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A Quiet Hour with God

General Superintendent Young

THEY asked Rev. William Sunday, of evangelistic fame, to name his favorite book of the Bible. He chose the Psalms. When pressed for a reason he replied, "They are like the potatoes to the meal; one never grows tired of them."

Tonight, at the close of a rather hectic day, brimful with activities and meetings, I read again the best known and loved of all the psalms, the twenty-third. It lifted my heart to God in this quiet hour in the privacy of my hotel room. It gave me new strength.

This pastoral psalm is warm and personal. The Psalmist dares to use personal pronouns throughout, but he never seems vain or egotistical. *I, me, my, and mine* appear repeatedly without apology. But they are related to the Great Shepherd.

The message of the psalm itself is ever vital and practical. It deals with the age-old questions of *want, evil,*

enemies, fear, and death. All of them are real in the world in which I live tonight. The Psalmist also tells of food and shelter provided, of soul restoration assured. He extols God's tender mercy and never-failing goodness to the children of men. Revelation of the divine presence is the key to the singing triumph of the psalm.

This psalmist makes God supreme. He affectionately names Him as his Shepherd. All of life's ills and problems are to be faced in the light of His presence. Everything looks different when He is there. The future is not dark with terror when He leads. Even the valley of the shadow of death holds no fear when He is near. The rod of His strength is unfailing and His wisdom altogether reliable. Overflow blessings are assured when He supplies them. This is the eternal order. It satisfies the soul's supreme hungers and final desire.

He is my Shepherd tonight; I will trust and not be afraid!

"Follow peace . . . and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Samuel Young will be in the British Isles, May 26 to June 13, to conduct the North and South District assemblies.

Mrs. B. M. Hall, of Pasadena, California, died on April 27. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. A. ("Bud") Green, of Peniel, Texas.

On Sunday, May 1, at three o'clock in the afternoon the Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas, Rev. R. P. Vanderpool, pastor, dedicated their new place of worship, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool as guest speaker. That day also marked the beginning of revival services with Rev. James McGraw as the evangelist.

Rev. Emma French, pastor of Riverside Drive Church of the Nazarene in Los Angeles, California, and her husband, Carlton H. French, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on June 4, at 8:00 p.m. in the Woman's Club, 270 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, California.

The Church of the Nazarene in Anchorage, Alaska, with Rev. M. R. Korody, pastor, had their formal dedication service on Sunday afternoon of May 8, with Dr. G. B. Williamson as the special speaker.

Rainbow Boulevard Church, Rev. Preston J. Theall, pastor, held a Christian Service Training School recently, with classes taught by Mrs. Kathryn B. Peck, Rev. Earl C. Wolf, and Rev. Robert D. Troutman. Forty-one were in attendance, representing five churches of Greater Kansas City.

Rev. L. E. Humrich writes: "After six years of profitable and fruitful ministry with First Church in Columbus, Georgia, we have resigned to accept a unanimous call to our church in Midland, Texas. During our pastorate in Columbus, all-time highs were attained in both attendance and finances."

Telegram received May 2 reads: "Iowa District now has a Cradle Roll in every church."—Mrs. Lyle Moyer, District Cradle Roll Director.

"We are diligent readers of our church paper, have been since 1917, and can truly say it is just right. Each week seems like a letter from home and kin."—Washington.

The Art of Appreciation

By Clyde W. Rafter*

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits (Ps. 103:1-2).

THE art of appreciation is one of life's finest. It does so much for others, and even more for the one who makes use of it. Like a breath of fresh air, a tasty meal, or a good sermon, it gives tone to body and mind, and courage enough for the day's task.

"I can do anything if only I'm appreciated!" said a good wife and mother who rarely heard a word of praise from the lips of husband or children. "I could do twice as well if only my professors would give an occasional word of commendation!" said the college student who made good grades but never quite attained the honor roll. "If folks would only remember to say, 'Thank you!' I wouldn't mind waiting tables, washing dishes, scrubbing floors, and baby-sitting," said the maid as she left an impossible home where words of appreciation were never spoken.

How much more smoothly the machinery of our churches would run if this lost art was once more cultivated and used! Perhaps many a layman has grown discouraged and on the verge of calling it quits, not because he has committed some sin or made some serious mistake, but because pastor and members as well have not taken the time or made the effort to speak a word of praise that would have lifted the drooping shoulders and restored the nimbleness to his feet.

Many a pastor (he is the only member of the church who has no pastor) could and would be a better preacher *Pastor, El Centro, Calif.

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and servant of the people if they would consider it important enough to take time to praise him for his messages or give words of appreciation for his services.

Someone has said that the margin between success and failure is very small, and that being the case, let us give more of the "taffy" here and not so much "epi-taffy" when our friends are gone.

The Heavenly Way Of Holiness

Sanctification is the gift of the Holy Ghost, the fruit of the Spirit, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the prepared inheritance of all who enter in, the great obtainment of faith, not the attainment of works. It is divine holiness, not self-improvement, nor self-made perfection. It is the inflow into man's being of the life and purity of the infinite, eternal and Holy One, bringing His own perfection and working out His own will. How easy, how spontaneous, how delightful is this heavenly way of holiness!—Rev. A. B. SIMPSON.

I SOUGHT FOR CHRIST

By Retha Knight

I needed Christ, and so for Him did seek.

I went to church; the preacher said, "Be meek."

*I tried, but Christ I did not find,
And so again I sought to ease my mind.*

*This time a friend said, "Helpful be;
Do things for others; this will set you free."*

*And thus for others my life was given o'er,
But still my heart was heavy-laden,
sore.*

*"Ah," said a wise old man in years,
"Be busy in God's work and lose your fears."*

Then did my hands and feet so busy come

That I had time for naught ere day was done.

But still the fears were there, the longing too,

*Until I cried, "O Lord, what shall I do
To see Thy face, to hear Thy voice
once more?"*

Must I travel to some far-off, distant shore?"

And then it was to me the Saviour spake.

"My child, take time to be alone, to meditate.

*It's not alone in things you say or do,
But it's in being still that I may speak to you."*

The Promise of the Divine Advocate

BY HAROLD W. REED*

AFTER the communion service in the upper room, Jesus poured out His heart in words of consolation and comfort to His bewildered disciples. His communion address to these beloved followers is one of the spiritual high peaks of Passion Week. They were so slow of heart to perceive that He was to be taken from them—that His kingdom was not to be a temporal kingdom—that His kingdom was to be a spiritual Kingdom within the hearts of men. He promised them that another Comforter, or Advocate, would take His place. The time of His departure was at hand. But this divine Person who was to proceed from the Father and the Son would not be a disappointment. He would be to them all that Jesus was in the flesh, and even more. The promise was glorious for His disciples of long ago, and is likewise glorious for His disciples of today.

THE PROMISE OF ANOTHER ADVOCATE

Christ Jesus had already promised His spiritual presence wherever His people should assemble in His name; and now He reiterates and enlarges the promise: "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter [Advocate], that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless [orphans]" (John 14:16-18). The divine Advocate is the Spirit of Truth. He is to abide with His disciples forever. He is not only to be with them, but He is to be in them at all times.

THE TEACHING MINISTRY OF THE DIVINE ADVOCATE

During His sojourn on earth Jesus had been God's Advocate with men, representing God and pleading with them on God's behalf. Henceforth He would appear in the presence of God on their behalf, their Advocate with the Father, but God would not be without a divine Representative on the earth. He would send another Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who would take the place of Jesus and carry forward His work. "He [the Holy Spirit] shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you" (John 14:26). The divine Teacher was to be their constant Companion, revealing

to them the spiritual significance of the words of the Master.

THE WITNESS OF DEITY BY THE DIVINE ADVOCATE

This divine Teacher was also a witness of the deity of Jesus Christ. He was to teach them—to remind them of what Jesus had said. But more than doing that, He was the voice of God setting the seal of His own witness on Jesus as Christ the Lord. "But when the Comforter [Advocate] is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26). This was literally fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost when Peter with the 120 proclaimed Jesus and the Resurrection to the multitude, and 3,000 converts were made to the Christian way in one day.

THE EVANGELISTIC ACTIVITY OF THE DIVINE ADVOCATE

Jesus reasoned with His disciples that it was expedient for them that He go away, so that the Comforter would come. For said Jesus, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). When He came He was like the universal Christ dealing with the hearts of all men through His disciples, as Jesus had dealt with them in a personal way. The activity of the Holy Spirit was to be permeated with evangelistic atmosphere. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of right-

eousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged" (John 16:8-10).

The ministry of the divine Advocate (the Holy Spirit) is with us today, and in us today if we have tarried for a personal Pentecost. The promise may be fulfilled in every true disciple of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. For since He has come, "he will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). The promise of the coming Comforter is being fulfilled day by day in the hearts of sincere disciples who accept Him.

This is glorious news!

This is glorious reality!

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart (Ps. 26:2).



If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
LUKE 11:13

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Peter and Pentecost

By Gene Phillips*

IT IS impossible to think of Pentecost without soon thinking of Peter, and it is not likely that we shall think long about Peter and his ministry without thinking of Pentecost. Pentecost itself, however, could have been about the same without Peter; but Peter could never have been the same without Pentecost.

Dr. A. M. Hills said: "Whosoever compares the Peter of Pentecost with the Peter at the Judgment Hall must see that something very 'definite' had happened to him which, with transforming power, went to the very elements of his being and it came about by one sanctifying 'act' of the Spirit of God on a Sunday morning."

Pentecost did at least four outstanding things for Peter:

I

Pentecost became Peter's *real source of stability*. It did not change his personality, but it gave that flaming personality poise and direction. From Pentecost on, Peter knew his directions. That wavering and wandering attitude was gone—Peter had been filled with the Holy Ghost. A tongue of fire had sat upon him long enough to purify every part of his nature. He had received the Holy Ghost.

Peter now had what he had always needed, the Holy Ghost to take over and tell him what to speak, when to speak, and where to speak. There was every evidence in his life that a change had come while he had tarried at Pentecost. He was no more afraid of the accusations of the crowd. He was no longer afraid to be identified with Christ and His followers. Before Pentecost he had purpose but not strength to carry out his decisions. Before Pentecost he meant to be faithful but in the time of testing he would fail. But watch him after Pentecost and see if you can find one occasion where he wavered in his position and place of trust.

II

Pentecost also gave Peter *a sense of security*. No doubt Peter's failing his Christ during His trial and crucifixion was brought about because of a sense of insecurity. Up until that hour Christ had been able to reach out and help Peter when he was sinking into the waves or when in a rash moment he cut off the ear of the servant of the high priest. Christ had quickly fixed it all by His power and healing. What Peter had lacked, Christ had always supplied—but with Christ went his sense of security.

But, at Pentecost the Holy Ghost had purified Peter's heart. Jesus said before He departed from His disciples, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come." Now Peter had received the Com-

forter. The Holy Spirit had done for his heart what was needed and had given to Peter a sense of security.

III

Pentecost made Peter *separately spiritual*. He became one who gave evidence of being controlled and inspired by the Spirit. The affections of his soul were all influenced by the divine Spirit. There were times before Pentecost when one would say that Peter was spiritual, especially when he was with spiritual people, but when he was left alone he sometimes proved otherwise. Following Pentecost when he was left alone he was always the same. Now he could endure the lonely seclusion of a prison cell and be unaffected. He proved that to have the Holy Spirit abiding in the heart was the secret of constant victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil.

Not once to the end of his earthly life did Peter show that he ever entertained a thought of turning back. Tradition tells us that he died as a martyr and chose of his own accord to be crucified head downward rather than to have the honor of dying as his Christ. It was the experience he received at Pentecost that gave him stability, a sense of security, and made him separately spiritual unto the end of his earthly sojourn.

