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Good Things Come the Hard Way

General Superintendent Benner

Humanity naturally inclines toward that which is bright and easy. Many ingenious methods have been devised to evade the harder facts of life. Some simply deny their existence. Others seek a state in which they are oblivious to pain and trouble.

But facts cannot be obliterated by any kind of clever imagination or fictional evasion. Life inevitably brings difficulty and trouble. And at this point is found one of the major values of vital Christianity, for the gospel of Jesus Christ is the only religious system that faces up to *life as it is* and deals effectively with it.

This principle is represented prophetically in the words of the Psalmist: "The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psalms 84:11). The first and second phrases recognize the dual characteristic of life: that which is bright and beautiful, but mingled with a sterner phase which calls for divine protection and help.

The Psalmist then declares, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Many have mistakenly interpreted this promise as a guaranty of constant positive blessing, and the assurance that God will keep His people in plenty and provide for them anything they may desire.

But the true meaning is that no thing *good for us* will He withhold, for God is concerned with more than giving us a good time or making life easy. His purpose is to develop worthwhile characters in those who are to dwell in His presence throughout eternity.

Do you need strength? Then do not be surprised at facing a situation which jerks you out of your ease, convenience, and complacency, forcing you to unusual effort and activity.

Do you need patience? God will provide the opportunity whereby "tribulation worketh patience" (Romans 5:3).

Do you need a new sense of dependence on God? Then prepare to face up to some infirmity, some experience that underscores your weakness.

Do you need development in manifesting the spirit of Christ? In the will of God will come the opportunity to "love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you" (Matthew 5:44).

There is no royal road to God's "good things." They come the hard way.

LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Kansas City, Missouri—Goal reached today (January 2) in Thanksgiving Offering. Total now stands at \$1,020,304.28.—John Stockton, General Treasurer.

Kansas City, Missouri—"Over the top" in Church Extension loan fund goal of one million dollars by the end of Golden Anniversary year. On December 31 total funds were \$1,009,093.32. Our sincere thanks to the many churches and individual Nazarenes who made this possible through \$211,894.68 in new savings deposits sent in during 1958. Scores of churches are being helped through building loans.—Roy F. Smee, Executive Secretary, Division of Church Extension.

Jackson, Mississippi—The Mississippi District has organized its quota of five new churches during 1958. In May we organized Kosciusko, C. A. Dickerson, pastor; in July, Canton, J. D. Comfort, pastor; on December 7 we organized Hattiesburg Grace Church with twelve members, L. B. Robinson appointed pastor; on December 13, Jackson Southside was organized with eighteen members; on December 14, Greenwood with five members, Allen O'Brient appointed pastor.—Otto Stucki, District Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hammerstrom celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 28 at their home, 5631 Blondo, Omaha, Nebraska. Their five children, with eleven grandchildren.

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The Office Editor Writes—

It was my privilege, with my sister, to have a week's vacation at Christmas time, and we visited friends in Canton, Ohio. We spent several days in the home of Evangelist and Mrs. H. G. Purkhiser, whom we have known and loved over the past twenty years. We had a wonderful time of fellowship. I personally greatly appreciated our times of devotion together each morning immediately after breakfast. It is so good to read the Word and pray with those of like mind and faith, as well as enjoy excellent food and stimulating conversation.

Also it was a delight to renew our acquaintance with Rev. and Mrs. Fletcher Spruce and their two fine teen-agers—a wonderful family. We enjoyed two meals in the home of these much-appreciated friends. Brother Spruce accepted

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the pastorate of our Canton First Church about eight months ago, and is loved and appreciated by the people there. He has received a good three-year call, and it was a delight to worship with these people on Sunday morning, December 28. Brother Spruce brought a most challenging New Year's message, under the topic "Trends."

Thank God for Nazarene evangelists like Rev. H. G. Purkhiser, and Nazarene pastors like Rev. Fletcher Spruce, with their devoted families. It was a time of real Christmas joy and happiness, and I returned to the office on Monday morning (December 29) happy in the love of the Christ of Bethlehem's manger, the fellowship of friends, and anticipating a good year of victory and blessing in my work at the office, in my home, and in my own local church during 1959.

—VELMA I. KNIGHT



365
days

232
churches

New churches: (final report)

Eldorado, Illinois District; Albertville and Birmingham Huffman, Alabama; Gratiot and Reynoldsburg, Central Ohio; McKee, Eastern Kentucky; Wichita Westport, Kansas District; Parkwood, Kentucky District; La Crescenta, California, Los Angeles District; Moody Chapel, Maine, and Lindonville, Vermont, New England District; East Islip, Long Island, Church and Taylortown, New York District; Edgewood, North Arkansas; Fort Wayne Fairfield, Marion Bethel, and Marion Wheeling Avenue, Northeastern Indiana; Mountain View, Northern California; Spokane Greenacres, Washington, Northwest District; Arcadia, Crawfordville Bethel, Northwest Indiana; Cape May and Pottstown, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia District; Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh District; San Diego Chinese Church and Imperial Beach, Southern California; Georgetown, Newberry, and New Harmony, Southwest Indiana; Saltville and Vienna, Virginia; Lubbock Eastside and Amarillo Anson, Texas. Abilene District; Dillonvale and Akron Trinity, Ohio, Akron District; Tracy City, East Tennessee; Lancaster Road, Orlando, and Forrest Hills, Jacksonville, Florida; Adel and Summerville, Georgia; Grenada Greenwood and Jackson Southside, Mississippi; Krobol, North Arkansas; Tulsa Valley View, Northeast Oklahoma; Klerksdorp, South Africa; Detroit, Eastern Michigan.



Nicaragua

Marches

On

General Superintendent Vanderpool

It was my delightful privilege to visit with our missionaries in Nicaragua and check with them on their plans for the future.

