

I often think that this is perhaps the chief reason why God has permitted more people of the earth to see this man than any other man who has ever lived. Prayer opened the way for him to set up new Christian outposts in nearly all lands. We can rejoice that television will increasingly bring the millions of mankind into visual contact, at least, with God's praying leaders in the days ahead until His blessed coming.

Let us center our inmost hearts and souls upon the effectualness of prayer in this atomic hour, and thank God daily that its power will always vastly transcend any future atomic power.



## "Out of Breath in Pursuit of Souls"

By James McGraw\*

**T**HEY said he founded the largest Protestant church, that he started a movement that grew into one of history's great revivals, and that his influence for righteousness changed England's destiny. All this may be true, but the highest compliment ever paid John Wesley was the way someone described him as always seeming to be "out of breath in pursuit of souls."

It is true Wesley was persecuted by some who should have been helping him. He was misunderstood by many who lived during his time. Rowland Hill, for example, said of him, "He and his lay lubbers go forth to poison the minds of men," and spoke of Wesley's "ragged legions of preaching tinkers, draymen, and chimney sweepers." Without use of better transportation facilities than by horseback, and in spite of all perse-

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cution, John Wesley traveled ceaselessly and preached tirelessly until two weeks before his death at the age of eighty-eight, because he was "out of breath in pursuit of souls."

Several years ago there was a convention in Indianapolis to study the important question "How to Reach the Masses." During that convention a certain young man one day stood on a box and began to preach, and a crowd gathered to listen. They were mostly laborers on their way home to supper, but they became so interested in the preaching of this man that they forgot they were hungry, forgot they were tired, and the crowd grew so large they had to move. The preacher announced that he would continue his message in the Academy of Music, and the crowd that followed him there soon filled that auditorium. He preached with such power they were moved to tears, but they didn't have long to listen before he had to quit, for the convention on "How to Reach the Masses" was soon to meet in that auditorium. While others were *talking* about reaching the masses, Dwight L. Moody was *doing* it, for he also was "out of breath in pursuit of souls."

At the turn of the twentieth century Phineas F. Bresee walked "out under the stars" and declared he would, with the help of God, start a fire that would burn until Jesus came. The fire that burned first in his own heart, until he preached with such unction that at times his entire congregation would weep and shout for joy, caught in the hearts of others of like faith, and Nazarenes for forty-five years have followed the example of their leaders who were "out of breath in pursuit of souls."

The *Crusade for Souls Now* is appealing for continued and renewed emphasis upon the spirit which has brought us this far, and the only thing that will take us any farther, the spirit that takes us out of our comfortable chairs and beyond our well-appointed chapels into the highways and hedges after souls.

What would happen if our people everywhere caught that spirit and were awakened to that need, and went out with burning hearts and willing hands until it could be said of all of us, "They are out of breath in pursuit of souls"?

Vance Havner has aptly observed that the average church member today is a hollow farce instead of a holy force, and he declares, "The church languishes when her members wear medals in the grandstand, but she prospers when they wear scars in the arena." The *Crusade for Souls* is *now*. The winning of souls is a task which requires strong arms, willing feet, calloused hands, level heads, and hot hearts, but it is worth the effort. It is "do it or else." It is now or never!

"O God, please save us from the consequences of faith without works, and send us out among men with burning testimonies on our lips and Thy power and love in our hearts. Keep us so busy at this task that there shall not be any time

to spare in finding notes in one another's eyes, or discovering discouragement in our own hearts. Send us out working and witnessing until we are literally 'out of breath in pursuit of souls.' Amen."

## Holding Steady

By Raymond C. Kratzer\*

ONE OF the most difficult things in life to do is to keep still in the moment that an injustice has been done to you, and when by all rights you should speak up and defend yourself. It pays great dividends, however, if when those moments arrive you "hold steady" and let God fight your battles for you. The end result will leave you feeling noble and peaceful, and ill-spoken words will not have to be repented of in order to experience again an inward peace and calm.

The other day a fine Christian man came to me with the sad news that he had been fired from his job. He had done his work faithfully and there was no apparent reason whatsoever for the foreman laying him off. In fact, he was due for a promotion and the work warranted a man of experience in which he was most capable. He said that, when the foreman informed him that he was letting him go, his first thoughts were dark and somber, and that he wanted to speak out his resentments for lack of due advancement, raise in salary, and other raw deals.

But, being a Christian, he felt the Lord spoke to him to "hold steady," so he resisted the temptation of Satan and manifested the Christian spirit in his whole deportment. In relating the incident to me, he said, "I'm so glad that I held steady and did not say the things that went flashing through my mind." Just a few days later he was able to secure a much better job with a higher salary, better hours, and in many other ways more to be desired.

It always pays to hold steady. The Apostle Paul instructs us wisely along this line in II Tim. 2:24 when he says, "The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men." Although Satan will many times browbeat the individual who "returns good for evil," this procedure will always pay off in dividends that will be good throughout eternity. But even in life, the reward of inward peace, of right attitudes, of pleasant relationships means everything in terms of happy Christian living. Just to be able to meet your fellow man, knowing that you have not injured your influence with him by overt acts or barbed words, is worth more than any vaunted self-esteem which you might think you have earned by "sticking up for your rights." Let us strive to live peaceably with all men.

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# General Statistics for 1953

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

### Churches

United States .....	3,826	
Canada, British Isles .....	181	
Overseas Home Missions Areas .....	33	
Total (Domestic) .....		4,040
Net Gain .....	152	
Churches on Foreign Missions Fields .....	744	
Main Stations and Outstations on Foreign Missions Fields .....	467	

### Church Members

United States .....	249,749	
Canada and British Isles .....	7,460	
Overseas Home Missions Areas .....	916	
Total (Domestic) .....		258,125
Net Gain .....	7,902	(3.16%)
Foreign Missions Fields (Full and Probationary) .....	36,979	

### Ministers

Ordained Ministers .....	5,529	
Licensed Ministers .....	1,974	
Missionaries (Under Department of Foreign Missions) .....	262	
Native Workers on Foreign Missions Fields .....	1,140	

### Church Property

Church Buildings .....	4,124	
Value of Church Property (Local) ..		\$ 78,155,189
Number of Parsonages (Local) .....	2,710	
Value of Parsonages (Local) .....		18,851,161
Total (Local) .....		97,006,350
Number of Parsonages (District) .....	51	
Value of Parsonages (District) .....		804,032
Value of District Centers .....		3,108,241
Value Other District Property .....		597,687
Total (District) .....		4,509,960
Value of Headquarters Property .....		100,000
Value of Nazarene Publishing House ..		643,127
Total (General) .....		743,127
Value of Educational Institutions, Hospitals, and Homes .....		7,602,611
Value of Property on Foreign Missions Fields .....		2,990,155
Grand Total (All Property) .....		112,312,203
Indebtedness on Church and Parsonage Property (Local) .....		\$ 16,315,006
Indebtedness on All Property (District) Indebtedness on Educational Institutions, Hospitals, & Homes ...		658,632
Total Indebtedness on All Property .....		1,040,750
Total Indebtedness on All Property .....		18,014,388

### Church Finances

Paid Local Interests .....		\$ 25,157,239
Increase .....	\$ 392,105	
Paid District Interests .....		2,506,335
Increase .....	428,265	
Paid General Interests .....		2,880,704
Increase .....	204,194	
Total Paid All Purposes .....		30,544,278
Increase .....	1,024,564	

### Analysis of Grand Total

Paid by the Church .....	\$26,249,587
Paid by the Church School .....	2,184,401
Paid by the Junior Society .....	49,251
Paid by the N.Y.P.S. .....	522,112
Paid by the N.F.M.S. .....	1,538,927

### Per Capita Giving

Local Interests .....	\$ 97.46
District Interests .....	9.71
General Interests .....	11.16

All Purposes .....	\$118.33
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### Sunday School

Number of Sunday Schools .....	3,979
Increase .....	166
Number on Foreign Missions Fields ..	960
Enrollment:	
Active Members .....	442,294
Officers and Teachers .....	43,816
Cradle Roll Members .....	44,075
Home Department Members .....	6,880
Total (Domestic) .....	537,065
Increase .....	16,035
Average Weekly Attendance .....	354,317
Increase .....	14,769
Enrollment on Foreign Missions Fields	50,803
Attendance on Foreign Missions Fields	35,245

### Vacation Bible School

Number of V.B.S. .....	1,961
Increase .....	72
Membership .....	143,300
Increase .....	5,603

### Junior Society

Number of Societies .....	1,618
Increase .....	41
Membership .....	28,316
Increase .....	108
Number on Foreign Missions Fields ..	215
Membership on Foreign Missions Fields	4,113

### Nazarene Young People's Society

Number of Societies .....	3,154
Increase .....	101
Membership:	
Active .....	69,877
Associate .....	11,450
Total .....	81,327
Increase .....	733
Number on Foreign Missions Fields	251
Membership on Foreign Missions Fields	6,557

### Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

Number of Societies .....	3,449
Increase .....	20
Membership:	
Active .....	90,903
Associate .....	10,456
Total .....	101,359
Increase .....	5,112
Number on Foreign Missions Fields	733
Membership on Foreign Missions Fields	11,792
Members Prayer and Fasting League	75,512

NOTE: Some figures for foreign missions fields are for the year 1952.

