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The most thrilling fact of all ages is Christ's victory over death and the grave. Every other major event in world history pales into insignificance in comparison to it. The triumphant voice from an empty tomb sounded the death knell to the curse of sin and began the destruction of the kingdom of evil.

The resurrection of Christ brought a new day to the Early Church and gave her a story to tell that is ever true and never grows old. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said," is the story that straightened

"Go Quickly, and Tell"

General Superintendent Vanderpool

God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

II Cor. 5:19

drooping shoulders, lifted bowed heads, restored shattered faith, and wiped the tears from the face of the weeping. The same story is ours to tell. Transforming power abides with it still. That story will quicken the faltering steps of men in our day. It will lift the mist from tear-dimmed eyes, revive the hope of the despairing, and kindle unquenchable fires in the heart of the Christian.

Every department of the Church is challenged to "go quickly, and tell." We are all ambassadors of good news, and the good news is for the whole world. So long as there is one man of any color or race who has not heard the wonderful story of redemption through Christ the task of the Church is not finished.

Millions live today in the shadow of death. They have never heard the wonderful story of love, sacrifice, death, and glorious triumph of Christ. They wait for us and our message of hope.

The followers of other world religions point with pride to the garnished sepulchers of their founders. The Christian points to an empty tomb with triumphant joy and declares, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." We have a *living Founder and Leader* in a resurrected Christ.

The challenge, "Go quickly" (by train, ship or plane), "and tell" (by the preached Word, the printed page, or convincing testimony) that Jesus has been and now is our Source of triumph over the curse of sin, is ever before us. I must "go quickly, and tell" someone, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." "Go quickly, and tell" (Matt. 28:6-7).

LATE NEWS

Telegrams

Pasadena, California—Organized Mojave Church on Sunday morning, January 20. Dedicated building same day. Rev. Harold Hawkins, pastor.—W. Shelburne Brown, Superintendent of Los Angeles District. (Received Jan. 24)

Pasadena, California—Organized El Sereno Church on Sunday, January 27; twenty-four charter members; Rev. William Flygare, pastor.—W. Shelburne Brown, Superintendent of Los Angeles District. (Received Jan. 28)

Little Rock, Arkansas—Little Rock First Church closed best revival in ten years with Rev. James Crabtree. Hearts were touched, backsliders reclaimed. House filled night after night; over two hundred seekers at the altar during the meeting. Pastor and people encouraged.—W. L. French, Superintendent of South Arkansas District.

Rev. Dennis Mangrum has resigned as pastor of Dale Chapel Church in Nashville to accept the call to First Church in Columbia, Tennessee.

After five years as pastor of the church at Highland, Indiana, Rev. Robert L. Griffin has accepted the call to the church in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

After serving nearly three years under appointment as pastor of the home-mission church at Pond Creek on the Northwest Oklahoma District, Rev. E. C. Stegall has accepted the pastorate of the church in Idabel, Oklahoma, on the Southeast Oklahoma District.

Think on This!

Searching for Security

By J. M. YARBROUGH

A young soldier had returned from the armed services. I had known him rather well before he went into the service, so upon his return he came to see me, and being in an expansive mood, he wanted to talk.

The conversation had not gone far until the matter of his future employment came in for a few comments and a little counsel. But almost at once he dismissed most of the vocations or forms of employment as being insecure. He said, "I want security! I'm not too interested in high immediate income, so long as the job over the long pull will give me something for the future. I must feel secure!"

The human spirit cries out for security and makes its plans to have it.

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But God in His dealings with human individuals has had much experience at this point. He has often been disregarded and ignored—only for the person so doing to discover that God is the only One that can furnish real security both temporal and eternal.

Health may slip away or the job which seemed so secure may not prove so. Experience teaches that one must have some measure of health in order to retain employment.

Life may be snuffed out and loved ones who had depended on us may not find the usual needed support.

Security is in His hands, not in the hands of the mere mortal who needs it!

THINK ON THIS!

Unmeasured

By BERTHA R. HUDELSON

*A touch of sunlight
Glorifies the world;
The rain reveals earth's gifts
Assured and treasured.
The kindliness of man
And his pure selflessness
Reveal and glorify
God's love unmeasured.*

GOD'S CALL

Is for Unity

By SYLVESTER A. SMITH

Pastor, Lombard, Illinois

"That they may be one," prayed Jesus. Anything for which Jesus prayed is worthy of our consideration. If He prayed for something, that for which He prayed should come to pass.

Jesus did not pray for intellectual unity. If He had, it would have meant that by proper application of our minds we would, at the point of sanctification, reach the same conclusions—all sanctified souls would think the same things. No, intellectual acumen is not obtained at an altar of prayer.

Nor was Jesus' prayer for unity of method. The fact that Jesus used no stereotyped ritual or method for dealing with men argues that He was not calling for a single method to be used by all the sanctified.

Jesus' prayer was for spiritual unity. It was the kind of unity that can be illustrated by those of different political parties in our country being united against common national enemies. Such unity binds the physical and intellectual and spiritual energies together to strengthen the position of America. The question is not so much: "Which political party do you embrace?" but, "Are you an American?"

There are causes so high that differences on lower levels subordinate themselves to the higher. There is an altitude in the realm of the spirit, called holiness, to which each Christian has access. From that high eminence can be seen the common enemy, and in that high place can be sensed the presence of our one Master. Devotion to Him binds those who make the ascent into a powerful unity that Satan and all the cohorts of hell cannot undo.

Jesus prayed for the Father to sanctify His followers that they might be one. That is the unity to which He calls us. Do you have the courage and the faith to answer the call?

The Story of **Home Missions**

The first Church of the Nazarene was founded by Dr. P. F. Bresee in Los Angeles, California, in 1895. According to a historical statement in the first *Manual* published in 1898, there were "about one hundred members" in that first congregation.

Today, as the result of the co-operation of the people and the blessing of God upon a second-blessing holiness ministry, we have 4,435 churches—thus it is seen we have come from a single congregation to nearly 4,500 congregations. This is the story of Home Missions. It is true that some of our growth was due to mergers with other groups, yet without this home missionary vision these churches would never have been organized.

Today these thousands of churches are organized into seventy-two fully organized districts. This also is the story of Home Missions.

Today, instead of "about one hundred church members" in that first church in Los Angeles, God has given us about 280,000 members. This is largely the story of Home Missions.

The church was begun with probably no more than 6 preachers, but today we have about 7,500 ministers of all categories. This is the story of Home Missions. For through the agency of these new churches men heard and responded to the divine call to preach the gospel.

Beginning in those early days and continuing until now, the foreign missionary enterprise of the Church of the Nazarene is now found in about thirty nations of the earth. There are about 600 churches on the foreign fields with about 38,000 members and nearly 1,700 missionaries and national workers. This is the story

of Home Missions because without a strong "home base" we could not have a permanently strong foreign work.

Today the church is giving for all purposes more than \$37,000,000.00. The reaching of this level of giving is largely the story of Home Missions, for it is only as an increasing number of new congregations are formed that this financial achievement is possible.

Over 600,000 men, women, boys, and girls study God's Word in Nazarene Sunday schools, largely the results of Home Missions. Thousands of young people are training for lives of service in Nazarene colleges and its seminary as the results of home missionary efforts of another day continue to accumulate.

In fact, in any direction we look at the life and work of the church we see the importance of the work of Home Missions; those beginnings "at Jerusalem" continue to stretch out in their influence to the uttermost parts of the earth. As we face our fiftieth anniversary, let us remember the lessons from our past and give to the home missionary enterprise our best in prayer, in planning, and in giving, for what we will be in the future is being determined today, and each layman, pastor, and superintendent is helping to write that history. God and lost men are calling for the mobilization of the church's resources, both spiritual and material, in this all-important task.

"Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (Jas. 5:19-20).

By HARDY C. POWERS, General Superintendent

DIVIDENDS for PIONEERS

By **H. BLAIR WARD**
Canada Central District Superintendent

"Dividends?" . . . Investment is implied there, and some kind of return from that investment.

Quickly I turned to our last District Journal to see how our investments were coming along (and ours is only a small district, one of the home-mission areas of our church). It showed \$819,000.00 invested in church and parsonage property. But it also showed \$14,756.00 paid to general interests, \$21,306.00 paid to the district, and \$177,284.00 paid for local expenses. The total was \$213,346.00 paid for all purposes. A little pencil work revealed this to be a 26 per cent return on the investment.

I figured a bit more and discovered 5.6 per cent of the money raised last year went into the general missionary work of our denomination. We are not satisfied with that percentage, and doubtless it will increase as our district becomes stronger; but even at the present figure, 5.6 per cent is not a bad return on a good, safe investment.

But wait—dollars alone cannot tell the story in a work such as ours. We deal in eternal values. I turned the pages of that same Journal. There on page 9 was the list: Jean Darling, missionary to India; Mary Wallace, missionary to Nicaragua; John and Natalie Holstead, missionaries to Formosa (on the high seas as this is being written); and on page 17 another name, Jack Armstrong, now serving in Uruguay. Missionaries; Missionaries of the matchless cross of our Christ, gone to the four corners of the world to tell the glad news of a Redeemer who can save and sanctify.

My heart thrilled! I turned other pages. Here were listed pastors, evangelists, and other workers. As I read these names my mind also leaped over the miles to men I knew from this district who were serving on other districts and in other places.

These had been saved, had been sanctified, had been called to work at the altars of *our* churches. Would they have gone, would those to whom they now minister ever have heard, had these churches on our district not been established? Only God, of course, knows, but I suspect not.

Then I thought of the hundreds of others who had sought God at these same altars and had risen to begin a new life in Christ.

Dividends, dividends, far too many and too numerous to mention! But the title of this article says something about dividends for pioneers. Who was responsible for all this? God, of course, but who else? Pioneers! I thought of faithful laymen who had stood true to God during the years, sacrificing, loving, serving. I thought, too, of a young man in his first pastorate, in a country place several years ago. Many times he was discouraged; sometimes he came to me for help. Today we have a thriving church in that place. If he had not gone, if he had not served, probably that church would not be there.

