

# Herald of Holiness



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The setting for Jesus' story of the prodigal son (Luke 15) is worthy of careful study. When the publicans and sinners flocked to hear the Galilean, the scribes and Pharisees muttered in complaint, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them." In answer to their caviling, Jesus told two parables—one concerning the lost sheep and the other about the lost coin. He reasoned in the first that a good shepherd would readily leave the ninety and nine safe sheep and hunt for the lost one. Similarly, in the second parable He showed how normal it

## *The Elder Brother*

*General Superintendent Young*

*Likewise, I say unto you,  
there is joy in the presence  
of the angels of God over  
one sinner that repenteth.*

—Luke 15:10

was for a woman to search diligently for a lost coin, even when she had nine remaining. In both cases, the climax to these stories was the same—spontaneous rejoicing when the lost was found.

But the third story—of the prodigal son—is the climactic one. Here the lost is not a coin or a sheep, but a son. No story has more poignant and tender climax than the meeting of the father and this younger son. His complete confession is smothered by the father's joy in bestowing forgiveness and restoration. But in pointing out the father's compassion and mercy, Jesus also reveals the elder brother's bitterness and selfishness. The feast of rejoicing ordered by the father is almost spoiled by the sullen anger of the elder brother.

Jesus shows that the elder brother was actually clashing with his father's desire when he disowned his own brother. The elder brother, too, was a prodigal, although his sins were of the spirit rather than of the flesh. But it is the father who holds the story together and gives it inner meaning.

This message is pertinent to our church today. We are not immune from complacency, lukewarmness, even smugness. But Jesus would say that if we would keep in tune with our Heavenly Father's will we must be redemptive and evangelistic. It is the yearning church that truly pleases Him. *Let the Crusade for Souls go on!*

# LATE NEWS

## Cables . . .

Manila—*Philippine Assembly characterized by spiritual victory. Largest voting strength; seven ordained. Superintendent Wiese giving able leadership. Council unified and enthusiastic. Prospects excellent.*—General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner.

Berchtesgaden, Germany—*Coming from Continent, 200 service-connected personnel attending Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat. Wonderful spirit of fellowship with one another and our Lord.*—Ponder Gilliland, Director, Nazarene Servicemen's Commission.

## Telegrams . . .

Pasadena, California—*The twelve-Sunday, \$180,000 expansion program resulted in a total of \$250,000 subscribed. It's a grand, miraculous victory, and an expression of the unity, vision, and sacrifice of 40,000 Nazarenes in the Southwest Educational Zone. The Victory Dinner tonight (March 17) attended by 400 was a great time of rejoicing and thanksgiving to God.*—Russell V. DeLong, President of Pasadena College.

Orange, California—*Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Whitcomb, pastors of El Cajon church, were instantly killed March 17. Mr. Whitcomb was secretary of District Advisory Board and Mrs. Whitcomb was district N.F.M.S. president.*—Nicholas A. Hull, Superintendent of Southern California District.

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada—*Canadian Nazarene College sets course for new advances in Golden Anniversary year as Board of Governors meets in annual session. Enthusiastic response welcomed announcement that Board unanimously re-elected President Willard H. Taylor for five-year term. President Taylor highlighted meeting with long-range plans for broadening and strengthening C.N.C.'s program for enlarged service to the church and Canadian young people.*—E. Drell Allen, Reporter.

Huntsville, Alabama—*Alabama District recently experienced very outstanding Sunday school tour with Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Potter. We were thrilled with their program. The results are showing with 844 new people enrolled in Sunday school the first two weeks of March. Plan to have the Potters back for two weeks next year.*—M. H. Stocks, District Church School Board Chairman.

Word received that Evangelist Howard Sweeten of Ashley, Illinois, died on Monday night, March 10; funeral was on Thursday afternoon, March 13.

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Word received from Tucson, Arizona: "Dr. Russell V. DeLong spoke to approximately one thousand students on the University of Arizona campus in Tucson during Religion Emphasis Week. He represented Protestantism and preached Christ in a heart-warming and scholarly manner. The Church of the Nazarene in this area was proud to have Dr. DeLong represent us."—T. C. Abbott, University Nazarenes' representative, and J. Erben Moore, Jr., pastor.

Word has been received from Mrs. Jay that Rev. W. P. Jay, who suffered a severe heart attack, and for several days his life was in the balance, is now on the mend. After twenty-one days in the hospital, he was able to be taken home with strict orders for him to remain in bed for five more weeks. Both Brother and Sister Jay are Nazarene elders; their home address is 17608 McWethy Drive, Fontana, California.

## Be Still

By JEANNE LEMON

*Be still, and know that I am God (Psalms 46:10).*

Is there enough opportunity for "stillness" in our busy age? How often do we have occasion to see, and feel, the fragrance and beauty of a garden at night? Or imbibe the stillness of a mountaintop as it serenely watches the

sunset fade and calmly accepts the advent of a multitude of city lights as they attempt to rival in brilliance the millions of stars above? When was the last time we enjoyed the stillness of a moonlight night just before the break of dawn? The close presence of God at such times is a blessed reward for the time stolen from sleep or from a busy schedule.

While on earth, Jesus spent long hours in solitude and in communion with His Heavenly Father. He would not have had strength for His day, which was so filled with energy-consuming tasks, if He had not taken time out and drawn aside to replenish His soul. There, in stillness upon the mountain-side or out on the lonely plain, He found direction for His tasks, strength for His body, renewed courage for His spirit, and peace for His soul. Let us follow His example and grasp every opportunity to do likewise.



75 days

42 churches

## New Churches

Fritch, Texas, Abilene District; Karl Road Church, Central Ohio District; South Ottawa Church, Ottawa, Illinois, Northwestern Illinois District; Eastview Church, Columbia, South Carolina District.

**FORWARD  
IN HOME MISSIONS**

# I. G. Martin

Preacher  
and Hymn  
Writer

By HALDOR LILLENAS

*I'm over the Jordan tide,  
The waters did there divide;  
I'm in the land of Canaan,  
Abundantly satisfied.*

From Amman we drove through the land of Gilead and over the high hills of Moab down to the once well-watered valley of the Jordan, then over the Allenby bridges across the small, muddy, and sluggish stream.

There was a time when Lot cast an appraising eye on the well-watered, verdant valley and decided to adopt it as the tract of land on which he would graze his many herds, leaving the more hilly and barren land to his uncle Abraham. At that time the land of Canaan was flowing with milk and honey but such is no longer the case in the eastern part of what has until recently been known as Palestine.

The Canaan of which I. G. Martin wrote and sang so beautifully has not lost any of its verdure, fruitfulness, and beauty. It is still a delightful land of which it may well be said:

*I am in the land of Canaan,  
This land of corn and wine.  
The atmosphere is pleasant;  
The fruit is large and fine;  
The streams with milk and honey  
Are made to overflow.  
Here all the fragrant flowers  
In great abundance grow.*

I first met I. G. Martin in the year 1908. He was at the time conducting a revival meeting in the First Church of the Nazarene in Portland, Oregon, of which Dr. A. O. Hendricks was the pastor. He impressed me as being a unique and powerful preacher of the gospel. During his fifty or more years of active ministry he won a multitude of souls for God and the Kingdom.

He was born in Kirksville, Missouri, April 18, 1862. As a young man he devoted his time to teaching. Later he became an actor and a singer. In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, he attended a revival meeting conducted by a Methodist evangelist by the name of Tillotsen. In this meeting P. P. Bilhorn conducted the singing. Brother Martin was reclaimed, later sanctified wholly, and soon entered the ministry as an evangelistic singer.

Later he became identified with the holiness movement and was a powerful exponent of the Biblical doctrine of entire sanctification. There are many yet living who heard this stalwart preacher in churches and camp meetings all over the nation and who through him were brought into the experience of full salvation.

There were good reasons for his writing:

*There are people almost everywhere  
Whose hearts are all aflame  
With the fire that fell at Pentecost  
Through faith in Jesus' name.*

*It is burning now within my heart—  
All glory to His name!  
And I'm glad that I can say  
I'm one of them.*

In the early days of the Church of the Nazarene, Brother Martin was appointed by Dr. Bresee to serve as district superintendent of the Eastern District, which at that time embraced all the territory east of the Rocky Mountains. He served as a pastor six years in Chicago First Church and later at Malden, Massachusetts. He lived to a ripe old age of ninety-five years, retaining all his faculties to the end. He will long be remembered by those whose lives were transformed through the gospel which he preached, and the many great songs he wrote will live in the hearts of multitudes for generations to come.

After a few days' illness our friend of many years climbed over the sunset hills to that fair land of which he sang so beautifully and which he described so eloquently. He quietly passed away on August 23, 1957. His pastor, Dr. George Taylorson, conducted the funeral assisted by District Superintendent Shelburne Brown and Dr. H. Orton Wiley. Harold Gretzinger presided at the organ and the writer led the congregation in two hymns. He was laid to rest in beautiful Mountain View Cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

He was indeed one of the staunch pioneers of our church. He lived long and well, loved his Lord fervently, served his church faithfully, and was a devoted husband and father. To his children—Helen Howe Martin, I. G. Martin, Jr., and Byron S. Martin—he leaves a priceless heritage of a life well spent and duty well done. To his devoted wife he leaves the memory of an unbroken, beautiful fellowship. In the words of William Cullen Bryant it may well be said that he was "like one that wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

*I will meet you, I will meet you,  
Just inside the Eastern Gate over there.  
I will meet you, I will meet you,  
I will meet you in the morning over there.\**

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# RIGHTEOUSNESS\*

The one great need of the world is *better men*, or properly speaking, more *good men*.

There is great effort almost everywhere to increase the intelligence of men. Untold sums of money are constantly expended for common schools, colleges and universities, that childhood and youth may have every possible advantage for intellectual development. The educational work of the country is very praiseworthy, and the people generally rejoice in it. But in it there is little or no intelligent thought or purpose whether the child or youth educated shall be better than uneducated. Education gives added skill, influence and power; but whether the motive and purpose and end are better is not so certain.

It seems evident that many of those who are doing most to destroy our civilization, who are the most selfish and have greatest skill in robbing the community to fill their own ever-unsatiated maw, are often those who have profited by, and their wicked course has been made possible by, the educational forces of the country. They are not the highwaymen or freebooters of past ages, but they are robbers of no less vileness of character. Education gives discipline and self-control and possible influence and control over others, but if the purpose is basely selfish, or in any way bad, the education is a dangerous force. The men who have made the darkest and bloodiest annals of history have often been the men who had received the best culture of their times. History seems to be repeating itself, with the greater facilities of these days.