S. T. LUDWIG, General Church Secretary

## Our Prayer Becomes a Cry

**I**N ROM. 8:26 there are words which startle our comprehension. They read as follows: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for

we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." At present I am thinking particularly of the words in the latter part of this verse, "with groanings which cannot be uttered." Someone has said that the saint's soul becomes the organ of the Holy Spirit, and then the Holy Spirit intensifies the saint's concern. Thus the Spirit of God prays through the soul that He indwells. He so fills it with compassion that the prayer moves beyond words, and becomes only a cry, "with groanings which cannot be uttered." The Holy Spirit so magnifies the importance of the need for which we pray that we can't use words any more; we only groan out our desires. Words, which are the channels of thought, become inadequate in that hour, and we resort to the method the feelings use in expressing themselves; we cry out our heart's longings to God.

**W**E WOULD reach this climax in our praying more often if only we could see the objects of our intercession in the light of eternity. We

are so beset by the material and temporal—"bread-and-butter" existence—that it is not easy for us to properly appraise spiritual values.

One man astounded me not long ago by saying that life consists chiefly of eating and drinking—the satisfaction of the physical appetites. After all, how many of us live and act as if this were the case, even though we would not say it? With the best of us the things of time and sense are too much with us, and it is so easy for them to crowd out the importance of the spiritual. Therefore, our prayers are weak and anemic. This certainly should be less and less the case after the Holy Spirit has come to live with us. He "helpeth our infirmities," as we pray, "with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Peter, James, and John were in the Garden of Gethsemane with their Master. Jesus was facing the most critical hour in His life; He was fully aware of its significance, and it was not difficult for Him to keep awake and pray. Not so with His disciples. They only half realized the meaning of the crisis which awaited their Leader. It would have been different with them if the Holy Spirit had already been given, if they had had their Pentecost. They would not have fallen asleep once, twice, and even three times, only to wring from the lips of Jesus those words, "Sleep on now, . . ." Heartbroken and crushed, with an all but unbearable burden, Jesus was left without help from the three nearest to Him in the

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hour when He needed it most. Again I say, this would not have happened if the Holy Spirit had been given, and had been in the hearts of Peter, James, and John in His fullness. He would have helped their infirmities "with groanings which cannot be uttered"; He would have intensified their concern until their prayer would have become a cry, and there would have been no sleep for their eyes.

**T**HE Universal Week of Prayer is to be observed January 3 to 10. Let us enter anew into the Holy Spirit's school of prayer during this week.

Let's permit Him to use our souls as His instrument, so that He can help our infirmities "with groanings which cannot be uttered" as we pray. Then our prayers to our Heavenly Father will be voiced, not by words, but rather by "groanings which cannot be uttered."

### Two Men on a Diet

**D**ID you ever stand in line and wait for your turn to eat? I did that this summer at a camp meeting. While I was waiting, a little girl in the line near me became quite restless. She wanted to eat, and so did the rest of us—but of course we had to wait our turn. Her mother told her to be patient. Finally, I asked the little five- or six-year-old girl what she would choose if she could have right then what she wanted to eat. She answered in a hurry, "Pie." Evidently this little girl was not on a diet. She could eat what she wanted and wanted to eat only that which she wanted.

A few days before I had been in a drugstore, waiting at the counter for cold drinks. A lady came up and put in an order for one chocolate soda and two limeades. She specified very definitely that one of the limeades was to have no sugar or syrup in it. She came back to get the cold drinks and take them to the table where she and her friends were sitting, and reminded the clerk that one of those limeades was to be without sugar or syrup. She said, "Be sure and make no mistake on that, for the person who is to have that one is on a diet, and can't have any sugar or syrup." The clerk saw that she got what she wanted.

**L**AZARUS, the beggar, was on a diet. He lay, full of sores, at the gate of the rich man, and was glad to have the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Lazarus didn't choose his diet, I am sure. More than that, I don't think it had any re-

# Stephen S. White

lation to his sickness. He was forced on the diet by the circumstances of life. It wasn't sin that brought him into that situation; it might have been the hostile attitude of society toward the followers of Christ, or it might have been just the social conditions of his day. We cannot say for sure about that. We are certain, though, from the account, that his diet was not of his own choosing.

**T**HE prodigal son was not on a diet at home—at least we have no hint of any such thing. He decided to leave home to do what he wanted to do, regardless of the

**The Prodigal Son** rules of life by which he had been reared. He wanted freedom, and he wanted to satisfy his own desires. He wanted anything but a diet; he didn't want discipline of any kind. Nevertheless, he took the way which leads to discipline and diet. He who starts out to do as he pleases in this world will, as a rule, even in this life, come to the place where he cannot do many things he would like to do. That certainly was true of the prodigal son. Finally he came to the hog pen, "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat." No more limited diet than this could have come to a Jew. "The way of transgressors is hard."

**H**ERE are two men who had a diet forced on them. Lazarus was not to blame for his, while the prodigal son was. The former's diet was not the consequence of his

**The Difference** sins, while the latter's was. Lazarus had a clear conscience and was ready to meet God, but it was not so with the prodigal son. A man can endure almost any kind of physical suffering if he has God with him, but what a hell it is if, like the prodigal son, he has to face physical calamity without God—or, worse still, meet it because he has deliberately turned his back on God. This is torment added to torment and is a foretaste of everlasting punishment, where the "worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."

## "Night's Candles Are Burned Out"

**I**N *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare, that master of words, describes the dawn thus,

*Night's candles are burned out, and jocund day  
Stands tiptoe on the misty mountain tops.*

Hamlet gives us the same thought in these immortal words:

*But, look, the morn in russet mantle clad,  
Walks o'er the dew of yon high eastern hill.*

When I think of Shakespeare, his gift of words, and the great leaders in the field of literature who

know how to use language in such a matchless fashion, I am made to wonder at the genius of some men. It makes those of us who belong to the common lot feel anew our limitations and inferiority. But we must remember that, as great as some men are in the various fields of human achievement, God is much greater. Shakespeare described the dawn enchantingly, and gave us many magic sentences as he brought to us a countless number of human experiences, but it is God who makes the dawn; it is God who creates.

At this point I think of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees." He was right when he said:

*Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.*

He was a connoisseur of words and gave to us a beautiful picture of a tree, but only God could create that tree.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. . . . And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. . . . And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. . . . And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good" (Gen. 1:1-18). Some men have the gift of language, and can describe superbly the beauties of nature—the dawn and the trees—but God is the Creator of the dawn and the trees. He brought them into existence.

More interesting than the word pictures of nature are man's descriptions of the greatness of man. Here we think of Shakespeare again, as he says, "What a piece of work is man! how noble in reason! how infinite in faculty! in form and moving, how exprest and admirable; in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god!" At this point, also, we must remember that it was God who made man, and "God said, Let

us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every

creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:26-27).

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## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. George Taylorson

Topic for January 10: Jesus Uses His Authority  
Scripture: John 2 (Printed, John 2:13-25)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth* (John 4:24).

The Man of Sorrows with a whip in His hand—what a picture! Do not explain away or evade the recorded truth by resorting to a popular, anemic way of thought. He drove them all out along with their merchandise. God cannot and will not stand for the profaning of the sacred. Our Lord is far from being indulgent and weak, but on the contrary is strong and loving. He had too much love in His heart to see such unrestrained pollution of the holy. He here reveals the character of His Father as truly as when He washed the disciples' feet, or cried down from the cross, "Father, forgive them." God is too good and too kind to be easy, soft, or tolerant with sin.

When our Lord entered His holy Temple, His soul was stirred to the quick. The center of worship had degenerated to a place of greed and sin. Religion had been reduced to commercialism, to platitudes, hence was devitalized. A divine cleansing was in order. There is always the pressing temptation to think only of our ease and comfort and to look to religion for personal gain. The church is not an end in itself, but rather is a sacred channel of worship and service. If we are not to be visited by the awful wrath of Perfect Love, then we must be on guard against the worship of idols in our church and personal living. Holiness is not meant to be safe, tame, respectable, and self-gaining, but rather to issue forth lives that are the essence of sincerity, sacrificial service, and holy living.

Whenever the means becomes the end, then the end must become the means. The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. When human merchandising becomes the goal, then the attempt is made to use God rather than to love and serve Him. Have we ever set up the golden calf of records and worshiped there? Have there been

times when it seemed that all else was forfeited for the sake of a numerical accomplishment? Beware that our Lord does not come and discover that we need to be cleansed from the idolatry of figures. He will not hesitate. When we converse with

each other about the condition of our church, what are the standards used? The church is dedicated to the healing and saving of the souls of men; this alone is our purpose. Our promotion must be kept as a means or we will use the sanctuary to merchandise even with currency of souls, purely for personal attention. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols" (I John 5:21).