I thought of another who stood on the side of a mountain and saw a great city stretched out before him. Called of God, he went down from the mount of vision to serve in the streets of that city. Today we have two churches there. I thought, too, of the church that began in the rear of the old fruit market; of the one in the little hall back of the day school; of the one in the store; of others and still others. All these were started by modern pioneers, served by pioneers.

What do all these things seem to say? Simply this: God's dividends to those who serve are in values eternity alone will reveal. They speak, too, of this great fact—our evangelistic effort at home and abroad depends on the home missionary effort of our church and its people.

HOME MISSIONS PAYS BIG DIVIDENDS!

HOME MISSIONS in South Africa

By **CHARLES H. STRICKLAND**

South Africa (European) District Superintendent

The goal of our home-mission districts overseas from the long-term view is twofold: to build within the countries involved a self-supporting district, and to create within those district organizations a home missionary spirit which will insure the continued growth and expansion of the work. In the realization of these goals the Department of Home Missions and our entire church will feel that the investments in opening these fields have been justified. The attainment of these goals on the home-mission fields is a large assignment, but it is encouraging to see progress being made in this direction.

Here in South Africa we are making some progress toward these goals. From the beginning there has been an aggressive spirit for home missions among our preachers and people. This desire to share the gospel with others stems, not

Why has God blessed the Texas City church?



New building for the La Marque, Texas, church, sponsored by the Texas City church

**By HAROLD C. DAVIS, Pastor
Texas City, Texas**

February 20, 1955, at the close of the Sunday morning message, delivered by Dr. V. H. Lewis, the La Marque Church of the Nazarene was organized at the altar of the Texas City church.

The invitation was, "All who desire to unite with the new home-mission church come forward." A choice group of laymen responded to the challenge. Twenty-one church members made up the new church. Forty-six members were enrolled in the Sunday school. Among this number were some splendid members of the Texas City church: the N.Y.P.S. president, the assistant Sunday-school superintendent, the assistant choir director, three Sunday-school teachers, and five members of the church board.

Those who made up the new church were not only good church workers but also a fine tithing group. From their initial week the new church has

received in tithes and offering in excess of one hundred dollars per week.

The question in many minds was, Will the Texas City church be able to stand such loss? I think the records give us the answer.

The year preceding the organization of the new church the Texas City church averaged 185 in Sunday school and now is running well above 250 with over 300 often. As to church members, over 100 have been received by profession of faith

by the sponsoring church during the past 24 months. As to the heavy financial loss, we are happy to report great gains. Two years ago our church raised \$13,000.00 for all purposes. The year just closed the total income was well over \$19,000.00 for the Texas City church. The new La Marque church raised \$7,000.00 which gave a total increase for the two churches of \$13,000.00, or double the amount raised two years ago.

The reason God has blessed the sponsoring church in such great measure, I believe, is due to the desire on the part of our people to share the message unselfishly with others. On the day the new church was organized the district superintendent, Dr. V. H. Lewis, made this statement, "I have been coming to the Texas City church for nearly eight years and this is the finest spirit I have found in any of the services." That statement, we feel, gives the answer to the question, "Why has God blessed the Texas City Nazarenes in such a wonderful way?"

alone from denominational loyalty, but also from the deeper motivation of the worth and urgency of the message of holiness. In our last District Assembly, nineteen churches reported that they were responsible for twenty-three European missions. These are places, in addition to the churches, where regularly scheduled services or branch Sunday schools are conducted. This is an average of more than one per church, and for the most part they are held in areas which have some potential for future churches.

This sacrificial effort on the part of our pastors

and people is now beginning to pay dividends in home-mission work. Our Regents Park Church in Johannesburg became self-supporting nearly three years ago. Last year they began sponsoring a branch Sunday school in the Germiston area as well as a prayer meeting. Volunteers from the church assisted the minister, Rev. T. H. M. Barron. This effort has now developed into a definite opportunity. While I was in America on furlough, the Regents Park Church, together with the District Advisory Board, organized a new church with twelve charter members, giving us twenty churches

in South Africa, and the fourth in the greater Johannesburg area. A church building was offered for sale in the area, and Regents Park gave a sacrifice offering to make possible the down payment. Mr. Barron is pastoring the new work in addition to his pastorate of Regents Park.

Kimberley, the great diamond center of South Africa, is another example of South African home missions. A campaign was conducted here under the direction of Rev. J. MacLachland and Rev. C. J. Pass, financed entirely from district funds. A small beginning was made, and Mr. Pass remained to pastor and build the work. We were renting property in the city which had been built by the Church of England as a chapel. Suddenly

this property was offered to the Church of the Nazarene at a reasonable price. Situated in the downtown area, the Advisory Board voted to make the purchase. The deposit of \$1,500.00 was given by the district from home-mission money raised on the district. A church has been established in this important city.

In our home-mission efforts we have used all of the methods of the Crusade for Souls to the greatest possible advantage. We have held services in tents, rented hall, farm homes, and wherever a crowd may be secured. Not all campaigns have produced new churches, but with few exceptions every church is the product of an intensive evangelistic crusade.

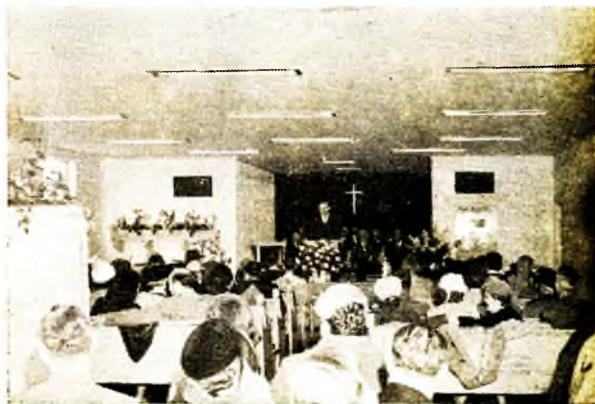
FROM THE HEART OF A LAYMAN

By **MORRIS W. DAVIS**, *Lay Member of General Board and Indianapolis District Advisory Board*

A vision for a Church of the Nazarene in the north section of Indianapolis was conceived by a layman, Mr. Dan Moriarity, some five years ago. This area was untouched by our church and there was only one holiness church within miles of several new and growing suburban communities. What a challenge this presented with all these needy people and most of them families with young children! Lots of children mean a wonderful Sunday-school nucleus. How we were thrilled as we drove up and down the streets looking for a suitable location to see little future Nazarenes running and playing! With laymen like Dan Moriarity and home-mission-minded superintendents like Luther Cantwell, we are certain to start new churches and enlarge God's kingdom, if we will fast and pray and mind the Lord.

That is just what happened at Broad Ripple in Indianapolis. In July, 1951, a group of people met in our home under the supervision of Rev. Luther Cantwell and the church was organized with eighteen members. Rev. T. E. Walker of Versailles, Kentucky, was appointed pastor. Many friends were present that Sunday afternoon who were interested in helping to advance the Kingdom.

The people had a vision (without which we perish) and faithfully worshiped together, first in a home and later, for about a year, in a mortuary. With a substantial gift from Mr. Moriarity and the gifts of others who have contributed generously, the ground was purchased and building was started late in 1955. A construction loan was secured from the Division of Church Extension and some helpful advice was obtained from Dr. Roy Smee as to future planning. The congregation has continued to grow and at the District Assembly in 1956 thirty members were reported.



Dedication service at Indianapolis Broad Ripple Church, Dr. Mendell Taylor speaking.

The goal for this year is thirty new members and we are well on our way. Through the untiring work of Rev. T. E. Walker, and his wise leadership as contractor and builder, the first unit has been completed and was dedicated on December 9, 1956, with Dr. Mendell Taylor as the special speaker. The air-conditioning unit is yet to be installed to complete the plans for year-round comfort. The total indebtedness is approximately \$15,000.00.

One of the greatest thrills of my life was when, returning from a convention at Cleveland, we flew over our little church and I could see my pastor and others working on the roof. I said, "Thank God for our good pastors who are willing to work to hew out the Kingdom, and for consecrated laymen like Dan Moriarity and Harry Johnson and many others who are willing to give as God has prospered them." Praise the Lord!

Flying over Indiana, Illinois, and Missouri on

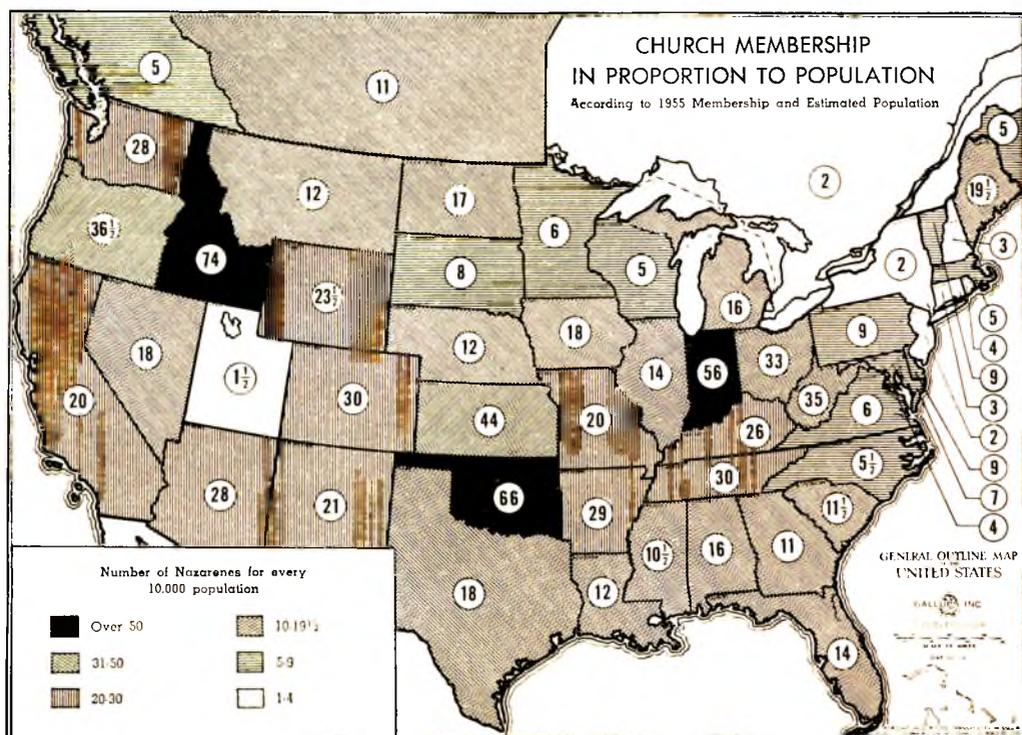
One Thousand New Churches by 1960

We have been challenged to organize 1,000 new churches this quadrennium. This is no small task, but the need of our home fields and the opportunities still at our door should help us to realize it ought to be done and it can be done.