IV

Pentecost gave to Peter *a real burden for the salvation of souls*. It seems that at Pentecost the Holy Ghost separated him as the great evangelist, for it was no one else but Peter that took the pulpit at the great camp meeting following Pentecost. He preached especially on two great subjects, "Repentance" and "The Gift of the Holy Ghost." It was there under his soul-searching preaching that three thousand souls were saved and all were received into the Church. That was the beginning of the rapid spread of Christianity.

Peter was used mightily in those early soul-saving campaigns. He was given insight into church problems, so that even the cunning con-ning of Ananias and Sapphira could not escape his spiritual discernment.

There was probably not one of the 120 that tarried at Pentecost to whom the experience meant more than it did to Peter. We are sure there was not one of the group that has been a better example, even to those of us today, of the pungent words of the glorified Christ preceding Pentecost when He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath (Zeph. 1:18).

Wealth and worldly possessions may be a sign of success in this world, but they will be worthless when the world is on fire with the wrath of God.
—EARLE F. WILDE.

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Christ and Pentecost

By Lewis T. Corlett*

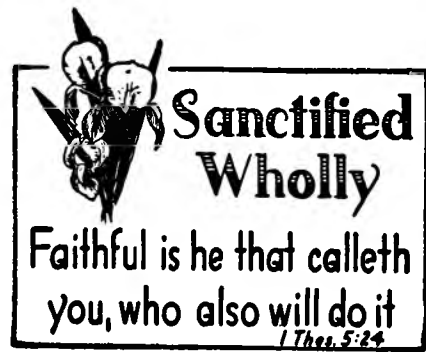
PENTECOST would not have been possible without Calvary. Calvary would not have been recorded in history if Christ had not died there. Therefore there is a close relation between Christ's ministry, passion, death, resurrection, and Pentecost.

Pentecost marks the introduction or initiation of God's highest level of communication with His creation. It reveals the possible relationship of man with God whereby an individual can enter into fellowship on the spirit level and where worship goes beyond forms, ceremonies, and sacrifices into personal, intimate, individual experience. Christ predicted this when He was talking with the woman at the well at Sychar. "The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24).

Christ, before He ascended, directed His disciples to expect another great event and commanded them to tarry in preparation for it. He challenged them with these words, "Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). "And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence" (Acts 1:4-5).

Christ explained the necessity of His returning to the Father as being the required preparation in the divine plan for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which occurred on the Day of Pentecost. "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:7). This was fulfilled ten days after Christ ascended into heaven when the Holy Ghost dispensation was inaugurated on the Day of Pentecost.

John the Baptist prophesied or declared that Christ was directly related to the essence of Pentecost: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11). This was not fulfilled during Christ's mission on earth but was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost.



Peter declared in his memorable sermon on the Day of Pentecost that the events were definitely dependent upon Christ and were related to God's plan and program for His people. "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear" (Acts 2:31-33).

The message of the Spirit-filled messengers who received the Pentecostal blessing was of a resurrected Christ. Peter gave this as the source of healing for the lame man at the gate of the Temple: "And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all" (Acts 3:15-16). Peter again declared it before the rulers when called to explain why that power the lame man had been healed (Acts 4:8-12). Again, after the apostles were miraculously delivered from prison Peter's defense was a resurrected Christ and "the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

The angels declared the fact that Christ will return, just after Christ had predicted Pentecost and had given the promise of provision of power through the possession of the Holy Spirit. Paul expanded this thought in the First Epistle to the Thessalonians and showed the relation of holiness of heart as the necessary preparation for the return of Christ.

There is a glorious continuity in the divine program. The birth, death, and resurrection of Christ are central in this plan and necessary as the means whereby "a new and living way" has been opened for sinful man to draw nigh to God. Pentecost is one event in the divine program and the Pentecostal blessing is the provision for every child of God through the sacrifice of Christ.

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace . . . (I Cor. 14:33).

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The Leadership of the Spirit

By C. D. Taylor*

BEING a devout religionist narrows the possibility of converting a man to another religion; the mind becomes so grooved as to make it difficult to erase. However, the Holy Spirit has a brain-washing power that has baffled the religious critics for the past centuries.

The man Saul was devout and determined in his ancient religion until a light and a voice interrupted his progress as he journeyed toward Damascus. The arrogant, hard-hitting, determined zealot was softened, made pliable, and transformed in a moment of time. The giver of commands changed to a seeker of commands. "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" was his first humble petition. In men like Paul, no sooner is there a vision of truth than there is a resolution for duty.

Paul had seen a new sight. One look at the majestic and tender countenance of Jesus changed his anger to repentance. He did not spend much time gazing at the radiant spectacle. It vanished from him. He did not call his fellow travelers to admire it as a wonder or to set up some shrine. He looked instantly for some new work. Such wonderful exercises and convictions are not meant to end in mere emotion. There are two elements in the conversion of St. Paul, a supernatural and a natural one; the first for our faith, the second for our imitation.

Standing by the tracks when a train, shooting out of some dark tunnel, dashes by with the rush of an eagle and the roar of thunder; or seated upon some lofty rock when the trees of the forest are being driven by a hurricane, and the swelling, foaming, bursting waves dash on the beach below—in what situation could a man feel his weakness more! What hand could stop these flying wheels or, seizing the billows by their snowy mane, hold them back? Only one, God's own right hand.

A greater miracle than that is here in the omnipotent arrest of Saul. With great impetus he was moving on in his career and, breathing flames and slaughter, he was rushing on his prey. But in a moment he was stopped, arrested in mid-career, changed into a little child. The hand that bent the arch of heaven had bent his iron will, and now he yielded himself to Christ and bowed at His feet in humble submissiveness. He no longer was his own but was yielded as an instrument in the hand of another. He said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

A knowledge of divine leadership was Paul's assurance against discouragements. He might have had reasons to become discouraged in this

new life. His old Jewish associates were seeking his life, and those with whom he sought to associate himself in Christian service were slow to accept him. Since he could not be comforted with the mutual fellowship of his associates, he sought a deep and more intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit. If he had been readily accepted and hailed as a hero, he might not have known the depth of the spiritual grace that was his. Fame and honor often turn the face from God and result in spiritual decay and death.

In seeking divine leadership, Paul found it necessary to find his way to the weekday prayer and fasting services. It was in such a meeting that God gave him a call to a specific work. "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2). This was no act of conferring of apostleship by the prophets or teachers; the apostles themselves had no such authority. Both the calling and the bestowal could come only from God. The Holy Spirit said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul." There can be no doubt as to their calling; it was not only for work they were to be separated, but for a specific work. "I have called them." This brings us to the unique position which forever differentiates the enthusiasm of the disciple from all other enthusiasms. The church or the man that yields to the leadership of the Holy Spirit will be made use of somehow and somewhere. Jesus had said that, when the Comforter should come, He would be the One to guide His disciples. This declaration now was being fulfilled.

Paul early learned the wonderful secret which we have been so long in learning—if we have yet



"The greatest forward move the church has ever taken." "We should have done this long ago." "It will be the greatest help we have ever been able to give our churches."

These are some of the comments that have been made on every hand as the Church Extension Offering on June 5 for the General Church Loan Fund has been announced. Already requests for loans are beginning to come in. Let Nazarene dollars keep on building churches until Jesus comes. Give generously June 5.—THE DIVISION OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

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learned—that of waiting for the Holy Ghost to speak. The Holy Ghost dwells in the Church; there He can whisper and touch gently the minds which He wishes to affect. Had we listened more, and invited fuller confidence from heaven, we would have known that “the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him” (Ps. 25:14). The Holy Spirit must be our genius, our ability, our inspiration, our wealth. The Holy Spirit inspired the Church to lay its hands upon the Apostle Paul with Barnabas and send them on their first evangelistic journey.

Evangelistic work hitherto had been sporadic, the mere results of circumstances, or the prompting of spiritual instincts. The Church had made no specific organized effort to evangelize. But now Antioch had the honor, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, to send out the two first heralds of the Cross. The life of Paul was a life of power because he became emptied of self and yielded to the fullness of the Spirit. A life so yielded could but come to the end with such a testimony as his, “I have fought a good fight, . . . I have kept the faith.”

The Growth of the Church in Acts

By Virgil L. Sprunger*

THE ACTS of the Apostles has sometimes been referred to as “The Acts of the Holy Ghost.” Though there seems to be much human effort involved, yet there is very evident the divine empowerment of the human personality.

Jesus Christ has provided a wonderful salvation. It has always been, even from the beginning, His aim to make that salvation not only available but received by everyone. To accomplish this, Christ desires to indwell human personality and thus to reach the ends of the earth.

To carry out this task, Christ has established the Church to be a witness for Him in ever-widening circles until His gospel has been preached to everyone. In the Book of Acts is seen the beginning of the fulfillment of His promise, “I will build my church” (Matt. 16:18).

The growth of the Early Church is apparent from the very beginning of the Book of Acts. Immediately, after the Holy Spirit had come to indwell the hearts of the 120 in the Upper Room, 3,000 were added to their number. The second chapter of the Acts concludes with this statement, “The Lord added to the church daily.” This thought is strengthened in a translation which reads, “And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” Later it appears that 5,000 believed the witness of Peter and John relative to the healing of the lame man at the Temple gate; for they declared that it was not because of any magic of their own but through the power of Christ that this man had been healed.

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Many more instances could be mentioned to point out the growth of this Early Church. However, this should be sufficient to demonstrate both the mass and also the daily response by individuals to the witness of the Early Church. It should be noted that in nearly all of these instances it is recorded that this group or that individual was *added* to their number or to the church. There seemed to be an importance attached to their joining with the body of the believers which is the church. It might be well to note some of the causes for this, as these same reasons for belonging to the church are relevant for this day.

Men, then as now, need to belong. They need the security that this belonging affords. Each one was needed. All were wanted by the church. Even to a greater extent, God needed them. He needed them in His service as expressed by and through the church. When Isaiah saw the Lord, his immediate response was, “Here am I; send me.” Those who listened to and were converted by the witness of the early Christians responded by adding themselves to the growing church, and in this manner enlisted their services for God.

Not only did they need to belong and were needed by the church, but also there was a common bond binding the members of the Early Church together. This bond is to be found in the one central message which they preached. It was the prime task of each one to bear witness in his way to this message. It was not just some segment of truth to which the Christians had given blind allegiance, but it was *the truth* as found in the person of Jesus Christ which had captivated their determined loyalty. All of their energy was to be consumed in declaring the risen Lord as their own personal Saviour. This they did not hold in a selfish sort of way but were continually attempting to bring others to this same affirmation.

Persecution separated them until small groups were to be found in scattered areas. Yet their common faith in the living Christ kept them members of the body of believers even though distance often separated them. This inner urge for witnessing which possessed each member soon called for expanded service for their Lord. This growing Church endorsed and supported those whom God had called for special service. Through these efforts, the known world of their day was contacted for Christ.

This common responsibility of love and concern for the whole world developed into a won-

derful fellowship in this Early Church. Though the task was great and often seemed to be overwhelming, yet this wonderful fellowship afforded wonderful encouragement.

From this small glimpse may be seen some reason, at least, why the Church was and is invincible. The Early Church speaks to the twentieth-century Church in clear tones, "So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:20). God grant that this shall be true in 1955!

LIFE'S BUOYS

By B. V. Seals*

EVERY Christian should have at least two planks in his platform: one is what he will stand for, and the other is what he will not stand for. I recently made a trip from Seattle to Bremerton by ferry. It takes about an hour. The channel does not run straight, but is well marked with buoys. Each indicates a danger spot to keep away from. In the first psalm we find some of these buoys.

First, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly" (Ps. 1:1). They say that Sergeant York captured more men single-handed than any other man in World War I. He was so far out in no-man's land he was not sure which way our forces were. He placed his .45 in the back of a German officer who could speak English and asked him which way the American army was. The German indicated one direction, and Sergeant York immediately issued orders to march all the prisoners in the opposite direction—and marched right into our camp. He figured it was safe to conclude that the German officer would give the wrong direction.