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

**Q.** *In many—if not most—of our public schools today, dancing is taught as a part of the physical education courses. Would you please give several reasons why Christian young people should not engage in dancing in public schools?*

**A.** It is too bad that our young people have to meet this question of dancing while trying to get an education in our public schools. However, our young people are facing the issue squarely and are being released from the requirement of dancing. They have this right, and it is being recognized by public school authorities. No teacher has any ground for forcing them as to this matter or for being guilty of embarrassing them in connection with it. If young people learn to dance in school, they will want to dance elsewhere; and if they are taught to dance with their own sexes, they will naturally move on to dancing with those of the opposite sex. And dancing with the opposite sex tends to lead to immorality today just as surely as it ever did. The close bodily contacts involved, especially in the modern dance, can't be anything but morally demoralizing in the long run. Many people who have suffered from such activities have testified to their evil effects. The only safe way to deal with sin is to refrain from it wherever it is found. Our Christian young people must not let any talk about the bodily or aesthetic value of dancing blind them to its moral peril. Neither should they permit the contention

that there are other things which some young people do which are as bad or worse than dancing to deceive them. In the first place, that as a rule is not true; and besides, if it were, it would not justify dancing. One evil does not justify another. Christian young people must abstain from sin and that which leads to sin.

**Q.** *What is the meaning of these words of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me" (Matt. 26:39)? As He neared the Cross, why did He suddenly seem to want to avoid it, when more than once He had declared that it was His purpose to go to the Cross and die—the very reason for which He had come into the world?*

**A.** Various explanations of this strange hesitation of Jesus have been given, but there is only one which seems reasonable to me. This connects these words with Jesus' cry on the cross when He said: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46.) According to this verse, Jesus was not seeking to escape death on the cross when He asked that He might bypass "this cup." He was shrinking from that moment in His dying when His Father would forsake Him. He shrank from being left alone in the universe—without even the presence of His Father—in order that He might taste death for every man. He drew back temporarily from that experience when for the flash of a second

He was to face the full force of divine judgment upon sin. In this connection, however, we must remember that Jesus did not finally turn His back on this moment when the unity of the Godhead was sundered. After saying, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me," He went right on and finished the sentence thus, "nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

Q. Is it true, as some claim, that when we backslide, the sins which

were forgiven when we were saved are put down against us again? I thought that, according to the Bible, they would never again be remembered against us once they had been forgiven.

A. I have always believed that the Bible teaches that once a sin is forgiven, it is forgiven forever. This means that I agree with you. However, practically—so far as the final outcome is concerned—it really makes no difference which view one holds. A single sin, if unforgiven, will damn a soul forever. Still, I

prefer to believe as you do, because I believe that your conception of it is more in harmony with the teaching of the Bible.

Q. How long has our foreign missionary society had the prescribed study book for each year?

A. The first one under the auspices of the Mission Study Committee was in 1934. This is according to information I have received from Miss Mary Scott, general secretary of the N.F.M.S.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

#### Never Heard of John Three Sixteen

Each Sunday at 3:45 p.m. the "Showers of Blessing" radio program is sent out over Radio Trinidad. Only God knows the far-reaching results of these broadcasts. We receive calls from listeners almost every week—some to tell us of how much they enjoy the programs, others to inquire concerning the schedule of our services, but many to ask for consultation and prayer.

One weekday we received a call from a lady whose heart had been touched as she listened to the "Showers of Blessing" program the Sunday before. She had been challenged by Dr. DeLong's statement, "If you're in trouble, Christ can help you."

"Can Christ help me?" she asked us. We assured her that He could and made arrangements for her to see Rev. Ray Miller, the superintendent of our field. The meeting proved successful, for the next Sunday she came to our St. James church to see if Christ could really help her as we had said. She also came the following Wednesday night for prayer meeting and during this service heard for the first time the words of John 3:16. I asked the congregation to quote the verse in unison, not knowing there was anyone in the audience to whom it was not familiar. The following week, Mrs. Harmon and I went to visit the lady and she told us that never before had she heard these wonderful words of assurance and promise.

She comes from a cultured family and she is well-educated in the classics and in medicine. But in all her life she had never heard that "God so loved . . . that he gave his . . . Son, . . ." She never knew of Christ's power to save.

A veil of darkness hangs over the people of Trinidad. So many people and so much religion, but so few who know of Christ, His power to save, and His promises! Over the island of Trinidad there are many villages without a gospel witness. All the Protestant evangelical churches together have only reached about 10 per cent of the people.

The harvest is truly ripe, but the laborers are so few! Pray for Trinidad that the Lord of the harvest may call and send forth laborers to work in this needy field.—WESLEY HARMON, Trinidad.

## PERU

Greetings in Jesus' name from the great harvest field of Peru.

Just after the assembly I made a trip to Huancabamba, which had been put off before because of the rains. It is only about 130 miles to Huancabamba, but because of the condition of the roads it took us 10 hours to get there.

Between here and Huancabamba is a place called Canchaque. On our way up we stopped there and had a service. It may be possible to get a work started there soon. Before too long I plan, the Lord willing, to go to Tumbes and see about the possibilities of getting something started there. One of our fine young fellows from the Piura church recently moved up there and I think through him we might get a work started.—CLYDE GOLLIHER, Peru.

## Home Missions and Evangelism

### Roy F. Smee, Secretary

#### Gulf Central District

Under the energetic leadership of the district superintendent, Rev. Leon Chambers, the Gulf Central District is making progress. On November 15 the first new church was organized on this district, at Shawmut, Alabama. Revivals have been held in Meridian, Mississippi; Calvert and Shawmut, Alabama; and Memphis, Tennessee, with Elder D. A. Murray, pastor of our New Orleans church, as the evangelist. Although Elder Murray is in his mid-seventies, he has done an excellent work in laying the groundwork in these cities.

Brother Chambers has found a number of young men who are called to the ministry and interested in attending Nazarene Bible Institute. He also has discovered some holiness pastors who are looking towards the Church of the Nazarene.

There are many obstacles to be overcome in our efforts to evangelize the colored people throughout the

Gulf Central District, but God is blessing this work. In the revival at Shawmut, for example, some people from Fairfax attended, and Brother Chambers is now starting a new mission in an empty church building in Fairfax.

Continue to pray for this work, for our present churches and missions, for Brother and Sister Chambers, for our pastors, and for new pastors that are so desperately needed. Any who would like to have additional copies of the leaflet concerning the Negro work, *Lift Up Thy Prayer*, may secure them by writing to the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society office in Kansas City.

## NEW CHURCHES

Telegram—Organized Brampton with sixteen charter members. Prospects very good. George Anstey appointed pastor.—T. E. MARTIN, Canada Central District Superintendent.

District Superintendent C. B. Cox has organized a new church at Limon, Colorado. Rev. George Johnson is the pastor. This is the fifth organization for the Colorado District since the General Assembly.

On November 1, District Superintendent Whitcomb Harding organized a church at Burwell, Nebraska, and saw a new family saved the night of the organization. There are splendid opportunities in Burwell, and an outreach into a fine rural section of the state.

District Superintendent George Coulter has organized churches at Rosedale and Vacaville, California. The pastors are Rev. Eugene Denney and Rev. Dick Roth. There are eight new churches on the Northern California District this quadrennium.

Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, the new superintendent of the Northwest Indiana District, has organized a new church at Beach Grove, near Sheridan, Indiana. Rev. Eldon Hopkins has been appointed pastor.

District Superintendent W. E. Albea organized a new church recently at Amelia, at the close of a revival campaign held by Rev. N. C. McNelly, pastor at nearby Bethel. Prospects are good for a growing church in an expanding community. Rev. Herbert Bargo has been appointed pastor. This is the fourth new church this quadrennium for the Western Ohio District.

District Superintendent Charles A. Gibson organized a new church in Stephenson, Michigan, on December 11. Rev. J. S. Ritchie has been appointed pastor. This is the second church organized in the past six months on the upper Michigan peninsula, which is a part of the Wisconsin District, and the fourth organization for the district since the General Assembly.

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What a day it shall be when we in our glorified bodies shall be eyewitnesses of His eternal majesty as we share with the millions of the Blood-washed in the great coronation of our Lord and Saviour! Angels and heavenly beings shall gather around the throne and sing as a mighty organ: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."—HAROLD M. DANIELS.

# THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

## A Testimony—

**A** PERSONAL testimony of what God can do and has done for anyone is perhaps the most effective way another can be led to seek the Saviour's face.

Commissioner Samuel Logan Brenge, of the Salvation Army, gives a testimony to the sanctifying power of God in the introduction to his book *Helps to Holiness*. This book was first published in 1896. Here is the testimony.

"On January 9, 1885, at about nine o'clock in the morning, God sanctified my soul. I was in my own room and met a man and told him what God had done for me. The next morning, I met another friend on the street and praised God and told him the blessed story. He shouted and praised God and urged me to preach full salvation and confess it everywhere. God used him to encourage and help me. So the following day I preached on the subject as clearly and forcibly as I could, and ended with my testimony.