Our districts are spending almost one million dollars a year on home missions. The fact that our net gain in churches during the past quadrennium was the largest in our history indicates that we are more carefully planning the establishing of new congregations. In our tremendously mobile day, we must study population movements and trends in order that our new churches may be strategically placed in developing areas. Census experts tell us there are five more people in the United States every minute. In spite of this population surge, almost half of the counties in this country had a net loss in population during the decade 1940-50. Our cities are growing and new

suburban developments are springing up almost daily. To reach these people—to keep America from going pagan—we must evangelize and take the church where they are through Home Missions.

The map printed below will help us see what we are accomplishing. It reveals the penetration of the church in relation to population. A similar map, on the basis of the 1950 census, was published by the Department of Home Missions a few years ago. Since that time we have had an increase in Nazarenes in proportion to the population in all but seven states, and in two of these seven we have kept pace with population. This is encouraging, but let us not forget the other side of the picture—there are 474 towns and cities of over 10,000 population in the United States in which we have no church. God help us all to catch a new missionary vision of the need around us.



my way to Kansas City in January, I saw many, many new suburban areas. I cannot help but say, "The fields are white unto harvest," and my heart

with anguish answers, "But the labourers are [so] few." Nazarenes, let us work while it is yet day, for "the night cometh, when no man can work."

What is your concept of the responsibility of your church? Is it merely a place of meeting together for Christian fellowship, a place for Bible teaching, a sort of spiritual dining room where you get your soul blessed? It should be all of this, but you should think of it as infinitely more than a place of personal benefit in supplying your spiritual needs. Your church should be a propagating factor. And I have serious doubts if you can receive the benefits suggested from your church if your concept leaves out the ministry of your church to others.

We should think of our church as a channel through which we may be a blessing to the world. There are not many of us who have the opportunity

regular reports concerning the work being done and the results achieved by the spending of your money. Here a worker upon whom your money is spent has been carefully screened and chosen because of his fitness for his task. Here anyone can inquire into all the phases of the work and know how every dollar is spent.

The church is an organization schooled in teamwork—a family of mutual interests. Who would think of caring for another's child while his own goes hungry? Why should our support go to some unattached person or enterprise while we allow those for whom we are directly responsible to suffer want?

Yes, your church must be a propagating factor

A Propagating Factor By ROY F. SMEE General Home Missions Secretary

to touch much of the world. Our circle of influence is limited, but through the channels of the Church of the Nazarene we can extend our influence around the world.

We should think of our church as a field to cultivate—a place where we can help plant the gospel seed to be cultivated and be made to grow and reproduce that still others may receive the benefits of the gospel.

It has been my observation that it is that soul which is most interested in the propagation of the gospel that keeps blessed in his own heart. The self-centered soul becomes egotistical. Instead of entering wholeheartedly into the outreach of his church he looks for places outside of his own church's program to make contributions on his own and where he will receive a personal "pat on the back." He sends money here and there, to this radio program and that one, without knowing much of the character or personal standards of those whom he is promoting. This egotistical church member falls easy prey to the appeals to independent missionary enterprises, concerning many of which the donor has little or no means to follow up and know the results of his contribution. But he feels an elation when he receives a direct letter of plaudits describing the great needs with "tears."

But stop and think! What about your own church and the responsibilities it has assumed in the field of missions? If every Nazarene became an egocentric giver would there be a field for world evangelism? Our own church channels are the safest and most productive means of gospel propagation for Nazarene money. Here we have consecrated overseers of our fields. Here we have

in the spread of the gospel. It can be such only when every member feels that he is a part of a great outreach.

Somebody became interested in you. Somebody prayed for you. Somebody financed the gospel vehicle that brought the saving message to your heart. Are you interested in financing a gospel vehicle to take the gospel to someone else? You would not have a church in which to worship and fellowship and get blessed if someone had not been willing to sacrifice to go and pray and pay in order that it might be so. Can we be happy to accept these benefits from those of yesterday and feel no concern for others today who wait for our message?

Every Nazarene's first responsibility to his church is to do all in his power to make his church a propagating factor. This means that every church should feel the impact of our quadrennial slogan—"Every Church Help Start a Church."

I know of no more fruitful factor than this matter of helping to start new Nazarene churches. For every one organized becomes a new unit in our organized effort to propagate the gospel around the world. And every new member in each of these new units becomes a vital part of the entire program.

During the past eight years over 28 per cent of the total number of churches in our fellowship have been organized. Is it any wonder that during the same time the general giving of our church to world evangelism has increased?

This is only the beginning of what God wants to do through and for us. Let every Nazarene say, "Amen," and then begin to look for an opportunity to help start a new church.

FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY



By WENDELL WELLMAN

Pastor, First Church, Atlanta, Georgia

George Washington was not an angel. He was not perfect. Historical research has revealed him as intensely human, somewhat high-tempered, a lover of good jokes, and capable of making occasional mistakes. But this later, more accurate picture does not mean that he was not a great national leader. He still merits the title "Father of His Country." *And he was a good father!*

A GOOD FATHER IS A MAN OF STRONG CHARACTER

It is a sobering but inescapable fact that most boys follow closely in Dad's footsteps. The character of the next generation will bear a striking resemblance to the character of this present one. "Like father, like son," is written indelibly across the pages of history. Thus a good father must be a man of strong character. Washington was just such a father.

"What gives Washington his special distinction, what, in fact, accounts for his peculiar greatness and appeal, is not book learning but character," writes Padover.

"All his measures were right in their intent," said Daniel Webster. "He stated the whole basis of his own great character when he told the country, in the homely phrase of the proverb, that honesty is the best policy."

Webster declared further that Washington's character would wield a powerful influence upon the youth of America: "The ingenuous youth of America will hold up to themselves the bright mold of Washington's example, and study to be what they behold; they will contemplate his character till all its virtues spread out and display themselves to their delighted vision . . ." Subsequent history proves Webster a prophet.

A GOOD FATHER LOVES HIS CHILDREN

He puts their interests above his own. He gladly toils, sacrifices, and suffers, if need be, for those he loves. Washington loved his country like that. Writes one: "He loved its mountains and rivers and plains. He loved the customs and the ways of the people who lived in this country. Most of

all, Washington loved the spirit of liberty and freedom which grew among his countrymen, and which they fought to uphold."

He placed his country's interest above his own comfort and convenience—always the acid test. Writing to his brother on March 31, 1776, he said, ". . . no man perhaps since the first institution of armies ever commanded one under more difficult circumstances than I have done . . . Many of my difficulties and distresses were of so peculiar a cast that in order to conceal them from the enemy, I was obliged to conceal them from my friends, and indeed from my own army, thereby subjecting my conduct to interpretations unfavorable to my character."

Thereby subjecting my conduct to interpretations unfavorable to my character! Only those who truly love permit this! Selfishness saves itself; love becomes so involved in saving others that all too often it cannot save itself! Washington was a good father. He loved!

A GOOD FATHER IS NOT OVERINDULGENT

Juvenile delinquency is one of today's pressing problems—and *it isn't confined to the slums!* Recently my city was rocked by a wave of vandalism. When the gang was finally apprehended they proved to be not the *underprivileged* but the *overprivileged!* Overindulgent parents are responsible for much of today's crime and delinquency.

Washington was not an overindulgent father. He did not hesitate to call upon the nation to suffer hardship and privation. In a letter to Major General Phillip Schuyler, dated December 24, 1775, he asked, "When is it time for men to exert themselves in the cause of liberty and their country, if this is not? Should any difficulties that they may have to encounter at this important crisis deter them?"

He believed in and insisted upon strict discipline. To Colonel William Woodford he wrote, "Be strict in your discipline; that is . . . require nothing unreasonable of your officers and men, but see that whatever is required be punctually complied with." Good advice for us fathers too!

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Birds of a Feather

By EVA V. BEETS

Once I made up my mind that I could leave behind me for a few days my church, my children, and my home, I accepted an invitation to visit two of my sisters who live in Mobile, Alabama. Knowing that both of them work during the day, I took along some of my work, which I thought would help to kill some of the time I would be alone. For the first two days I did very well, but after that I began to grow a bit restless. Relief from responsibilities at home was fine for a change, but soon the silence within and the noise of traffic without brewed a state of restlessness in my soul.

Such a waste of time! Perhaps I'd better try to make acquaintances next door, and if I fail, maybe

I can find someone further on down the street, I brooded silently. But no, I couldn't do that. City folks may not be too eager for a stranger to come barging in, I reasoned. If only the Lord had blessed me as He has so many with the talent of making friends easily, I could do even more for Him.

Why, even the birds back home knew more about making friends than I did. For hadn't I watched the comings and goings of them for years in the blessed swampland surrounding my home? Flocks and flocks of them arriving at every change of the season, chattering away with their new-found friends as if their little lungs would burst.

Then I thought how they had traveled in separate groups, each rejoicing with its own kind. Although living in perfect peace, each call, I re-

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A GOOD FATHER TEACHES HIS CHILDREN

My earliest education came from my dad. At the age of three he taught me to read. During the next two years he taught me to spell hundreds of words. How much easier it made those first few years of school!

Teaching is part of a father's task, and Washington did not neglect it. He endeavored constantly to teach our young nation lessons that would insure her growth and well-being. He taught the importance of unity: "Every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest should be indignantly frowned upon." Timely counsel for our day!