I visited our day schools, clinic, and Bible Institute; preached in our churches at Granada and Managua; conducted a preachers' conference in which I spoke three times; conducted an ordination service in which four fine men were ordained to the ministry. Five busy days were spent with our missionaries and the happy Nazarenes of Nicaragua. I left saying, "Thank God, Nicaragua marches on."

When I alighted from the plane in Managua, I was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of Nazarene missionaries and their families. Within an hour we all gathered in the home of Louis Ragains for prayer, food, and fellowship. It was wonderful to see them all looking so well.

Brother Wellmon, who is the superintendent in the absence of Harold Stanfield, now on furlough, had everything in good order and assisted in every way to make my visit profitable.

The Bible Institute at San Jorge, now being directed by Dean Galloway, assisted by Neva Flood and others, was well organized. The buildings and grounds were clean and the students were in wonderful spirits. Everything seemed in top condition. There are over twenty excellent students enrolled. All seem anxious to do something for Christ and the Kingdom.

The day schools have been under the able direction of Miss Mary Wallace since Miss Esther Crain furloughed in June. I was pleased with the wonderful group of boys and girls enrolled in the Central Day School at Rivas, and also with the representatives from surrounding schools. Our day school program has a far-reaching influence among the people and will pay off in a great harvest of souls in communities which are being contacted by these schools.

The medical clinic at Rivas is under the direction of Miss Olivette Culley and is rendering a real service for the church. Over sixty-five hundred

patients were treated in the clinic within the last twelve months. Everyone went away with a kindly feeling toward our church and the Christ we serve. Intensive evangelism should give us hundreds of souls won to Christ through our clinic contacts alone.

Vacation Bible schools are being conducted throughout Nicaragua with tremendous returns from money and time invested. This is an avenue of evangelism in which all of our missionaries are greatly interested.

One night I spoke to a crowd of over five hundred, including ministers, laymen, and visiting people from about twenty churches and surrounding communities. We were all greatly blessed by the singing of the Bible Institute Chorus and preachers' quartet. During my trip to Nicaragua, I had two splendid altar services—one at Granada on Sunday morning and the other in the Miller Memorial Church in Managua on Sunday night.

A wonderful spirit of unity prevails throughout all Nicaragua, and our church marches on in soul-winning business under the guidance of an unsurpassed group of missionaries.

My Eyes Are Ever

Toward the Lord

By CLARA M. MORRISON

Psalms 25:15

*Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord,
Led by His glory and His grace;
He guides me on the upward path,
And safely through each narrow place.*

*My Lord will keep my heart from sin,
And lead me in the perfect way.
My eyes are ever toward the Lord;
His truth now guides me day by day.*

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It is a big idea—but not too big!

ALL the World



By BRIAN L. FARMER

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All the world is a big idea! The world is a big place and *all* means every corner of it. And this is where Christ commissioned the Christians to take the gospel.

At first this looks akin to asking a child to bail out the ocean with a bucket, merely to keep him occupied for a while. One is sure that the practical men who were disciples would have considered it such had it not been Jesus who said it. After all, think of the absurdity of the situation. Here are a few unlearned and ill-equipped men forming a newly founded, unorthodox sect in an occupied country. Not even by stretching the imagination to breaking point could these men be considered more than a doubtful drop of a very big bucket. But they knew Jesus and had recently come to understand that it was inadvisable to think in terms of the impossible when He was around.

So, together, they went about the ridiculously commendable task allotted to them.

Of course, there are worlds within worlds. We all live in *the* world, but each of us also lives in a world of his own. A housewife's world is often as big as a dinner plate with its shopping line, supermarket, and kitchen schedule—or as big as her modern home with its quiet comforts, cultures, and contentments, and monthly payments. A man has a world the size of a golf ball, an office chair, or a factory bench, with all the strings attached. It is in this world of private human relations that one can preach the gospel by lip and by life to every creature.

Then there are other worlds in which Christians, in sufficient numbers, can make their presence and their gospel felt.

We speak of the world of music, the world of entertainment, the world of sports, the world of art, and the world of politics. For some strange reason—difficult to run to earth—many Christians feel that Christ excluded some of these from the scope of His great commission. Never ought it to be conceded that any of these areas of living are the devil's domain exclusively. They have unparalleled

potential for influencing the course of human life. Why not make it a Christian influence?

Music can be Christ-exalting.

Entertainment can reflect ethical values.

Art can portray the noble as well as the base, can reach to crystal streams of purity as well as the stagnant ponds of obscenity.

Surely the science of government should be made to exalt Christian charity rather than the material selfishness of pagan men!

There are two ways to instruct a man in the technique of swimming. The one method is to get down into the water with him; the other is to shout instructions from the side. This analogy applies to Christian men in teaching others the art of godly living.

Granted, the Christian is called to a life of separation, but it is a separation of *insulation* rather than *isolation*. Let the young people, therefore, give serious thought to the question of vocation in some such area of civilized living.

Thinking, however, of the Christian Church as a living organism composed of myriads of men and women in much the same way as the human body is made up of billions of living cells, it is not an absurdity to think of Christ's disciples literally carrying the gospel to all the world—the big, all-inclusive world of mankind on different continents and in different climes of the earth.

This task requires a co-operative effort of promotion, planning, and participation by all the members of Christ's great Church. And it must not be forgotten in this regard that each and every member has a real responsibility. Lethargic members are bound to produce a lethargic movement. Inferior material always means an inferior product rendering an inferior performance. It behooves all of us not to stint in supporting our church through the planned channels of missionary endeavor.

So, when it is broken down, *all the world* (big idea though it be!) is not an absurd idea even from a rationalistic point of view. Here is a program for well-balanced, active Christian living. It also embodies Christ's plan to redeem the world!