"God blessed the word mightily to others, but I think He blessed it most to myself. That confession put me on record. It cut the bridges down behind me. Three worlds were now looking at me as one who professed that God had given him a clean heart. I could not go back now. I had to go forward. God saw that I meant to be true till death. So two mornings after that, just as I got out of bed and was reading some of the words of Jesus, He gave me such a blessing as I never had dreamed a man could have this side of Heaven. It was a heaven of love that came into my heart. I walked out over Boston Common before breakfast weeping for joy and praising God. Oh, how I loved! In that hour I knew Jesus and I loved Him till it seemed my heart would break. I loved the sparrows, I loved the dogs, I loved the horses, I loved the little urchins on the streets, I loved the strangers who hurried past me, I loved the heathen—I loved the whole world.

"When my way has been hedged up and it seemed that no way could be found out of my temptations and difficulties, Jesus has cut a way through for me, just as He opened the Red Sea for Israel.

"When my heart has ached, He has comforted me; when my feet had

well-nigh slipped, He has held me up; when my faith has trembled, He has encouraged me; when I have been in sore need, He has supplied all my need; when I have been hungry, He has fed me; when I have thirsted, He has given me living water.

"I recommend Him to the world."

## FOR BOYS AND GIRLS:

### I Believe in Prayer

By Eddie Rickenbacker

(A short cutting from an article appearing in the *Defender* magazine of Wichita, Kansas.)

"Several years ago I was flying to Chicago. It was a Sunday afternoon in the middle of December, and the weather was miserable. There was a lot of ice. We suddenly lost the radio beam. For a long time we cruised back and forth trying to pick it up. Fog was all around us. We were lost, off the beam, and flying blind. Our two-way radio went out, and we had lost all communication with the world. For seven hours we flew—where, we didn't know. Nobody knew where we were; nobody even knew we were lost.

"Darkness was coming on. Then, suddenly, we saw a break in the murk. The pilot brought the ship down to within one hundred feet, and we saw the lights go flashing by on a four-lane highway.

"It must be going from some place to some place," I said, and we followed it for some distance.

"Then we saw a red glow away off to the right, headed for it, and saw a river gleaming. We flew up that river, and out of the six-thirty dusk of winter sprang a town—Toledo! I saw the Toledo-Edison sign flashing as we swept over the bridge tops. Skimming the roofs, we circled and landed at the airport a moment later. We had just enough gas left for eleven minutes of flight.

"We had flown blind, without a beam, but we were on a beam, just the same. I like to think it was the 'Big Radio' that kept us going—the Being who keeps all of us flying safely through the fog and night, toward some mysterious and important goal. The 'Big Radio' is a two-way job. You've got to keep tuned with It, and you have to talk back. I believe in prayer. I learned to pray as a kid at my mother's knee.

"I am not such an egoist as to believe that God has spared me because I am I. I believe there is work for



me to do, and I am spared to do it, just as you are. If I die tomorrow, I do not fear the prospect at all."

We should live at all times so that we need not fear should death come. If all of us live for Christ each day, talking to Him and trusting in His guidance in all we do, we need have

no fear for our own welfare.

If we have faith in God and take all our problems to Him, He will be our Guide and Director in all we do.

As this new year begins, let us determine to take time to talk to God. He will answer us in ways of which we never dreamed. However

small our problems may seem to those about us, remember that whatever is important in our relationship with Him or with other people is important to God. He wants us to look to Him! He wants us to believe on Him! He wants us to love Him with all our hearts!

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## Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

**T**HE Roman Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary was made an article of faith by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1853. Accordingly the present Pope (Pius XII) has declared 1954 a Marian Year—the one hundredth anniversary. Contrary to the opinion held by many, this dogma does not refer to the Virgin Birth of Christ, but to the supposed sinless conception of Mary herself. Mary was, according to the teaching, never affected by original sin.

If you were a judge, how would you decide this case? In Chicago a man named Joseph Bennett lost his left foot when he was struck by a train in the subway last year. Now he has filed suit in Superior Court asking for \$75,000.00 damages from the Chicago Transit Authority. The charge was that the CTA was negligent because no official stopped him from entering the station while he was almost helplessly intoxicated.

As of January 1, 1954, the American Medical Association has stated its intention to drop all advertising of alcoholic beverages and tobacco from its publications. Many members of the association were opposed to such advertising. In addition, the false claims of a number of advertisers helped to influence the decision. Since cigarette advertising alone was yielding \$100,000.00 and more per year it can be seen that this is no lightly considered move. Cigarette manufacturers are vigorously reacting to the unfavorable publicity given their product by various medical researchers, and have already begun propaganda which denies that cigarette smoking is a significant factor in causing throat and lung cancer.

Upholding the conviction and fine of \$100.00 imposed on a woman gambling operator by the city of Columbus, the Ohio State Supreme Court strengthened the restraining influences against gambling in Ohio. The conviction had been appealed and

the contention upheld by the Second District Court of Appeals that the law of the city of Columbus was in conflict with the state law, but the Supreme Court reversed this decision and upheld the city ruling.

The state law provides a penalty for gambling activities when they profit the operator of a game personally. This makes way for church and charitable institutions to operate games. The city law forbids anyone to possess tickets for lotteries. Apparently there is no conflict—rather the chief difference is that the city law has more teeth and fewer avenues of escaping penalties.

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Jacksonville, Arkansas—We recently closed a fine revival with Rev. R. F. Lindley, evangelist. The altar was filled with seekers in nearly every service; many souls found God in salvation in these twelve days. Brother Lindley preaches with a real passion for souls. All Sunday-school attendance records were broken or the last Sunday of the revival. Our church is encouraged to go forward with the new church building; we now have the concrete poured for the foundation.—J. S. Emmert, Pastor.

Evangelist Donald R. Silvernail writes: "I am happily engaged in my fifth year of full-time evangelism. Since last reporting I have been in revivals at Beaverton, Michigan, with Rev. Erma Pierce (my second revival there); at Pontiac, Illinois, with Rev. Dwight Keller; with Rev. Thomas R. Smiley at North Side, Seymour, Indiana; with Rev. Mark Vandine at Swanville, Minnesota; with Rev. Paul Moore, at Corey, Michigan (my second revival there); and at Holt, Michigan, with Rev. William Kelley. At this writing I am in revival at Stinesville, Indiana, with Rev. William J. Kerney. There have been some difficult battles, but there have also been some wonderful victories; for every victory won we give God the glory. We have two open dates in the fall of 1954. My new address is % Nazarene Assembly Park, Vicksburg, Michigan."

A seven-volume commentary on the Bible, the largest project in their publishing history, has been begun by the Seventh-Day Adventist Publishing House. The entire project has been allotted \$250,000.00 and thirty-five scholars are at work so far. The first volume was recently completed.

Here are the results of a few decisions made by United States courts on religious issues:

In Pennsylvania the Department of Revenue exempted churches and charitable organizations from paying the 1 per cent general sales tax of that state.

In New Jersey the Gideons have been refused the privilege of distributing Bibles to students in the schools even though parents were willing that their children should receive them.

Up to the present time (December 15) we have received \$510,000.00 Thanksgiving Offering this year. This is about \$50,000.00 above the amount received in the same period of time last year.

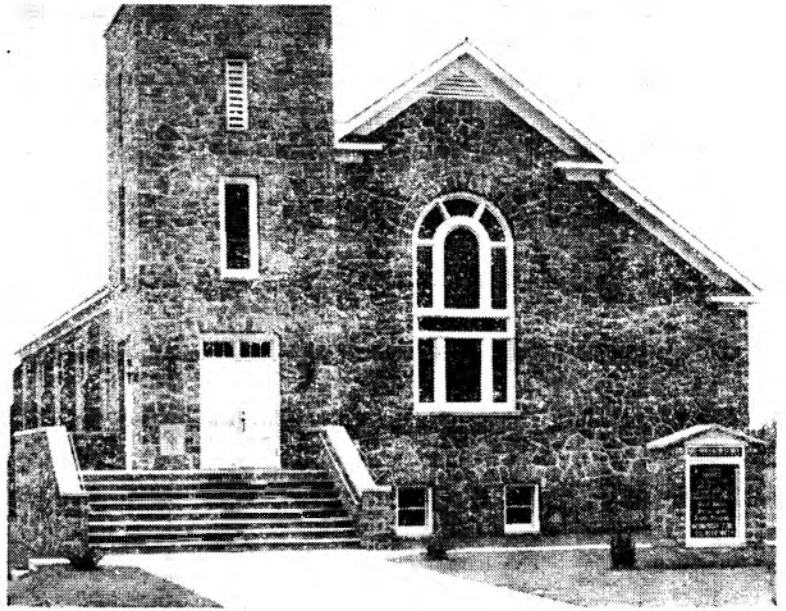
JOHN STOCKTON  
General Church Treasurer

Sheridan, Wyoming—We recently closed one of the best revivals in our entire history, with Rev. Ralph B. Round as evangelist. Seekers prayed through at most of the services, and the church was greatly encouraged and strengthened. Brother Round is an excellent holiness preacher, and we anticipate having him back again.—R. B. Ross, Pastor.

Evangelist J. W. Sneed writes: "I have some open time and would be glad to slate it with any church. I recently closed a good three-Sunday meeting at Beaver, Oklahoma, where Rev. C. E. Hagemeyer is the fine pastor. God honored the services with His presence, and gave some wonderful victories. For some time I have felt that the usual ten- to twelve-day meetings are too short to accomplish much for the Lord; therefore, I would be glad to give three-Sunday meetings to any church so desiring. Write me, 1206 W. College, Guthrie, Oklahoma."