He warned against character assassination: "To aim a stroke at the reputation of a virtuous charac-

ter . . . is a crime of so deep dye as no epithet can convey an adequate idea to my mind." Again how timely!

He taught vital moral lessons: "There is no truth more thoroughly established than that there exists in the economy and course of nature an indissoluble union between virtue and happiness . . ." Not out of date that!

A GOOD FATHER PRAYS FOR HIS CHILDREN

Fortunate indeed is the boy who has a praying dad! Blessed indeed is the home where Dad leads the family to the Throne daily! Washington was this kind of father to America. After his inauguration in 1779 he prayed thus for the country he loved:

Almighty God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large.

This was not his first, and by no means his last, prayer for America.

Yes, he was a good father. He loved us, and we love him in return. At this anniversary of his birth we dedicate ourselves anew to the ideals for which he lived and died. God bless America, the land he loved—the land we love!

DID YOU
Know.....?

Your publishing house has produced eighty-eight different books in the last quadrennium.

membered, was echoed in the same harmonious key.

And suddenly I lifted the receiver off its cradle and dialed a number. After exchanging greetings with the pastor of the Mobile First Church of the Nazarene, I quickly accepted his invitation to attend the grand opening of the new educational building they had just completed.

It was with awe and a heart filled with rejoicing that I found the auditorium filled to capacity on Sunday morning. And I thought of the scripture, "And the glory of the Lord shone round about them," as I listened to the choir singing, accompanied by piano music and the strains of a violin.

The pastor told us how many times men had toiled far into the night, after a hard day's work bringing in their livelihood, to complete the new building. And now the basket resting on the altar was being filled with Thanksgiving offerings from glad hearts which felt it a privilege to be serving our Saviour.

"And these are my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ," I told my sister proudly, as we walked from the church following the last hearty handshake.

NEWS in PICTURE



BUST OF DR. PHINEAS F. BRESEE UNVEILED at a special ceremony in the lobby of the Headquarters Building where it will be placed. The bust was carved and donated by Mr. W. E. Eigsti, a Nazarene layman of Hastings, Nebraska. Mr. Eigsti is a professional curator of renown and serves as treasurer of the Nebraska District.

Your Prayer Life

... tune it to a perfect "A"

By **KATHERINE BEVIS, Houston, Texas**

Someone has said, "Prayer is so simple, it is like quietly opening a door and slipping into the very presence of God."

One of the greatest dangers in praying is that it may become a meaningless performance. It is easy to go through the motions in prayer without spiritual significance. Jesus' greatest conflict was with persons having this attitude toward prayer. The Pharisee "went up into the temple to pray; ..." (Luke 18:10).

If prayer is just observing customs, it makes for pride among those who are strict conformists, and it makes hypocrites out of those whose outward actions cover up inward deceit. One can hardly mention two deadlier enemies of the kingdom of God than pride and deceit.

A sheep rancher lived all alone on his ranch in Idaho, many miles from the nearest city. His only comfort was his violin. After a long day's work he would tune up and play for a while to his own delight until he was almost asleep.

But one day his *A* string broke, and as he was

getting ready to tune up the new one, he happened to think, How can I tune to a perfect *A* out here without a piano? Here I am, miles away from the nearest musical instrument and it takes a sharper ear than mine to strike a true *A*. And the *A* affects all the other strings! If it is off, they will all be off.

But the rancher was not to be defeated. Glancing at the small radio in the corner, a smart idea came to him. He sat down and wrote a letter to the director of his favorite radio program and ended his letter by saying, "Would you please strike that note for me?"

Sometime later as he was listening, he heard the announcer say: "Just a minute, stop that music! I have a letter from a rancher in Idaho whose violin is out of tune. He asks that we strike the *A* note for him. Hold everything! Now, rancher, are you listening out there? *Here's your note!*"

And so over the plains and hills rang that perfect *A*. Of course it was instantly picked up by the rancher, violin in hand. Long after the radio had been turned off, the old violin with renewed song played late into the night; but it was always on the standard pitch.

We must pray that God will "strike that note" as we enter into communion with Him. As we pray and meditate upon His Word, we must say to Him, "Strike that note." As we seek guidance when deciding a course of action, we must listen as God strikes the *A* note, then tune our prayer life accordingly.

Pass On the Gift

The Value of the Church

I grew up in the church. My father and mother belonged to it, and most of us children joined it as we grew older and were converted. It was close at hand, and we attended its services regularly. Sometimes my father was kept away from home over the week end because of his work. In that case he hunted up a church and went to Sunday school and worship service. More than that, he even found a church on prayer meeting night and attended that service. He may not have taken any part in the service except to sing, for he was not as active in his religion in the church house as some are. However, he believed in the church and thought it worthwhile to attend its meetings. From the first, we children were taught by both precept and example to respect the church and attend its services.

My parents believed in the various pastors who served the church to which they belonged. They thought of them as having a worthwhile and necessary place in society. They thought of them as earning what they received, and oftentimes more than they received. They tithed their income and gave regularly to the church. They felt that the money which they put into the church was well spent.

The church which we children grew up in supplemented the work of the home. It was essential to our lives. Since my leaving home, the church has also filled an important place in my life. When I went away to college, I belonged to a church and participated in its services. I went to a theological seminary supported by one of the great denominations. I was licensed to preach by a church, and ordained in the same. For more than forty years I have been preaching in that church. It has been a source of blessing to me across the years.

Why am I saying all of this? To emphasize the fact that I would be very ungrateful, indeed, if I were not interested in passing on the gift which has come to me through the church.

No wonder Peter said, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (I Pet. 4:10). Dare a person accept the gift which has come to him through the church without passing it on, without doing his best to provide the same gift for others? As a member of a Christian church, he should be a good steward, a good overseer of the "manifold grace of God." A good steward of the manifold grace of God, from the standpoint of the church, is one who is interested in starting other churches. He is anxious to provide for others what he has had for himself. The population of our country is growing, suburban cities

are springing up on every hand, and we must not let these new sections go unchurched. We must see to it that they have the same privileges which we have had. A church member who isn't interested in home missions is a church member who is selfish, who wants to be a dead-end street. He receives the gift but does not care to pass it on. He likes to obtain the manifold grace of God through the ministry of the church, but does not care to provide the opportunity for others to secure it through the activities of the church.

This number of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* emphasizes home missions. Every member and friend of the Church of the Nazarene ought to read it.

Editorials

Also, he should determine that he will do everything he can to help his church start a new church. "Every Church Help Start a Church." There is no more worthy slogan that any church can have. By all means we must reach the goal of "one thousand new churches during this quadrennium." If we do that, we'll have to begin now; we can't do it the last six months, the last year, or even the last two years of the quadrennium. It will take the entire quadrennium. Someone might say, "That's an impossible goal." Not at all! During the last quadrennium we established enough new churches to know that it is not unreasonable to reach the one-thousand mark during this quadrennium. Let every Nazarene put his hand to the plow and help his church start another church.

Washington Set a High Standard

"I never say anything of a man that I have the smallest scruple of saying to him." These words from the lips of George Washington set a high standard. It is easy to say things about a person when he isn't present that we wouldn't say otherwise. Washington knew that, and he took a stand against it. Washington was a gentleman of the first magnitude, in manner, in dress, in culture and refinement. He was the type of man who could have been chosen as a king because of his bearing, and what he was on the outside he was on the inside. What he was in manners he was in heart. He had a gentleman's heart; and a gentleman is not a gossip.

I have known a few men and women who not only refused to feast themselves on the faults of

Everyone wants to go to heaven, but unless we obey God we will never reach that goal. We find these words in Acts 5:29: "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."

Today man tries to please his neighbor and God. He tries to make himself think that he can serve both God and man. Yet we find in the Word of God that "no man can serve two masters" (Matt. 6:24). Therefore each individual is left to make his own decision. Whom will we serve and obey? If we choose to obey man it means the loss of our souls. If we choose Christ, we must give to Him undivided obedience. We must not neglect to obey God, for neglect means disobedience. James writes, "To him that knoweth to do

"WE OUGHT TO OBEY GOD"

By **BILL McPHAIL**, *Junior High School Student, Worth, Illinois*

good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (4:17). Just stop and think: If we as young people neglect to do His will, we sin and thus fall short of the glory of God. I hope each one of us is walking close enough to Him that we will not have to worry about neglecting His Word.

If we want Christ as our Saviour we must obey His every command. He says to us: "Why call me, 'Lord, Lord!' and obey me not? . . . He who has listened and has not obeyed is like a man who built a house on the earth with no foundation; the river dashed against it and it collapsed at once, and the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:46-49, Moffatt). Just like that house our lives will collapse and be ruined if we do not obey God; in order to be stable we must obey God.

Friends, the price you have to pay for not obeying God is too great. Let's take a look and see the price that others have paid for not obeying God. First of all we are reminded of Adam and Eve. They were cast out of the Garden of Eden for disobeying God. Then there was Jonah, who thought he could disobey and run away. How far did he get? Then we remember Lot's wife, who disobeyed God's warning, looked back, and was turned into a pillar of salt. Let me ask you, Was the price worth paying?

Friends, God's way always wins. There is no use in trying to disobey Him if you intend to make heaven your home. I am reminded of the picture showing two roads, each pointing in a different direction. One is the way called "Straight," and the other is the road to damnation. At the junction we see a traveler—he has to go one way or the other; there is no in-between road. Young people, there can be no compromise as to the direction you are going. Either you are going to obey God and walk the way of the righteous or you are going to disobey Him and follow the path of sin. Remember, you are the one who must make the decision.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Some might think the Lord expects too much from us in this verse; but look at the reward mentioned in verse twenty-three of this chapter: "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." Just by obeying God we will not only have peace and joy here on earth, but also we will abide with Him for ever and ever.

I believe the words of the old song appropriately sum up what I have said:

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.*

The Sunday-School Lesson

MELZA H.
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Topic for
February 24:

The Signs of the Times

SCRIPTURE: Matt. 14:1-16:12 (Printed: Matt. 16:1-12)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?* (Matt. 16:3.)