What we need and must have if our civilization is to abide, is the making of men—not necessarily more intelligent—but better. The great need is for men who love righteousness. Whether these be the latter part of the “last days,” we do not know, but we have fallen upon a time when much seems to be coming to pass that St. Paul indicated when he said: “In the last days perilous times

\*Editorial, in *Nazarene Messenger*, August 15, 1907

**I want to join 20,000 Nazarenes in giving an anniversary gift of \$50.00 for WORLD EVANGELISM in the Easter Offering.**

shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; . . .”

Education is an entirely inadequate remedy. The millions of money by taxation and benefaction, and the tens of thousands of teachers are inadequate to make the people good, indeed this is not really their purpose. All of this adds to our strength and skill and physical and intellectual advancement, but whether it adds to our moral character and thus to the permanency of our institutions is questionable. The great, crying need is for righteousness which “exalteth a nation.” The conditions are enough to call the most optimistic to serious thought. Most of all we need—sadly need—the Gospel in power to make men righteous.



Every headline is a reminder that today's Church is in danger of becoming only a *survival of hatred*. Often we must admit to being only a *survival of indifference* in the modern community. If we will become a “dominant influence,” rather than a “survival influence,” we must be *willing to give* for the love of God!

The hope of your future and mine is that some men will give for the love of God, before everyone is forced to give for the hate of men. The only alternative to the hate of war in our own front yards is in reaching around the world with the message of Christian love.

Today's crisis calls for men *strong enough to give* for the love of God. Twenty thousand Nazarenes giving fifty dollars for world evangelism at Easter time is part of our answer. Are we strong enough to be generous for Christ's sake?

ORVAL J. NEASE, JR.  
Member, the General Board

# THE HOLY BIBLE

in

## Teddy's Life



By **ROBERT W. OLEWILER**

It's impossible to review the life of Theodore Roosevelt—the twenty-sixth president of the United States, the centennial of whose birth is now being celebrated nationally—without reference to the Bible. He loved it, knew it, quoted it, and urged its constant use.

In Mr. Roosevelt's day the custom of church members bringing their copies of the Bible with them to Sunday worship was more widespread than it is now. Members of Grace Reformed Church in Washington, D.C., where Teddy was a communicant member during his years in the White House, still vividly recall how he would follow the pastor's reading of the Gospel lesson from his own copy of the Greek New Testament, which he regularly brought with him.

Teddy began to memorize Bible passages when he was three years old. He taught his own children to commit large portions to memory. It's no wonder that so many of his letters (there are 150,000 of them) contain scripture quotations. He believed the Bible packed tremendous transforming power, furnished the standards for making the world a better place in which to live, and developed good taste in reading.

Often invited to speak on the influence of the Bible, Mr. Roosevelt once addressed the Men's Brotherhood of the Methodist church at Oyster Bay, his home town in New York state. The President brought his own Bible and read as a scripture lesson the thirteenth chapter of St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. He spoke from a very brief outline, which contained nothing else but a series of Bible references as follows: I Corinthians 13; Matthew 7:1, 16; Matthew 25:37-40; and James 1:27; 3:17-18; and 4:2. It probably would be hard to find any of our present-day preachers, even among the most versatile, who depend on nothing more than such an outline for their presentation. Very few, if any, of our chief executives were ever asked to deliver a course of lectures to seminary students. Teddy was. He gave a lecture series on the Bible and religion at the Pacific Theological

Seminary at Berkeley, California, in the spring of 1911.

Believing that the Bible should be read and studied in every home, Mr. Roosevelt urged parents to make this practice a serious duty. Children should hear the simple Bible stories just as they appear in the Scriptures. After they knew the facts he believed they ought to be encouraged to use their imaginations.

The imagination of his own children burst forth one Sunday morning at Grace Church in Washington when the pastor spoke about the meaning of the official denominational seal of the Reformed church in the United States. One of Mr. Roosevelt's boys, believed to be Kermit, slipped from his place in the pew and began crawling on the floor beneath the seats. The President quickly retrieved the youngster and immediately wanted to know the reason for such behavior. Kermit replied that he was looking for the seal in the church the pastor was talking about.

Teddy took every opportunity at hand to encourage the children themselves to become well acquainted with the Scriptures. Usually walking to Grace Church from the White House and back again, a distance of nine blocks, it wasn't uncommon for him to ask the children he met on the way whether they attended Sunday school and whether they were reading their Bibles. If they answered no, he would urge them to try Grace Sunday school, where, he promised, they would be given a copy of the Word of God if they didn't already have one.

At the farewell reception Grace Church members tendered President Roosevelt, he shook hands and bade good-by to each person present. When the George Schmidt family, including four boys ranging from six to twelve years of age, approached Mr. Roosevelt, patting each boy on the head he said: "See that you read and study your Bible and you'll grow up and stay the fine boys you are."

Teddy's favorite text was, "What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8) Another favorite, to which he turned when he was sworn in as president the second time, served as a public address in Chicago on a Sunday during a political campaign. He went to church that Sunday, as was his custom, and the pastor called upon him to speak. Teddy arose and quoted, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). One of his biographers has observed that long after the well-prepared message of the preacher had been forgotten, that Chicago congregation remembered the one-verse sermon of Mr. Roosevelt.

"I do not know of any other public man," another biographer has said, "who has made so much use of Bible texts and examples. He evidenced a wide acquaintance with the Scriptures."

# NEWS ITEMS



from  
the  
past

As I read the report of the General Superintendent and the joint committee from the Pentecostal Churches of America and our own church, a holy rapture filled my soul at the prospect of the organic union of the two bodies. When this glad day shall come, my prayer is that it will not only be an organic union, but that they may be bound together with a cord of perfect love and have the true unity of the Spirit.—J. A. Smith (*Nazarene Messenger*, October 25, 1906).

The Pentecostal Mission Church, of Malden, Mass., has voted unanimously to unite with the newly-formed "Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene."—W. Davenport (*Nazarene Messenger*, July 25, 1907).

On Saturday last Dr. Bresee received from Rev. H. B. Hosley, Washington, D.C., District Superintendent of Washington District, the following telegram: "Pennsylvania Holiness Christian Conference, having fifteen churches, voted unanimously for union" (*Nazarene Messenger*, March 26, 1908).

Brother P. G. Linaweaver, superintendent of the San Francisco District, has been invited by the Pasadena Church to assume the pastorate of that charge. The church is to be congratulated in securing a man that does not believe in tame things (*Nazarene Messenger*, September 10, 1908).

The Abilene District covers a vast amount of territory, embracing by far the larger portion of Texas and the whole of New Mexico. In this territory we have something like 45 churches and over 50 preachers.—Wm. E. Fisher, Dist. Supt. (*Nazarene Messenger*, November 19, 1908).

The tragic price of redemption was paid by the Son of God for ALL men, not just for the favored few who have now heard. The Easter Offering is our opportunity to prove that "the love wherewith Christ loved us" is bearing fruit in our redeemed hearts.

## Lincicome says . . . \*

Sanctification is not graduation; it is only a full matriculation. To suppose that sanctification is graduation is to confuse the foundation with the formation of character. It is to confuse moral purity with Christian maturity.

There are three facts distinct in Christian experience, namely, spiritual life, moral purity, and Christian maturity. Spiritual life is received in regeneration, moral purity in sanctification, Christian maturity by growth in grace. We must not fail to distinguish between purity and maturity. Purity is an obtainment; maturity is an attainment. Purity is an acquisition; maturity is an accumulation. Purity is the foundation of character; maturity is the formation of character. Purity is moral character; maturity is moral stature. Purity is a crisis; maturity is a process.

Sanctification does not graduate the believer in perfect love. It only conditions him to advance in that love. Adam Clarke said, "To be filled with God is great; to be filled with the fullness of God is greater; to be filled with all the fullness of God is still greater." John Fletcher said, "To be filled with all the fullness of God describes a state of grace beyond sanctification."

What God said to Joshua, He could say to every sanctified person, "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Joshua 13:1). We get in the land when we are sanctified but we do not possess the land. Many have crossed the Jordan, shouted down the walls of Jericho, then sat down and gone no farther. There is no *ne plus ultra* in Christian experience. The advent of the sanctifying power of God dropped into the heart of a born-again soul does not lift that soul out of its infant period and make an adult Christian. It will lift him out of his "pouting" period, out of his "envy" period, out of his "jealous" period, and out of his "getting angry" period. The initial stroke of holiness puts an end to all of that.

The Scriptures always speak of growth, but after we are sanctified we will not have an equal growth. Heart purity is equal in all who get it; but if a dozen people get sanctified today no two of them will make the same progress in the next twelve months. Some make more progress in two months

than others in six months due to the difference in age, health, environment, and capacity.

The sanctified should go on. This great stagnation that exists everywhere is due to the fact that we are resting too long in the beginnings of our sanctified experience. Sanctification is only the entrance upon a fuller, deeper, broader, victorious life.

Holiness is more than a crisis; it is a crisis *and* a process. It might be well to shift the emphasis to the process in our preaching.

By Rev. F. Lincicome  
Retired elder, Free Methodist church

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## The ANNIVERSARY ISSUE of the "Herald of Holiness"

*in action*

*"Sunday afternoon, March 2, twelve of my people met at the church for prayer and each was handed a bundle of the anniversary issue of the Herald and at the same time given a certain area of our city to operate in. We had the effort dubbed 'Operation Herald,' and to our great and gracious surprise the folks were back within two hours' time rejoicing over the experience. They gave out approximately 350 of the Heralds, and some were unable to be with that group, so last night (Monday) they took their quotas and are going out this afternoon and evening, making a total of 500 from First Church being distributed. Thank God for the beautiful paper, and for the privilege of having a part in giving it out in 'Operation Herald!'"*  
—A. L. Dennis, Pastor, First Church of the Nazarene, Austin, Texas.