How many of us, pastors and teachers alike, are so busy teaching eternal life that we fail to realize our equal responsibility to give warning of what the Scriptures have to say concerning eternal death? Perhaps it might be well for us to consider what the Lord said to His prophet Ezekiel: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezekiel 3:17-18).

To be sure, the Lord has not appointed us to be watchmen "unto the house of Israel," as such, but He has chosen us to be stewards of His Word and therefore He will require a strict accounting from us as to what we have taught, as well as to how we have taught it.

Recently I heard a minister in his sermon state that, inasmuch as our God is the God of love, He never would, or could, condemn anyone to eternal death, and in support of this statement he quoted Christ's own words, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

But he failed, however, to recognize two things: first, that the Apostle John, who wrote what some folks consider the sweetest, most comforting "love" book of the Bible, the Gospel of John, also penned Revelation, a book recording the awful judgments awaiting unbelievers; and, secondly, that Christ will *not* draw "all" men unto himself at the same time and in the same relationship. The Scriptures teach that He is not only Saviour, but Judge as well. Consequently we find Christ mentioning two resurrections: "The hour is coming, in the which *all* that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

Two resurrections involve two judgment scenes: the first, "the resurrection of life"; and closely connected with this the time when "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Corinthians 5:10).

In this passage Paul is speaking to believers, and because "there is therefore now no condemnation

Life or Death?

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By DORA HALL McCANDLESS

to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1), it is not their salvation that is being questioned. It is "the things done in the body," or their works, that pass in review at this time, and that solely for the purpose of reward.

The second resurrection, "the resurrection of damnation," or condemnation, occurs a thousand years later (Revelation 20:5) and takes place before "a great white throne" (Revelation 20:11). Here again Christ is the Judge. "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22). (See also Acts 10:42.) But at this time only the unbelieving dead will stand before the throne, and they will be judged "every man according to their works," and their sentence will be "the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:12-15).

However, the Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). He is a pure, a holy, a righteous God with a terrible hatred of sin. The Scriptures declare, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). They further state, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20). Therefore the whole human race stands condemned before Him and every individual who has ever lived, or ever will live, is under the sentence of eternal death.

But "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Therefore He provided an antidote for the deadly disease and poison of sin. That remedy is Christ, and when He was lifted up on Calvary, He became the sinless Substitute for every sinning individual who would accept Him as such. Jehovah provided the cure, but even as each plague-stricken Israelite in the wilderness journey had to bestir himself and personally look upon the brazen serpent in order to be healed, just so must every sick soul reach out individually and through faith appropriate Christ.

The sin antidote is within reach of all. If any human being is lost, it is because he has trampled the love of God underfoot and chosen to go his own way. Every individual must personally answer the question that Christ asked His disciples "But whom say ye that I am?" (Matthew 16:15) And his relationship to that Christ decides his eternal destiny. If any be lost, it is not the Lord who pronounces the sentence of doom—it is the individual himself.

How important it is, therefore, that we, pastors and teachers, into whose hands the Lord has committed the stewardship of the gospel, should teach His truths, not in flattering words that will tickle and please man's fancy, but in the simple, blunt words of the Scriptures!

Destroying Desire

By CHAPLAIN JOHN T. DONNELLY

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Fret not thyself . . . Trust in the Lord (Psalms 37:1-3; see also verses 4 to 7). The secret of transcendent tranquillity is relinquishment of demanding desires. The reason life is troubled and restless lies, not without, but *within*. It is not our changing, clamoring circumstances but our craving, carnal desires that cancel out our peace.

The very emotion of desire disturbs us. Wishes make us dissatisfied. One haunting, half-submerged desire is enough to banish tranquillity. A whole heart, full of varying, sometimes contradicting, longing, boiling and bubbling within makes one tremble and quiver. Unregulated desires produce distraction. Longing rips the heart asunder. Unbridled and varying wishes are the worst worriers of peace. Rampaging desires put us at the mercy of externals.

Whatever, or whoever, we make necessary for our contentment, we make conqueror and master of our happiness. By our dictating desires we give perishable things predominant power over us. Therefore we are disturbed by apprehensions and shaken by fears, feeling lonely, anxious, tense, and unhappy. We tie ourselves to outward persons

and possessions; then when they slip, their fall is our death.

If we were not ambitiously overanxious to stand on the giddy top of fortune's whirling wheel, we should not heed its rolling roar. But we let our foolish hearts set our feet where every lurch of life's glittering instability threatens to lame or destroy us. If we desire fleeting pleasures, we are sure to be restless always, and to be disappointed and embittered at the last. If we depend for peace on the continuance of things subjected to a thousand changing chances, we can only experience a false quietness by forcibly closing our eyes against the inevitable, and even at best, such a course must end ultimately in failure.

Disappointment is the law of all earthly desire. Appetite increases with indulgence. As appetite increases, satisfaction decreases. The intake remains the same but the power to appease diminishes. Possession brings indifference. The tranquilizing drug that lulls into disinterested drowsiness and delusive dreams now must be doubled tomorrow, if it is to be effective; and there is an end of that, for inevitably it is the long trip down the well-known road of sorrow.

If our desires are in their very exercise a disturbance, and in their fruition prophesy disappointment, and if that certain disappointment is irrevocable and crushing when it comes, what shall we do for rest? There are many directives, but there is only one way of truth: "Delight thyself . . . in the Lord." There must be an attachment outside oneself and anchorage in the other. Psychology suggests anything that will lead the person away from self-love.

Christianity instructs that *salvation through Christ*, the Lord, is the *only power* that can lead a soul away from sinful self-centeredness and establish him in an outgoing love in his relationship with others and in his fellowship with almighty God.

*Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside,
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.*

God in Christ becomes all-important! There is the purest, highest form of religious emotion when we can say, "Whom have I but Thee? Possessing Thee, I desire none beside."

This glad longing for God is the cure for all the feverish unrest of desires unfulfilled, as well as for the fear of loss and sorrow. Quietness fills the soul which delights in the Lord, and its hunger is as blessed and as peaceful as its satisfaction. Make Him the end of your longings, the sustenance of your spirit, the aspiration of your hopes.

"Fret not thyself . . . Trust in the Lord, . . . Delight thyself also in the Lord; . . . Commit thy way unto the Lord; . . . Rest in the Lord."

by
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WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

John the Baptist came preaching repentance to all of Israel; Jesus came preaching it; and the apostles were sent forth to preach it. It must be important—but *what is it?*

The Bible places repentance in a strong light, for repentance is the foundation on which our Christian experience is built. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God" (Hebrews 6:1).

Since repentance plays such an important role in our Christian faith, let us notice a few things about it.

First, repentance is wrought in the soul of the sinner by the Holy Ghost; a person must first be awakened to the fact that he is a sinner and that his condition of soul and the course he is pursuing in life will culminate in his eternal damnation. The unconverted man or woman cannot become aroused over his condition in his own power; he cannot stir up himself to seek God. Repentance is granted to man, like every work of divine grace. "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18).

And Jesus tells us also, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44).

We have a clear example of the Holy Spirit convicting the hearts of the unconverted: "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37) Man left to himself would never come to repentance. But just as the Holy Spirit is faithful to convict, He is also faithful to instruct the obedient soul. Peter tells them in the next verse to "repent."

Did the people know what he meant? Yea, verily, for in the history of the Hebrew people they had had occasion many times to repent. Let us notice an incident with which they were very familiar. It concerns the preaching of Jonah to the Ninevites,

and we are told in Matthew 12:41 that the people of Nineveh "repented at the preaching of Jonas." After Jonah had his harrowing experiences on a stormy sea and his subsequent nautical excursion in the belly of a fish, God said to him the second time, "Go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it . . ." Jonah arose, unwrapped the seaweeds from around his head, and went.

The first thing the people of Nineveh did in way of repentance, strangely enough, is found in Jonah 3:5, "So the people of Nineveh believed God." Even repentance, itself, starts with faith. No matter how pungent the preaching of the Word of God, there can be no repentance and consequently no salvation without faith; faith must be exercised even in the heart of the unconverted.

Notice again that the people of Nineveh "proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth." Even the king of Nineveh humbled himself. "He arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes," and proclaimed an official fast for his entire kingdom.

The giddy and light manner in which so many of our day seem to find God is nothing but a superficial work of religion, to say the least. We used to call the altar the mourners' bench, where people would come to mourn over their sins and their waywardness. Today many of our churches seem to think that the meaning of repentance has changed, but God does not change and genuine repentance does not change. Real repentance must be of the heart-pricking type. "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise" (Psalms 51:17).

Next, observe that the people of Nineveh cried "mightily unto God" (Jonah 3:8). A deeply convicted and repentant person will call upon God for mercy—not judgment or justice—and sometimes he will call rather loudly. Whether the petitions are vociferous or not, there is that desperate cry of the heart unto God for mercy. Jesus said, "From

the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matthew 11:12).

Then the people of Nineveh did something about their manner of living, as they were commanded by the king: "Let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands" (Jonah 3:8). My Christian friend, let no man deceive you with vain words about this matter of a Christian living in sin, for a person will quit his wickedness when seeking God. John the Baptist said to the hypocritical Pharisees coming to him for baptism: "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance" (Matthew 3:8). We also

read, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Proverbs 28:13).

This is the kind of repenting that Zacchaeus did: "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold" (Luke 19:8). Oh, yes, this matter of genuine repentance involves restitution. We find also that "God saw their works" (Jonah 3:10). Yes, He sees all we do and hears all we say, and He is especially inclined to notice a soul when he repents, for "godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (II Corinthians 7:10).

Taking God at His Word

By FLORA E. BRECK

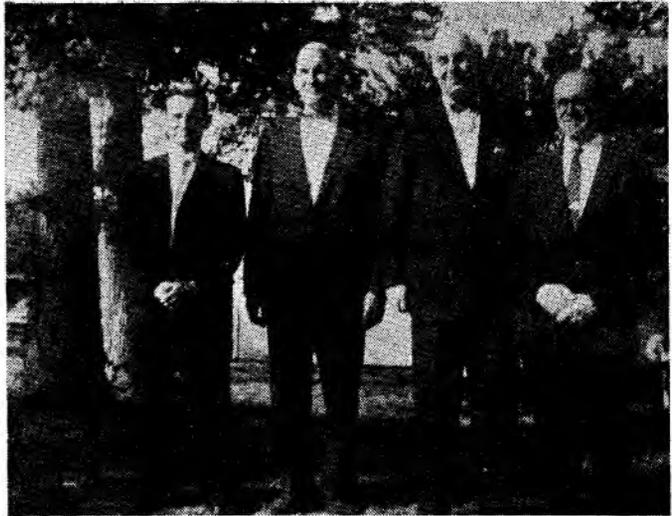
A godly woman was advising and encouraging a young lady friend of hers, about to start out on a hazardous journey, to be more trustful. The latter, however, felt quite timorous—even though she too was a Christian and declared she trusted God. The older woman (a Scotch saint) quoted, "Commit thy way unto the Lord; . . . and he shall bring it to pass" (Psalms 37:5). She emphasized, "Now when the Bible says *commit*, it means we can proceed to *forget* the problem ourselves. If we keep dwelling on it in anxiety, we just haven't *committed* it." That made it clear. "I see," the young woman said, and she went forward with complete confidence.