## Plattsburg, New York

In February of 1948 we answered the call to pastor this church, and found a loyal band of Nazarenes who had worshiped in a small church downtown for almost thirty years. In due time we discovered we had to move into larger quarters—we were continually embarrassed for lack of room. After many futile efforts to locate property, and a year of fervent prayer, we discovered a lot suitable for a church. When we began our search we were some \$1,500.00 in debt on repairs on the old church, and nothing in the building fund for a new one. However, with the help of the Lord, in September of 1951 we paid cash for our lot, 100 x 200 feet, paid the old debt on the church, and had \$1,500.00 to begin construction. About a year prior to this a man had begun to attend our services—a stonemason, and a Catholic for about sixty years. In August he gave his heart to God, and began work on our new church in October; he joined the church three weeks later. Because of his skill and the consecrated giving of time and money of many others (one man built all windows including the big, fourteen-foot window, free of charge), we have what many say to be the most beautiful church in this city of 18,000 population, and 80 per cent Roman Catholic. Already we have had as many as 500 people in one service. The church has about 8,000 feet of floor space, is constructed of beautiful red granite (which we dug ourselves), and atop the four-room tower a beautiful cross in blue and white fluo-



cent light beacons forth a call day and night for all to seek the Christ of the cross. Our membership has almost tripled, and our N.Y.P.S. (which didn't exist previously) is now second largest on the district. A local contractor estimated the church to be worth more than \$125,000.00. Because of the kindness of a local man, we bought much

material at cost. It was our happy privilege to entertain our Albany District Assembly last spring, and to have Dr. G. B. Williamson with us for the dedicatory service on the following Sunday (May 10), along with District Superintendent Renard D. Smith. Hitherto hath the Lord led us.—Merwyn D. Gray, Pastor.

Evangelists George and Flora Brinkman report: "We began our fall meetings with Rev. H. B. Garvin, pastor of Grace Church at Knoxville, Tennessee. Our son, Willard, of Trevecca College assisted in the music. God gave us a number of souls, and the attendance record was broken in Sunday school on the last Sunday. Pastor and people there have acquired one of the finest church locations in the city. We then spoke at the midweek service at the College Hill Church, Nashville, where Rev. Claude Galloway is pastor. It was encouraging to see so many college students at the meeting. We spent one Sunday in Indianapolis, Indiana, preaching in the morning at Ray Street Church, where God gave us a very gracious service. The large new auditorium that Rev. M. W. Kemper and congregation are constructing for their fast-growing church is nearing completion. In the evening we preached for Rev. B. L. Wilson of the Westbrook Church, and the power and blessing of God were upon the service. From there we went to Georgetown, Kentucky, where Rev. Hugh Clark is the efficient pastor. The attendance was large with good altar services, and on the closing day the Sunday-school record was broken with an attendance of 559. Our next meeting, at the Jackman Road Church, Toledo, Ohio, with Pastor Lowell

Garvin, was blessed of God, and we were able to close with souls praying through midst shouts of victory. Then at Greencastle, Pennsylvania, we spoke at a special service in the United Brethren church, where we had a fine attendance. Our next revival was at Laurel, Delaware, with Rev. Milton H. Taylor; we had a good attendance and a goodly number of souls at the altar finding victory. A twenty-year Sunday-school record was broken on the closing Sunday with 259 in attendance. At this writing we are in a revival at Easton, Maryland, with Rev. James Bailey, who recently completed the construction of a very fine new church building. On the first Sunday afternoon of the revival the dedication service was held with Theodore R. McKeldin, governor of Maryland, as special speaker."

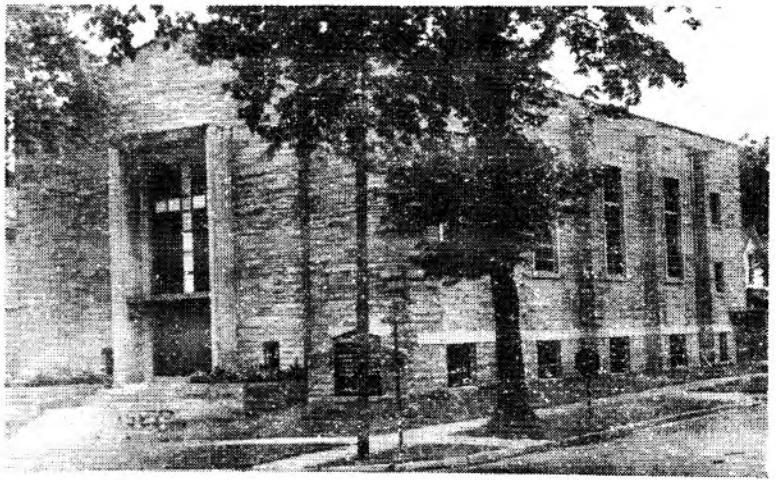
Williamsburg, Indiana—We recently closed one of our best revivals since the church was started, with Rev. J. D. Stafford, evangelist; Mrs. Stafford, children's worker; and Vera and Wilfred Edwards, singers. Brother Stafford is an outstanding preacher. God was with us in every service, blessing with large crowds and forty-two seekers at the altar. An amount of \$365.00 was raised for the workers, and a \$45.00 love offering for the pastor. Williamsburg has a wonder-

ful group of people who love God, stand by their pastor, and are faithful in attendance at all services. Our Sunday school has had an increase every month since we came here in August. We give God the praise.—Walter Griffith, Pastor.

Waurika, Oklahoma—We closed a very good revival on November 22, with Rev. W. M. Tidwell as the evangelist, and Bob Lewis doing the singing. Both evangelist and singer blessed the people in sermon and song. The Spirit of the Lord moved upon the hearts of the people in convicting power, resulting in a goodly number finding victory around an altar of prayer. Pastors and laymen from surrounding Nazarene churches drove in from night to night, some driving over fifty miles one way to hear Brother Tidwell clearly and forcefully preach the Word. The weekday morning services were times of spiritual feasting as Brother Tidwell so uniquely opened to us the living Word. He unreservedly pours his heart out to the people, is very alert, and preaches with fire and life twice a day. Rev. and Mrs. Carl Dillard, our pastor and wife, are doing a wonderful work since coming here two years ago. We love and appreciate them. To God we give all praise for His many blessings.—Lorene Wood, Secretary.

## First Church, Bloomington, Illinois

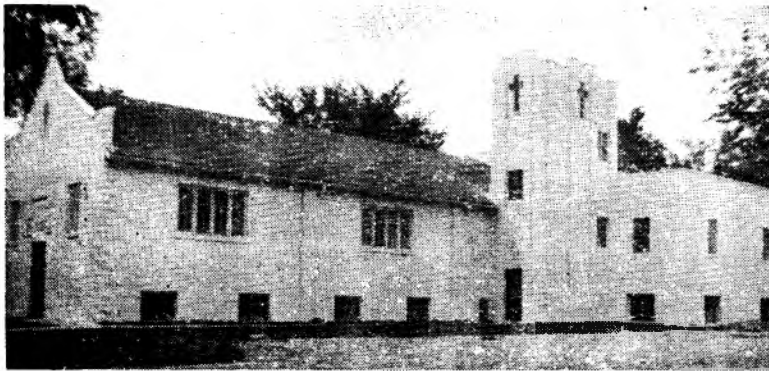
First Church was organized July 25, 1915, with 50 charter members, and Rev. Wm. Ashbrook, pastor. The congregation erected a tabernacle on the corner of Roosevelt Street and Oakland Avenue, where they worshiped until Rev. C. H. Strong was called as pastor. Later they purchased property on the corner of West Washington and Mason Streets, and erected the building on its present site; the building was dedicated in October of 1920 by Dr. J. W. Goodwin. During 1949 we spent some \$4,000.00 on remodeling and redecorating the church. Within one day of its completion, on February 10, 1949, in sub-zero weather, the church was totally destroyed by fire. The building was insured for \$10.-500.00, which we collected in full. The pastor, as general contractor, and his building committee, had many hurdles to get over, but the Lord helped us in every situation. During the fifteen months that we were out of our building we moved our congregation four times, and retained an average of over 200 in Sunday-school attendance. With the building merely enclosed in the rough, we moved in three years ago last May (on Mother's Day). That was a day of real rejoicing, and the rough floors and unpainted walls seemed beautiful to us. Thousands of hours of labor were donated by experienced carpenters, members and friends of the church. Now we have a beautiful Bedford-stone building, 50 x 86 feet, with full basement, and heated



with an oil furnace. It has a seating capacity of approximately 500, with slanting floors, balcony, nursery, classrooms, pastor's study, and an opening for a baptistry. Pulpit furniture, communion table, and pews are solid oak finished in natural color; with floors of mottled maroon Kentile, stained-glass amber windows, walls painted Nile green, and the platform carpeted in a shade of medium green. The bulletin board is designed similar to the front of the building. This building is conservatively valued at

\$85,000.00, and 80 per cent debt free. On last July 26, the dedicatory message was delivered by Dr. Hugh C. Benner. God crowned the entire day with glorious victory and blessing. District Superintendent Lyle E. Eckley, Mayor O. Lloyd Welsh of the city, and local pastors spoke during the service. We do thank God for His blessings, and the fellowship and unity of this very fine people. We are in our ninth year as pastors, and recently the church gave us a three-year recall.—Arthur and Mina Nutt, Pastors.