*"I have just received my Herald of Holiness commemorating fifty golden years. I think it is the greatest that has ever been sent out from Kansas City. It certainly meets the need of the pastor and his local publicity drive. I am glad the Torrance Church of the Nazarene went 6,500 strong. We commend the editorial staff and the Board of General Superintendents for a job well done. I am glad that I am a third generation Nazarene and have a part in such a grand organization."—Charles W. Little, Pastor, Torrance, California.*

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# "Only a Handful . . ."

Only a handful gathered in the glowing presence of God's Spirit in that tent at Pilot Point, Texas, fifty years ago! But what an impact they made by their heroic faith and dauntless courage!

Today, nearly 300,000 Nazarenes rise up to call them blessed. The destiny of a denomination was in their hands. The foundations they laid were wiser than man's mind could produce—they were directed by the Holy Ghost!

They gave us:

Solid foundations of doctrine

A strong consistent ethical code to guide our Christian conduct

A practical church polity

An aggressive, evangelistic program

A sound financial plan—tithes and offerings

A form of worship with spontaneity and freedom but without formality

We still have all of these PLUS many more advantages to help us carry out our original purpose.

The question is not so much, "Is the church what it was fifty years ago?" but rather, "Am I as completely dedicated to God as our fathers were fifty years ago?"

Maintaining the glow of the first fifty years of our church life is the task we face today. Shallowness, worldliness, evasiveness, prayerlessness must be put away from us. The only thing we have to fear is our own inertia, our own lack of willingness to venture into new paths of usefulness.

"Only a handful" then. Today 300,000! That very fact ought to put heart and courage into us! They pushed back the frontiers of sin by their faith, sacrifice, and obedience. So can we!

We're still "only a handful" as far as the great denominations of the world are concerned. But "handfuls" have changed the destiny of nations. "Handfuls" have "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

The responsibility of the "handful" back at Pilot Point was no greater than the responsibility upon the 300,000 today. The task is the same! God is the same!

By **GEORGE COULTER**  
Superintendent, Northern California District



# JOHN WESLEY: Enduring Prophet

*He Emerged as a Light in the Darkness*

By **ROBERT H. MERCER**

In order adequately to appraise the influence and place of John Wesley both in his own century and in ours, it is essential that we have a fair knowledge of the age in which he lived.

"Our light looks like the evening of the world." In these pathetic and expressive words, a *Proposal for a National Reformation of Manners*, published in 1694, described the moral condition of England at the beginning of the eighteenth century.

A new century was dawning, but it seemed as if in the spiritual sky of England, the very light of Christianity itself, was being turned by some strange and evil force into darkness, and it was upon a moral landscape of this sort that the shadows, as of some dreadful and swiftly coming spiritual eclipse, that Wesley was about to do his work.

It would be easy to multiply testimonies showing how exhausted of living religion, how black with every kind of wickedness was the England of that day.

Its ideals were gross, its sports were brutal, its public life was corrupt, its vice was unashamed. Cruelty fermented in the pleasures of the crowd, foulness stained the general speech, judges swore on the bench.

Of all the epochs in the history of England, the most stagnant and utterly hopeless was that which marked the opening of the eighteenth century. Whether you read the charming pages of Green, the massive notations of Lecky, or the caustic and searching critiques of Leslie Stephens, all unite in depicting a state of moral degradation and blasphemous impiety well-nigh surpassing belief.

With the brilliant Marlborough corrupting the higher life of the nation, with Horace Walpole reducing all politics to a game of bribes, in his belief that "every man has his price"; with poetry without exaltation, a philosophy without insight, and tribunals without justice; with an insolent infidelity, which from the days of Stillingfleet to Bolingbroke, last of the Deists, held captive the leading intellects of the nation—what genius ade-

quately could portray the repellent features of this repulsive age?

It is hardly fair to go to a satirist in search of a portrait, and Thackeray's portraits of the eighteenth century divines are etched in acid, but they are not untrue to history or to life; their power indeed lies in their truth.

Of George II, the little hot-tempered, pugnacious monarch with the morals and manners of a Jonathan Wilde in purple, Thackeray writes in sword-edge phrases. And George II had divines who matched his morals, who even consented to treat his amazing morals as virtues. Now a religion always has the sort of clergy it deserves, and taken as a class the clergy of the eighteenth century were gross and unspiritual because they represented a faith exhausted of all spiritual force. It was the age of shallow and confident deism, a deism exultant and militant, served by wit and humor, as well as defended by logic. It had captured literature, it colored the general imagination, it stained the common speech, it sat enthroned in the place of the Christian faith.

In the theology of the time, "God," says Sir Leslie Stephens, "was a compound idol of fragments of tradition and frozen metaphysics." "The grotesque Deity of Bishop Warburton," says Leslie Stephens, "was a supernatural chief justice whose sentences were carried out in a non-natural world, a constitutional monarch who had signed a constitutional compact and retired from the active government of affairs."

And now, what constituted the central truth which Wesley published in advance of all others and which has rallied the millions of the world? I answer, the radical existence of a free spirit as the crown of our humanity.

**\$1,000,000 for WORLD EVANGELISM on April 6 is the goal for our church-wide Easter Offering. Will you help us reach it?**

When Wesley appeared the intuitional philosophy of DesCartes, of Spinoza, and afterward of Kant and Coleridge, had gone into eclipse, while the materialistic philosophy of Hobbes and Locke and Hume and Priestley and Berkeley, which asserted that the world without controlled the world within the man, was everywhere triumphant. The vindication of the universality of the atonement and the freedom of the will and spiritual witness by God to man's inner consciousness smote to the death this philosophy of necessity that still languished in Buckle and Tyndall, while it lifted the intuitional philosophy which stands by the truth that man is *prima potentia* an originating will force. Out of this crucible, but nourished at the breast of the Church of England, there came forth at length the theology of Methodism, the most transcendent of all the sciences. The longer I look at it, the more does its fundamental grandeur appear.

Every theological system formulated through the ages has contributed its best elements, while their fallacies have been rejected.

It accepts the Augustinian doctrine of sin but rejects its theories of decrees. It accepts the Pelagian doctrine of the will but rejects its denial of human depravity and the necessity of spiritual aid.

It accepts with caution the moral influence of Abelard and the substitutional theory of Anselm relative to the work of Christ, but utterly rejects the rationalism of the former and the 'quid pro quo' of the latter. It accepts the perfectionist theory and deep spirituality taught by Pascal and the Port Royalists but rejects their quietistic teachings which destroy all benevolent activities of the Christian life.

It accepts the doctrine of universal redemption as taught by the early Arminians but is careful to reject the semi-Pelagian laxity which marks the teachings of the latter school of Remonstrants.

It joins with the several Socinian and Universalists schools in exalting the benevolence and mercy of God, but never falters in its declaration of the perpetuity of punishment; magnifying the efficiency of Divine Grace with the most earnest Calvinists, it, at the same time, asserts that salvation is dependent on the volitions of a will that is radically free. It publishes the glad evangel of an indwelling spirit in the heart. It holds out the possibility of a victory over the apostate nature by asserting a sanctification that is entire, and a perfection in love which is not ultimate and final, but progressive in its development fervor.

This is the theology that the great English churchman gave to the world.

This theology proclaims the essential royalty of man as a moral agent, and vindicates it against that sensuous philosophy of Locke which ripened into French materialism and made possible the positive philosophy of Camte. The whole gamut of the philosophy of theism has been swept by the brilliance of this great English divine, in search of truth, and his gleanings constitute a system of theology unmatched in the whole range of theism.

Now, what is the secret of Wesley's power? The secret of the success of his work is not to be found in the close-wrought and magnificent ecclesiastical



*Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Nacogdoches, Texas, read the Bible through twice during the month of January. To add interest the pastor fastened Gospel portions to the wall behind the pulpit as these scriptures were read. The local newspaper was so impressed with this program that they printed a front page story concerning it. Rev. David K. Kline is the pastor.*

## Bible-reading Marathon

Rev. Don L. Newell, pastor of the Winter Haven, Florida, church, writes that his people, including teenagers and children, recently completed a Bible-reading marathon in which the Bible was read publicly. Many of the members testified to the special blessing received and the added appreciation and love for the Word of God. Outsiders heard of the project and commented favorably upon it, including the local newspaper, which printed a story about this feature program.

machinery with which he endowed the church. Wesley invented no new doctrines. He himself said, "I simply teach the grand old doctrines of the Church of England which are merely the common fundamental teachings of Christianity." He did not disturb it with a new heresy, nor adorn it with a new doctrine; he simply lived and walked in the presence of God.

Macaulay ridicules these writers of books called histories of England who fail to see that among the events which have determined that history is the rise of Methodism. Wesley, he says, "had a genius for government not inferior to that of Richelieu."

Wesley's secret in brief, however, does not lie in his statesmanship, in his genius for organization, or in his intellectual prowess; first, last, and all the time it belongs to the spiritual realm. The energy that thrilled in his look, that breathed from his presence, that made his life a flame and his voice a spell, stands in the last analysis in the category of spiritual force.

Across what is the fashion to call the leanness of the eighteenth century runs a golden chain of mighty names. Its record of literature is splendid. It ranges from Swift and Addison, Johnson and Goldsmith, Pope and Gibbon, to Byron and Burns

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"See their banners go"—could be said of the Early Church following Pentecost. It ought no less to apply to the twentieth century Church.

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and Wordsworth. Newton is its representative in science, Burke and Pitt in statesmanship, and Wilberforce in philanthropy.

Yet the one which represents the force which has most profoundly affected English history is the founder of Methodism. This may be claimed for Wesley, not because he outshone the other man of his century in genius, but because he dealt with loftier forces than they.

Who awakens the great energies of religion touches the elemental force in human life, a force infinitely deeper than politics, loftier than literature, and wider than science. Wesley worked in a realm through which blew airs from eternity.

Someday, in the purposes and plans of the Almighty, surely there must come forth from the minds of thinking men an overture of welcome into the Anglican communion, to this great priest of Christendom and all his millions of devoted followers who profess and call themselves Christians. —*The Churchman*, January, 1958. *Used by permission.*

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Stewardship is a privilege as well as a responsibility. Let us, in this our Golden Anniversary year, be faithful stewards of that with which God has entrusted us. Surely twenty thousand Nazarenes giving fifty dollars for world evangelism at Easter time should be a challenge we accept as we make this our largest Easter Offering.