An elderly layman, who used to minister from door to door in his community, often put some of his hearers to shame because of their lack of faith. When they were despondent and sure everything was coming out wrong, Mr. McCloud looked them square in the eye. "So you think God is *dead*?" he questioned. That question showed the doubting ones the fallacy of

their reasoning, and they believed more firmly in the Father of all. If inclined to doubt and feel discouraged, we should see what the Word says.

A thrifty man boarded a vessel for an overseas trip. Desiring to save money on food, he had stocked up on bread and cheese. Bread and cheese was his meal day after day. Nearing the end of the journey, the purser noticed what his passenger was doing. "Why do you scrimp along on just bread and cheese when you're entitled to complete meals at the table in the dining room?" he asked. The passenger wouldn't believe he could have such fare. "Just look at your *ticket*," the purser ordered. The passenger did—and found that, truly enough, he was entitled to grand meals every day, at no extra charge.

When the Scriptures tell us, *My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:19), we simply take Him at His word, and dangers and tensions are dissolved.



E.N.C. QUARTET OF YESTERYEAR. *As a reunion feature, they were workers at the last Portsmouth, Rhode Island, holiness camp. Left to right: Kenneth L. Akins, pastor, Salisbury, Maryland; Edward S. Mann, president, Eastern Nazarene College; Everett S. Phillips, pastor, Bethany, Oklahoma, First Church; Harvey J. S. Blaney, head of Department of Religion, Eastern Nazarene College.*

Your Requirement

By **CLYDE W. RATHER**

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Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (I Corinthians 4:2).

An old Scottish elder was once overheard to say, "Before I ever ask God for more of anything, I check up to see how I have used what He has already entrusted to me."

Without doubt here is spiritual wisdom if we take our stewardship seriously. Whether we be one-talent, two-talent, or five-talent people, we know that our Lord cannot entrust us with more until we have demonstrated our ability to use what we have. A hidden or buried talent always turns out to be a liability rather than an asset.

Do we wish that we had more faith? Have we shared our present faith with others, or do we use it only as a personal tonic for our own needs? Do we seek courage? How have we shared our present supply of courage? Do we ask for greater love to-

ward others? What is our interest in souls? What is the depth of our concern for missions? Have we honestly done our best for our own loved ones or the neighbor in our block?

Do we really need more of God's gifts? How faithful have we been with the love, the faith, the joy—yes, and the money—we already have? Perhaps there is something for us to do before we ask for more. Let us pray: "Father, we confess to Thee that we have unused faith, unshared joy, and peace in our hearts today. We have withheld from our friends love, compassion, and understanding. We have waited so long to take the 'good news' of salvation to those who wait to hear. The pleading cry of a thousand million heathen has not softened our hearts to open our purse to their need. May we ever receive help to meet the requirements of stewards—faithfulness. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Music Memoettes



By **OVELLA SATRE SHAFER**

Madam Jennie Lind will be remembered the world over as "The Swedish Nightingale." The story is told that as she was seated alone at sunset one evening on the ocean beach, with her mind absorbed by the variegated glows of the western sun and her heart entranced with the thought of the beatific land beyond, she was approached by a friend of her earlier years. The first question her interrogator raised was this: "Dear Madam, why did you abandon the opera stage at the very height of your unparalleled success?" With Bible in hand,

for she had been meditating upon the Word of God as day was dying, this songstress answered reverently, "Because, my dear friend, I found myself thinking less and less of that," pointing to the setting sun, "and the glory land that lies beyond, and nothing at all of this," pointing to her Bible.

Yes, Jennie Lind became imbued with a burning passion that to entertain for the passing moment as an actress was not the Lord's will for her life, but that her voice was to be dedicated to leading the souls of men into the faith and fellowship of the divine Redeemer. Did she succeed? When we realize that the most popular song in her entire repertoire was "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," we answer in the affirmative. When her listeners gave this common verdict, "She must be a Christian," after her vivid expositions wherein she made the hope of the resurrection luminous and thrilling, we believe she accomplished her mission in life.

One Sunday, Jennie Lind attended services in London and heard the noted Dr. Forest, dean of Worcester. She thanked this minister for his practical sermon. Then Dr. Forest told her about a youth in his parish who was dying of consumption but who had recently accepted Christ. The boy had previously attended the Leeds Festival and heard the "Swedish Nightingale" sing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." It was afterward that the young lad had made his choice to become a Christian. Jennie Lind's eyes filled with tears at the recounting of this incident, but added: "It is not the first time I have heard of a similar result from the singing of that song, and I never do sing it without asking God to bless the singing of the song to the conversion of at least one soul in the audience." Maybe not worldly success, but successful in the Kingdom interests, was this fluent soloist.

And what did she do with the money she earned from her vocation? "I have determined," she said, "to endow schools for the poor boys and girls of Stockholm, that they may have needed education. May I not hope for God's blessing to rest upon this work undertaken for the lambs of Christ's flock?" And rest it did, for one morning in America she was counting and sealing money to the extent of 36,000 pounds which she sent back to schools in her own land. When complimented for this good work she replied, "It is the only return I can make to the Lord for the good gift He has bestowed on me. It is the joy of my life to repay Christ through my ministry to His suffering children."

Did it pay Jennie Lind to leave the stage and invest her gift of song in the interest and betterment of others? The answer is revealed in the hundreds of souls converted and the thousands of boys and girls educated. This was the stewardship of a life returned to its Maker. Those were dividends—the treasures laid up—of eternity!