If you can get some smart, ungodly businessman to advise you on religious matters and go the other way, you'll hit it every time. Even a minister who is ungodly is utterly disqualified to give counsel about spiritual things. That is where the blind lead the blind and all fall into the ditch.

When I was preparing to preach, my banker advised me against it, saying, "You can never make any money preaching." In this he was correct (he must have been a churchman). But his counsel was wrong otherwise, for one soul is worth more than all the money in the world; and I do believe God has helped me to win a few.

Don't ever seek counsel of the ungodly, except to determine which way not to go. If you are in need of counsel, seek it first of the Lord, for He never goes wrong, and next seek help from some godly person. It will surprise you sometimes how goodness and godliness guide people in the giving of right advice. It isn't only right to do right; it is smart to do right!

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A young church in the Southwest has a fine new building, but is in need of a Sunday-school unit. The local banks will not lend any money because the congregation is made up principally of service personnel from a nearby camp and is therefore "too transient."

An established church in the Northwest has a property worth \$40,000.00 and needs \$15,000.00 to build a necessary addition. Local banks will not lend to churches.

Both of these are beyond the scope of our present Church Extension loan fund and are handicapped for the future. But they can be helped through the General Church Loan Fund that your offering on June 5 will make possible.—
THE DIVISION OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Out of the Mouth of (One of the) Babes

By E. Wayne Stahl*

MY VERY young nephew, not yet even of kindergarten age, was asked, "What is your name?" Promptly he replied, "My name is Jeffrey Uncle Wayne Davis."

I trust that when he is in grade and high school, and in college, my namesake will have learned his task as a scholar thus accurately, and be able to "go the second mile" in supplying answers at examination times.

He has limitless faith in his father's ability. After having had a ride on a ship, he made this request, "Daddy, won't you buy me a steamer?" Also, having been at a place on the seashore thronged by recreation seekers, he pleaded, "Daddy, please buy me a beach."

May I have such unbounded faith in my Heavenly Father's power to do anything for me! With a trust that, when I ask unwisely, He will deny my requests!

This diminutive nephew is taught, of course, to say his prayers. One day he said to his mother, "I wish my dog could pray!" It makes me remember that in the Lord's Prayer there is not one "I," "my," "me," but "us" and "our." Prayer indeed should at times be personal. But in the

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prayer meeting service our petitions are a *community asking*, when we are "joined in heart." Jeffrey, it seems, wanted fellowship in prayer, when he wished four-legged Cheeko could pray too.

When he and his parents were visiting in our home some time ago I happened to wake him out of a nap. He did not appreciate this, and later stood a little distance from me, and with reproachful looks said, "Uncle Wayne, you woked me up." I said, "I'm sorry." He cheerfully responded, "O.K!" and scampered off to resume his sleep. Then in a few minutes he came to me again and spoke the same words; and I, of course, repeated my regret. This he did a number of times.

He made me think of those folks who babyishly say, "I can forgive, but I can't forget." Such folks are spiritual counterfeiters, and had better beware of the divine FBI.

On another occasion his small cousin Linda was in our home, when he was also present. He would come to the divan where she was playing with her dolls, and teasingly pull or jerk at them. This, of course, displeased her. Then he would come back and say, "I'se sorry, Linda." But in a short time he would do the same thing, and say the same words. This happened repeatedly.

Did you ever meet anyone whose repentance was as shallow and short-lived? In looking in the mirror, for instance? Perhaps that reflector could accuse many of us.

My nephew has a well-developed ego, despite his small body. As he was trying to help his father in some work he said, "Aren't you lucky, Daddy, to have a little boy like me around?" On the same occasion he remarked, "I'se pretty important, aren't me?"

We adults, "children of a larger growth," need always to heed Paul's admonition, and often read Rom. 12:3 on our knees.

Though this bit of infantile biography deals with the sayings of its subject, I must relate one of his wordless actions which has all the eloquence of well-chosen words. His father owns a small airplane. One day after visiting us, they were leaving the airport to fly home, which flight would take about half an hour.

The youngster was helped into the back seat of the plane, and Daddy took his place in front at the controls. It was really beautiful to see how confidently the small boy lay down on the seat and curled up for a nap. No anxiety about anything going wrong, and failure to reach home safely—for his father was at the controls!

Are you, am I, trusting the Heavenly Pilot as did Jeffrey his parent on that trip through the skies? Do we translate into carefree behavior the stately words of the creed, "I believe in God the Father Almighty"?

But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked (Isa. 57:20-21).

Think on These Things:

By F. Lincicome*

THE REASON so many of our prayers go up and bring nothing down, go out and bring nothing in, is because we violate the laws of prayer. "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and . . . shut thy door." This is one of the laws of prayer, the law of detachment. If we are to attain an inner fellowship with Christ, this law must be obeyed; and to obey this law two things are necessary.

The first is *separation*—the second thing is *concentration*. Going into the closet is not enough. This breaks our connection with the outer world, separates us from external things. The second thing in order to obey this law of detachment is *concentration*, shutting the door.

It is not enough to go into the closet; the door must be closed. You may go into the closet and remain an hour, and get little from it if you leave the door open. It is possible to withdraw outwardly and not inwardly. The secret life has but little chance until the law of detachment is fully obeyed. Going into the closet is the easy part of this law; getting the door shut is where the rub comes—and until you get the door shut, your praying will go up and bring little or nothing down.

It is not the amount of time we are on our knees that counts. Ten minutes on our knees in the closet "with the door shut" will bring a greater empowerment than forty minutes with the door open. The difficult thing in secret praying is not in going into the closet; it is in getting the door shut. Concentration is harder than guiding a plow.

Secret prayer lies at the very foundation of a holy life. A holy life does not live in the closet, but it can't live without a closet. Everything vital to godliness is nourished on closet air. The closet is the "closed place," the place from which the world is shut out. We can close the door while walking the streets, while at work in the factory or in the office. I am glad for this, for there are many times when outward separation would not be attainable, while inward separation is never unattainable.

Jesus does not say how often we should go into the secret closet nor how long we should stay, but He does say we should go. So often we go into the closet but do not shut the door, and often we shut the door but do not keep it shut long enough. Knowing how difficult it is to get the door shut, one would think we would stay longer when we get it closed. We come to the *Amen* of our prayers too soon—I mean our secret prayers. We don't come to the end of our public prayers soon enough, sometimes. The time for our long prayers is in secret; the time for our short ones is in public.

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HOW TO BE HAPPY—

And Be a Nazarene?

By Paul Martin*

ON PAGE 525 of my Bible is the story of a happy Nazarene. Oh, the Psalmist didn't even see with prophetic eye this holiness denomination in the Wesleyan tradition laboring for the Lord around the world. But his one hundred and nineteenth psalm certainly speaks of a happy man, praising, praying, obeying in all kinds of trouble, tests, and victories. It gives me confidence to suggest that it's possible to be happy, even though a church member.

A happy Nazarene has found "that Thy statutes have been my songs as I journey through the world" (Ps. 119:54, Moffatt). There is a genuine feeling of gladness in the heart that our church has dared to raise standards against the ebb tide of our time. A compromising church in its leadership or in the everyday practice of its people will lose its drive to win the lost. I have found our people to be *men of conviction*, which gives them distinction in the cause of right. These training rules have kept the team strong and aggressive. I am happy today that even before I knew why, or wanted to know why, I was made to obey the rules of church life in the Nazarene fashion. For though the head was big, and the spirit was weak, I was just *made willing* to go! "Unless the law had been my [parents'] delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction" (Ps. 119:92).

A Church of the Nazarene is at its best when free and happy and blest. Spirited singing still draws people. Opportunity to praise, to pray, to give, the feeling of union that unction brings, a warmhearted preacher with God's thumb in his back—these are the elements of the Nazarene spirit. Read this psalm. Notice how frequent are the expressions of praise. Count the spontaneous prayers. Let those who fret a little about going to church four times on Sunday hear the words of David, "Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments" (Ps. 119:164). And as I go to church, I can tarry till God blesses my heart. I can come and go in the anointing of God. I can worship in glorious freedom.

Yes, I love the church, just as it is: its driving desire to win the lost, its crusade for new churches, new Sunday-school scholars, greater giving, new fields abroad. I love its revival atmosphere, its praying pastors, people, and leaders. And to really love the church makes you a happy member!

*Nazarene Evangelist

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else (Isa. 45:22).



The Easter-to-Pentecost period opened with a great beginning. The Jesus the disciples had known became the universal Christ, the Saviour of every one who came to Him.

This period closed with another great beginning: the coming of the Holy Spirit to the waiting Church. The power and fruit of His presence transformed the lives of the early followers of Jesus.

If we have seriously observed the emphases recommended during this season of 1955, it may well be that our lives and churches have likewise been transformed. Let us pray that Pentecost Sunday, June 5, will not be an ending but a beginning for greater things in every local church.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, . . . and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:4, 41).—
GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

God Bless the Accompanist

By Homer M. Smith*

GOD BLESS the accompanist. She is the one member of the evangelistic team who is to keep out of sight and out of mind of the audience. Without attracting any of the attention that should go to the singer, she is to follow him closely, filling in the pauses, supporting the thin high notes, sweetening the low out-of-range ones.

She must be adept at going from chorus to song, and song to chorus. Since singers range in voice from low bass to high soprano, her fingers must be familiar with the ivories in all keys—sharps or flats.

Her work begins with the prelude; she closes her books after the last altar song is sung. Did I say her work begins and ends with one evening's playing? She must be on hand when the choirs, quartets, and soloists rehearse, before and after services, and many times during the week. A great share of the troubles in the music department is borne by her, while she strives to please the high standard of the director and at the same

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time keep the wandering bass on his part.

The accompanist learned to read and play music in school or conservatory. The song evangelist many times "interprets" far outside the bounds of the inspired authors. While the accompanist sticks to what she has learned, the evangelist sometimes seems to be trying to trip or trick her. She must quickly, quietly adjust to all types of "interpreters."

The preacher wants music at the proper point of his message. Too soon, it may drown his ap-

peal; too late, it will permit that pernicious pause. With studied timing and technique she must bridge the way from audience to altar.

The concert pianist is the center of the show. A few appearances during the season give her a fabulous income. The church pianist paid money and time to learn to be an accompanist. Sometimes she receives pay for her services, sometimes she is thanked—always she is needed. Just recall—if you can—the time when she didn't show up. God bless the accompanist.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

News Flash

Our residence visas for Mocambique (Portuguese East Africa) granted.—CLIFFORD CHURCH.

This is a real answer to prayer.

Prayer Request

Miss Della Boggs, who has recently undergone her third operation for a pernicious infection, reports that while the original infected area seems to be clearing up, and the incision is slowly healing, the doctors have discovered some infection in the intestinal area, and are hoping to combat it with diet and medication. Please pray that God will touch and make further surgery unnecessary.

Prayer Requests From Africa

Mrs. Mischke has been very slow in recovering from her recent operation. Pray for her.

Miss Thomas continues to be unwell. She is back in Bremersdorp, but the specialist has told her that she must rest in bed for six weeks and then spend a rather prolonged period doing desk work before she attempts to get back on her feet. She is having a hard and painful time of it and needs our prayers.

Dr. Stark reports that *Mary Schmetzenbach* is still far from well and is having to spend much time in bed. Elmer is also not very well. It seems as though the devil is making a special attack upon the bodies of missionaries these days, for there is an excessive amount of sickness both in the ranks of our own missionaries and in those of other missions. We must pray until we defeat him.

In other ways, however, God's blessing is upon the work. The quarterly meetings in Gaza were blessed of God. On the way back home I had a service with our Bantu folk in Lourenco Marques and God moved

mightily in our midst, so that the altar was filled with seekers. This last week end we had our quarterly rally with our coloured folk. It was the largest crowd we have ever had, with representatives there from a preaching point which has just been opened in Benonix. Brother Penn preached in the morning service on Sunday and Brother Strickland, superintendent of our European church, was the guest speaker in the afternoon. Both services were filled with God's presence and closed with good altar services. From Blouberg, Brother Emslie writes of a fine camp meeting in which Brother Hetrick was the special worker, and during which there were a good number of new conversions. We do praise God for His blessings.—W. C. ESSELSTYN, *South Africa*.