—KENNETH T. OLSEN  
Member, the General Board

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## Reminder to All Ministers:

*A recent amendment to the Social Security law provides that ministers must now include as net earnings for Social Security purposes the rental value of a parsonage or rental allowance furnished them as part of their compensation. Social Security tax must be paid on the rental value of a parsonage or rental allowance as well as on the net earnings from the ministry. However, ministers are not required to report the rental value of a parsonage or rental allowance as income when computing their Federal income tax. The provisions of this amendment began with the 1957 taxable year, for which a report must be filed with the Internal Revenue Service on or before April 15, 1958.*

*This will be advantageous to the minister inasmuch as it allows him to build up a larger monthly Social Security retirement benefit without increasing his Federal income tax.*

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*It took a housetop prayer meeting  
and a vision from heaven  
to cure Peter of saying—*

## "Not So, Lord"

By J. J. STEELE

Good men can be wrong! Peter, the dedicated, Spirit-filled, God-used man was wrong, definitely. Being sanctified wholly did not save him from racial prejudice, narrow nationalism, and shortsightedness. He still felt his spiritual and racial superiority. Gentiles were still "dogs" unworthy of the riches of the Kingdom. But he was a man of prayer—that saved him.

The incident is in Acts, the tenth chapter. Peter was a guest in the home of Simon the Tanner. Till that day he had never "stooped" to associate with Gentiles, let alone preach to them. But something happened while he was in prayer that changed all that.

Levitical laws forbade Jews to eat certain "unclean" animals. God used this fact to teach Peter a life-changing lesson. When the vision of the sheet full of animals was let down with the command, "Rise, Peter; kill, and eat," his first reaction was to cry out of his outraged prejudice, "Not so, Lord." Early training and environment spoke louder than the voice of God. Patiently our Lord spoke the second time. Then the "rock" began to

break; prejudice began to dissolve. Soon he understood the meaning of it all and went on his way to minister to those he had been trained to despise.

Prejudice is a stubborn characteristic of the soul for either right or wrong. Being born again and sanctified wholly does not deliver us from it. The stronger the prejudice (sometimes called convictions), the stronger the force necessary to overcome it. Blessed indeed is the man who has been prejudiced in early life only in favor of the truth and right. But it took a mighty demonstration of Divinity to deliver the great Paul from his lifelong prejudices. And it took a housetop prayer meeting, a heavenly vision, and a voice to rid Peter of his false notions.

But Peter was willing to be taught. He was not so stubborn he would not listen. Perhaps he had thought, I'll never see it any differently, as people with strong convictions usually do. But he was humble enough to admit his wrong when God spoke.

Sanctified people can be wrong! Just because I believe a thing right or wrong does not make that thing either right or wrong. The basis of right

and wrong is not in my conscience, or "convictions," or prejudices. My heart can be completely right while my head may be wrong. The heart always enters the Kingdom first. The head must be brought into conformity to the true basis of truth, the Word of the Lord. Even here it takes time to rightly divide "the word of truth."

To stubbornly resist all influences to change our racial, social, and spiritual prejudices is to shut our ears to the voice of God. Light is progressive. It "shineth more and more unto the perfect day." If people who hold to unchristian attitudes toward other races, or who are misinformed and misguided about many other issues that divide good people, will betake themselves to their "housetops" of prayer, and maintain a humble vigil of waiting for the voice of God through a serious study of His Word, they will find many of their prejudices (they may have called convictions) dissolving in divine love for all who differ with them, and for people of all races, red, yellow, and black. And, too, they will be continually seeking light on their prejudices from God's Word, and bringing their consciences into conformity to the Spirit of the loving Lord.

## *Will There Be Continual Growth?*

Recently this question, "Will there be continual growth?" was directed to me from the halls of liberalism after presenting a paper on "The History of the Church of the Nazarene." I was astonished at first because from early youth the thought in my mind has always been that "our movement is a progressive movement" and naturally I like to think of the future in the same respect. The holiness movements, and especially our own beloved Church of the Nazarene, are widely known for great phenomenal growth.

However, regardless of how the past looks, this outstanding liberal theologian (Dr. Walter M. Horton, Oberlin Graduate School of Theology) was asking me a question which, if answered in the positive, must have the help of every individual in the church. I am not certain what implication was meant by this question but I

do know the answer lies in the constituency of our church.

Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, the superintendent of the Central Ohio District, has said, "This is our day of opportunity." This being true, then we must set ourselves to the task of evangelizing more than ever before. Evangelism aids growth and each is sparked by the prayers and work of *all Nazarenes everywhere*. It is imperative that we evangelize now.

The Bible says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." The Church of the Nazarene has the message the world needs and the world in general is hungry for the message of holiness. *Will there be continual growth?* This depends on what we do with the unchurched people who live in our communities.

**By PAUL PUSEY, Pastor, Ridge Chapel Church, Carey, Ohio**

## Five Wonderful Promises to the Christian

The Bible is full of promises to Christians. Out of these I present only five, and they are specific. That is, each deals with only one truth—the baptism with the Holy Ghost, or entire sanctification.

*Joel 2:28-29*

The first one I mention is from Joel; it is both a prophecy and a promise. Here are the words: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit" (2:28-29). This promise refers, undoubtedly, to Pentecost, or the baptism with the Holy Ghost. It was Peter's text for his sermon on the Day of Pentecost and was not only a promise to those who were in the Upper Room but also to all Christians of all ages. Peter makes this clear, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). Do you want to be filled with the Holy Ghost, my Christian friend? Do you want the baptism with the Holy Ghost? It is for you today. Both Joel and Peter bring this good news to you.

*John 14:15-18*

The second promise to Christians is in John 14:15-18. This too is one of the mountain peaks of the Bible. John says, under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost: "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." Anyone who will read this passage with any care at all will see at once that John is talking about something that Jesus is promising to do for the Christian, and only for the Christian. Those of the world cannot receive the Comforter; only those whose sins have been forgiven, who already know the Master. It is into their hearts that He can come in all of His fullness, in all of His comforting power, if only they will meet the conditions and open wide the door. "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

*Luke 11:11-13*

The third promise to which I direct your attention is found in Luke 11:11-13: "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for

a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" This passage follows one of the Master's greatest lessons on praying, which concludes with these words: "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (vv. 9-10).

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With this, then, as the background and in the thought of all who were listening, Jesus said, If ye then, being evil [or human, or finite], know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" He has been emphasizing the necessity for asking, and now He brings to His followers (not to sinners) this great promise. God is anxious to give the Holy Spirit to His children, if only they will ask Him. The Holy Ghost can be had for the asking. Of course no one can truly ask for this blessing—no Christian—until he has come to the place where he turns everything over to Jesus, makes a complete consecration, and leaves everything in the Master's hands. Then he can truly ask, then he can really plead this promise, then he need not be afraid that he will be disappointed. "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

*Matthew 5:6*

The fourth promise to the Christian which I mention is found in Matthew 5:6, and is one of the Beatitudes. Note the words: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." One main reason why most Christians who come to the altar seeking holiness do not get the blessing is that they do not "hunger and thirst" after it. You must really want it, with all that it means for you and your life, before God will give it to you; and God knows whether you really want it. I may be working beside you at the altar, and doing my best to help you, and not really know if you truly want it—but the Holy Spirit, who is there beside you also, watching you, penetrating your mind and your

thought, knows without any shadow of doubt, knows for sure if you really want to be filled with the Spirit. This promise is made only to those who "hunger and thirst." My Christian friend, you do not have to wait; if your sins have been forgiven and you come to God with a passionate longing for the fullness of the blessing, you can get it. You may say, But how do I know that you are speaking the truth? Maybe something else is holding me back. No, that can't be. If you are hungering and thirsting for Him, if you want Him more than you want anything else, then there isn't

get it there—you can get it where you are; you can get it now. The blessing has been promised to you, and there need no longer be any gap between the promise and the fact. God is ready to close that distance this minute. Your faith can rise on the wings of prayer to the throne of God, and the Holy Ghost in His baptismal power will come upon you, cleansing your heart from all sin.

## ***Stimulus and Response***

Stimulus and response are much discussed in psychology. They are correlative terms. One produces the other. A word is flashed on the screen and a certain response is made by the onlooker. Again, someone may strike or throw at you and you bat your eyes, jump, scream, or run. Our lives are largely made up of stimuli and responses.

I John 1:7 may be thought of in terms of stimulus and response. However, in this situation stimulus and response is not as mechanical as it often is in psychology. Still, there is a parallelism. The stimulus is found in the first part of the verse, "But if we walk in the light"—that is the human side of the proposition. The divine side is the response, "we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Notice the stimulus again, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light"—if we are energetic in the presence of truth. More than that, if we are active enough to keep up with our consciences and the truth of the Bible, and with the voice of the Holy Ghost—this is walking in the light. Just as there is sunlight all about us here on this earth, so there is the light of God surrounding us while we continue in this world. It may manifest itself in a song, prayer, tear, testimony, sermon, and in many other ways. The big question is, Will we walk in this light, move when it comes, do its bidding, fall in line with it, keep step with God as He manifests himself in these various ways? This is the stimulus which brings God's response—cleansing from all sin.

If we do mind God, obey Him, even when He convicts us as sinners, or speaks to us about going on to holiness, there is a response which He will make. Of course the text which is before us has to do with cleansing from the sin, rather than repentance. We can bring God's reaction, God's cleansing, His sanctifying blessing and glory, this wonderful response if only we'll do that which will stimulate such a response. If we'll present the stimulus, God will take care of the response. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." When we make our move, God will make His. Walking in the light on the part of the Christian brings fellowship with God and cleansing through the blood of Jesus.

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anything that can keep you from getting the Holy Ghost. In that case you will pay the price and your heart will be filled with the indwelling Holy Ghost.

#### *I Thessalonians 5:24*

The fifth, and last, promise is found in I Thessalonians 5:24. Here are the words: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." What was the Apostle Paul talking about here? He was talking about what is set forth in the preceding verse (v. 23): "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Usually we read this verse alone, but we need to read with it the twenty-fourth verse also. It is the guarantee that what is spoken of in verse 23 can be yours, "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." The Apostle stakes the faithfulness of the eternal and unchangeable God upon the fact that you will get the blessing, that this brief prayer for the Christians at Thessalonica can be answered for them and also for you, if you seek ardently and zealously for it to be answered. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

People may fail you in whatever they promise you, but God never will. He will sanctify you wholly now, my Christian friend, if you will put everything on the altar and launch out with Him. "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

The church with its altar is a good place to obtain the blessing, but you don't have to wait to

# The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for  
April 13:

## God's People in Bondage

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 1 (Printed: Exodus 1:7-22)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The Lord is on my side: I will not fear: what can man do unto me? (Psalms 118:6)*

The children of Israel, apparently, were in a hopeless situation. No longer was Joseph in power and his people in favor. Pharaoh, fearful of the growing population and increased power, issued new edicts. The taskmasters afflicted and gave heavier work. The sufferings increased—and each newborn son was condemned to die.