CHURCH MUSICIANS

By **LYLE PRESCOTT**

*Thank God for musicians whose talent and art
Arrive at the altar along with their heart,
Whose greatest ambition's not money or fame
But service for Christ and praise of His name!*

*Best players are pray-ers, their music's sincere
And aims to bring God and worshipers near;
They know that tricks and fads of the day
Make reverence and heaven seem farther away.*

*While lifting their tones in beautiful song,
Behind the Cross musicians belong;
And if another more sweetly can play,
"God bless him; God use him!" they humbly pray.*

*Thank God for musicians whose lyric support
At organ, ensemble, or pianoforte
Enriches our worship, expresses our praise
Through beauty of holiness in musical ways.*

SOLEMN PARADE

By JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS

An aged man . . .

A woman . . .

Youth . . .

A babe so innocent . . .

A sleuth . . .

A little girl, her mother's joy!

Then we see a soldier boy.

Next we see a saint of God . . .

Then one, just a breathing clod;

The rich and poor . . .

The great and small . . .

Yes, they are passing . . .

One, and all—

But where?

Covered with flowers they seem the same,

But they are not!

For there are some who named Christ's name

And lived for Him as life was run;

But some so busy seeking fame

They had no time for God, the Son,

And so, forgot

That each to his reward must come . . .

Solemn parade must needs break file;

Sinners will hear the word, "Depart";

But those who trust Christ, "Come, My child!"

The Degenerating Faultfinder

By E. E. WORDSWORTH, *Evangelist*

One of the most subtle, dangerous, and wholly unchristian habits of some professedly sanctified folk is that of habitual faultfinding. It is so easily acquired, and not readily broken. It is a harmful, disruptive, and damning practice. We must remember we live in an imperfect world and mingle with imperfect people—people with physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities. Everything is flawed and defective. Institutions, preachers, and laymen blunder and fall short of the ideal. Persons are erring creatures and their defects are glaring sometimes. It is easy to criticize and put wrong constructions on people and their operations. Unless we prayerfully guard the words of our mouths and refrain from speaking the thoughtless utterance we shall be dragged into the slimy pit of this soul-damning evilspeaking of others.

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson wrote of the dangerous habit as follows: "One should not pay much atten-

tion to the faults of others, or the defects of the world in which he lives. He may become a chronic faultfinder, and in that case he will become a grumbler. If he is not careful, he will degenerate into a growler. And if he grows long enough, he will degenerate into a snarler, and in the end he will become a cynic. When a man becomes a cynic, he has reached the bottom. There is nothing lower than cynicism. A cynic is of no account, either to himself or to anyone else. He is a nuisance and a stumbling block. He did not intend at the start to become a cynic. He began by finding fault, and the habit grew on him until his mind became twisted and his heart sour."

If you are a habitual faultfinder in the church, your duty is to repent of this terrible sin, get converted, and then go on and get sanctified. After this pray much, read your Bible, love everybody, and look for good qualities rather than bad.



EDITORIALS

An Ancient Millionaire

The writer of the twenty-third psalm had wealth of untold value. He sings about this in his most famous psalm. With possessive emphasis, he says, "The Lord is my shepherd." He was under the special care of the all-powerful and all-wise God. This meant that he had the best Protector and Provider available to any man. David was well aware of this fact, for he added, "I shall not want." How could there be any lack to a human being who had the over-all love and direction of the infinite God!

Next the Psalmist David begins to describe the extent of his riches. Speaking of God, he says: "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." Every physical need is abundantly supplied—with "green pastures" and "still waters." Plenty to eat in the midst of the most restful environment! What more could one want, physically?

The Breadth of His Riches

The breadth of this wealth is unlimited. It not only reaches to every part of David's physical life, but also fully meets the demands of the inner man. What better description could one find of adequate soul supply than in these words: "He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake"? Many times in his life his spiritual strength had been exhausted. Hardly had this come to pass, however, before the strength of the inner man was renewed. Not only did God restore him within, but He led him "in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." There is nothing like walking in the light of God. The "path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (Proverbs

4:18). "The paths of righteousness" in which he was guided were identical with the shining way which leads to heaven. I like those words "for his name's sake." The word "name" is very significant in the Bible; it is often used in connection with God: "for his name's sake," and in His name. Whenever and wherever we find this word we know that God in all the riches of His divine nature stands by to help. There is no limit to what God would have done in order to see that the Psalmist's feet were guided into "paths of righteousness."

The breadth of this divine assistance takes in both David's physical and spiritual life. There is no part of his existence or career which is left out. One cannot read any verse in this psalm without sensing the abounding extravagance of God's willingness to aid and sustain those who follow Him. All of the resources of the Godhead are His, and He is ready to give them to you and me in order that we may have the physical and spiritual strength we need.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." If the Psalmist had stopped here, he would have said enough to let us know that there never has been a richer man on this earth than David. He was a millionaire, a multi-millionaire, a child of the King of Kings!

The Depth of His Riches

But God's oversight does not cease with the breadth of our total personality, physical and spiritual; it moves on to take in the depths of life as well. The next two verses teach the depth of

the riches of the grace of God which the Psalmist describes in this twenty-third psalm: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The Psalmist is saying that the most difficult experience of life may come very near, and may even overtake him; still he will not be panicky; he will "fear no evil."

By *Stephen S. White*

Why? Because the Shepherd is with him, with His "rod" and "staff" to comfort him. Death is the great enemy; it comes to man because of sin, and it is the last foe we must conquer. He who has to meet it alone, singlehanded, without God, without the Shepherd by his side, faces an indescribably terrible experience. But not so with the man who has been brought into the Kingdom.