The enemies of Jesus here unite in their demand for a sign from heaven. Unbelief always demands a sign or additional evidence. Those who refuse to take God at His word want a sign even though they are never satisfied with any sign. There is abundant evidence for faith but never enough for unbelief. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

Jesus refused to perform signs or work miracles to satisfy unbelievers. He had been carrying on a great ministry of healing, casting out devils, feeding the hungry, and raising the dead which was abundant evidence for those who wanted to believe.

God never tries to prove His existence or His divinity. He says, "I AM." None of the miracles or plagues of Egypt were performed to prove to Pharaoh the might of God, but rather to make Pharaoh willing to let God's people go as He demanded.

Jesus said, "A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." Faith takes God at His word and believes because of what God is, rather than because of what He does. It is a poor recommendation of faith if we must have additional evidence or signs.

The disciples were warned against the leaven of the Pharisees, which was unbelief. These Pharisees were supposed to be the scholars of their day and they were too learned to accept the Christ. We need to beware of the same leaven today, for there is much that is put forth as great learning that is permeated with unbelief.

However, while Jesus did not give signs at the demand of unbelief, He derided the Pharisees and the Sadducees for not being able to read the evident signs of their times. Perhaps He would today criticize us for not being able to read the signs of our times any better than they. Surely, scripture

is being rapidly fulfilled in our day and there are evident signs of the fact that the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent.

"And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the

face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:34-36).

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Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Prayer Request

Portuguese East Africa

Please pray for several simultaneous three-day heathen revivals to be held in Portuguese East Africa, February 15, 16, 17.

These meetings are planned especially to reach heathen people who have never heard the gospel. As many as eighty of these unreached heathen have been converted in one such meeting in months past. Often the services continue late into the night, and sometimes until morning, during these three days of intensive effort. Pray earnestly that God's wonderful redemptive power will transform many souls, to the glory of His name.

Confidence

By HARRISON DAVIS, *Japan*

Probably the majority of the Nazarenes at home are not quite as conscious of the annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions as are we who are on the field. And it is doubtful if many await the annual report of the Board's decisions more eagerly than we.

Although the report for 1957 has not yet reached the field, we remember vividly the events of one year ago.

With a sense of expectancy heightened by a hundred unexpressed questions the Tokyo-area missionaries gathered to hear Acting District Superintendent Hubert Helling read the report of the 1956 meeting. We came to the same comfortable living room in Mission Home No. 1 where a host of decisions have been made, where joy and sorrow have been shared, and where we have often sought God's guidance together. Sister Helling had arranged the familiar chairs in the customary Council meeting circle. After a brief prayer, Brother Helling unfolded the letter and, with frequent interruptions from us, shared its contents.

In addition to the return of furloughed missionaries three things stood out:

First a new couple was appointed to

"come over . . . and help us." They are in language study now. Until they arrive we'll be looking and praying for them.

Second, the Board granted permission to extend the Japan field to Okinawa! A thrill of gratitude and praise ran through us. Okinawa with a Japanese-speaking people and a Japanese culture just beyond our south door! We felt our arms reaching out to draw this people close to the heart of Christ.

And finally, the point that encompassed them all was the unnamable something that sends courage flowing through the hearts of the missionaries around the world. It was not written in words but showed through the whole. We feel it always but it was focused in that report, and is best expressed in the word *confidence*.

The report reflected the confidence of a praying church in the victory of Christ's kingdom, in the work of world-wide missions, and in us whom He has called and whom you have sent to carry the message of salvation to distant places.

Idalia

By ERIC COURTNEY SMITH

Africa

These past months at Idalia have been very difficult ones and the enemy has been very busy. However, we praise God that there is a going in the tops of the mulberry trees and we are holding on in prayer that God will yet pour out of His blessing. A few weeks ago our preacher at Mkouto reported blessing on the previous Sunday. He said that things had happened there which he had never seen before. He then told how while he was preaching the power of God came down upon the service and before he could invite souls to the altar two men and one woman, all heathen, came and threw themselves down before the Lord and cried to God for mercy. All three were genuinely saved. Last night in our prayer-and-

Servicemen's Corner

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B/G William H. Wise, Commander
37th Air Division (Defense)
Truax Field
Madison, Wisconsin

DEAR GENERAL WISE:

"Chaplain Claude L. Chilton, your staff chaplain, gave an excellent briefing to our AFROTC sophomore classes and all seniors on Wednesday, 14 November. His briefing covered very effectively the Code of Conduct and moral responsibility of a member of the USAF. It was well received by the students, and from personally listening to his lecture, I can assure you that he did an excellent job. We appreciate the services of Chaplain Chilton and realize that this places an added burden on your staff

chaplain. Please accept the thanks of myself and my staff for this assistance.
"Sincerely,

S/T PAUL I. FREIBURGER,
Colonel, USAF"

NOTE: Chaplain Chilton is one of our Nazarene chaplains.

A Letter to a Post Pastor:

"I sincerely thank you for your interest in me. Sir, the reason that I am writing to you is because it is through your efforts, by sending your church literature to me, that got me to go into town tonight. I couldn't locate your church, so I went to another Church of the Nazarene and while attending the service there the Lord showed me where I was wrong and out in sin, so I went to the altar and was reclaimed to the Lord's fold. I want you to see it was through your efforts. You probably thought that your work was being wasted. I was saved, and I am offering my sincerest thanks to you and your church."—A SERVICEMAN.

"I have changed bases again. I am now stationed at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. If you will please send the HERALD OF HOLINESS and *Conquest* here, I will appreciate those books from the bottom of my heart. A person that has never been away from his home church doesn't know just how much it is appreciated that his church has enough interest in him to send those books. I love the Church of the Nazarene from the bottom of my heart. To me it is the best of all churches. I am happy to say this morning that I am saved and sanctified and determined to make heaven my home. There isn't a Church of the Nazarene within seventy miles of here. But I can still serve the same God in another church."—Robert E. Green.

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Roder W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

fasting service, while we were praying, a heathen man who works for us made his way to the altar and prayed through. We trust that this is just a beginning and that we shall see a mighty sweep of victory here at Idalia. We had good services today but no visible results.

You have no doubt heard of the fire that swept through the mission station

several months ago doing more than six thousand dollars' damage to the plantation. We are still trying to clear the burnt trees and get it re-established. Just now we are having heavy rains which makes it difficult to get things done, but we do praise God that in the fire He wonderfully protected us and no buildings were damaged.

how to use and all he had to use. So God used the sling and the stones. Had David been unwilling to use the sling and the stones, he would have failed.

What do you have in your hand?

God has many uses for what His followers have. Sometimes He uses a person's memory. Sometimes God uses one's talents. Sometimes God uses people's personalities to lead other's to himself. He will always use whatever one has if that one is willing for what he has to be used.



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God Uses What We Have—

Mankind is so apt to feel his inability to accomplish much for the Lord. How often these words are heard, "I do not have what it takes for the job"! The Lord is not bound by any rules, but He uses what His children have.

In the Bible you will remember that when Moses first was called to do the Lord's work, he answered "Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?" The Lord God assured him, still he hesitated. "But, behold, they will not believe me, . . . for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee," he continued. And

the Lord said unto him, "What is that in thine hand?"

Moses used the rod he had in his hand many, many times during the rest of his life.

Who does not remember the story of Samson when he was faced with the mighty men of the Philistines? All he had to use for a weapon was the jawbone of an ass. If he had turned aside and said, "That is no good," he would have been overcome by the enemy. Samson put forth his hand and took the jawbone. With it, through the help of God, he killed a thousand men.

And David! How did he dare face a giant with only a small sling and five smooth stones? That's all the boy knew

A Letter

Written at the Right Time—

There was once a young lady in college. She didn't have much time to spare for extra activities, for she was not only attending college but was paying her own expenses at the same time.

One night while this young lady was studying, the face of a Christian man she had known in her home town kept coming into her mind. She remembered that this man and his wife had always had time for the young people. They had invited her and her friends to their house time after time. They had always been kind to everyone, at the same time living upright lives before everyone. This young girl thought of the many testimonies the man had given before the congregation. She thought of the devoted life and how she had been influenced by it to become a preacher and to accept a call to the mission field.

As she sat musing a moment, she felt strongly impressed to write a letter to the Christian man telling him of what a wonderful example he had set for her and for all the young people of the home-town church. At first she pushed aside the idea, for she had so little time for study. Each time she pushed aside the impression, it would return. Finally she reached for some paper and wrote her letter. She told the man of his influence upon her life. She thanked him for his encouraging words while she was still attending the home-town church. She recalled incidents where his prayers had especially encouraged her at times when she faltered. She closed the letter, sealed the envelope, and hurried to the postbox to mail it, then forgot the whole matter.

It was several years later that she found out how important her letter had been. One day when she returned to her home town for a visit, the man

to whom she had sent the letter told her about receiving her letter.

"There is no doubt about it, your letter was God-inspired," the man said. "The day it came, there were two others in the mail. I opened the other two first. I had just buried my mother, who for many years had been too old and feeble to care for herself. During all those years she had lived with me. I had fed her, cared for her, and given her my love unto the end. After she died, I learned that she had left me her little house. The house was neither large nor worth much. She had felt that I should have it. The day your letter came I had a letter from my brother. He berated me for having the house. He said that I had taken care of Mother only that I might get her property into my hands. He took me to task about all I had ever done or said. Because he was a Christian, his unfairness hurt me more than anything

else could have done.

"When I laid aside my brother's letter, I picked up the letter from one whom I considered to be my best friend. In this letter too I was given a verbal beating. As I finished the second letter I said, 'Well, that's it. What's the use of trying to be a Christian? One does no good.' Rather halfheartedly I picked up your letter. The farther I read, the happier I became. I gained courage as I read. If the young people believed in me, even if only one had been helped by my life, what did all else matter anyway? I read and reread the letter in the days that followed. I gained courage through those words to press on in the battle for right."

Just a letter! But it was a letter written when the Lord had impressed one of His followers to write. The young girl had so little she could do, yet God used what she had. God used her efforts and blessed them abundantly.