At Spanish Bible Institute

We had a very fine week of special evangelistic services at the Institute, April 11 to 15. Rev. Hearne Spruce was the evangelist, speaking twice daily. It was distinctly a holiness revival, and each of the messages was on some phase of the doctrine, experience, or life of holiness. Some twenty students definitely professed to receive the experience of holiness during the services. Rarely have we heard such a plain, simple, spiritual, and scriptural presentation of the message of holiness. With the new spiritual atmosphere existing on the campus, and with the go-ahead signal on our building plans, we feel that the student who prayed in chapel this morning for God's blessing on the "new era" in the life of our school was indeed expressing the feeling of us all.—EDWARD G. WYMAN, *Spanish Nazarene Bible Institute*.

DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW that NEW MISSIONARY LISTS are now available? Write to the Foreign Missions Department, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri, and get your free copy. Please throw away your old lists. They are now very inaccurate.

DID YOU KNOW that it costs the Department of Foreign Missions an average of EIGHT CENTS for every letter you send us to forward to a missionary on the field?

DID YOU KNOW that if just 100 people sent birthday cards to all our missionaries and addressed them in care of our office, for us to forward, it would cost us more than \$2,200.00 in one year?

DID YOU KNOW that you can purchase AIR FORMS at the post office and write to any missionary, anywhere in the world, for ten cents? And the letter goes in just a few days, instead of taking from two to six weeks.

DID YOU KNOW that when you use an outdated list of missionary addresses, you make the missionaries wait many weeks for their mail? MISSIONARY LISTS ARE FREE—GET A NEW ONE TODAY.

The first principle in maintaining a perfect life is to screen out as completely as possible that which is vile, wicked, and sinful before it enters the eye-gate. The battle is half lost if wicked thoughts and vile scenes implant themselves upon our minds.—LAURISTON J. DU BOIS.

PENTECOST holds a key position in the Christian year. More than that, it holds a key position in the whole Christian scheme of redemption. It is the climax of all climaxes in the Christian religion. Many prophecies were fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. Following this was the high point of His baptism, when He was inducted into His public ministry. Then there was the Mount of Transfiguration experience, when Jesus and His disciples were lifted into the heavenlies. After this there was the Triumphal Entry, when the people gathered about the Master, waved their palms, and shouted their Hosannas. In a few days the picture changed and Jesus was on the cross. Here He paid the supreme penalty for our sins. Here He reached the highest pinnacle in His redemptive work. What Jesus did on the cross stands out above everything else. Then He arose from the grave, and after forty days the God-Man ascended to His Father; He returned to His eternal glory, the glory which He had with the Father before the world was. There at the right hand of God He sent back the Comforter, the blessed Holy Ghost, to perpetuate His personal presence in the world. The Holy Ghost came to testify of Jesus.

Pentecost stands in a key position in the Word of God, in the on-moving activities of the Triune Godhead, because it meant, more than anything else, that God was to be enthroned in the hearts of men. If there had been no Pentecost, no perpetuation of the presence of the living Christ in the hearts of men, we wouldn't be talking about Christianity today. The Gospels would have little or no significance, and Christ would have no meaning. Neither would there be any celebration of His death and resurrection if there had been no Pentecost.

Pentecost, then, holds a key position in the whole plan of God's redemptive grace because it made the Christ real and living and permanent in the world. We often say much about the Resurrection's changing the attitude of the disciples and making them brave and powerful, but we must remember that was not really the case. The Church was still a church "behind closed doors," as someone has said, after the Resurrection. It was not a church that was courageous, a church which had come out into the open to face the enemy, until after Pentecost. The disciples of Jesus Christ were bold and daring after Pentecost, not before. Pentecost holds a key position, then, because it made possible for all men everywhere who had found the Christ to go on and be baptized with the Holy Ghost. The key to the Acts of the Apostles could thus be fulfilled in their lives, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Pentecost holds a key position not only because it meant that men were to be personally filled with the Holy Ghost, but also because it was the inauguration of the Church of Jesus Christ. Whatever people may say about what went on before, we must look upon Pentecost as the time when the Church was formally brought into being and started on its great mission. With Pentecost, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit began, and the people of God as a group had reached a height that never had been theirs before.

Pentecost holds a key position because without it there would have been no Paul, and without Paul there would have been no world Christianity. Don't misunderstand me here. Jesus brought to the world an international religion, a religion for all peoples, but His own labors were very circumscribed. The followers of God had to wait until Paul came to circle the globe with salvation. He was the one, the chosen vessel, that God used to bear the message of salvation around the world. His call, missionary journeys, life, and death, from the standpoint of what he did for Christianity, were inspired by the living presence of the Holy Ghost. If there had been no Pentecost, there would have been no Paul, and no Pauline Epistles, yea, no New Testament. Pentecost stands as the bridge between the Old and New Testaments, the connecting link between that which had been and that which was to come. Without this connecting link that which had been would have ceased to have any significance, and that which was to come would never have arrived. Thank God for Pentecost and all of its meaning for the Church. Let's worship the Holy Spirit together and sing His praises, for He in His dispensation, as someone has fittingly said, is almighty God in action. He is God with us, yea, God in us today.

THE IDEAL SITUATION

For Making Christians

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). This Bible verse means that every person when he comes to the years of accountability sins. Thus he needs to be made a Christian; he is not naturally one. What, then, is the ideal situation for converting sinners into Christians? The threefold answer to this question is: (1) a Christian home; (2) a Christian church, and (3) a Christian school. These institutions supplement each other. The business

of making Christians cannot succeed as it should with part or all of one of these factors missing.

What is a *Christian home*? It is a place where the parents love God with all their hearts. They have ceased to be sinners and have become Christians. More than that, they have come to the place where they make God and religion first in their lives. In other words, a home is not Christian in the highest sense until the parents have both been saved and sanctified, and their loyalty to God is supreme. I emphasize this fact because, in reaching children for Christ, example is more important than precept. Children should be taught righteousness, but true religion is far more often "caught than taught." It is better if we have to choose between the two to be a poor teacher and a good liv-er than to be a good teacher and a poor liv-er. Because of this, it is often impossible for parents to lead their children to Christ when one or both of them are not whole-hearted Christians. You can't *send* children to church effectively; you can only *take* them there; and there is a very real sense in which you cannot *send* them to Christ—you have to *take* them to Him by the life you live before them. Yes, the parents must be saved and sanctified; they must be church members; they must be church attendants; they must make a place in the home for God by song, prayer, and thanks returned around the family table. This is the first and most fundamental factor in making Christians.

Next comes the *Christian church*. This must be an institution which stands for vital religion—living contact with Jesus Christ. It must have people in it—a majority of whom know and love God. It must have the Christ spirit toward the young. It must be able to be patient with the young. It must be a place where there is genuine worship, the great hymns of the Church are sung, prayer is heard, the word of testimony is given, and a preacher brings a message from God. Week by week the children of the home must be in touch with such an institution as this. It is not as important as the home, but it is essential.

But it is not enough to have Christian homes and Christian churches if we are going to make Christians. We must also have *Christian schools*. This gives me an opportunity to emphasize the value of our Nazarene schools. Many of our homes have lost their young people to God and the church because they sent them to schools outside the Church of the Nazarene. We believe in our schools, and we believe that they have a significant part to play in assisting our young people to become established Christians. They have much to do with directing the lives of our young people into the right paths at a very criti-

cal period in their lives. At that particular time they can often do more for them than either the church or the home. Here, as in the home and the church, we would emphasize the fact that example means more than precept; for religion, let me say again, is more often "caught than taught."

It is important, then, to send our young people to the colleges of the Church of the Nazarene. There they will find men and women, teachers, who not only know how to teach but are also acquainted with Christ. What they do will tell more for their Christ than what they say. Do not misunderstand me; teaching is important, especially in our colleges. There we want it to be of the highest grade—and anyone who knows anything about our colleges can give only the highest praise to them from this standpoint. Considering their age and the handicaps they have had to face, it is remarkable what they have achieved as institutions of learning. Our young people do not have to be ashamed of them. They can obtain a high type of intellectual training in our schools. Nevertheless, we must never get away from the fact that our teachers must, above everything else, be genuine Christians. They must create in our schools an atmosphere which is Christian through and through. Again I can say, "Thank God, we have schools like this; colleges where the teachers are Christians, and where their lives are such that they keep our young people in an atmosphere of belief in and respect for God and our holy religion."

The ideal situation for making Christians, then, is to be found when we have the three factors which I have mentioned fully measuring up to their duty. In closing, let me say that I think now of quite a large family, a farm family. The parents were not wealthy and they did not have many of the opportunities that other people have had in the way of education, but they were high-type Christian people. They had a Christian home; from the very beginning they took their children to a Christian church, yes, a Church of the Nazarene, and were faithful to it. They and the members of their family made a wonderful record for themselves there. Then, practically all, if not all, of their children attended holiness colleges, and most of them Nazarene colleges. In view of these facts, I am not surprised that this home has turned out one of the finest Christian families that I know of anywhere. The majority, if not all, of the children are in some kind of Christian work through a direct divine call. They are succeeding in their efforts for the Kingdom because they were provided with an ideal situation for making Christians.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them (Isa. 41:17).

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 29: Divine Resources for Life's Crises

Scripture: II Chronicles 31-32; Isa. 36:39 (Printed: II Chron. 32:1-8, 32-33)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Ps. 124:8).*

Hezekiah was a man of daring courage coupled with a deep sense of genuine piety. He bent every effort to abolish all heathen customs from his nation and to establish in their place the worship of Jehovah. After the manifestation of such genuine goodness one could hardly expect the reward to come in the form of a threatening army led by an unbeliever. Our obedience to God is not insurance against trial and adversity, but rather a preparation for it. This indeed is a difficult lesson for us; but unless it is learned early and well, we are due for some shattering experiences. It is so deadly easy to feel that goodness should be rewarded by personal security and prosperity.

Life does not reveal, in the scope of time, the full reward of love and kindness. Christ's perfect love was met with jealousy, pride, hatred, and finally the cross. A man standing on the bank of the Ohio River saw a dog perilously floating on a piece of ice, drifting to certain death. Realizing the plight of the animal, he rowed out to its rescue. All went well until, as he docked and attempted to lift

the animal to shore, it suddenly turned on him, biting him severely. Life has its human curs too. There is no escape from the cold fact that genuine goodness does not always "pay off" in this world.

Hezekiah was faced with a deadly peril in the person of Sennacherib and his threatening Assyrian army. Past success left little hope for being spared complete massacre or, at the best, captivity. One cannot be too quick to hurl blame at the king for his attempt toward appeasement in the form of tribute money, although to obtain such an amount he found it necessary to invade the precincts of the holy Temple, stripping it of its gold and treasures. This lapse of faith in God brought only increased misery and added threats. It was at this point that Hezekiah prayed and received added courage, so he truly became the "man for the hour." Necessary military preparations were not neglected, neither did he depend solely upon them. At this juncture, with the ugly forces of a pagan Assyrian army breathing out threatenings, he looked to God and then delivered these immortal words to his people: "Do not be afraid or dismayed before the king of Assyria and all the horde that is with him; for there

is one greater with us than with him. With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles." The record continues, "And the people took confidence from the words of the king" (II Chron. 32:7-8, R.S.V.).

The call is upon each of us to rededicate himself to God and His cause. There must be no compromise with evil, nor expectation of a life free from conflict. We are called upon to be men of prayer. National leaders are humbling their hearts before God. The greatest minds of our day readily confess that man's mind alone is a very weak weapon. Victory is assured only through God's way and in God's time. Perhaps in an unguarded moment, like Hezekiah, you too have sinned against God; turn quickly, for that is not the road that leads to peace and victory. There can be no appeasement with sin. Faith through prayer alone will take us to the Answer. Yea, indeed, "with us is the Lord our God, to help us and to fight our battles," men of the hour!