Some years ago the wife of a very famous thinker wrote me about the battle which her husband had as he was dying. A strong and mighty man he had been, revered and honored on two continents, but I'm afraid he didn't know personal forgiveness for his sins. He walked through the valley of the shadow of death alone; he had no divine Shepherd to guide and comfort him. In that hour, according to his companion, he fought almost as a mad man against the inevitable. Though strong-willed and mighty in intellect, he had to give in; but he did it in the midst of darkness, with probably no hope for the future. But not so with David—he was a multimillionaire in the things of God, for he had an infinite Companion in life's darkest hour.

This dimension of David's wealth is taught, also, in verse five by means of a different figure of speech. Here the Psalmist describes himself as abundantly rich in the presence of his enemies. The table was loaded with good things to eat, there was oil to anoint his head, and his cup was running over. This fifth verse suggests the truth of spiritual as well as physical plenty. It symbolizes the fact that his soul was as full of riches as the table which had been set before him was crowded with food. "Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."

The Length of His Riches

This psalm might be spoken of as the three-dimensional psalm, for the riches which David de-

scribes in it are threefold in character. They have limitless breadth, unfathomable depth, and endless length. In other words, these riches are infinite and miraculous in length as well as in breadth and depth. "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." This is the climactic verse; it summarizes all that has gone before. It teaches that what the Psalmist has already said will hold good as long as life lasts. "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." What could better set forth the many and varied bounties which come from the hand of the eternal God, which are so freely bestowed upon those who love and serve Him! He has promised never to leave nor forsake us. He has declared that He will be with us always, even to the end of the world. Once we have found our way to Him and know what it is to have Him as our Shepherd, we can rest assured that He'll never leave us. This doesn't mean that we can't leave Him by the same power through which we came to Him. As long as we are on this earth, we can stray from Him and lose the protection which He gives. The fault is always ours—not His. His goodness and His mercy endure forever. On His side there is never any failure or leave-taking; that must come from you and me.

In all of this psalm we must remember that David, whether talking of the breadth, depth, or length of God's care, was speaking out of his own experience. Life had not been easy for him; problems were not few; many dangers beset his pathway. But through everything, God had stood by him. Even when he failed God through sin and fell away, God was at hand and answered his prayer for restoration. The ear of Almighty God was not deaf to his plea. Who in that day had more reason than David for believing that God's goodness and mercy would follow him all the days of his life?

This truth is re-emphasized by the last part of this sixth verse, "And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." It projects itself beyond David's existence in this world and concentrates on everlasting life. He'll not merely visit the house of the Lord; he will "dwell" there "for ever."

David was a millionaire, a multimillionaire, a billionaire! In fact, there can be no wealthier person on this earth than he who can say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." Psalms 23 is the rich man's psalm. Why? Because it describes the wealth of a man who walked with God in spite of many dangers and trials!



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Pray for Mrs. Nkambule

The wife of our Witbank Zone leader, Rev. Gideon Nkambule, has had a stroke and her entire right side is paralyzed and she is unable to speak. She spent some time in the hospital here in Witbank, but we have now taken her to our mission hospital at Bremersdorp, where she can be under the care of our own doctors and nurses. This illness is a great handicap to Brother Nkambule in his work as pastor and zone leader; we will be glad if our people at home will pray that if it please the Lord He will restore Mrs. Nkambule to health and her place of service in her home and church.—CARL MISCHKE, *Transvaal, Africa.*

Christmas in Brazil

Christmas came to Brazil! The mayor of Campinas had the central section of the city decorated in a unique fashion. There was a highly creative touch to the decorations, really quite modern art. The three kings were crowned with swaths of burlap. The Christmas trees were aluminum foil and plastic decorations on a thirty-foot cone of wire. They were topped with a multi-pointed star. There were other Christmas trees shaped like Indian wigwams. They were made of wicker and were on high poles. There were even colored lights strung across the streets in the business sections. From the information I have received, these decorations are a recent innovation of perhaps two or three years at the very longest. The people are quick to tell us that this is merely Campinas, where the customs are rapidly changing. We are still very much aware that it is not the United States of America. Brazil is a country that needs to hear of Jesus, who was born to save people from their sins.—CHARLES GATES, *Brazil.*

Bits of News from Portugal

Virginia Benedict took her Portuguese nursing examination recently and passed it. She is very happy to have it completed.

Language study for me is coming along quite well. I don't find it too difficult to learn to read and write and understand Portuguese. It is harder to learn to speak it.

We are still waiting and praying concerning the Moons' visa to Mozambique. It is being reconsidered. Pray much for them. They are ready to go to work as soon as this needed visa comes through.—EVELYN MEWES, *Portugal.*

Missionaries on the Move

Rev. and Mrs. John Anderson, on furlough from India, have now moved to 386 Harrison Street, Kankakee, Illinois, where they expect to remain until they sail for India in April, 1959.

Miss Lois Pass has arrived in England for her furlough from missionary service in Africa. She can be reached in care of Mrs. Williamson, 21 Holden Street, Ashton-U-Lyne, Lancs., England.

Miss Mary McKinlay, also on furlough from Swaziland, Africa, has arrived in England.

Dr. W. A. Eckel arrived in California, December 23. His address there is c/o Rev. H. H. Lane, 8802 Stonybrook Drive, Anaheim, California.

Mrs. Ruth Ainsworth, retired missionary from our Mexican work, is now with her sister at 201 North Lake St., Avon Park, Florida.

Power in the Blood!

The Lord is blessing us in the work here at Witbank and we are seeing souls coming to the altar almost every service we hold in our compounds. We do praise the Lord for the privilege of preaching the Word to these men who have to leave their homes and families miles away and come to work in the mines, living under very trying circumstances. It is wonderful to see them pray through and find peace and victory in Christ.