In such a valley of despair the chosen ones struggled to find the will of God. "Why," we ask, "would God permit such suffering and not stay the hand of the tyrant?" In such perplexities it seems that God refines His children, for His ultimate aim is not their comfort, but their personal development.

Today, amid the suffering through which God's children may be called to go, remember, God still cares. We must learn to look past the immediate, for we are but "strangers and pilgrims on the earth." We cry unto Him for the removal of the trouble and He answers, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

In adversity we may often forget that God is working out His plan. Are we uncertain that this is so, that He is truly bringing His plans to culmination? Does it seem that each added burden is further proof God has forsaken us? If so, accept God's wisdom and rejoice, for "if so be that we suffer with him, . . . we may be also glorified together" (Romans 8:17).

Thus the mature Christian learns to submit to God's providences. Are we ever guilty of saying, "God is working out His plan, but . . . He seems to be mighty slow about it"? Will we be willing to accept God's time schedule and trust in His infinite goodness?

If we desire to learn submission to God's providences, let us accept suffering, through which God may work. Recognize His claim on your obedience; submit willingly to His will, for only in your so doing can God bring about His creative work through you.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	February 1957	February 1958	Number Increase
<b>EASTERN ZONE</b>			
New York	2,102	2,189	87
Albany	3,193	3,047	-146
Philadelphia	5,390*	4,908	-482
Akron	12,152	11,424	-728
Washington	5,549*	4,749	-800
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Pittsburgh, New England			
<b>BRITISH COMMONWEALTH</b>			
Canada Central	1,922*	2,191	269
Canada West	4,196	4,316	120
Maritime	879	849	-30
British Isles South	3,654	3,089	-565
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Canada Pacific, British Isles North, Australia			
<b>SOUTHERN ZONE</b>			
Abilene	5,628	5,866	238
South Arkansas	4,029	3,995	-34
Northeastern Oklahoma	3,945	3,903	-42
Kansas City	5,081*	5,025	-56
Louisiana	3,458	3,387	-77
San Antonio	3,642	3,556	-86
Southeast Oklahoma	3,719	3,605	-114
Houston	3,813	3,696	-117
Nebraska	2,748	2,626	-122
Kansas	8,125	7,926	-199
Southwest Oklahoma	5,787	5,577	-210
Northwestern Oklahoma	5,775	5,499	-276
Dallas	5,200	4,410	-790
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> North Arkansas, Joplin			
<b>SOUTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Southern California	12,075	12,525	450
Los Angeles	10,240	10,490	250
Arizona	3,945	4,150	205
Colorado	6,336	6,496	160
New Mexico	3,207	3,336	129
Hawaii	676	749	73
Northern California	15,793	15,317	-476
<b>NORTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Oregon Pacific	7,719	8,377	658
Washington Pacific	5,402*	6,007	605
Northwest	6,697	7,186	489
Nevada-Utah	908	1,006	98
Idaho-Oregon	6,311	6,380	69
Rocky Mountain	2,414	2,455	41
South Dakota	760	685	-75
Alaska	671	544	-127
North Dakota	1,596	1,457	-139
Minnesota	2,232	2,203	-290
<b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>			
Chicago Central	5,687	5,722	35
Wisconsin	2,240	2,195	-45
Michigan	8,190	8,142	-48
Indianapolis	9,381	9,277	-104
Northwestern Illinois	5,278*	5,126	-152
Eastern Michigan	9,158	8,971	-187
Northeastern Indiana	9,983	9,645	-338
Southwest Indiana	9,020	8,672	-348
Illinois	8,643	7,980	-663
Iowa	6,508	5,832	-676
Central Ohio	14,029	13,329	-700
Western Ohio	14,598	13,572	-1,026
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Missouri, Northwest Indiana			

	February 1957	February 1958	Number Increase
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
Florida	8,610	8,498	-112
Mississippi	2,953	2,818	-135
Alabama	6,745*	6,577	-168
South Carolina	5,050	4,783	-267
Virginia	3,219	2,943	-276
North Carolina	3,889	3,393	-496
Georgia	6,078	5,456	-622
Kentucky	6,056*	5,106	-950
East Tennessee	5,947*	4,864	-1,083
Tennessee	8,612	7,400	-1,212
West Virginia	11,341	8,960	-2,381

Estimated average for February, 1958  
Decrease under average of 1957  
% of decrease

9.58  
389,733  
17,164

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Field Secretary

\*Average attendance last assembly year.



## Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

**Rev. Robert Ingram, missionary to Guatemala since 1921, died March 17, at Salama, Guatemala, where he and Mrs. Ingram retired in June, 1957. He was seventy-one years of age.**

back, bringing about thirty chickens which they had bought for him with their money. They wept again when they presented them to him. Evidently, because he had lost no much weight, they thought he must be hungry, and they had spent all they had to purchase the special kind of food for him that they knew he liked.

**Please continue to pray for Brother Knox, that the condition which caused the need for serious surgery will not return, and that God will give full and permanent recovery from this illness.**

### Missionaries Wherever They Are

I have been preaching once a Sunday since the last of January, and have taken a couple of special services locally. I am so grateful to be feeling improved, especially the past two weeks, but seem to "run out of gas" so quickly! However, with Betty's help, since the last of January we have started a new Golden Anniversary church at Vandalia, Ohio, organized a week ago with eighteen local lay members, and there may be five or six more within the thirty days to complete the charter.

Arrangements are being made for land, and then a building program for whoever takes over. We started them out on the 8 per cent idea, and with special offerings they will be well over 10 per cent their first year.

It has been a thrill to know that, while I was down, the devil didn't have me clear out for the count! This project was just to be doing something until such time as we could get located.

The Church of the Nazarene at Yorktown, Indiana extended us a unanimous call. It seems to be God's open door for us, and we have felt led to accept

### New Addresses

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard York's address is now Box 28, Corozal, British Honduras, Central America.

Miss Elizabeth Elverd, who recently returned from British Honduras because of illness, is now living at 1208 North Fourth Street, Toronto, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Ault, returned from British Guiana because of his serious heart condition, have received the doctor's permission to accept a small pastorate. Their address is 303 Elm Street, Box 212, Yorktown, Indiana.

### News from Knoxes New Guinea

Sidney is home at the mission station and gaining slowly in strength.

The mission boys all came to meet him when he arrived, and cried when they saw how thin he was, and weak.

These boys had helped a little with the building of the house for the Condors, and Sidney had paid them a little bit for their work. They had asked him to keep their money for them. The first Saturday after he was back from the hospital, the boys all came and asked for their money. Sidney did not understand why, but gave it to them. They disappeared and were gone for several hours. Then they came

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this call. Our first Sunday there will be March 23.

Recently the doctor took an electrocardiogram, and said I had made good progress, and said also that I could take a pastorate in a small community, provided there was no building program or major problems to bring pressure. He ruled out foreign service for the present, also deputation work.

For this reason the church at Yorktown appears to be God's will for us now.—DONALD AULT.

### Note from India

We are all keeping well, for which we are very thankful. We've had a time with our youngest boy. His liver became badly enlarged from amoebic dysentery. Dr. Cox looked at him yesterday and said he was back to normal again, which made us very happy. Now that they have built up an immunity to these bugs, we shouldn't have any more trouble. In spite of these adjustments we are happy to be here and we thank God for His many blessings. He gives from day to day.

Next week we leave for Mahabeshwar for more language study.—MRS. PHYLLIS HELM.

You and your  
**Morals**

The House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee has before it the Siler Bill (HR 4835), which has to do with halting alcoholic beverage advertising in interstate commerce and over the air. This is the bill in the House equivalent to the bill in the Senate we wrote about last week.

Every Nazarene should write to Hon. Oren Harris, House of Representatives Office Building, Washington 25, D.C. and urge an early hearing and a favorable reporting of the Siler Bill.

Remember your letter could save your child from becoming an alcoholic.

KENNETH S. RICE, *Secretary*  
Public Morals Committee

# Servicemen's Corner



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## Nazarene Chaplains in Active Duty

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# Thought for the Day



by **BERTHA MUNRO**

## God Is a Worker

### Monday:

Teach me by this stupendous scaffolding,

Creation's golden steps, to climb to Thee.—E. Young, looking into the starry heavens.

"O God, I am thinking Thy thoughts after Thee."—Kepler, studying astronomy.

And what of our God in this age of uncounted galaxies? Lift up your eyes! (Psalms 19:1; Isaiah 40:26.)

### Tuesday:

"When the half-gods go, the gods arrive."—Emerson. When we stop keeping other things at the center—even ourselves, even some precious human fulcrum—we can see God as He is, and life falls into true perspective. Who wants a cheap bargain in his God? A cheap God will give us a cheap life. (Isaiah 40:13-18; I Thessalonians 1:9).

### Wednesday:

"God is not a problem to be solved, but a Worker to be joined"—still creating. A Force always at work, a Force that works by love. Teach me how to work with Thee today and always. (John 5:17; Psalms 104:24; II Timothy 2:15.)

### Thursday:

*A harvester with helpless hands  
In fields of ripened grain.*

Lord, is it I? Criminal if I let it be so, when He has said we may lift holy hands in prayer, and have them energized by His Spirit; when He has promised to hold our hands, not only in reassurance, but in power. (Isaiah 41:10, 13-15.)

### Friday:

"It is God which worketh in you." Why so many problems, difficulties, uncertainties in the work, weighing on me all at once? As I prayed, the answer came: "That you may bring them to Me, and in bringing them deepen your sense of dependence on Me, know a closer intimacy with Me, realize afresh My power, learn a new song of praise for deliverance." Paul's infirmities were his glory, "that the power of Christ" might rest upon him. (Philippians 2:13; Colossians 1:29; II Corinthians 12:9.)

### Saturday:

"How unsearchable are his judgments."