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HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

PENTECOST SUNDAY

WE LOOK back to the Day of Pentecost as the birthday of the Church. Some would dispute this, feeling that the Church was actually started by Jesus during His earthly ministry. However this may be, it is certainly true that the early Christians received an impetus on that great day that has carried the Church of Jesus Christ to the day in which we live. For that impetus was not just a spirit, but the Holy Spirit, filling, cleansing, and empowering the disciples.

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

Pentecost is needed today. The presence of the Holy Spirit is needed in our home-mission churches that face great obstacles, in order that there might be spiritual miracles in these new areas.

Pentecost is also needed in some of our older churches. Some of these are also small and have not made any appreciable growth in many years. The coming of the Holy Spirit in His power will get these churches out of a rut, and miracles of God's grace will bring to them new life and

growth. If five or ten new members were to be received into the membership of some of these churches on Pentecost Sunday on profession of faith, it would be the greatest thing that had ever happened. If this is not happening this year, then let it happen in the months ahead, with the Day of Pentecost starting them on their way to new life.

And Pentecost is needed in our larger churches as well. In some of these, things have settled down to a well-ordered routine that can be predicted in advance. Pentecost can bring the beginning of the Crusade

for Souls in these churches. If a drunkard or a thug should seek salvation in some of these churches, many of the members would hardly know how to take it. If a prostitute or a burlesque dancer should find God in some churches, some of the members would object to the pastor and think of moving to another Church of the Nazarene. Pentecost will bring a holy recklessness that will claim great things for God and a genuine advance against the forces of evil. Let us pray for Pentecost in every church.

Forty Years Ago

Our hats are off to those who pioneered the Church of the Nazarene in the early days through home missions. Their labors are having a wonderful fruitage throughout the church today. An example that takes us back to those early days has come to us through a letter from Rev. Joseph N. Speakes, a retired elder in Monroe, Washington, to Rev. W. Raymond McClung, present pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, North Little Rock, Arkansas. The letter was prompted by a picture of the church on the cover of the March issue of the *Bible School Journal*. We quote from the letter:

"I was thrilled to see the picture of First Church, North Little Rock. It is surely a long ways from what we began the church with back in 1915. I held the meeting under a fly tent—a big sheet stretched over a frame. And after the church was organized, we worshiped in an old store building that had been a saloon.

"I pastored the church and was district superintendent until November, 1916, when I went to Oklahoma City and secured our first property there. I'm grateful to the Lord for blessing my efforts in starting our work or securing property in many places, and gladder still that the work still prospers. To Him be all the praise and glory.

"I'm retired now, but still preach about as many times each year as I did when I was in active service, filling in for pastors on vacation, conducting holiness week-end meetings, and once in a while a full-length revival.

"Wish you and your forty-year-old church the richest of Heaven's blessings and many souls in the fountain."

There is only one remaining charter member of North Little Rock First Church, Mrs. Fred Rexroad, but the church has grown across the years. The present membership is 375, and Brother McClung has received 125 new members during his pastorate of 2½ years. Last year the total giving

of the church was \$40,000.00. There are also two other churches now in North Little Rock, and these two churches had 310 combined attendance in Sunday school on a recent Sunday.

We still have pioneers in home missions today, and in the future they will reap the rewards of their present labors, for *home missions pays big dividends!*

MY SONG

By Eugene W. Swim, Jr.

*There's a song that Jesus gives me
Which the world cannot constrain.
It has notes of consolation
And a comforting refrain.*

*Oh, sweet melody of Jesus,
Perfect harmony of soul,
As I listen with sweet rapture
When the bells begin to toll!*

*They are ringing out salvation
And the chimes are sounding true.
There's the blending of the organ
With the grand piano too.*

*Listen closely as the voices
Of the chorus start to hum.
Like the sound of moving waters,
They are bidding me to come.*

*I'm immersed in holy blessing
As all heaven starts to sing.
Then I shout with praise and singing
To my blessed Lord and King!*



RULES OF THE GAME

Monday: We live in a world of moral laws as dependable as the changing seasons. We can no more break one of these than we can break the law of gravitation; we can easily break ourselves against them. A great scientist held that liberal education consists in learning the laws of the physical universe. Nature will not excuse faulty moves in the game. In the moral universe God's commands are not orders to be evaded; they are rules to be mastered. (Ps. 93:5.)

Tuesday: *The dynamite of love.* "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

"Overcome evil with good." "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." It seems that you are giving up your rights or losing your dignity. But the law is on your side. Anger melts away before the gentle, loving word. (Prov. 15:1.)

Wednesday: *The emptiness of pride.* "Pride goeth before destruction"; conceit blows up and bursts. We are all of the same clay, and to claim more than our rightful share of honors or think ourselves better than another is an unsubstantial bubble that is quickly gone. The balance soon rights itself; the ancients had something in their idea of the wheel of fortune constantly revolving. Today you are on top; tomorrow it will be some other person's turn. "Before honour is humility" (Prov. 15:33).

Thursday: *The toughness of truth.* "Honesty is the best policy." "The lip of truth shall be established for ever." "Buy the truth, and sell it not." All human relationships are based on mutual confidence. Less flashy than cleverness, truth is of the eternities. Untruth is shifting, temporary: simple truth will never let you down. (Rom. 13:13.)

Friday: *The sure returns of sacrifice.* If "a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, . . . it bringeth forth much fruit." If you sacrifice, you gain; if you pay full price, you get the genuine. Life only through death; treasure only through investments; pay little, get little; the real thing costs. And heaven and salvation only through the Cross. Cheap bargains are cheap. (John 12:24.)

Saturday: *The strength of self-control.* Better is he "that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." Power over others comes through discipline of oneself. Every strong person has in him a "deep well of calmness." Not bluster but adequacy is strength. (Prov. 25:28.)

Sunday: *The secret of self-preservation.* "Now abideth faith, hope, charity [love]"—these are eternal. Let your nature be filled with these, you will endure. Doubt, distrust, envy, jealousy—these are self-destructive, and will drag down with them everyone whose nature they have permeated.

So life works. You cannot turn back its laws—you would not. They are on your side, for they are of God. (Ps. 119:90-91.)

Religious News and Comments



By A. K. BRACKEN

"Horses Had More Sense"

An article in *Time* magazine says that for the last 25 years highway traffic has been getting safer year by year. "Deaths per million car miles have dwindled from 16 in 1930 to 11.4 in 1940, to 7.6 in 1950, and to 6.5 in 1954. Three factors are taken into account: cars, roads, and drivers. Cars are safer; roads are safer; but the drivers!" Detroit jails drunk drivers. One-way streets with timed stop lights, and free-ways all help. Free-ways carry three times the traffic of ordinary streets with one-fifth the accident rate. Washington and Los Angeles had the fewest deaths per vehicle. Boston and New York got booby prizes last year. A New York safety officer reported that his city's traffic was like the weather—nobody does anything about it. He said, "We had just as many careless drivers forty years ago; the only thing is the horses had more sense!"

A Near Miss

Morritz Lamberty was found drunk in his car, it is reported. The deputies bandaged his bloody nose and moved his car to a parking lot, turned on the heater, and, accepting his promise not to drive till he sobered up, they left him. Both the deputies and Lamberty were slightly over-optimistic. He drove his car 150 feet, was arrested, and fined \$150.00. Lamberty explained, "When you are drinking you are not always as smart as you ought to be." He was nearly right. His sentence should read: "When you drink you are not as smart as you should be."

A Slow Push

For twelve years, the Federal Trade Commission pushed charges of "misleading trade practices" against Philip Morris in advertising that their cigarettes were "less irritating than other brands." The commission has now dropped the charges and Philip Morris has dropped the claim from its objectionable advertising. It is stated that the commission will press the same charges against Chesterfields for advertising theirs as "milder" and "leave no unpleasant aftertaste." Are we to presume that they will push this for twelve years? It seems like a rather slow push.

Bantu Education

"Bible-quoting" minister of native affairs of South Africa gives some insight into the government's program of education for Bantus:

1. To equip Negroes for future work and surroundings.
2. Pupils will do "daily cleaning of buildings and grounds" of the schools.
3. Studies in "hand crafts and obedience" will be emphasized.
4. Negroes will complete the second grade two years later than whites. At this point they will be subject to "strict selection" before any will be permitted to advance further. Hendrik Frensche Vorwoerd is quoted further: "There is no place for the Negro in the white community above the level of certain forms of labor . . ." An English priest, Father Trevor Huddleston, is quoted as saying that the "new curriculum is racialism at its darkest and most damnable . . . It is a vicious and

arrogant attack on human freedom." In some measure, this explains why the Roman Catholics and the Nazarenes were reluctant to surrender their schools.

BRIEFS:

Twenty million dollars. The *New Century Leader* (David C. Cook) states that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave twenty million dollars to his Sealantic Fund "to strengthen and develop Protestant theological education" in this country. The story of the small denominational Protestant colleges, supported mostly by the gifts of people of much smaller means than the honored gentleman mentioned above, makes a thrilling story indeed. The nation can well be proud of the achievements of these people and these colleges.

Richard Niebuhr, Protestant theologian, says: "The tide of secularism in the United States is running out." In the minds of some thinkers, perhaps, yes. In the life philosophies and practices of the mass of Americans, even church people, the tide is still distressingly full.

"Prospects" (*Christian Life*) says that prospects are for increased spiritual awakening. Once cold liberal leaders are now on the wagon; some go along for the ride. Many are deeply impressed. "Billy Graham is the focal point of their interest. . . he cannot be overlooked." Before the "spiritual awakening" gets beyond the spurious stage it must have the gospel of Jesus Christ and a lost world as the "focal point of interest." Doubtless Billy Graham would say so too.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by
STEPHEN S. WHITE

Q. In Matt. 5:48 we are commanded to be perfect, even as our Father in heaven is perfect. What attributes make our Heavenly Father perfect?

A. Perfection as applied to God, when He is thought of in His absoluteness, would include many attributes—all-wiseness, all-power, all-presence—everywhere; and love, mercy, and justice raised to their highest degree. The perfection of God, from this standpoint, would

point to the fact that God is all-wise, all-powerful, and all-good quantitatively as well as qualitatively. However, when we are commanded to be perfect as our Father in heaven is, this absolute type of perfection is not intended. No human being can ever be God. Nevertheless, we can partake of God's moral character quali-

tatively. We can be like God in holiness, mercy, love, and truthfulness; but these attributes can never express themselves through us absolutely as they do through God, because our minds are finite and have been marred by sin. This interpretation is implied clearly in the context of the verse which you present. All of us should be reading with Matt. 5:43 if we would really understand Matt. 5:48. The passage

clearly deals with loving our enemies. God loves His enemies. He sends the rain on the evil as well as on the good. Then Christ says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." The "therefore" points to what has gone before. We are to be perfect like God in that we love our enemies. Thank God, the Christian can be made perfect in love on the finite level.

Q. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible leaves out the first eleven verses of John 8. This disturbs me, but not so much as the fact that Dr. W. B. Godbey in his commentary written about 1900 says that this passage (John 8:1-11) is not found in the earliest manuscripts. He even goes so far as to say that some other person than John added this as an apology for sin. How could this be an apology for sin? If John did not write it, who did?

A. This passage does not appear in the earliest manuscripts. From this standpoint, there seems to be every reason for believing that it was not written by John. Further, I don't believe that anyone knows for sure who wrote it. Nevertheless, I certainly do not agree with Dr. Godbey's explanation of the passage as you

give it. Dr. Godbey was a leader in the holiness movement in his day. He was also a great Bible scholar. Still, all of his interpretations of the Scriptures are not infallible. I would say that the story of the woman taken in adultery may give us facts, even though we have reason to believe that it was not passed on to us by John himself. Anyway, it certainly represents the spirit of Christ and the Gospels. I like it and do not hesitate to use it as an illustration of the attitude of Christ toward the sinner.