## Cedar Rapids, Iowa



In the fall of 1949 we were called to pastor this church, and here we found some of the finest people it has been our privilege to meet. That fall the church began to broadcast the entire Sunday night service, eight to nine o'clock. The city and country folks tuned in, and soon the church was too small; a remodeling program was begun to make more room. New pews were bought, also a new pulpit. Mrs. Violet Yanda and daughter gave the church a new Hammond organ in memory of their husband and father. During 1951 we had a splendid gain in average attendance in the Sunday school, and then a real building program was planned. The outer shell of the new building was contracted, and all of the interior work was done by

the men of the church. A two-story addition, 30 x 60 feet, was added to the present 75 x 40-foot building. This gave twenty classrooms, three auditoriums, and a pastor's study. The building will now seat more than five hundred for the regular services. At the side a large parking lot has been graded and filled with crushed stone. In all, it has made at least a fifty thousand dollar addition to the property of the church. On October 25 members and friends of the church pledged \$8,000.00 on the debt, leaving a balance of only \$8,000.00 on the entire property. On November 8 Dr. Hardy C. Powers was with us. The church was filled for the morning service and Dr. Powers spoke under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Sunday

afternoon was the time of dedication, and God's blessing was upon the service. The church was filled with an overflow crowd seated to the side. The music in charge of our music directors, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Roesink, was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Powers brought a great message that challenged our hearts to even greater service for God. Dr. Powers is loved and appreciated by the people of Cedar Rapids church. Rev. E. E. Russell, former pastor, spoke in the youth services at night, and Rev. Gene E. Phillips, district superintendent, brought the evening message under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The altar was filled with seekers, giving us a wonderful climax to a great day in the history of this church.—C. D. Gadbow, Pastor.

Tehachapi, California—The Lord is helping, and we are seeing some good times of victory in our church here in the beautiful Tehachapi Mountains. We recently closed a good revival with the Wigintons as our special workers. Brother Wiginton is safe, sound, and courageous in declaring the truth, and God blessed his ministry in a great way. Mrs. Wiginton worked with the children, giving them object and flannelgraph lessons each evening. Our people were loyal to the program all the way through. We feel that we have a wonderful group of folks and appreciate serving them to the very best of our ability.—George M. Knight, Pastor.

Muncie, Indiana—Loyalty Day, November 29, is one long to be remembered at First Church. The church board had unanimously approved a recommendation by the finance committee to raise \$10,000.00 to be applied on our new educational unit already under construction. An in-

spiring program blessed of the Holy Spirit permeated the hearts of the people until shouts of victory, tears of joy, and songs of thanksgiving filled the sanctuary. Local talent was utilized in a relay of trios and inspirational talks. The children highlighted the service with an infantry

march, carrying large placards pleading for more room. Although the streets were hazardous, the loyal people of the church rallied, and \$8,400.00 was pledged in the Sunday school. By the close of the evening service the entire pledge was more than covered. Every department has shown a marked increase during the past two years; we are making a substantial, steady growth in our Sunday school. Much of the success stems from the efficient leadership of our pastors, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Withrow, who came to us in February, 1952. Untiringly they carry the burden for and assume the responsibility of every arm of the work. Brother Withrow introduced a remarkable budget plan and, since its adoption, the finance of the church has reached an all-time high. He is a businessman and one who understands the mechanics of the church, and preaches the whole Word of God. Sister Withrow has many workable ideas, and has proved a real asset to the church. Our organized personal evangelism program is bearing fruit. How refreshing to watch people, whose doors we have knocked on, entering the service, kneeling at the altar in repentance, and joining the church and supporting His work! Mrs. Eva Gardner did much to sell us on organized personal evangelism. New life has been added to our church. Our educational unit when completed will be a two-story brick structure with a large assembly room and nine classrooms on each floor. The first floor will house the pastor's study and the church office. It is being constructed at an estimated cost of \$70,000.00; estimated value of the entire church unit will be around \$200,000.00. We are in the midst of a revival with Rev. Claude Jones, who preaches the Word of God in all its beauty and simplicity. His remarkable attitude and evangelistic spirit are sufficient to challenge any church. We are praising God for victories won.—Reporter.

Pastor Raymond E. Dobie writes from San Bernardino, California: "We came to East San Bernardino Church on the first Sunday of June and found one of the finest groups of people with whom we have labored. The former pastor labored well and left a strong foundation on which to build. The folk have accepted our ministry graciously from the beginning. A new parsonage was already accepted as a project, and two months after coming we moved into a fine, three-bedroom house with spacious grounds and beautiful landscaping. We had a good revival in October with the pastor doing the preaching and Ruth Ellen Shelton as song evangelist; several people found Christ. In November we were privileged to have Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hendricks for a six-day missionary convention, which was owned and blessed of God. Several souls found victory; the church was stirred about missions and responded with the larg-

## Sunday-School Attendance Report

	1952	November	Percentage
Northern California	13,111	14,390	110
Western Ohio	12,274	13,613	111
Central Ohio	10,838	12,541	116
Southern California	8,699	10,604	122
West Virginia	9,130	9,630	105
Northeastern Indiana	8,550	9,405	110
Washington-Philadelphia	8,806	9,272	105
Southwest Indiana	8,546	8,940	105
Los Angeles	7,637	8,794	115
Kansas City	7,513	8,754	117
Illinois	7,871	8,492	108
Eastern Michigan	7,725	8,270	107
Pittsburgh	7,247	7,867	108
Kansas	7,250	7,562	104
Tennessee	6,291	7,293	116
Alabama	6,346	7,200	113
Florida	5,825	6,859	118
Northwest	5,856	6,771	116
Oregon Pacific	6,236	6,616	104
Michigan	7,605	6,581	87
Colorado	5,803	6,335	109
Iowa	5,590	6,097	109
Northwest Oklahoma	5,749	6,086	106
Southwest Oklahoma	5,857	6,075	104
Kentucky	4,609	5,912	128
East Tennessee	5,300	5,905	111
Abilene	5,271	5,440	103
Chicago Central	4,837	5,231	108
Northwest Indiana	5,413	5,109	94
Dallas	4,744	4,862	102
South Carolina	4,185	4,368	104
Northeast Oklahoma	3,740	4,037	108
Southeast Oklahoma	4,009	3,907	97
South Arkansas	3,312	3,836	116
San Antonio	3,594	3,685	102
North Carolina	3,422	3,676	107
North Arkansas	3,607	3,609	100
Arizona	2,966	3,390	114
Houston	2,861	3,120	109
New Mexico	2,870	3,071	107
Nebraska	2,617	2,615	100
Rocky Mountain	2,348	2,438	104
Mississippi	2,287	2,382	104
Wisconsin	2,056	2,304	112
New York	1,741	2,285	131
Canada Central	1,862	2,044	110
North Dakota	1,579	1,714	108
Maritime	776	894	115
South Dakota	716	855	119
Nevada-Utah	709	798	112
Alaska	301	497	165
Estimated average for November 1953		360,996	
Gain over last year's average		23,944	

Districts not reporting: Akron, Albany, Canada West, Eastern Kentucky, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho-Oregon, Indianapolis, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New England, Northwestern Illinois, Virginia, Washington Pacific, Australia, British Isles, South Africa

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Department of Church Schools

est Thanksgiving offering in their history. We have received eleven new members since coming here. We have never enjoyed our work more. Pray for us."

Providence, Rhode Island—After serving People's Church for nearly three years Rev. A. Lewis Payne moved to New York last June, and Rev. Kenneth E. Sullivan of Woodstock, Ontario, has succeeded him. Rev. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, Rev. Harvey J. S. Blaney, and others supplied prior to the coming of Brother Sullivan. On November 20, members and friends gathered at the church to welcome the Sullivans. After a very fine program with Rev. William G. Ardrey, friend and former classmate of the Sullivans, as master of ceremonies, gifts were presented to Brother and Sister Sullivan, and a large birthday cake was given to the new pastor, whose birthday was November 19.—Lura Horton Ingler, Reporter.

Evangelist W. A. Peck writes: "Due to canceling a trip to the West Coast in December and January, we have some time open in January. Anyone who would be interested in securing our services may contact us in care of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee. Mrs. Peck travels with me, directs the choir, and sings solos."

Hanford, California—We recently closed a gracious revival with Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife, whose ministry is spiritual, God-anointed, and effective; we thank God for the victories won. The messages of the Whitleys in sermon and song were used of God. On November 15 we dedicated our lovely new building, which was brought almost to completion during the ministry of the former pastor, Rev. Ervin Klassen. General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner brought a wonderful message. We rejoiced in the presence of District Superintendent George Coulter and former pastors, Rev. Bee Wallace and Rev. Ervin Klassen. We are busy and happy in the Lord.—Clarence Killion, Pastor.