A busy day, with extra assignments; not a second, it seemed to pray. But I remembered John Wesley's rule to spend

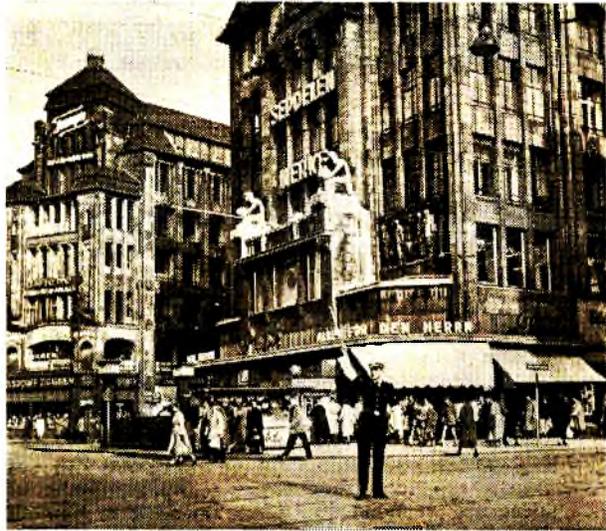


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**A policeman directs traffic in Hamburg, one of 47 cities in West Germany with over 100,000 population. The Church of the Nazarene must help to evangelize these centers. Your Easter offering will make it possible to support Rev. Jerry Johnson and his family as they begin this venture for God.**

double time in prayer on his busiest days, and acted on it. The day ran like clockwork; time was saved at every turn. Why? "Seek ye first the kingdom . . . all . . . things . . . added."

The next day I prayed just as faithfully, and everything went at sixes and sevens; tangles developed in the simplest situations. Why? "Our God . . . is able to deliver . . . But if not, . . ." "The trying of your faith worketh patience."

God knows which lesson His workman needs: trust or patience. (Matthew 6:33; Daniel 3:17-18; James 1:3-4.)

### Sunday:

*Help is coming, swiftly coming,  
From the hills beyond the skies.*

How quickly, immediately, our Master Workman sends help when the crisis is upon us! I should never borrow tomorrow's trouble, nor the next moment's. Reinforcements come in the nick of time—not before. Almost startling, this literal, sudden fashion in which at times He shows us He is paying attention. Just as certain His notice when His judgment counsels delay. (Hebrews 4:16; II Chronicles 16:9; Habakkuk 2:3d.)

*Nazarene Young People's Society and*

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**PONDER W. GILLILAND**  
*Executive Secretary*

### Item from Illinois

Home mission pastors have received more financial help from the N.Y.P.S. district project this year than ever before. Approximately \$4,300 was given by the young people of the Illinois District to supplement the salaries of home mission pastors. This year every church has either made a pledge or received a project budget.

### Holiday Happenings

The District Thanksgiving Banquet is now over and we are all thrilled with its outcome. There were 230 present. The chicken and other food was delicious. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool brought a

wonderful and challenging message to us. The Treble Tone Trio from Olivet sang for us and was much appreciated by all. The film "The Silent Witness" was a very good one. I trust that each of us will never be found in the same position that the young man found himself.—REV. MARION HOLLOWAY, *District N.Y.P.S. President, Missouri District.*

### British Isles South

We had a very fine District Rally in October at Dewsbury. Rev. Hugh Rae was the speaker. It marked the launching of the district project of the N.Y.P.S., which is to raise £1,000 to endow the Lecture Hall of the new College Extension the British Isles is planning.

We plan to do it over three years. There were over two hundred in the evening service. Until then no one had thought of using the theme chorus, but the group soon learned it and now it's a real favorite.

The Yorkshire Zone had their rally in

September. This was at Hull, one of the outposts of the district, and they were greatly encouraged. The local society entertained us royally and at the close the inquiry room was filled to capacity.—W. J. R. WESCOTT, District N.Y.P.S. President, British Isles South.



ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

## See Our Home Mission Fields

Full-color slides are available of our overseas home mission fields and our special United States home mission work. Young people's and missionary societies, Sunday schools, and churches will find these sets make our work on these fields real and interesting and bring acquaintance with our district superintendents and pastors. Slides are mounted in glass and metal holders to give accurate focusing. Write for a set or a request form. Rental is two dollars for each set, except the one on our Bible colleges (\$1.00).

Alaska (91 slides)  
Australia (75 slides)  
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Hawaii (80 slides)  
New Zealand (59 slides)  
South Africa (European) (68 slides)  
United States Negro and Chinese (88 slides)

Australia and South Africa Bible Colleges (42 slides in ready-mounts)

## Self-study Schedule for Churches

The *Self-study Schedule*, containing one hundred items for analyzing the effectiveness of a church, has been so well received that the first printing was entirely used and a second printing is now available. While it was prepared with town and country churches in mind, it is practical for self-analysis for any but our largest churches. Some churches have requested enough copies for the entire church board. A pastor's self-study schedule is also included, for the pastor's personal use in his own ministry.

These schedules are available from the Department of Home Missions, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri, upon request.

## News from Australia Bible College

"Our new college year has officially opened. We registered yesterday [February 27] and conducted our first classes and chapel service today. Thus far we have registered twelve full and part-time students, with more expected a little later. Six of these students are entirely new. Some who planned up to the very last minute to come were unable to through serious illness. The group we have seem to be a very high type. The men are clearly called to

preach and are of superior calibre. Two of them will be serving our church in New Zealand."—Richard S. Taylor, principal, Sydney, Australia.

## Helpful Home Mission Suggestions

Some copies are still available of a twenty-four-page booklet with two sections, "Planting a New Church" and "Methods of Home Mission Development." This booklet is filled with brief, practical suggestions. It was sent to all district superintendents and some pastors following the 1956 General Assembly. It is particularly pertinent during our Golden Anniversary year, as we plan to organize 365 new churches. While our remaining stock lasts, a free copy will be sent on request. Write to the Department of Home Missions.

## Home Mission Building Plans

A new brochure of ten plans for the small first building of a home mission church has been prepared for our Golden Anniversary year. These plans have been designed by seven architects and church designers. The buildings will seat from 60 to 170 in the sanctuary, and most of them provide for overflow seating, Sunday school rooms, and church office. Write for *Building Plans for New Congregations* and mail your request to the Division of Church Extension, Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri.

## ONE MILLION DOLLARS in Church Extension Loan Funds in 1958

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Your savings deposits help build these loan funds. Recently several churches have sent in their building fund which they are setting aside for a future building project. They earn interest on this and help another church to build while they are getting ready for their own project. The Division of Church Extension will send you complete information upon request and your correspondence is kept in strict confidence.

## In Faith Believing

By HILDA B. MORRILL

*I asked the Lord for needed grace  
To help me shine in my own place,  
That I might point some soul above  
And tell him of the Saviour's love.*

*I asked the Lord for mercy, too,  
That I might be ever kind and true;  
To let me smooth some fevered brow  
Or calm a troubled soul, somehow.*

*I asked the Lord for patience, too,  
To help me persevere in all I do;  
That I'd not fret o'er worldly care,  
Knowing my God is ever there.*

*I prayed the Lord for greater love  
Like unto His great love above,  
That I might better serve His cause—  
Not for fame or men's applause.*

*I asked the Lord for all these things  
And now within me my heart sings,  
For well I know my Saviour's care—  
He is a God who answers prayer!*

## Saints Without Halos

By CHAMP TRAYLOR

Pastor, San Mateo, California

Not all saints have halos. Not many belong to the exclusive Apostles' Club. Most of us are members of the rank and file.

We will never be a St. Peter, a St. Paul, or a St. John. Rather, we are among the seventy that Jesus sent forth. We are the quiet, untitled, unknown men who lift loads and shoulder crosses. We will never do anything conspicuous. We will never sit on the twelve thrones of Israel. No court or cathedral will ever memorialize our names.

Our work will never be reviewed in the public press nor our exploits penciled on the pages of history. We have no brass buttons or distinguished service medals adorning our attire. We do not tower aloft like the lofty sequoias—we are shrub saints. We cannot speak with the tongues of men and of angels. We cannot understand all mysteries and all knowledge. We cannot exercise the faith that moves mountains.

*But we can love.* We can suffer long and be kind. We can act the part of unselfishness and refuse to be puffed up. We can hope and endure and believe.

And just because we march in the ranks and wear no glittering swords, don't think we are lost in the crowd. Though we are the untitled seventy—the dusty, worn, and weary saints without halos—we will do our duty in such heroic fashion that our Master will smile with proud approval when He sees us march before Him in the great review!



Brodhead, Wisconsin—Recently God gave us a good revival with Evangelist Dewey Mounts and wife as the special workers. Brother Mounts's messages were anointed by the Spirit and new people prayed through to victory. God is blessing this home mission work, and our people are rejoicing for a good start on our Golden Anniversary year.—EDWIN J. SIMMONS, *Pastor*.

Parkersburg, West Virginia—Third Church recently enjoyed a most successful youth revival with Rev. James Hokada, from the Hawaiian Islands, as evangelist. Every service was a spiritual feast, with good attendance and interest throughout. Our people greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Hokada, also his slides of the Islands and our work there. New contacts were made, the Sunday school has increased, and souls have sought and found God for pardon and heart purity. Coming here in May of '57 we found a few faithful folk worshipping in a cold basement building. God has helped us in a wonderful way to purchase a nice 30 x 60 feet block building, and the congregation has moved into the front of this nice building; there are five rooms and bath in the rear being used for a parsonage. Progress is being made, and our people are co-operating with the local district, and general program.—WILLIAM R. DILLON, *Pastor*.

Tarrant City, Alabama—Our revival, closing on February 9, was the best in the history of this church. Evangelist Nettie A. Miller preached soul-stirring sermons for twelve nights which resulted in sixty-one victorious decisions for God in both conversions and entire sanctification. Ten new members, including four fine families, were added to the church. God is blessing in the work here, and we hope to be in our new sanctuary by late June. We covet an interest in your prayers.—J. C. REECE, *Pastor*.