Q. How would you explain Jer. 3:14 to one who believes in eternal security?

A. I would only read the context along with this verse—the whole chapter or from the twelfth verse on. Everywhere in this chapter God's forgiveness, or His willingness to take the backslider back, is based on the backslider's repentance. What does repentance mean? Forsaking one's sins, or coming back to God. Otherwise, God's anger will fall on the backslider just as it does on the sinner. One commentator treats the verses 21 to 25 in this chapter under the heading: "The Penalty of Apostasy." A nation or an individual who

backslides will be lost unless there is repentance.

Q. Will you please explain Matt. 13:52.

A. Here we have a very brief parable. In it Jesus is giving instruction to the disciples as teachers. They are first to learn well the truths of the Kingdom. Then from their storehouse of spiritual wisdom they can bring the old truths in new ways to those who need them.

Q. The dispensation of grace came by Jesus Christ, but what about the Old Testament saints? Weren't they saved by grace, also? If not, how were they saved?

A. All who finally get to heaven get there through the sacrifice which Christ made on the cross. In the case of most of the Old Testament saints, this provision was mediated through the law and the Temple ritualism. We look back to the Cross, while those in the Old Testament looked forward to it through the means which God had arranged. Some of the Old Testament saints rose above their ceremonialism by faith and participated in a heart transformation closely akin to that of the New Testament followers of Christ.

NEWS of the Churches



Garrett, Indiana—In this our sixth year as pastor of this church, God has graciously met with us. We have enjoyed two good revivals: Evangelist Jimmie Holman last fall with around forty seekers, and then this spring with Rev. N. E. Roland, pastor of our Fort Wayne First Church, as evangelist, with as many seekers. Both of these men were used of God to build up the church, and at the close of the last revival we received 9 new members by profession of faith. There have been Saturday night prayer services for some months, which are well attended. For the third time in the last six years, we broke the Sunday-school record with 212 on Easter Sunday. These are wonderful people to pastor.—Russell Shalley, Pastor.

Princeton, Indiana—First Church closed revival services on Sunday, April 10, with Rev. C. B. Fugett and Sammy and Rhea Childress as the special workers. God's presence marked each service; workers were well received; Easter Sunday-school attendance was 551. The presence of God marked the services with encouragement to press forward for God.—Ray M. Vaughn, Pastor.

Spencer, West Virginia—We recently closed a good revival meeting with Evangelist Charles Williams and the "Singing Smiths," Eugene and LaNora. God's presence was felt in each service and we saw a number of souls find victory at an altar of prayer. The people enjoyed the good singing as well as the beautiful spirit of the "Singing Smiths"; also the preaching of Brother Williams stirred the hearts of the Christians as well as those with spiritual needs. We praise God for His blessings.—F. W. Davis, Reporter.

Rockford, Illinois—First Church recently closed what seems to me to be the best revival we have had in our three and one-half years in Rockford. Rev. L. B. Mathews was the evangelist and did a superb job. We both feel, however, the debt we owe to the local people for their spirit of co-operation: the men who held prayer meeting from 4:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.; all-day prayer chains by the church; new people and new converts; the offering which was more than asked for, without any financial pull; and the largest attendance throughout the campaign—all indicate that Rockford First Church is on the move. Thanks to all who have helped us by your prayers and efforts dur-

ing these years. During this assembly year we have had a gain in membership of 13½ per cent. We are truly grateful to the Lord.—Walter W. Tink, Pastor.

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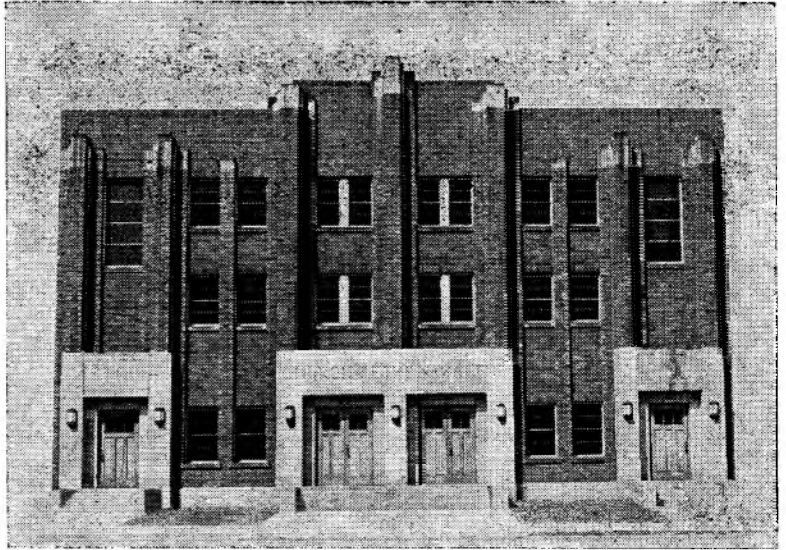
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Weirton, West Virginia

At the request of the Freshour family, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Carson came to Weirton to begin a home-mission campaign. On December 5, 1929, they rented an old church building and conducted a series of successful services as a Nazarene mission. On June 26, 1930, the Weirton Church of the Nazarene was organized with 29 charter members. Rev. S. J. Rogers was called as pastor, and served for ten years. The congregation moved to a store building, later constructed their own building—soon burned the mortgage and built a Sunday-school addition. Later they purchased a parsonage. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gore came as pastors in 1940, and served for two and a half years, during which time the lots for the present building were purchased. Soon after Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Taylor became pastors, plans were made for the new church, a building fund was started and the Sunday-school attendance was greatly increased. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Warwick came as pastors in August of 1945 and served for nine and one-half years, during which time the church enjoyed a phenomenal growth. A new parsonage was purchased, and the present church structure begun and completed, with first service conducted in it on Easter Sunday, 1952. Present valuation of the church property is approximately \$160,000.00; church membership is 235; average Sunday-school attendance last year was 304. The church expenditures



last year were \$27,000.00 with \$3,000.00 given for foreign missions. Our present indebtedness is \$27,920.92. The writer came as pastor in January of this year. We had a great day on Easter Sunday, with Dr. Samuel Young dedicating our new building in the afternoon service. He gave us a great boost and we surely appreciated having him with us. He raised \$1,676.00 in cash and pledges on the new heating unit. The Sunday-school

attendance was 503 on Easter—the largest since we have been in the new building; and the Easter offering totaled \$753.00, the largest ever. Our good district superintendent, Dr. E. C. Oney, was with us for the dedication also. The day closed with a good number of folk seeking God at the altar of prayer. For thirty years of unusual progress we are indeed grateful to God.—Earl G. Hissom, Jr., Pastor.

Decatur, Indiana—This church has recently been blessed with what many have said was the greatest meeting in the history of the church. Evangelist Mason Lee, and Boyce and Catherine Pierce with their daughter, Linda, all did outstanding work for God and souls. People sought the Lord in every service, and the church was built up numerically and spiritually. We are in our first year with this fine people, and are seeing growth along all lines. God is leading on, and we praise Him!—C. E. Lykins, Pastor.

fund for a new sanctuary. Our church puts aside for missions 10 per cent of all money that comes in besides liberal offerings at Thanksgiving and Easter. The church gave their pastor a good vote for a three-year recall, and by the help of the Lord we expect to see the church built and many souls won for the Lord. Recently we closed a very good revival with Evangelist D. E. Patrone. Large crowds came every night and we had some very wonderful altar services with many very fine young people finding victory.—W. E. Zimmerman, Pastor.

finest superintendents, and a song director who is "tops." We love the Lord and these good people.—John Brockmueller, Pastor.

Coshocton, Ohio—We have recently closed a five-year period of ministry in the Coshocton church, and they have been five years filled with many wonderful victories. Some of the most remarkable cases of transformed lives we have ever witnessed—men that used to curse, drink, and gamble now make up a men's prayer band that meets for prayer every Saturday night and stay with it until they pray through. During these five years we have received 126 members into the church; Sunday-school attendance rose from 247 to 321; Sunday morning worship, from 196 to 277; Sunday evening service, from 95 to 189; the prayer meeting is averaging 138. Financially the Lord has blessed in a wonderful way: paid an \$8,000.00 debt, put \$8,000.00 worth of improvements on church and parsonage, and have over \$21,000.00 in a building

Liberal, Kansas—We have been in the ministry fifteen years, all on the Kansas District, and have seen the work of God grow where we have been. We came to Liberal last August after our district assembly. Our Sunday school has grown from an average of 102 in August to an average of 177 in March, winning the Class "B" district Sunday-school banner for five consecutive months. The Sunday school has broken all records four times. Recently we closed a youth revival with Amos Hann and wife of Bethany Nazarene College with forty-two seekers. Five new couples were saved and sanctified in this meeting and three other homes were reached where one was saved, besides young people and children. Six new Nazarenes have joined the church. These have been seven of the best months to any pastor. We have one of the

Wichita Falls, Texas—First Church recently closed one of the best revivals, with Evangelist W. E. Boggs, that we have had since coming here nineteen months ago. A wonderful spirit prevailed throughout the meeting, and the Lord is still blessing and giving results in the regular services. At the close of the meeting we received eleven members into the church. Evangelist Boggs is a man of prayer and preaches under the Spirit's anointing. We greatly appreciated his ministry with us. More outside people attended and received help during this meeting than any we have had since coming here. We praise God for victory.—Buford Burgner, Pastor.

Moundsville, West Virginia—Coming to this church at assembly time in 1952, I found a group of wonderful people, who loved the church, God, and the cause of holiness. In nearly twenty-one years of active ministry I have never worked with a more loyal group. For nearly three years, perfect unity has prevailed. This assembly year has been marked by glorious revivals. Last fall Evangelist Fred Thomas was with us; his preaching and gracious spirit caused our people to love him. In January, Rev. R. F. Heinlein, superintendent of the

Jefferson, Pennsylvania

Pittsburgh District, was with us for a holiness convention. Sunday, March 27, we closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist George P. Woodward. These revivals have added to our church spiritually, financially, and numerically. We have tried to boost the program of our church, by paying our budgets, boosting the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Other Sheep*, *Conquest*, etc. For nearly a year we have sponsored "Showers of Blessing" on our local station, WMOD. While there has been quite a cutback in work here, enough new members have been received to absorb the loss in finances, for which we are praising the Lord. Due to the beautiful co-operation of the people, God has blessed our Sunday school, which has grown from a yearly average at the assembly in 1952 of 127, until it will average 185 or better this year. We are now unable to adequately house our school. By the sacrifice of many of our people we were able to raise a substantial down payment for a new parsonage, which we hope to buy soon. This will release the present one, which is next to the church, for an educational unit. With some remodeling it will serve this purpose very well. We have a very fine N.F.M.S. with a devoted president. The N.Y.P.S. has served the church well. In addition to their regular services they conduct a service each Sunday afternoon in the county jail. It has been a distinct pleasure to work for my beloved Zion on the West Virginia District, under the supervision of Superintendent Edward C. Oney, who has helped make these eight years happy ones. As I conclude three years with this church I am looking to the fourth with anticipation and prayer.—Robert E. Long, Pastor.

Columbia, Mississippi—Our church closed a revival on Sunday night, April 3, which brought the dawn of a new day to its members. Many souls found Christ, especially the youth who knelt at the altar in repentance of their sins as they listened to Evangelist Leon Chambers bring soul-thrilling messages of hope for salvation. Even Christians of long standing renewed their vows to God to work harder than ever for the building of His kingdom. A recall of Rev. R. P. Wendell, pastor of the church for the past two years, was held Sunday morning—he will return for another year. Brother and Sister Wendell, both wonderful musicians, had charge of the playing and singing during the meeting.—Reporter.

Mena, Arkansas—Evangelists R. F. Lindley and wife closed a revival with us here on April 3. This was the third year that Brother Lindley has been here in revivals. We had one of the best meetings that we have had since I have been pastor here, with a goodly number praying through at our altar. Brother Lindley's preaching was greatly enjoyed both by the pastor and the church.—J. O. Davis, Pastor.