By L. J. DU BOIS

Church Parking Space

Dr. C. Harry Atkinson, New York City, editor of the quarterly magazine *Protestant Church Administration and Equipment*, contended the ground under automobiles is as important today as the ground under the church. Speaking in Chicago, he stressed that medium-sized churches should have a site of at least five to seven acres to provide adequate off-street parking. A good formula is one parking space for every four persons seated in the church. Churches simply cannot expect young couples with three or four children—as most of them seem to have today—to park four blocks away in bad weather, he said.—*New Christian Advocate*.

Protestantism in Brazil

Recent reports coming from church leaders, Protestant and Catholic alike, seem to indicate that in the foreseeable future Brazil will be considered to be a Protestant country. Dr. Paul Collyer, foreign secretary of the American Bible Society, described it thus: There is a great desire on the part of many Brazilians to place their children in the Protestant schools. But the law is that Protestants cannot teach Catholics (and vice versa). When this is called to their attention they simply revoke their membership in the Catholic church and declare themselves as Protestants. The reason for this is that the majority of the people are only nominally Catholic.

There are revivals in progress in this country which are among the most far-reaching in the world today. Bible distribution has gone on with peak fervency for the last several years. There is a far greater demand for the Scriptures than the Bible Societies can meet. There is probably no nation today that is as open to Christian missions as is Brazil.

A President's Scripture

The United States has just witnessed another of its quadrennial inaugurations, at which time a man elected by

the people takes the oath of office as president. Four years ago Dwight D. Eisenhower, at the moment of taking the oath of office for the first time, offered a prayer of his own which was not a part of the planned ceremony. While it startled some to whom such a move was foreign, it did gladden the hearts of the millions of Christians in the nation. This year the President selected a scripture verse to which the Bible, given to him by his mother in 1915, was opened as he took the oath of office both in the private ceremony January 20 and in the public ceremony on January 21. The verse is from Psalms 33: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." Regardless of the intense political pressures which motivate people, all Christian Americans rejoice that we have a leader who is positively Christian and who lends his influence in the direction of the church and things religious.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

Serving Those Who Move

Great numbers of people are on the move constantly over this country. They are changing jobs, or seeking other areas of the country for health reasons, etc. A considerable number of these people have connections with the Church of the Nazarene. They are members, enrolled in the Sunday school, have a child on the Cradle Roll, or perhaps just attend the church as

friends who enjoy the Church of the Nazarene.

Many times these people are lost to the church and to the kingdom of God when they move to another city or state. They move into a strange community and often fail to start to Sunday school or to church. Their first few weeks of living in a new community are very vital ones. They must be contacted soon or may be lost completely.

Thus, this period is also one of golden

opportunity for the church. It is the best time for a layman or minister from the church to call and extend to them the fellowship and service of the church. It is an opportunity too valuable to miss.

We have lost too many people in the past during this crucial period in their lives. They have moved and are somewhere in the masses migrating over our land. No one invited them to church, for they did not know they had come to their city.

It is our desire as the Department of Evangelism to assist our pastors everywhere to remedy this situation, and though we have written about it in other periodicals, we want the readers of the HERALD to know of this service.

We have the name and address of every pastor in our continent; we know who our pastors are and where they are. So when a family, members, Sunday-school enrollees, or people who have any contact with your church move to another community, please ask them for their new address and send it to us immediately. We will then forward it by the next mail to the pastor in the city to which they are moving. Our churches worked too hard to contact them to have such work canceled thus. We have a continued responsibility as to their spiritual welfare. Even though the only address they are able to give is General Delivery, send it, for a written invitation is better than none at all.

If the family moves to a city where there is not a Church of the Nazarene, we will contact the district superintendent. It may mean a new church. However, above all church interests is our deeper concern for their spiritual welfare. They are the purchase of Christ's shed blood. We must give our account for them to our God. We must not let them slip through our fingers.

Since we probably need to catch up on this service, let me urge all of you who read this article to send us the names and addresses of any that you know of who have moved to a new area. We will forward that information to the proper person.

By doing this all churches will profit and more people will be saved to God and the church. They cost too much to win the first time to neglect them now.

Send their names and new addresses to the Department of Evangelism, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri. Do it now! Do it every time one moves away! We want to serve the pastors, the church, and the people who move!

When the light of God's grace vanishes out of the heart's sanctuary, simultaneously there appears that grim specter, self-pity.—Mary Sanders.

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Were not the plagues of Egypt the direct work of God?

God sent them in order to whip a wicked Pharaoh into line. Of course, if there had been no such thing as sin, Pharaoh would not have held God's

people in slavery. Thus, indirectly, one might say that the plagues were the result of sin.

Are we not chastised and corrected directly by God, as we are told in Heb. 12:6? Or are all afflictions the work of the devil and only permitted by God?

Here we have somewhat the same situation which is presented in the first question. All suffering is ultimately the result of sin. In other words, there would be no suffering in the world if there had been no sin. On the other hand, God allows suffering to come upon His children in order to chasten, or

discipline, them. In a world where sin prevails, suffering is one means of developing Christians. Therefore, in permitting suffering to come upon His children, we may say that God sends, or directly uses, it to chasten, discipline, or develop His followers.

Many business firms supply their patrons with coupons when purchases are made or services rendered, to which they may sign their names. Later a drawing is made of one of these coupons. The person whose name is drawn receives a valuable prize in money or some highly priced article. While this is not gambling or a lottery, yet do you think it wise for a member of a holiness church to sign these coupons with the possibility of his or her name being drawn? Should not consistency as to the standards of his church cause him not to participate, particularly when the winner in the drawing is widely publicized in the daily press? Would such a refusal not be obedience to the Bible mandate, "Abstain from all appearance of evil"?

I agree that what you have described is not in the strictest sense gambling. However, I believe with you that it is not best to have anything to do with it. First, it is purely a chance affair, and in the second place, it is getting something for nothing. We are living

in an age when many people are crazy about getting something for nothing. The drawings to which you refer help to promote this idea and such a notion will never build a worthwhile character or life.

Does fasting mean that one must leave off all kinds of drinks—such as water, milk, tea, or coffee—as well as food?

First, I would say that fasting would not, as I understand it, mean that you couldn't drink water. Other drinks would have some food value, and fasting in the fullest sense would imply leaving them off. Still, we must remember that fasting is a mode of self-

denial, and each of us will have to decide for himself just how far he can and should go in the self-denial. Finally, let us remember that the Bible does teach fasting, and most of us do not do enough of it.

In one of the Nazarene publications the writer says: "It is not what we refrain from doing that makes us Christlike, but what we do." I have heard it advocated that we, as Christians, may participate in any worldly entertainment—dance, theater, roadhouse, etc.—just so we act as Christians while we are there. Is this the new theory of Christian conduct in the Church of the Nazarene? If so, are there no more standards, or in other words, do we sacrifice nothing to gain heaven?

You quote from a comment on II Pet. 1:5-7. This has to do with positives, and not negatives. It deals with growth in the Christian graces or becoming more Christlike. This means that you have taken a few words out of the writer's comments and have thus misrepresented the whole. Furthermore, the writer nowhere even hints that such things as you mention are right for Christians. I know him, and am sure that he would be 100 per cent against them. Besides,

a person might leave off all the things which you mention and still go straight to hell when he dies. As the writer says, or implies, it is being saved and the development of Christian graces which will finally get us to heaven. By this, however, he does not mean that we can continue to be sinners and make it there. If we are Christians and busy developing the graces mentioned in II Pet. 1:5-7, we'll not be doing the things which you enumerate.

NEWS of the Churches



Fort Wayne, Indiana—Recently God gave a splendid revival at the River-haven Church with Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep as the special workers. New people were saved, a few were healed, we had a good Sunday-school rally, and a wonderful atmosphere prevailed in the closing service. Our church has been replastered, a new oil-burning heating plant installed, and interior decorating is now being done with a program of dedication scheduled with Dr. Paul Updike, district superintendent, soon.—CLINTON H. TEMPLIN, *Pastor*.

Ottumwa, Iowa—Northside Church appreciated the inspired preaching of Evangelist Paul A. Madden in our recent revival. The church was helped and several new people were converted. We thank God for Brother Madden's ministry with us.—A. G. EDWARDS, *Pastor*.

Evangelist George Brannon writes, "A sudden cancellation makes available a good spring revival date, February 27 to March 10. Will be glad to slate it as the Lord may lead. Write me, 125 N. Wheeler, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Monticello, Illinois—We came here last August and found a fine group of spiritual laymen, interested in forwarding the work of the Kingdom. They have received us graciously and a spirit of co-operation prevails. We had a fine one-week revival in November with Evangelist and Mrs. H. H. Hooker, with some twenty-five seekers at the altar. Then early in January we had a fine youth revival with Evangelist Harold Frodge. God blessed and gave forty seekers with many victories among our young people and young couples. We thank God for His blessings.—MILTON MARSH, *Pastor*.

Evangelist C. M. Kelly writes: "After serving five years as prison chaplain, four years as district superintendent, and eighteen years as pastor, I resigned the work of Central Church, Jacksonville, Florida, last October. God and the church have been good to me; I've had a full schedule of meetings, and almost a full year's slate now. My first meeting was at Lakeworth, where God blessed and we saw thirty new people in the services—their first time inside a Church of the Nazarene; Rev. C. R. Moore is the good pastor. From there I went to First Church, Charleston, South Carolina, with Rev. Boyd Welch; to Burnham, Pennsylvania, with Rev. David Andrews; to Rock Hill, South Carolina, West Main Church, with Rev. Vivian Pressley; to Emmanuel Church in Miami, Florida, with Rev. Joe Benson; to Hialeah, Florida, with Rev. Craig Wy-



by BERTHA MUNRO

Time, and What to Do About It

Serious current literature and psychology and philosophy are obsessed with the problem of the nature of time. Time is what life is made of, and yet time is the most elusive of all realities—or is it a reality? The Christian faces the command to "redeem the time." How?