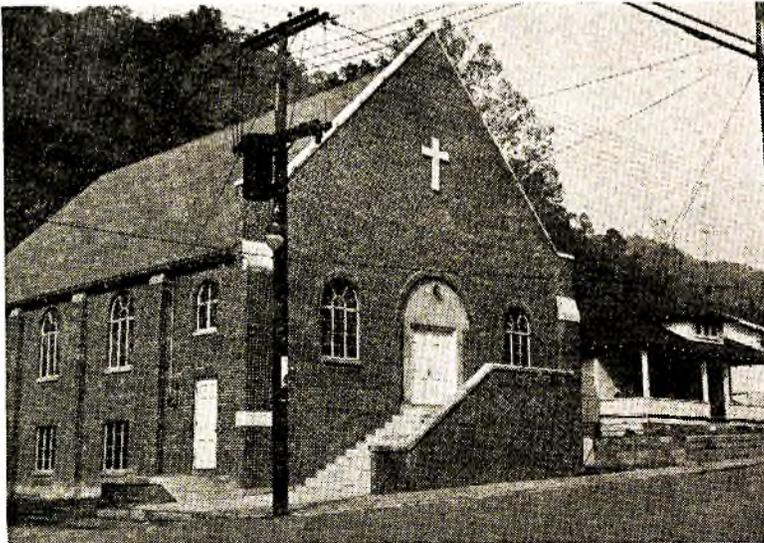
Evangelist James W. Thomas writes that he will be in a meeting at Cabot, Arkansas, with the Russell Chapel Church, March 19 to 30. Also he has some open time in July and August. Write him, Box 87, Gravette, Arkansas.

Yakima, Washington—On January 12, Bethel Church extended a three-year call to Rev. Ralph A. Cook, pastor, with a near unanimous vote. This is the first time in the history of Bethel Church that such an action has been taken. Never has there been a greater spirit of unity in the church than now. We have learned to love and appreciate Rev. and Mrs. Cook during their two and one-half years with us. Their deep spiritual lives and their ministry among us have been of real inspiration.—MR. GEORGE W. SMILEY, *Secretary*.

Litchfield, Minnesota—Last December 15 was a great day for Pastor Harry E. Grimshaw and our people here. Rev. Roy F. Stevens, district superintendent, was with us for the mortgage-burning ceremony; our church now being paid for. Brother Stevens brought challenging messages in both the morning and evening services. Also we are glad to report that even while working to meet our building pledges, our church raised the second highest Thanksgiving offering on the district. In order to raise the money for the mortgage we used the Old Testament altar theme; as each \$100 came in a rock was painted (on the altar) and the fire was painted on top after the last \$100 came in, to indicate sacrifice. We thank God for our wonderful pastor and his family, and also for those who have served this church in the past.—MARTIN HINKKO, *Secretary*.

Rev. James W. Humble writes: "At the close of our assembly year I am leaving the pastorate to go into the evangelistic field. I have enjoyed the work of the pastorate but have felt for some time that I must get back into the work of evangelism. I am moving my family to Nampa, so my children may have the college privileges, and will be available for meetings anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 122, Parma, Idaho."

## Man, West Virginia



This church was organized in August of 1939, with Rev. E. L. Sanford as evangelist. The meeting was sponsored by the Logan church. There were nine charter members. Rev. W. V. Thomp-

son, pastor at Logan, served as the first pastor and directed the erection of a frame building, with the able assistance of Brother D. V. Rozell, an outstanding layman (now deceased). Rev. C. C.

Stanley came in 1940, and under his leadership the membership grew and a number of improvements were made. Four years later Miss Mildred Sisson became pastor, and the church began construction of the basement Sunday school rooms. The work was continued under Rev. Leon Samples who served during 1946 and '47. Rev. John R. Browning came in October of '47 and completed the basement and the brick building pictured here, on a corner lot in the center of the city. The auditorium has a seating capacity of near 300, with 11 Sunday school rooms and a nice auditorium downstairs. The Sunday school attendance increased from 23 to an average of 145 during Brother Browning's ministry, and the church membership from 20 to 86. After ten years of service here, Brother Browning had to leave due to illness. Just prior to his resignation the church purchased and paid for 24 beautiful oak pews, pulpit furniture, and a Hammond organ. The over-all value of the building and property is estimated at \$75,000 and the debt is only \$7,500. Coming here last October we found a wonderful group of people, faithful and loyal to God and the church.—VANE M. ANDERSON, *Pastor*.

Roanoke, Virginia—I have just closed my first year as pastor of East Gate Church. Our people are loyal and aggressive and each department of the work is moving ahead. The Sunday school reached an all-time attendance record of 271; vacation Bible school enrollment was 114, with a daily average of 91. We received the Standard Certificate award from the Department of Church Schools. Evangelist H. G. Purhiser and Rev. E. G. Lusk were the special workers for our revival; these services were times of rejoicing and growing in grace. Plans are being made to expand the work in every department in this anniversary year. Our people are back of the entire church program, and we greatly appreciate our district leaders, Dr. and Mrs. V. W. Littrell. If you have friends in this city, send their names and addresses to us (2420 Kessler Road, N.E.), and we'll be glad to look them up.—V. J. SHETLER, *Pastor*.



**If you have not yet given your Easter offering for world evangelism, it would be very helpful to do so in the next two weeks. The fiscal year closes April 30 and your church treasurer wants to send the offering to the General Treasurer before that time. Thanks.**

**General Stewardship Committee**

Columbus, Georgia—Grace Church recently had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Joel Danner and wife as the special workers. This was one of the best revivals in the history of the church. Many people received help from God, and sixteen new members were added to the church. We have scheduled Brother Danner to return for another meeting in August.—R. L. PITTS, *Pastor*.

Pastor Robert Palmer reports: "We spent two years with the church at Hanging Rock, Ohio, where we were able to build a nice church and see folks get to God. Coming to Middleport, Ohio, we found that God had used Rev. Robert Styers to build a fine church basement, and we have a fine group of people. In November we had a fine revival with Evangelist B. W. Murphy. God has given seekers in many of our own services. We have a good group of both young folks and older ones."

Pastor Paul Darulla reports from Wheeling, West Virginia: "In February our church had a fine revival meeting with Evangelist Carl S. Nutter. In spite of the cold weather, the attendance was exceptional, finances came easily, and many souls sought God at the altar. Brother Nutter is a fine preacher and carries a real burden for souls. On the closing Sunday the church gave the pastor a fine recall vote, returning us for the eighth year among this wonderful people."

Durand, Michigan—Recently our church had a good revival with Evangelist A. K. Jones. A number of seekers prayed through at the altar, finding the Lord as Saviour and Sanctifier. On the Sunday after the close of the meeting the church extended a nearly unanimous call to our pastor, Rev. R. L. Sheehy, for his fifth year. The Lord is blessing and souls are finding Him.—VICTOR CLEVELAND, *Secretary*.

Delaware, Ohio—Recently we enjoyed a very successful young people's revival. Many teen-agers wept their way through to victory in God, some being saved and others sanctified. The special workers were Evangelist Roy and Lilly Anne Norris and we appreciated their ministry in word and music. The hour of music and special singing featured on Friday night brought in record crowds, and new friends were made for the church. Since the church was without a pastor, Brother Norris served as both pastor and evangelist, backing up the entire program of the church. Our young people especially were greatly helped by this revival.—*Church Secretary*.

Clarksville, Tennessee—First Church observed Youth Week in January, with Dr. Lloyd Byron, superintendent of North Carolina District, as guest speaker for a series of evangelistic services. This youth revival was better attended than any previous one. Youth participation in the services was excellent, and fifteen young people joined the N.Y.P.S. on the closing Sunday. A good spirit prevails in all our services, and the church is making excellent progress under the able leadership of Pastor Fred Reedy.—MRS. OLIVER SHELTON, *Reporter*.

Little Rock, Arkansas—In spite of a flu epidemic, with the pastor and evangelist both sick for a part of the time, on Sunday night, February 23, we closed a great fiftieth anniversary youth revival with Rev. J. Raymond Parker as singer, musician, and preacher. God blessed with fifty seekers at the altar and a good class of members uniting with the church. Since our coming here ten months ago, these wonderful people have given the pastor two increases in salary, and also gave us a week off at Christmas time to visit relatives. God and the Church of the Nazarene have done much for me and I want to do my best to win others to my Christ.—N. BECTON CAIN, *Pastor*.



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## SPECIAL NOTICE

A few weeks ago Dr. W. S. Purinton submitted his resignation as superintendent of the Illinois District, effective April 1, 1958, or as soon thereafter as his successor is appointed. Dr. Purinton has completed eight years of service in this office, and at their 1957 district assembly received all but two votes out of the total ballots cast. His administration has been energetic, efficient, and co-operative with the world enterprise of our church. The gains on the district have been constant and rewarding in every department. The Board of General Superintendents has always looked upon him as a tower of strength and reliability. Dr. and Mrs. Purinton are planning to make their home in Kankakee, Illinois.

**SAMUEL YOUNG**  
*General Superintendent*

Elvria, Ohio—The blessings of the Lord have been upon our church. On January 19 we had a great mortgage-burning service with District Superintendent H. S. Galloway as guest speaker. An amount of \$5,500 was paid during the last fifteen months to complete the payment of this mortgage. The Sunday school has witnessed a steady growth over the past five years—from an average attendance of 132 to 175 for the last assembly year; average for the past two months is 195. Our people are loyal to the entire church program; and giving to foreign missions has tripled in five years, with \$3,402 given to general interests last year. During the past year we enjoyed the ministry of Evangelists Edwin C. Martin and M. Kimber Moulton in two good revivals; both were given a call to return.—J. E. HANSON, *Pastor*.

The young people of the Salem Zone of the Akron District recently concluded our fourth year of zone Youth Week services, January 23 through February 1. God really met with us, and we feel this was the greatest yet. We met in a different church each night with the following churches and pastors doing the speaking: Alliance, Rev. James Rodgers; Columbiana, Rev. Lonnie Baltz; East Palestine, Rev. Robert Shoff; Lisbon, Rev. Frank Brickley; Minerva, Rev. Charles Grate; Salem, Rev. Arthur Brown; Sebring, Rev. H. Warren Mingledorff; West Point, Rev. Harold Applegate. The total attendance for the services was 2,472, with the award going to the Alliance society for the largest total attendance, and Columbiana a close second. There was a total of forty-four seekers at the altar. Because of the attendance we held some Junior Society meetings. We thank God for His presence and blessing.—RUTH E. BARNES, *Zone Chairman*.