On March 6 we dedicated our new church building at Jefferson. Our building is seventy feet long and fifty feet wide, constructed of concrete blocks and bricks. Most of the work was done by the good laymen of the church assisted by our pastor, Rev. F. B. Whittaker. The church is furnished throughout; one of our good members decorated the interior. Our property is valued at \$35,000.00; also, we have a seven-room parsonage which is free of debt. We have an

indebtedness of \$9,000.00. Rev. R. F. Heinlein, our good district superintendent, was the speaker for the dedication. There were 350 present, in spite of the bad weather. The old building is being used for our educational unit. There have been several new people coming to our services since we have moved into our new church. We praise the Lord for our accomplishments here under the leadership of our pastor, Rev. F. B. Whittaker, who has been with us the past six years.—Reporter.

Zylks, Louisiana—Since coming to the McCoy Church some three years ago, we have enjoyed many victories and have a unanimous call for the fourth year. The Sunday school has advanced from an average of fifty-one to eighty-two in March of this year. Several have been saved, sanctified, and united with the church. We have had revivals with such able workers as Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Huff, Rev. Joe Norton, Rev. and Mrs. Karl Kruse, Rev. J. D. Stafford, and Rev. J. A. Hoof. Each revival brought

advances. We have enjoyed the ministry of such workers as Mrs. Lillian Cole Short, Rev. and Mrs. R. Ingram, Rev. L. Bryant, Rev. Curtis Smith, and Dr. John Stockton. The McCoy people have a mind to work; and substantial improvements have been made in the church building, parsonage, and grounds. Also, God's blessings are ours in finance. McCoy is a 10 per cent church. We work in harmony with our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Elbert Dodd.—W. V. Niell, Pastor.

Rumford, Rhode Island—Recently the Bethany Church had a successful revival with Evangelist J. W. Turpel. The Spirit of God was on the service every night as this messenger of God poured his heart out in holiness messages that were filled with Holy Ghost fire. Brother Turpel's optimistic and joyful spirit caught fire immediately, and our people spoke long after he left of how wonderful it was to be in services with such a man of God. Our church has certainly benefited from the humble but powerful ministry of this saint of God who sang, preached, and shouted his way into the people's hearts. Thank God for the men who can bring the glory down, pray folk under conviction, and shout the victory when God delivers needy hearts from bondage.—Donald H. Davis, Pastor.

Elk City, Oklahoma—The D. D. Mackey Evangelistic Party held a great revival for our church in March with more than 70 seekers. Many new people were reached—the entire town took note of the revival. Attendance throughout was good, including day services. The Sunday-school attendance has been steadily climbing for the past year and reached a new high—205 the closing Sunday of the revival. In spite of a three-year drought and some unemployment, finances were well taken care of, with a nice love offering for the pastor. Clinton-Sherman Air Base at Burnsflat is being reactivated by SAC. Anyone having friends or relatives connected there, please let us have their names and in what capacity they serve. The future is very promising for the church here.—Otto Perry, Pastor.

Pampa, Texas—Our church recently closed a very good revival with Rev. R. F. Lindley as evangelist and Mrs. Lindley as junior worker. Both are wonderful workers. Every service was characterized by the presence of the Holy Spirit. The church as a whole was blessed and helped. There were about thirty seekers at the altar, most of them being saved or sanctified. The church board gave Brother Lindley a unanimous call to return at a later date.—Mrs. S. E. Cole, Reporter.

Wauchula, Florida—We recently closed a meeting with Evangelist W. N. Harrington which we feel has given the church a great push forward. Seekers were at the altar nearly every night, the crowds were the largest ever, and many new friends were won to the church. We appreciated the fine spirit and deep concern manifested by Brother Harrington. We feel that no finer people can be found anywhere than our Wauchula Nazarenes, who have carried the load so faithfully. A spirit of love and unity prevails in this new church.—Jack Watson, Pastor.

Drumheller, Alberta—We are glad to report an outstanding revival in our church in March with Rev. D. C. Van Slyke as our evangelist. This campaign, which commenced with a half night of prayer, resulted in great spiritual uplift to the church. Out of the more than fifty seekers that God gave us during this meeting, eight were saved for the first time, nine were restored, and three were sanctified, while the others received definite spiritual help. There were some remarkable conversions. One

woman was gloriously saved while we visited in her home, and joined the church on the last Sunday of the revival. The last Sunday night of the revival was the best service of all. During the altar service, thirty came forward; and the presence of God filled the sanctuary. Some confessed wrong feelings against others and asked their forgiveness; others testified to the assurance of salvation. At this closing service we received four new members into the church. The Lord wonderfully undertook for us in the finances. We gave our evangelist an offering of \$345.00 plus \$100.00 which he received as a personal gift from one of our members. A gift of \$600.00 was given by a member to purchase new pews for our church. The church board also voted to raise the pastor's salary \$10.00 a week. We had good crowds throughout the campaign. Brother Van Slyke is an excellent evangelist, and a man of God.—J. M. Cooke, Pastor.

Norma, North Dakota—We have recently closed one of the most spiritual revival meetings with the Richards Evangelistic Party that we have ever witnessed. The Richardses carry the deepest of concern for the lost; and many blessings in times of prayer were received. Their messages in sermon and song were of the Lord; conviction rested heavy from night to night; and only eternity will reveal the wonderful results of this campaign. The Richardses are a great blessing to the church.—A. E. Belzer, Pastor.

Harvey, Illinois—Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Kruse recently completed a very fine revival campaign in which 60 young people and adults found definite help at the altar. These workers are among the best we have ever had. Their ministry is wholesome and wholehearted, with the kind of spirit that makes church members want to live better and friends to return and become Christians. Brother Kruse prays and preaches with a burden inspired by love for souls. Mrs. Kruse conducts children's services, talks to the young people, calls for the Sunday school, and assists with the music. Her messages are helpful and character-building. We had 8 seekers during Sunday school in the adult department after one of her felt-o-graph talks. Attendance in all services of the church are at an all-time peak; Sunday-school attendance averaged 343 in March over against 277 a year ago. Other Sunday services and the midweek prayer meeting are well attended. The N.Y.P.S. and missionary activities are thriving under capable leadership. We have 50 or more in junior church with excellent supervision. The PAL program has anchored about 30 teen-agers. A cottage prayer meeting has been conducted on Tuesday mornings for over a year. This group of 20 or more are crusading for souls. Plans are under

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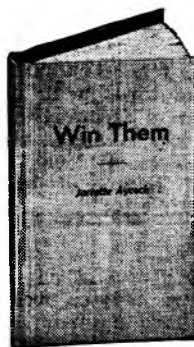
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consideration for the construction of a new educational unit. Two fine lots back of the church have recently been made available for parking and future expansion. We are currently sponsoring a home-mission project in a neighboring community. A stewardship campaign in February with Rev. J. C. Henson resulted in 92 tithing pledges, 22 of whom were new tithers. Harvey church has been a 10 per cent church in missionary giving for several years, and recently has been giving 5 per cent to Olivet Nazarene College. The church has extended an invitation to us to serve as pastor for another year, which will be our fourth year in Harvey.—C. Kenneth Sparks, Pastor.

Rev. Fred G. Stockton writes: "After two and one-half years spent with the Maple Valley church, we are re-entering the evangelistic field at our assembly in May. The Lord has blessed and helped here in a building program; the indebtedness is very small. We are making up our slate for 1955 and '56; will go anywhere the Lord may lead, and do our best to have a revival. Write us, 1453 Third Street, Enumclaw, Washington."

Sacramento, California—This assembly time will conclude five years of ministry for us at Westside Church. These have been years of great blessing and happy progress, for which we are deeply grateful to our God. The Sunday school has grown from an average attendance of 64 to 145, and the church membership from 21 to 48. During this time a Sunday-school annex has been built, and four months ago a lovely three-bedroom parsonage was purchased. The church is a 10 per cent church and the giving for foreign missions will exceed \$1,000.00 this year. All the success and progress which we have enjoyed can be traced to the blessings of God, which surely have been manifested in our services and efforts. We have had good revivals, fruitful times around the altar in our regular services, and several occasions where, without preaching, people have moved out and sought God for spiritual help. The people here are a wonderful, devoted, and spiritual group. We have labored under the handicap of inadequate facilities for the size of our Sunday school, but the people have stood by; and because of their faithfulness and loyalty to God and the church, the above gains have been made possible.—Robert H. Scott, Pastor.

Troup, Texas—The Martin's Chapel church has recently closed a good revival with Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman as the evangelist. Crowds were good throughout the meeting. Sister Steelman was anointed of the Spirit each night. God came and blessed with souls bowing at the altar seeking Him for reclamation, regeneration, and entire sanctification. We feel that our church has moved up for God. We do appreciate the work of the Steelmans.—Henry L. Green, Pastor.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota—Recently we had a revival with Rev. Crawford T. Vanderpool, our district superintendent, as evangelist, and Mrs. Vanderpool as song evangelist. Brother Vanderpool preaches with the power and unction of the Holy Spirit. He carries a real burden for souls and the church was blessed under his

ministry. Several souls prayed through during the meeting and we received four into church membership on the closing Sunday. We are encouraged and new people are looking our way. If you have loved ones or friends living in Sioux Falls, please send us their names and addresses.—A. W. Hands, Pastor.

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East Liverpool, Ohio—Easter Sunday was a great day in our First Church. Our \$5,000.00 yearly missionary budget was paid in full. We had 1,035 in Sunday school, which was the largest attendance in 24 years. The Sunday school also showed the largest income in its history, \$10,514.00. Our superintendent, with his fine corps of teachers and workers, has done an outstanding job in reaching the city with the gospel of grace. It has been our privilege this year to serve as president of the East Liverpool Ministerial Association, to give the high school baccalaureate last June, and to be one of the three ministers on the steering committee of a city-wide revival this June. We are conducting two weekly, fifteen-minute radio programs. Our youth revival in February with Evangelists Paul and Hallie Smith and our spring revival in April with Rev. C. C. and Flora Ruth Chatfield were attended with many signal victories, and over 200 persons seeking God. Forty-three

persons have been received into church membership in 22 months. It is a high privilege to enter our third year as minister to this wonderful church and fine congregation of Christian people.—Lloyd D. Morgan, Pastor.

Floydada, Texas—We are closing three years as pastor here, and we have enjoyed working with these good people. We have some of the salt of the earth in our little church. Recently we closed one of the best revivals we have had since we have been here with Rev. W. M. Tidwell. I think everyone who came was blessed, and a number prayed through at an altar of prayer. Brother Tidwell did some of the best preaching I have ever heard. He is so humble and consecrated and we do thank God for him and his ministry. We recently had our dedication service for our church property—now all free of debt—and the church is in a good position

to grow. Wife and I love the Lord today better than ever, and are trying to keep busy in His service.—S. L. Wood, Pastor.

Houston District

Houston District is speedily climbing the mountain of 10 per cent minimum giving for world evangelism.

Thirteen of her thirty-nine churches have already reached the top and planted their flag on the summit. The first item of business after organization in several of her little, new, home-mission churches was to vote to be a regular 10 per cent church.

Some of the older churches have thrown off discouragement and revived themselves by this method of giving for a lost world, and now they are raising salaries, having full churches, and making plans for expansion.

God is showing himself on the Houston District. They should go over the 10 per cent peak this year.

For ten days it was my great privilege to work with Dr. and Mrs. V. H. Lewis and their pastors and people as we studied together the program of 10 per cent minimum giving for our lifeline budget needs.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN
General N.F.M.S. President

Preachers' Meeting Western Ohio District

The Western Ohio District preachers' meeting was held in the High Street Church, Springfield, Ohio, March 28 to 30. The special speakers for the convention were General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, Dr. Ralph Earle, from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and Rev. Lowell B. Garvin, pastor of our Toledo Jackman Road Church. There were 108 ministers of the district, and many pastors and evangelists from other districts, in attendance.