Monday:

Time can be measured objectively in hours, minutes, seconds. A lost second would throw the universe out of balance—perhaps a life. Wonderful, when you think of it, that two persons can start from points at opposite sides of the world, engaging to meet at a given point 12,500 miles distant, and keep the appointment to the second. Wonderful that one thousand students can scatter all over the United States for a Christmas vacation, then all walk into classrooms two weeks later exactly as the

first-period bell rings (except the habitual stragglers!)—because there are calendars and clocks. Time is *definite, objective*, and we all have just so much of it. What shall we do with our bit—hoard it, waste it, or invest it?

Tuesday:

My portion of time is precious. I will use, hold, own every instant of it. As I enter a new year—and that is every morning—a good prayer and a good resolve are to waste no fragment of my allotment; every hour, every minute contributing in some way to what I want the entire year to be. Another, to steal no one else's share: "The most selfish [or dishonest?] person in the world is the one who is habitually late."

Wednesday:

On the other hand, time is purely *subjective*: an hour that is long to you may be very short to me. Twenty happy years—or seventy—pass as a dream in the night; a single night of agony drags out to eternity. I shall be wise to control my moods and to discover early a balm for suffering, or I shall find myself at the mercy of time. I must learn to live by principle and not by impulse. Time must neither run away with me nor chain my feet. Time is servant, not master.

Thursday:

We know time in terms of *memory* and *expectation*. Past time stays with us in memory; better build blessed memories. Future time is with us already in expectation; better make sure of a solid basis for blessed expectations. Both

memory and expectation can be controlled by an active control of the present. "Only through time time is conquered" (T. S. Eliot).

Friday:

Time is past, present, and future, we say—yet how the three confuse themselves in our thinking! In one sense we have no time but the present; we must capture the present moment. In another sense, while we are thinking "present" it has slipped into past; there is no graspable present. Time is fast making us what we *are becoming*. My future cannot escape my present. My past has caused my present. It is a sobering thought. Time is we ourselves.

Saturday:

One thing is certain of time: it is going in one direction only; it is irreversible. Time is passing—fast; and it is *wearing itself out*. We are headed for death, the end of time. For self-preservation we must see time "in the aspect of eternity"; that is, make a connection with the timeless values that will not wear out—there are some such!

Sunday:

How best to "redeem time"? Serious thinkers who face time's transitoriness honestly face a dilemma: either busy activity to make the most of time while it lasts, or some "dimension beyond time," some way to live above time in eternal reality. Jesus shows us how to do both. He makes all our time significant—"value charged" with eternity. Everything we do in time for love of Him is registered in eternity, built into a Kingdom that will last forever.

He Answers Prayer!

By J. R. SPITTAL

*Weary soul, with burdens pressing,
Heartaches, sorrows, anxious care,
God is with you and will help you,
For He hears and answers prayer.*

*Cast your burden on the Saviour;
He'll sustain, His Word declares.
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Trust Him now—He answers prayer.*

*Trusting soul, no longer doubt Him;
Jesus understands and cares.
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ant; and am now beginning at Bartow, Florida, with Rev. L. S. Huff. God blessed in all these meetings, giving good Sunday-school rallies, and many seekers at the altar. We appreciate our good pastors and laymen. Write me, % General Delivery, Ballentine, South Carolina."

Elkhart, Indiana—Northside Church recently had a wonderful revival in which God used Evangelist H. A. Casey in a marvelous way. A total of eighty-two seekers found the Lord, with at least three new families, as well as other new people, being saved. The climax came on the last Sunday morning when, during the Sunday-school hour, twenty-four responded to the invitation. Later, after a forceful illustrated sermon on tithing, twenty-one new people pledged to tithe. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Casey; his singing, instrumental playing, and preaching were a great blessing to us. Finances have greatly increased, and the revival spirit continues in the church.—W. R. WATSON, *Pastor.*

San Jose, California—Once again it has been proved that a determined, agonizing group of pray-ers, though small, can pray open the windows of heaven upon a church. Sunday night, January 13, the windows of heaven were opened upon the revival services at Westside Church with Rev. Clyde C. Casto as evangelist. God came and the church was powerfully dealt with, each according to individual need. Brother Casto's ministry was fervent, sane, prayerful, and filled with faith. His pictures of the Holy Land in the light of present crises and Bible prophecy are well presented and attract the general public. God is blessing our church—finances, membership, and Sunday school all have doubled during our four-year pastorate here. The Lord has helped us to become a "home-mission" church, a "General Budget" church, and before long, we trust, a "mother church."—KENNETH VOGT, *Pastor.*

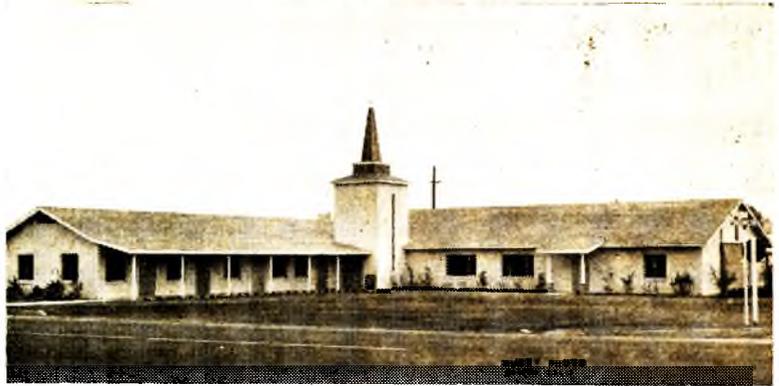
Parkersburg, West Virginia—South Side Church is glad to report a wonderful revival with Evangelist Maurice and Naomi Finger—they are outstanding workers. They carry a real burden, and do a lot of fasting and praying. Under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Finger, seventy souls sought and found God in victory at the altar. Several nights the service continued until near midnight as born-again souls shouted the victory, and believers marched into Canaan land. The Fingers have been invited to return. The success of this revival is also due to the faithful attendance of our people and the spirit of prayer that prevailed throughout.—IRA E. FOWLER, *Pastor.*

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada — South Side Church was organized by Rev. D. Swarth, then the district superintendent; and in November of 1938, Rev. J. Cheeseman came as the first pastor of this 7-member group. In 1941, under the leadership of Pastor R. S. Tenove, the present church property was purchased at the corner of 99th Street and 82nd Avenue, and a basement church erected. The Lord blessed and the membership increased to 30. The beautiful super-structure has been completed since Rev. A. J. Loughton came as pastor in July of '53, and dedication service was held last May 6, with District Superintendent Edward Lawlor bringing the message. We praise God for His faithfulness. Last November we had ten days of special services with Rev. Charles J. Muxworthy, district N.Y.P.S. president (and pastor of Red Deer church), as speaker. His soul-searching, Bible messages were appreciated, the church was strengthened, and several souls prayed through to victory. Our congregation has extended another three-year call to our beloved pastor, Rev. A. J. Loughton (Mrs. Loughton is also an ordained minister); this will make a seven-year term here for them. This indeed speaks of the appreciation and confidence of the people for the Loughtons. Our membership has now increased to 110.—I. L. HENDERSON, Reporter.

Rev. J. Reyndal Russell writes: "The past nine years have been filled with joyous service on the Abilene District, and we have especially appreciated the privilege of being associated with District Superintendent Orville S. Jenkins. Feeling it to be the clear will of God, I have resigned from a happy relation with the splendid people of the Glen Park Church in Fort Worth to enter the field of full-time evangelism, effective at our district assembly in May. My one desire is to be used of God as He may lead. Write me, until May 1, 5036 Wichita Street, Fort Worth, Texas."

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter report: "The year of 1956 was one of the best in our eighteen years in the field of evangelism. Our travels took us into California, Arizona, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma. We saw many people seek and find God, and the people were helped by God's wonderful presence and power in the services. At this writing we are in a meeting in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, with Pastor Wayman Davis and his people. Souls are praying through in the old-time way and God is blessing. We have some open time in June and July and would be glad to hear from any church needing our services as preacher and singers. Write us, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Madera, California



On December 22, 1935, Dr. Roy F. Smece organized the Madera Church of the Nazarene with 13 charter members; the membership is now 80. On last December 30, Dr. George Coulter, district superintendent, dedicated our new church building and parsonage. The building is Basalite block reinforced with cement and steel; the interior is plastered throughout and the sanctuary is finished in light peach color. The seating capacity, using an overflow room, is around 300. It has forced-air heating system; lifetime asbestos shingles cover

both church and parsonage. There are 16,000 square feet of black-top parking space. The property is valued at around \$75,000.00 with \$10,000.00 indebtedness. The parsonage is a six-room frame and stucco, with central heating and cooling system, hardwood floors, two baths; it has floor space of 1,420 square feet. Both buildings were erected in 1956. Best of all, God is blessing our services, with people being saved, and our church is a "10 per cent" church for missionary giving.—PHILIP H. HAMPSTEN, Pastor.

Pacific Beach, California



Coming here two years ago in October, we held the first service on October 3 in a rented hall, finding only three Nazarenes in the community. The new building was begun last June and completed in November. The building is 40 x 60 feet, with full basement with eight Sunday-school rooms and rest rooms. The first floor has a large foyer with a nursery adjoining, and a sanctuary will comfortably seat 250 people, and space for a choir of 25. The Lord marvelously blessed in sending to us Mr. Norman Stamper, member of Uni-

versity Avenue Church, to direct our building program. Dr. and Mrs. D. I. Vanderpool were with us November 28 through December 2, with dedication service on Sunday afternoon and Dr. Vanderpool as special speaker. The closing service on Sunday night was blessed with a number of seekers at the altar. We now have 38 members, and Pacific Beach Church is ready to go forward and take her place among the family of churches on the Southern California District.—J. N. TINSLEY, Pastor.

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His love my heart can understand.
I let Him lead me gently on,
Clinging always to His hand.

South Arkansas District Youth Rally

The South Arkansas District youth rally was held January 1, at the Camden church, with Rev. R. T. Jarrell, host pastor. With the help of the local church, District Superintendent W. L. French, the co-operation of the District Council, and all of those participating, the rally was a complete success.