Phoenix, Arizona—Eastside Church recently closed a very profitable revival with Rev. Fred Thomas, evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Gash as musicians. We deeply appreciate these fine workers. Under the aggressive leadership of Pastor George Gardner, the church is going forward with a steady increase in Sunday-school attendance, and forty-six new members added to the church roll in the last two months. \$2,000.00 was given in the Thanksgiving offering, and the church board recently voted to become a "10 per cent" church in the new assembly year. Eastside has made a substantial contribution to a new home-mission church, and is supporting two native workers on the foreign field. We thank God for His presence and blessing.—Reporter.

Juneau, Alaska—Thanksgiving was a high season for this far north congregation in these ways: a visit from Dr. Hardy C. Powers brought inspiration and instruction; we were able to report to him that the Thanksgiving offering had put us ahead of 10 per cent for missions so far this year; November has seen a new average Sunday-school record set; on Sunday, November 29, the organization of this sixth Alaska church was perfected with nineteen charter members, amid God's manifest blessings. The evening service was blessed with a number of fine young people at the altar. Many needs face this infant group, not the least of which is the difficult task of finding suitable land for a permanent place of worship. We need prayer that we may be able to enter an open door in radio; and that workers may be added to our small group, not only to help with the white work here, but also to help in the harvest of large colonies of native people. We would welcome the names of people you may know in this capital city of Alaska. You may write me at 411 Seventh St.—J. Melton Thomas, Pastor.

Evangelist Doris Hendrick writes, "I have open time February 9 through 28, and shall be glad to slate this time any place. Write me, Bad Axe, Michigan."

Pastor Velma E. Johnson writes from Anderson, Indiana: "Since coming to pastor the Hoppes Addition Church in 1949, we have had the privilege of seeing the marvelous way in which God answers prayer. The Sunday school has more than doubled in attendance, which has called for a larger Sunday-school department. On October 25 Rev. Walter B. Greek, pastor of our Winchester church, was with us for an outstanding dedication service. God has helped our people to have a vision of a growing church and an increasing Sunday school. We have been able to partition the Sunday-school rooms, install a new gas heating unit, pews, pulpit furniture, and a new front entrance. With all of these improvements we feel that God will help the church to go forward in His name. We thank Him for all the past blessings, but look forward with great delight to the future."

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Evangelist George H. Talbert writes: "Due to some changes in my spring slate I have a week, March 29 to April 4, open for a holiness or Sunday-school convention, preferably in the Middle West. I will be in Indiana prior to and following this date. Write me at Box 438, Abilene, Kansas."

Eureka Springs, Arkansas—November 18 through 29 we had a prosperous meeting with souls being saved, and professing Christians helped marvelously by the God-sent, inspiring messages of Evangelist Ira L. Campbell. There was a real spiritual improvement in our church.—E. L. Mason, Pastor.

Evangelist C. V. Holstein reports: "Since uniting with the Western Michigan District of the Church of the Nazarene last July, my labor has been in three states—Ohio, West Virginia, and Michigan. My first meeting was at Paulding, Ohio, with Rev. and Mrs. James D. Holstein. God's presence was with us and we believe some definite

and lasting good was accomplished with souls praying through to victory. Next I went to Man, West Virginia, with Rev. and Mrs. John R. Browning, who had just completed a beautiful brick church. God came and blessed with some definite results. Pastor Browning has the confidence of the people and is doing a splendid work for God and the church. I came back to my home district to North Street Church in Lansing, Michigan, where Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Thomas are doing a grand job. These twelve nights were times of fellowship and blessing, with a goodly number finding victory. We had fine co-workers in Professor and Mrs. Stephenson. The next meeting, from Sunday to Sunday, was at the Fuller Avenue Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayfield are the fine pastors. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Coleman, Jr., in charge of music, were excellent co-workers; they are talented musicians with a good spirit. A fine spirit prevailed in the church, and the Lord was present to meet the need of each hungry soul who sought Him. I then

went to Boyne City, where the work had suffered some handicaps, but we believe God helped us to be a blessing to the good people there. Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Foote are fine pastors, and we have reason to believe that lasting good was accomplished in this meeting. We give thanks for the blessings of God and the kindness we have received from our fine group of ministers and their churches. We covet the prayers of all, that we may be a greater blessing for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God and our church."

Pastor John Lambert reports from Aztec, New Mexico: "We recently closed a revival with Rev. J. V. Langford. Although we had some cold weather, with a foot of snow on the ground part of the time, our revival was a success. God's presence was felt in each service, and souls were saved and sanctified and added to the church."

Rev. A. G. Weiss writes: "I resigned the pastorate at Monticello, Iowa, in November, and moved to Lisbon, Iowa, where we intend to make our home. My plans are to re-enter the evangelistic field and I am now accepting calls anywhere the Lord may lead. I do my own preaching and take care of the music where it is necessary. I will also conduct children's meetings or vacation Bible schools in connection with revival meetings. I carry with me such musical instruments as guitar, autoharp, and trumpet, and a set of gospel pictures of real interest to Juniors and young people. Write me at my home address, Lisbon, Iowa."

Pastor A. F. Leach of Garber, Oklahoma, writes: "In four services with Evangelist Paul Ridings ten seekers prayed through. We set a new record on December 6 with twenty-four in Sunday school. There are many needy souls here, but God is moving on our people, and we are going forward for Him. Pray for us, for we want a strong, solid church in this place, dedicated to holiness and the saving of souls."

Onconta, Alabama—We praise God for a great year of ingathering of souls at Union Hill Church. We had outstanding revivals with Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Hooker in June, and Rev. Stacey Lowery in September. Many souls prayed through in the old-fashioned way, the church was revived, and new families were reached for God. A youth revival was held Thanksgiving week end with Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Platt, great prayer warriors who really pulled heaven open upon us. People for whom we had prayed for twenty years were saved, new people came to the altar every service, and nine new members came into the church. New pews have been installed and the inside of the church has been painted; finances have come in to meet our every need. The Thanksgiving offering more than paid our General Budget. We give God praise for it all.—Robert Robinson, Pastor.



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Pastor Paul Mayfield reports: "In November we had the best revival in our three and one-half years as pastor of our Fuller Avenue Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Rev. C. V. Holstein was the evangelist, and night after night he preached with the anointing of God. A good number of seekers prayed through to wonderful victory. Brother Holstein is a preacher of the old-fashioned gospel, and was a great blessing to the church. Paul Coleman, Jr., and wife were the singers for the meeting; many times God came and blessed during their singing. At the close of this meeting I resigned as pastor to accept the call to our First Church in Battle Creek, Michigan. We love and appreciate the Church of the Nazarene, and our good district superintendent, Rev. O. L. Maish; happy for the opportunity of serving God and our splendid people."

### Pasadena College

Recently we had a revival at Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, with Dr. George Coulter, superintendent of Northern California District, as the evangelist. The preaching was excellent, with good preparation in prayer groups prior to the meeting, resulting in an outstanding student response. The revival was characterized by a steady flow of seekers to the altar following the messages.

We thank God for the spirit of revival in the college, and the faithful ministry of Dr. Coulter.

WM. A. WELCH, Reporter

### North Carolina District Home-Mission Tour

Recently I completed a home-mission tour with Rev. J. W. Short, whose glory-crowned ministry was happily received by the folk of his native state, North Carolina. We covered the district fairly well with twenty-seven services during the first twenty-two days of November. The people responded generously, in nearly every instance overwriting the local home-missions budget, and in some instances making their pledges an addition to the budget.

Our North Carolina Nazarenes are relatively few in number, but they are strong in their interest in getting more churches in this great state.

The home-missions budget for this year totals \$4,310.00—far, far too little for the great work to be done; but the folk in their response to the appeal for home missions in North Carolina pledged up to nearly \$5,500.00.

We organized three churches last year; and we have some "in the making" now. We have thirty-four cities of more than 5,000 population without a Church of the Nazarene! We have a number of weak churches that need help. We have a rare field for operation for God and holiness and the Church of the Nazarene. Brother Short fitted in admirably in encouraging the churches to expect greater things from God and to launch forth for new churches.

We are not "burning up the timber" here, but we are on the go for God.

with some splendid pastors, some good churches, some genuine Nazarenes.

LLOYD B. BYRON,  
District Superintendent

### DEATHS

REV. JAMES R. AMON was born March 16, 1869, at Sublimity, Oregon, and died November 3, 1953, at Kirkland, Washington. He was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene, Seattle, Washington, and for the past seven years was a member of the Church of the Nazarene, Kirkland, Washington. He was a man of prayer and had memorized much scripture, which he quoted in testimony and in conversation; he was an inspiration to have in the services. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Maude Bruce of Kirkland, and Mrs. Edna B. Brennan of Seattle, Washington; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Mueller and Mrs. Williams, both of Kennewick, and Mrs. Emma Strickler, Spokane, Washington; and one brother, Alfred Amon, Spokane. His wife preceded him in death. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Crawford.