Practically every phase of the work of the ministry was given consideration in the full program directed by our beloved superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea. Dr. Williamson capably and epigrammatically emphasized the minister and his evangelistic message. Dr. Earle spoke forcefully and forthrightly along the line of preparation and preaching the doctrine of holiness. Brother Garvin gave practical, inspiring, and helpful instruction concerning the place of prayer in the life of the minister. Dr. T. W. Willingham presented the new Social Security law as it involves ministers. Rev. John Swearngen, Olivet College field representative, gave up-to-date information on the construction of the new library and other college news.

Rev. Walter Vastbinder, host pastor, assisted by Rev. Leo Chance, pastor at Springfield Erie Avenue, took good care of us all.

The evangelistic emphasis, combined with the personally pointed messages of our splendid workers, stirred the pastors of the district to go home to attempt greater things for God.

PAUL G. BASSETT, Reporter



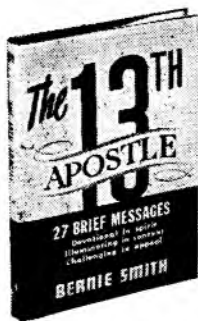
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Tennessee District Preachers' Meeting

"Being and Doing, Because we Love" was the theme of our Tennessee District preachers' convention held in Columbia, February 28 to March 2. Host Pastor Carl Powers, and his fine people of Columbia First Church, did an excellent job of entertaining all who attended. They were ably assisted by John A. Knight, Jr., and his laymen from Columbia Grace Church.

The papers, given by our loyal pastors, were of a high order, emphasizing devotion to Christ, loyalty to our entire denominational program, and participation in our Crusade for Souls Now!

Rev. D. K. Wachtel, our much-appreciated district superintendent, challenged us to go "on to 10,000 in Sunday school" for the spring months, to increase our church membership, and to become a 10 per cent district. Phenomenal gains have been made along all lines under Brother Wachtel's leadership.

Dr. Samuel Young brought inspiring and helpful messages, causing each one to analyze his motives and examine his heart. A keynote of Dr. Young's emphasis was, "Brethren, secondary motives will not do; we must operate on primary motives." We must "be" and "do" because we "love."

Throughout the convention one could readily sense the Divine Presence in our midst. The loyalty and unity of our brethren indicate clearly that the best days for the Tennessee District are ahead.

PAUL McGRADY, Reporter

Indianapolis District Preachers' Meeting

The Indianapolis District Sunday-school convention and preachers' meeting was held April 11 to 14 in the Indianapolis Ray Street Church. From the first prayer on Monday morning until the benediction on Thursday night, the Spirit of God was manifest in a most unusual way. The meetings were marked by the fruits of the Spirit and especially the scriptural phrase, "Behold, how they love one another!"

Rev. Luther Cantwell, district superintendent, and the program committee chose to use the theme of "Spiritual Romance" in the papers to be given; and it was, in this reporter's opinion, one of the greatest conventions he ever attended. The papers were on the line of the "Spiritual Romance" of teaching, visiting, altar work, personal work, preaching, etc., and not a one was substandard.

Our special speakers were Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and Rev. D. S. Somerville, superintendent of the Eastern Kentucky District. Both of them presented messages of inspiration from the Word of God. The attendance was good in every service and the church packed for the evening services. We will all be better laymen and preachers for this great convention.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. C. B. Cox having resigned the district superintendency of the Colorado District, I hereby appoint Dr. O. J. Finch to succeed him effective May 26, 1955. This appointment has the unanimous approval of the Board of General Superintendents.

General Superintendent
D. I. VANDERPOOL

Among the speakers and visitors were four other district superintendents: Rev. W. S. Purinton, Illinois; Rev. Leo Davis, Southwest Indiana; Rev. Arthur Morgan, Northwest Indiana; and Rev. John Knight, Florida. Rev. John Swarengen ably represented our Olivet Nazarene College in his paper. Also with us for this meeting were a goodly number of ministers and evangelists from other districts.

The district wishes to thank Rev. M. W. Kemper and his good people of the Ray Street Church for being such kind hosts in allowing us the use of their beautiful new sanctuary for our services—it was adequate for all our needs.

THOMAS E. WALKER, Reporter

DEATHS

HALE—Thurman Monroe Hale, age thirty-eight, of West Plains, Missouri, died in a St. Louis hospital in January, 1955. He was born December 4, 1916, near Grimmer, Missouri. On May 28, 1941, he was united in marriage to Mary Siler. He was a veteran of World War II. As a young boy Thurman became a member of Bethany Baptist Church, later joining the Church of the Nazarene at Modesto, California, where he lived after being separated from the army. A few months ago they returned to West Plains, Howell County. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hale; his wife, Mary Siler Hale; two daughters and one son; also two sisters and two brothers. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. F. L. Spindler, of Ava, with a second service at New Liberty in charge of Rev. Alva Bennett. Burial was in the New Liberty cemetery.

VASTBINDER—Archie Clayton Vastbinder was born in Lindley, New York, February 28, 1883, and died January 14, 1955. In 1904 he found Christ as his personal Saviour; soon thereafter, in answer to prayer, he was instantly healed. In 1907 he was united in marriage to Grace White, and in 1916 they united with First Church of the Nazarene, Dayton, Ohio. Later they transferred to the Franklin Church of the Nazarene, where they faithfully attended for more than twenty years. In 1938 they became charter members of the Maryland Avenue Church of the Nazarene, and in 1948, likewise of the new Northridge Church. Tragedy struck time and again in their home, but only deepened their consecration to the will of God. He is survived by his wife, Grace; three sons, Ernest and Carl of Dayton, and Walter of Springfield; also two sisters. Three children and two brothers preceded him in death.

SMITH—Mrs. Allen C. Smith died January 12, 1955, of congestive heart failure, at a hospital in Ponca City, Oklahoma, where she had been a patient for almost twelve weeks. She was born December 9, 1869, in Valonia, Indiana. On December 25, 1889, she was united in marriage to Allen C. Smith. He made the Cherokee Strip run in September of 1893 from Arkansas City. She was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene in Ponca City, taught in the Sunday school for many years, was active in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and served as deaconess for a number of years. A few years ago she transferred her membership to the Methodist church. Mr. Smith preceded her in death in 1926. She is survived by three daughters, Nadyne, Juliet, and Kathryn, of the home; a son, Alan, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Alva; one daughter died in 1904.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

Pfc. Adelard Everton writes:

"I am almost ready to leave Germany and I want to thank the Servicemen's Commission for their fine work. I am asking that you discontinue the literature and I know that the rest of the servicemen have enjoyed it also. Many times as I read the HERALD and other holiness literature tears would come to my eyes and I would get blessed to see how the work of the Lord is going forward. Pray for the Christian servicemen, for souls are being won for the Lord here in the service through their witness. I would like to say that I have grown stronger in the Lord since I came into the army; also God has helped me in many ways to work for Him. Those of you who are just coming into the service, make it your determination to grow stronger in the Lord and witness for Him continually. Just remember that you can be just as good a Christian in the service as you were at home, for no one can change you but yourself. I know Christmas is past, but I would like to thank you for the fine letter that I received wishing me a merry Christmas. After being away from home for my second Christmas, receiving such a nice letter made me feel better. Again I want to thank you and I am sure that we servicemen can't put into words our thanks for the interest you show in us. The work of the Servicemen's Commission is doing much for the Kingdom."

Chaplain Lyle Robinson writes:

"I would like to offer a word of commendation for Tacoma First Church, its members, and their pastor, for the work they are doing and the contribution they are making to the lives of Nazarene service personnel stationed in this area. I have enjoyed and appreciated greatly the privilege of working with Rev. Crawford Vanderpool, former pastor, who recently moved to South Dakota; and with Rev. Virgil Grover, present pastor. They are both good, capable men and they, with the people of this church, have done a grand job ministering to service people from Fort Lewis and McChord. The number of service people with their dependents regularly attending Tacoma First Church is constantly changing but usually runs around forty."

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QUILLIN—Mrs. M. V. Quillin, age eighty-two, died November 30, 1954, at her home in Cameron, Texas. While quite young she was married to George Smith; to this union was born one son. Mr. Smith died about a year later; and she was later married to Jim Quillin. To this union were born four sons and five daughters. She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years; was a member at Temple until two years ago, when the church was organized at Cameron, and she became a charter member. She is survived by five sons and four daughters. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. D. A. Lambert, pastor.

HOWARD—Leon Layton Howard was born May 17, 1924, in Hutchinson, Kansas, and died January 4, 1955, while undergoing surgery for a heart ailment in a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. He was the only son of Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Howard, pastors of the Carbondale Church of the Nazarene in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City, and left a good testimony. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorcas Anne Howard; two sons, Carl and Richard; two daughters, Sandra and Patricia; his father and mother; and one sister, Mrs. Valeta Cooper. Funeral service was in Oklahoma City First Church with Rev. R. T. Williams in charge, assisted by Dr. I. C. Mathis and Rev. Kenneth Rice. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Oklahoma City.

NICE—Millard Wayne Nice was born October 12, 1880, in Athens County, Ohio, and died at his home in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, February 10, 1955. He united with the Methodist church in 1917, served as superintendent for several years, and was faithful to his Master until death. He was instrumental in the establishing and building of the Church of the Nazarene in Kingfisher, and was faithful to it from its beginning. He is survived by his wife, five sons, and three daughters. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Carl Collins.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. A. E. Collins is entering the evangelistic field August 1. If you are looking for a strong holiness preacher of the rugged, evangelistic type, a man of devotion and prayer, give Brother Collins a call. His experience as pastor, district superintendent, and college president fits him in a unique way to do our churches good. Address him % Nazarene Publishing House, 1592 Bloor Street, W., Toronto 9, Ontario, Canada.—R. F. Woods, Superintendent of Canada Central District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Verna Groves, song evangelist, and Mr. James McConnell were united in marriage on April 17, at Community Church of the Nazarene in Brooksville, Florida, with the pastor, Rev. Wm. Snyder, officiating.

Miss Leah Mae Zimbelman and Mark Twain Wynhoff were united in marriage on February 14, at First Church of the Nazarene, Sacramento, California, with Rev. Edwin Zimbelman, brother of the bride, and Nazarene pastor in Jamestown, North Dakota, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Troutman of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Steven Robert, on April 26.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Franklin of Washtucna, Washington, a daughter, Cathy Jo, on March 28.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Illinois for the parents of two small children—the father is in prison and the mother is being untrue; by a widowed Nazarene mother in Alabama for an unsaved loved one in a serious nervous condition, for salvation and healing, that a broken home may be restored, and that she may have greater faith and courage;

by a Nazarene in Michigan that God will touch her body and heal her of an ailment which has tormented her for so long and doctors do not seem to be able to cure—also that God may undertake in an unspoken request for His glory, as it seems more than she can bear at times;

by a lady in Ohio that God may undertake for special physical and spiritual needs.

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District Assembly Information

FLORIDA—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at the Presbyterian church, 600 N.W. 6th Street (on Hi-way 17), Winter Haven, Florida. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Don L. Newell, 235 S.W. 'F' Ave. Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

NEVADA-UTAH—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, 231 East 6th Street, Reno, Nevada. Entertaining pastor: Rev. M. G. Bassett, 231 East 6th Street. Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

NEW MEXICO—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church of the Nazarene, Spruce and Lead Avenue, S.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico (night services will be held in the Central Methodist Church, 215 Pine Avenue, N.E.). Entertaining pastor: Rev. Carleton G. Ponsford, 1215 Lead Avenue, S.E. Send mail and other items relating to assembly % this address. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

LOS ANGELES—Assembly, May 25 to 27, at Breeze Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 1480 E. Washington St., Pasadena, California. Entertaining pastor: Dr. J. George Taylorson, 1480 E. Washington St. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Dr. Taylorson, 1480 E. Washington St., Pasadena, California. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

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