Rev. Kline Dickerson, pastor of Little Rock First Church, was the special speaker for the afternoon and evening services, which were attended by approximately three hundred fifty people. His messages were appreciated and accepted, with eight young people seeking God at the altar for spiritual help.

Soon after the afternoon service the young people were divided into their own zone groups. Under the direction of the zone chairmen and a local representative, these groups converged upon Camden, distributing literature and doing personal evangelism. No greater motivation could have been planned for such activities than what God did

for us: in the preceding service the Holy Spirit moved upon our hearts in an unusual way and many praised God audibly. The central purpose of the rally was to encourage personal evangelism and also to enlighten ourselves as to the need of home missions, for Camden is a reasonably new church. Immediately following the evening meal a fine Christian film was shown which reminded us again of our Christian responsibility to our local communities. Preceding the evening service a "song-fest" of special numbers and congregational singing was enjoyed.

God met with us in this district rally and we give Him praise. He has helped us in all the district N.Y.P.S. work during the year—the membership has increased, our *Conquest* subscriptions have been increased, and for the first time South Arkansas District young people have accepted the challenge to subsidize a home-mission pastor's salary. "We are His witnesses," thus "we ought to obey God." With this challenge we move forward for God.—BOB LINDLY, District N.Y.P.S. President.

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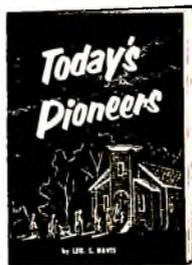
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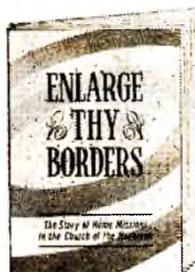
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When we see nothing but evil in the motives of others, we are in reality seeing the reflections of our own state of being.—Mary Sanders.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor Ralph and Genese Edwards of our church in Cleveland, Oklahoma, have vision, courage, ability, and religion. They are young in the pastorate, but they will succeed. She is a beautiful singer. It was a joy to be with them. Pastor Jack Worthy, of Capitol Hill Church in Oklahoma City, will soon lift the indebtedness on their church property and be ready for an expansion program. The Worthys are loved by their people. It was easy to speak to an appreciative audience."

India Preachers' Wives' Meeting

Our eighth annual preachers' wives' meeting was held in November in Buldana, under the direction of Mrs. Sugunabai Bhujbal, our district president, and Mrs. John McKay, missionary adviser. The program was well planned and interesting.

The theme of the convention was "The love of Christ constraineth me." Various speakers took part, speaking on the different channels in which the love of Christ constrains us—in our homes, in the study of the Word, in prayer, and in service. After the morning message one of the preachers' wives gave a paper dealing on the same subject; then the meeting was opened for discussion, which proved helpful and informative. Afternoons were devoted to reports from the women and health lectures by Dr. Evelyn Witthoff. The evening services were prefaced by appropriate slides shown by Rev. B. Greer, after which Rev. S. J. Bhujbal brought his timely messages.

As has been our custom for several years now, we had a full night of prayer completely in charge of our Indian women.

On Sunday afternoon we were blessed in a communion service under the direction of the Reverend Mrs. Anderson.

We felt that this year the Spirit pointed out needs and planted a new yearning and desire in the hearts of our women to win the lost of their villages to their Lord. Life is hard for them and they need your prayers. Our earnest desire is that the inspiration of these few days will not be lost or become dim in the "stuff of living." Our women in India need a fresh anointing and visitation of the Holy Spirit. Will you pray with us that the love of Christ shall constrain each one to do her "utmost for His highest"? In many respects the key to our future church in India lies in the hands of our women. Pray much for them all, laymen as well as preachers' wives.—REPORTER

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Forgive and Forget

By **MARION B. SHOEN**

Forgive and forget
All sad memories:

Pain and regret
Are leaves on the breeze.

Trouble's a wraith,
Fear is a sigh;
Real is the faith
We are living by.

February 13, 1957

A great spirit of giving and surrender to the will of God was manifest at the seventh annual Indoor Camp, during the eight-day program in Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Indiana. Several scores of seekers found help from God at the altars as a result of the anointed preaching of the corps of special workers. Rev. P. O. Carpenter, Pilgrim Holiness, preached at night. Daytime speakers were, Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, Church of the Nazarene; Dr. T. M. Anderson, Nazarene evangelist; Dr. Myron F. Boyd, radio voice of the Free Methodist church; Dr. Paul S. Rees of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, president of the Wesleyan Methodist denomination. Dr. Paul F. Elliott was re-elected chairman. The camp is sponsored by two hundred churches of six denominations.

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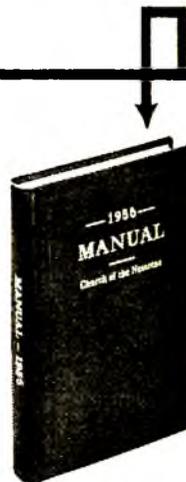
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DEATHS

REV. ISAAC J. SPURLIN was born November 24, 1872, in Texas, and died January 4, 1957, in Santa Cruz, California. He was saved and sanctified and called to preach at the age of nineteen. He was a pioneer holiness preacher in the truest sense. During his lifetime he pastored seven churches in Texas and Oklahoma, having organized the first church in Heady, Texas. Upon retiring he moved to California, where he lived until his death. He was the father of twelve children, one of whom is Miss Christine Spurlin, missionary in Port Said, Egypt. One of his survivors is his wife, Maude L. Spurlin. He was a faithful servant of God to the end. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. Paul Alexander, Santa Cruz.

REV. S. D. COX died December 31, 1956, at a local hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. He was a very faithful elder in the Church of the Nazarene and had served as district superintendent. For many years he was a very successful pastor. He served in the ministry for fifty years, and at the time of his death was retired. He died at the age of seventy-four years.

RAYMOND F. HANEY of Fairmont, West Virginia, died September 22, 1956. He was born June 23, 1900. As a young man he was genuinely converted. He united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1941 and worked faithfully in building the Kingdom. For a number of years he served as Sunday-school superintendent. He is survived by his wife, and a son, Charles. Funeral service was conducted at the Fairmont church by the pastor, Rev. H. Carl Ross, assisted by Rev. Bruce B. Hall, with interment in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

REV. J. M. FORD was born in Flat Rock, Illinois, April 16, 1877, and died on Christmas Day, 1956, in Denver, Colorado, after a long illness. He was a Nazarene elder on the Colorado District for more than thirty years. In 1912 he was married to Florence Afflerbaugh. Mr. Ford opened the Denver Holiness Mission about 1919; during his tenure at the mission more than twelve thousand persons were converted. Many religious workers began their careers under his direction. He had been in semi-retirement for the last four years. Besides his widow, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harold Vork, Mrs. L. S. Oliver, Mrs. Raymond Geist, and Mrs. G. M. Field, all of them wives of ordained ministers; also two sisters, Mrs. Louise Whetstone and Mrs. Anne Crozier. Funeral services were held at First Church of the Nazarene in Denver, with burial in Crown Hill.

JOHN RAYBURN GREEN was born June 26, 1884, in Indiana, and died August 19, 1956, in California. He became a Christian at a very young age, and until his home-going was faithful to God and the Church of the Nazarene. Many of his active years were spent in the field of music and he served a number of churches as minister of music. While in Arizona he was granted district preacher's license and served for a while as pastor of the Cottonwood Church of the Nazarene. Brother Green was deeply spiritual and a student of the Word of God. In his later years he taught a Sunday-school class at Bresee Avenue Church, Pasadena. He is survived by his wife, Ethel B. Green, and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Costello. Funeral services were conducted at Bresee Avenue Church in Pasadena by Rev. Harold B. Buckner, assisted by Rev. Ernest G. Johnson, with interment in Mountain View Cemetery.

OTTO GELOW was born January 8, 1885, in Three Oaks, and died at his home at the Michigan District Center, Vicksburg, Michigan, November 10, 1956. He was converted at the age of twenty-seven. For many years he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene at Kalamazoo; then when the Chapman Memorial Church was organized, he and his wife became charter members. He lived a beautiful Christian life, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. In 1906 he was married to Elizabeth Watson, who with a son, Melvin of Hagerstown, Maryland, and a foster daughter, Marjorie, survives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Ten Nazarene churches in the Yakima (Washington) area are sponsoring a holiness convention, February 19 through 24, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool and Professor Wannie Tippitt as workers, and our district superintendent, Dr. E. E. Zachary, as platform manager. Services will be in First Church of the Nazarene, Yakima. For information write Rev. Wallace W. Roseboro, Box 386, Selah, Washington.

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. W. E. Chandler has been a most successful pastor for a number of years. His work has shown progress in every field where he has labored. He particularly stresses personal evangelism and practices what he preaches. He is an elder in good standing on our district and is faithfully recommended by his superintendent. Write him, 536 N. Douglas, Shawnee, Oklahoma.—Glen Jones, Superintendent of Southeast Oklahoma District.

WEDDING BELLS Miss Jo Ann Hennigan of Miami, Florida, and Mr. Donnie Joel Smith of Mayfield, Kentucky, both of Trevecca Nazarene College, were united in marriage on November 21 at Collee Hill Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, Tennessee, with Professor C. T. Duckett officiating.

BORN—to Joseph and Mary Louise (Summer) Tracy of Seattle, Washington, a son, Walter Frank II, on January 7.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Myron Finkbeiner, at Army Chemical Center, Edgewood, Maryland, a son, Jerry Curtis, on January 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Tazelaar of Odessa, Texas, a daughter, Leah Brack, on December 5.

—to Rev. and Mrs. L. H. (Jack) Theodore of Shadyside, Ohio, a daughter, Kimberly Louise, on December 2.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene in Ohio for a real revival in their church in that place, also for a very special unspoken request;

by a lady in Michigan that God will touch and heal her body, also for her mother who is quite sick, and an unspoken request;

by a brother in Indiana for a boy who through the influence of wicked companions has acquired bad habits, and he needs special help from God for deliverance, and also for help to concentrate on his schoolwork.

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