MRS. T. E. MARTIN—The Church of the Nazarene grieves the loss of Mrs. Martin, wife of the superintendent of the Canada Central District, who died November 2, 1953. The funeral service was held in the St. Clair Church of the Nazarene, Toronto; Dr. G. B. Williamson brought a message of comfort. Interment was in Prospect Cemetery, Toronto; Dr. G. B. Williamson brought a message of comfort from both the United States and Canada bore tribute to the high esteem in which Rev. and Mrs. Ted Martin are held. Mrs. Martin was converted at Grandview, Washington, in the Church of the Nazarene in 1927, and enrolled as a student in Northwest Nazarene College, receiving her teacher's certificate in 1932. In 1934 she was married to Rev. T. E. Martin. She underwent a serious operation for hypertension in 1943, which unfortunately proved unsuccessful, and for the past ten years it was known that this condition could at any moment prove fatal. It was during the fourth year of Brother Martin's tenure of office as superintendent of Canada Central District that Mrs. Martin passed away. Always active in the work of the St. Clair Church, where she held membership, Mrs. Martin had just led devotions in the missionary meeting, and was on her knees in prayer when stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage, passing away within a few hours. Left to mourn her loss, in addition to her husband, are three children, Jim, Judy, and Ted, Jr.; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Ingalls (Edna) of Kent, Washington, and Mrs. Gene Lockard (Norma) of Eugene, Oregon. Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Stella Alley, of Kent, Washington, passed away from the shock of her daughter's passing.

MRS. MARGUERITE THRUSH (nee Hands) was born April 30, 1923, in Garden City, Kansas, and died October 25, 1953. In 1929 she went with her parents to Windom, Kansas, and after two years they moved to McPherson, Kansas, where she grew to womanhood. On March 6, 1947, she was united in marriage to James A. Thrush of Lyons, Kansas. In December, 1952, they moved to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where they made their home until her death, which occurred while visiting friends in Lyons. Early in life she was converted and united with the Church of the Nazarene. She was always very faithful to her church, giving of herself and her talents in music and song, which blessed all who heard her. She is survived by her husband; her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hands; one brother, Melvin; and one sister, Lillian Vandersall. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Deitz in the Lyons and Garden City churches in Kansas. Interment was at Pleasant View Cemetery, Garden City.

MRS. MAUD McCLAIN CARY was born December 7, 1883, in Aurora, Missouri, and died September 27, 1953, in Seattle, Washington. Her mother died and left her an orphan at the age of eight years, and she was taken into the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Feltar. She was married to Walter H. Cary, April 7, 1906, at Norton, Kansas, and to this marriage two children were born, Loren E. and Alice Phoebe. She was converted at the age of sixteen and sanctified the same year. In 1910 she moved with her husband to Miltonvale, Kansas, where he served as instructor in the Wesleyan Methodist college, until he resigned because of ill health. He died December 31, 1919, and Mrs. Cary returned to teaching a few years. She moved to Yakima, Washington, in 1920, where she became a member of the Church of the Nazarene. In 1937 she moved to Pasadena, California, uniting with Central Church of the Nazarene, where she was a



### SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Henry Stroman, who entered the navy chaplaincy this past summer, writes from Korea: "This month has been primarily getting acquainted with my new work. My first impression is that there are few opportunities for real ministerial work that can equal it. So far the counseling has proved the most fruitful part of my work. I am told that with the coming of the truce the number of men coming in to talk with the Protestant chaplain about personal problems has greatly increased. Most of these, I have been able to bring to the realization that their basic need is spiritual. Some have made decisions and prayed through, while others are still seeking."

"I certainly have appreciated receiving the *HERALD* and the other good Nazarene literature regularly and I would hate to miss out on any issue. A person doesn't fully realize how much his religious experience and his church mean to him until he gets in a situation like this. The Lord has been especially close and near to me since I have been in the service and I thank Him for that. It is quite a change, after attending a Nazarene college for four years, to change suddenly and start living with men who don't know about religion or who have no religious standards at all. My desire is that I may prove to some of these men the value and true happiness of a Christian life. I have had the opportunity to talk to several men so far about how much my salvation means to me and how they too could enjoy such an experience. Since I have been recently appointed as the chaplain's assistant, my opportunities to testify for my Saviour will be increased.

"I would ask for a request in your prayers that I will be a strong influence for Christ while I am in the service."

W. G. GIFE

Chaplain Everett Penrod writes from Johnson Island: "Sunday night services continue to grow in numbers and spirit. Wednesday prayer meeting group also enlarging and more Spirit-filled than ever. The situation looks very favorable for a real revival next month [November]."

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faithful member at the time of her death. Surviving her are a son, Loren E. of Seattle, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Don Thompson, Pasadena, California; foster mother, Mrs. E. Feltar; and foster brother, J. A. Feltar, both of Nampa, Idaho; also four grandchildren. Interment was at Miltonvale, Kansas.

MRS. EVELYN MAE VALE was born in Milford, Massachusetts, April 23, 1895, and died after a brief illness at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, September 21, 1953. She was the daughter of the late Albert W. and Mina (Daniels) Gould, and with her parents came to Providence, Rhode Island, some forty years ago. As a young woman she identified herself with People's Church of the Nazarene, Providence, where she has since held her membership and been active in the work of the church. At the time of her death she was assistant secretary in the church school, also secretary of the Prayer and Fasting League in the N.F.M.S. While a young woman she was united in marriage to Clifford E. Vale, active in the same church, and who survives her. Other survivors are a daughter, Eleanor A. Ruhl; a son, Kenneth G. Vale; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Donie; and a brother, Rev. Arthur W. Gould, pastor at Hammond, Indiana. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Nyles H. Eaton, her former pastor, assisted by Rev. William G. Ardrey of the Wesleyan Church of the Nazarene.

MRS. SARAH ELIZABETH BATTERTON was born January 19, 1870, in Kentucky, and died on August 3, 1953, in Roseville, California, where she had recently gone from Arlington, Virginia, to make her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Roach, pastors. She was converted and sanctified at an early age and has been a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene for the past twenty-five years, having joined First Church in St. Louis, Missouri, when Rev. J. W. Roach was pastoring there. She has been bedfast for almost twelve years and suffered greatly, but her sweet, patient spirit and her great faith in God's goodness made her a great inspiration and encouragement to all who visited her or waited upon her. She was a wonderful mother and was the wife of John H. Batterton, who preceded her in death in 1935. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Olive Roach, and one granddaughter, Catherine E. Miller. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Phillips of Marysville, and interment was in Roseville.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION**—Rev. A. G. Weiss, who has been pastoring our church at Monticello, is entering full-time evangelistic work, January 1. He attended Canadian Nazarene College, and has had twelve years of pastoral experience. He was a missionary to the North American Indians for two years and has some interesting colored slides and curios to show. He not only does the preaching, but also is a good singer, providing his own accompaniment with guitar or harp. He has a very interesting story to tell of his miraculous deliverance from death during the Communist Russian Revolution. He will go anywhere for a freewill offering. Address him, c/o P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri. —Gene E. Phillips, Superintendent of Iowa District.

### WEDDING BELLS

Dale Welton of Flint, and Doris Finley of Howell, Michigan, were united in marriage on November 28, at Plymouth, Michigan, with Rev. Wm. O. Welton, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wayne Welton.

Austin Charles Miner of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Miss Hazel Willoughby of Durham, North Carolina, were united in marriage on November 27, at the Lakewood Methodist Church, Durham, with Rev. C. Z. Miner, father of the groom, officiating.

Ben Herrill and Miss Wilhelmina Gilmore, both of Pasadena, California, were united in marriage on November 20, in First Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. J. W. Ellis, pastor, officiating.

Rev. John Price of Louisville, Kentucky, and Miss Mary Clark of Spencerville, Ohio, were united in marriage on November 20, in the Spencerville Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Mark Moore officiating.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a friend in Illinois "for a very promising young minister of another denomination, that he may see the light on holiness and get sanctified."

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Kentucky	August 4-5
Wisconsin	August 11-13
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North Arkansas	September 15-16
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Colorado	July 7-8
Eastern Michigan	July 21-23
Western Ohio	July 28-30
Kansas	August 4-6
Iowa	August 11-13
Louisiana	September 1-3

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### Assembly Schedule

British Isles	June 23-25
New England	July 2-3
New York	July 14-16
Michigan	July 28-30
Northwest Oklahoma	August 4-5
East Tennessee	August 11-12
Chicago Central	August 18-20
Northwest Indiana	August 25-27
Tennessee	September 8-10
Kansas City	September 15-17
Southwest Oklahoma	September 22-23

## In Retrospect

Looking backward is customary at the close of the year—and that's just what we are doing at the Publishing House, looking back at a year of increased business, of expanding facilities and service. And we are grateful to every official, every minister, every layman who has contributed to what has been, under God, a successful year.

## In Prospect

The all-important look is forward. In humility, acknowledging mistakes of the past; in gratitude, promising God the best we can offer; in obligation, pledging our people the sincerest service of which we are capable; in resolution, courageously, with faith in God, facing the difficulties and problems the future may bring.

So, in closing the old year and beginning the new, we earnestly pray heaven's blessings upon you and upon us as we labor together for the interests of God's kingdom.

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