Sheffield, Alabama—Youth Week was an outstanding event at First Church here. Our young people did a splendid job in handling the services throughout the week. On Monday night 62 persons, mostly young people, met at a local hotel for the Golden Anniversary banquet, with Rev. Joel Danner as the special speaker. The youth revival began on Tuesday with more than one hundred present. Evangelist Joel Danner was used of God in a marvelous way to stir hearts, and more than forty seekers prayed through for pardon or heart purity, with 10 members added to the church. No less than forty youth were present in each service; the average night attendance was 119. Sheffield First Church is thrilled with our glorious heritage and prospects for the future.—LINDON L. SCALES, *Pastor*.

### Joblin District Sunday School Workshop

The new Joblin District enjoyed their first Sunday school workshop during the week of January 13 to 18, under the leadership of Rev. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent, and Rev. Ken S. Armstrong as the special speaker.

The officers, teachers, and workers numbered by actual count 969. A wonderful spirit prevailed in every zone. It was plain to all present that the Spirit of the Lord has settled down on the work of the Joblin District. Brother Ken Armstrong is an outstanding speaker, and the people were thrilled with his guidance in Sunday school work.

Joblin District is moving forward in the work of the Church Schools, as well as in every department. Rev. R. J. Smith gave the time of the youth rally for Sunday school work this time, but gave our young people an "in-between-session" program that outlined our work in the N.Y.P.S. and the International Institute at Estes Park.

The attendance during the workshop was very outstanding with only four pastors not able to attend. The praying preachers of the district, and the

## Nazarene Theological Seminary DO YOU PRAY?

Do you remember to pray for Nazarene Theological Seminary? The Seminary does not have the same kind of direct contact with the churches that the zone college has, but it plays a vital part in the educational work of the Church of the Nazarene. Providing training for the ministry, the Seminary seeks to combine professional skills and ideals with warmhearted, enthusiastic, and Spirit-filled preaching. A letter to President Lewis T. Corlett, telling of your prayer support, will be much appreciated.

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prayer program for the laymen is creating a wonderful spirit of co-operation on the district.—WENDELL PARIS, *District Church Schools Chairman*.

Jefferson, Ohio—After several weeks of prayer and fasting by our young folk, we entered our youth week in a high tide of spirituality. Our special workers were Rev. J. O. McCaskell of Greentown, and Professor Leland Davis of Akron. God used these men in a mighty way. There were fifty-one seekers at the altar, a great majority being teenagers who sought God for pardon and heart purity. This was the greatest youth week our church has ever witnessed.—BETTY H. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

Rev. O. F. Langford writes: "We left the evangelistic field to accept a unanimous call to our church in Van Buren, Arkansas. Since coming here on January 19 we have enjoyed the presence of the Lord in the services, and thank Him for this spiritual people. We are enjoying worshiping in a lovely new church, made possible through the labors of the former pastor, Rev. Marion O. Guy, and this faithful people. If you have friends here, or in nearby Camp Chaffee, write us (R.F.D. 3), and we'll be glad to call on them."

Archer, Florida—We recently enjoyed one of the best revivals this church has had. Evangelist Paul Trissel and family were a real blessing to the entire community. Hearts were melted under the God-anointed preaching of Brother Trissel and the inspiring music of the entire family. The party includes Brother Trissel, his wife, Mary, Paul, Jr., Rebecca Joy, and Debbie, a talented four-year-old. They preach, sing, and play their instruments to the glory of God. We had good attendance throughout the meeting, and about forty bowed at the altar seeking God for pardon and heart purity. Some prayed through for whom the church had been holding on in prayer for some time. A beautiful spirit prevails in the church.—JACK WATSON, *Pastor*.

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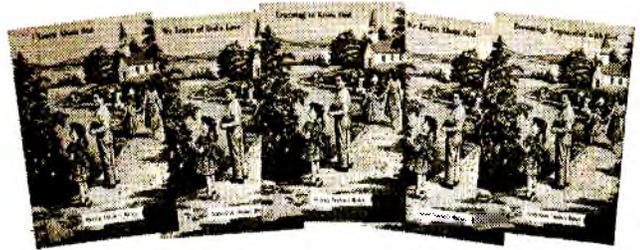
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Arlington, Virginia—God has been bestowing many blessings upon the work of the Calvary Church. In January we had a most profitable Youth Week revival with Evangelist Claude Jones. God gave altar services every night, except one, and on the closing Sunday forty-two souls sought God at the altar. It was a thrilling manifestation of God's power. In the recent recall vote, Pastor Curtis D. Whitrow received a nearly unanimous one-year call, then was given an extended three-year call. We greatly appreciate the tireless work of Rev. and Mrs. Withrow for God and souls here in Arlington. Thirteen new members were received on recall Sunday, and we give God praise for His blessings.—MARION SCHENKE, *Secretary*.

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Los Angeles, California—The Marshall Memorial Church (Colored) recently had a truly great revival with Evangelist Thomas Hayes. The Lord met with us, the church was revived, the community stirred, with sinners saved, backsliders reclaimed, believers sanctified, and three members added to the church. We thank God for Brother Hayes and his old-time preaching. Also, some people were healed, and God was glorified in every way. Please pray that God will help us to reach our people for holiness in this area.—W. SHEARON, *Pastor*.

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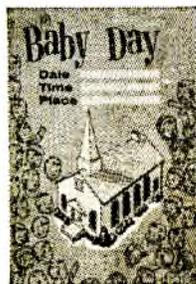
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Akron	April 30 to May 2
Arizona	May 15 and 16
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New Mexico	June 4 and 5
New York	July 4 and 5
Maritime	July 10 and 11
Pittsburgh	July 24 and 25
Missouri	August 6 and 7
Dallas	August 13 and 14
Northwest Indiana	August 20 and 21
Indianapolis	August 27 and 28
Mississippi	September 10 and 11
North Carolina	September 17 and 18
South Carolina	September 24 and 25

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Philadelphia	May 7 and 8
Florida	May 21 and 22
Alabama	May 28 and 29
Northwest	June 18 and 19
Albany	July 2 and 3
Central Ohio	July 16 to 18
Eastern Kentucky	July 24 and 25
Northwest Oklahoma	July 30 and 31
Wisconsin	August 7 and 8
Tennessee	August 20 and 21
Louisiana	September 3 and 4
Georgia	September 10 and 11
Southeast Oklahoma	September 17 and 18

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Idaho-Oregon	April 30 and May 1
Washington Pacific	May 8 and 9
Northern California	May 14 to 16
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Alaska.....April 17 and 18  
San Antonio.....April 30 and May 1  
Abilene.....May 7 to 9  
Oregon Pacific.....May 21 to 23  
Rocky Mountain.....June 12 and 13  
South Dakota.....June 18 and 19  
West Virginia.....July 3 to 5  
Colorado.....July 10 and 11  
Western Ohio.....July 23 to 25  
Illinois.....July 30 and 31  
Houston.....August 20 and 21  
Joplin.....September 3 and 4  
South Arkansas.....September 17 and 18  
North Arkansas.....September 24 and 25

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Hawaii  
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British Isles North.....June 2 and 3  
Nebraska.....June 16 and 17  
Northeast Oklahoma.....June 25 and 26  
Canada West.....July 9 to 11  
Minnesota.....July 16 and 17  
Southwest Indiana.....July 30 and 31  
Kansas.....August 6 to 8  
Iowa.....August 13 to 15  
Michigan.....August 20 and 21  
Kansas City.....September 3 and 4  
Southwest Oklahoma.....September 17 and 18

**Announcements**

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. James S. Shaw of Concord, California, a son, James Scott, on March 1.  
—to Rev. and Mrs. Clair E. Umstead of Royersford, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Carol Robin, on February 26.  
—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Fleshman of Macomb, Illinois, a daughter, Janelle Esther, on February 25.  
—to Rev. and Mrs. Dean Herman of McCook, Nebraska, a son, Timothy Dean, on February 22.  
—to Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Eller of Indiana, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Suzanne Dawn, on February 19.  
—to Mr. and Mrs. George R. Dean of San Bernardino, California, a son, John Riley, on February 12.  
—to Emerson and Bonnie (Williams) Peach of Nashville, Tennessee, twins, Thomas Gene and Harvey Dene, on January 27.

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by a lady in Kansas—an urgent request for prayer for the salvation of a loved one, and also an unspoken request;

by a lady in Ohio for her sister, a young mother with five small children, ill for a long time with a serious disease, a real Christian, and believes God can help her;

by a Nazarene brother in West Virginia that God may undertake for his physical condition in a definite way;

by a reader in Ohio that he may be sanctified wholly, for the healing of his wife, and that God will help his son in planning for the future, also for God's help in a special problem;

by a Nazarene mother in Illinois for a daughter, living in a large city, who has gone into deep sin but is unhappy and wants to get back to God, that she may be contacted by someone who can help her.

by a lady in Nebraska that God may undertake in a special unspoken request—He knows all about it—lift the burden and His name be glorified.



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**ALASKA**—Assembly, April 17 and 18, at 13th Avenue Church of the Nazarene, 13th and "E" Sts., Anchorage, Alaska. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. M. R. Korody, 13th and "E" Sts., Anchorage, Alaska. General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding.

**IDAHO-OREGON**—Assembly, April 30 to May 1, at College Church of the Nazarene, Dewey at Juniper Sts., Nampa, Idaho. Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 Ivy St., Nampa, entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o District Superintendent I. F. Younger, Box 89, Nampa, Idaho. General Superintendent Young presiding.

**SAN ANTONIO**—April 30 to May 1, at First Church, 1418 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Wallace Kornegay, 1737 W. Mistletoe, San Antonio. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. W. H. Davis, district superintendent, 434 Furr Drive, San Antonio. General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding.

**AKRON**—Assembly April 30 to May 2, at First Christian Church, Cleveland Avenue and Fourth St. S.W., Canton, Ohio. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. D. D. Palmer, 1301 Tenth St. N.W., Canton, Ohio (P.O. Box 125). General Superintendent Powers presiding.

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**PHILADELPHIA**—Assembly, May 7 and 8, at Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Centre Avenue and Fourth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. Entertaining pastor, Rev. G. Thomas Spiker, 1209 N. Fifth St., Reading. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly c/o Rev. G. Thomas Spiker, Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Centre Ave. and Fourth St., Reading Pennsylvania. General Superintendent Williamson presiding.

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