The first part of August we organized a new church on this zone at one of the big mines in the midst of a great farming district where hundreds of people live who need salvation. At this place recently a witch doctor and his demon-possessed wife both gave themselves to the Lord. They both wanted to "burn their bridges behind them," so on a Sunday when we were there for a service they brought all their demon cloths and witch doctor's medicines to be burned. As all of these contraptions of the devil were going up in smoke, this man and his wife gave glowing testimonies of the saving and keeping grace of God. He said that although he had learned to read the "bones used by witch doctors," he had never learned how to read the printed word and he wanted so much to read the Bible and be able to give out the scripture to others.

Just the other day the pastor of this church told me how that ex-witch doctor is overcoming his handicap. He faithfully attends the Sunday school and especially concentrates on memorizing the memory verse in the lesson. Then throughout the week in his contacts

with other people he uses this verse as a text to give out God's Word to them and to witness for his Saviour. This man can truly sing from experience the chorus, "There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb."—CARL MISCHKE, *Transvaal, Africa.*

The Sunday School Lesson

MENDELL TAYLOR



Topic for February 1:

Jesus Teaches About God and Government

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:19-26 (Printed: same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's (Luke 20:25).*

A Strange Pursuit: The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to reflect upon the character of Jesus. They picked some spies that would engage Jesus in a controversial issue. They wanted to plot their plan of attack cleverly enough that any answer He might give would place Him in a bad light. They were not looking for guidance but for replies that might be twisted to serve controversial purposes.

A Smooth Presentation: The questioning party agreed among themselves that flattery was the best way to throw a person off guard. The first word placed Jesus in an exalted position. Under normal conditions they would never acknowledge Jesus as a Master. Now they are using a compliment to cover criticism. Next they insisted that Jesus always had the right answers. Then they pointed out the judicious manner in which He handled every situation. With absolute impartiality He gave His decisions, without regard for any person's interests. Finally, they referred to His truths as material that came from God. If they had thought any of these propositions were true, they would never have brought them up. They thought this "soft soap" would psychologically soften Jesus enough that He would fall for anything that might follow.

A Stinging Proposition: The loaded question had a hidden barb. The sting of it was that these spokesmen despised paying the poll tax. This tax was assessed annually for the support of the Roman government. The economic burden was not as objectionable as the

political oppression which the authority to tax symbolized.

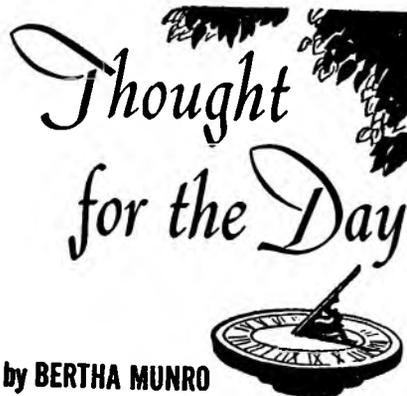
If Jesus had answered, "Yes," to the question of paying the tax, then all who opposed the tribute to Rome would have disowned Him. If He had answered, "No," it would have appeared that He was advising rebellion against Rome, and He could have been turned over to Pilate as a rebel.

A Striking Proclamation: Jesus asked for a coin. His opponents handed Him a denarius—a small silver coin worth about sixteen cents. On one side it had an image of Caesar with this inscription: "Tiberius Caesar, August Son of Divine Augustus." On the other side was a seated figure with the words, "Pontifex Maximus," which meant that Caesar was the head of the cult of "emperor worship."

Jesus rejected the religious claim expressed by the inscription, but He affirmed that tribute was due the government from which they received the advantages of a stable rule. At the same time men must never let political duty compromise their full loyalty and obedience to God. Therefore His striking proclamation was: "Render . . . unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's."

A Silenced Persecutor: The enemies of Jesus were stunned into silence. They marveled and held their peace. The opposition in this debate had no rebuttal. They were left without a word of comeback.

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by BERTHA MUNRO

Visit My Class

Monday:

We are studying this morning Milton's poem "Lycidas." A "pastoral elegy" they call it, but it must come closer to us; a good poem is a communication of experience. Milton catches us up with him into his loss of a college classmate; he is expressing our own feelings and thoughts when death comes close to us. It is in this sort of poem—from this sort of experience—that realities are faced.

You and your Morals



Arnold Toynbee says that, out of twenty-one civilizations before ours, nineteen were destroyed by a mixture of a t h e i s m, materialism, socialism, and alcoholism.

We in the West are ahead of communism on the first three issues, but what about the last?

In Russia and its satellites people have been ordered to sober up. The Moscow government newspaper considers drunkenness public enemy number one in the Soviet Union. It criticizes TV and movies which show

We are not really grown-up until we have stood face to face with death—wept the tears, asked the questions, and found the steadying of God's comfort. (I Corinthians 15:55-57).

Tuesday:

After the spontaneous outburst of grief, the inevitable "Why?" As we read of Edward King, the real "Lycidas"—still a young man, still at the university preparing for his lifework—drowned in the Irish Sea, we are seeing another young man: Henry Koehler, returning from his last vacation before graduation, killed in a bus crash; Russell Myatt, drowned on his honeymoon, two weeks after receiving his theological degree—both at the top of the long climb of preparation for the Christian ministry. Just ready to begin—and the thread of life slit. Where were the protecting powers? (Matthew 27:42a.)

Foolish question, Milton says. "Even the Muse mother of the sweet singer Orpheus could not save him from death." And the Father could not save His own Son from the Cross. However powerful my prayers, however "needed" the one for whom I pray, I cannot claim as my right special privilege, exemptions, magic.

Wednesday:

Another question. What use "to scorn delights and live laborious days?" Why sacrifice ease to prepare for Christian service? You may never live to reach your goal. The answer? God is the One to judge the worth of a life. Short in years may be long in value; He decided. "As He pronounces," so the actual. We will still give Him our

persons sitting at tables "always with bottles . . . a custom incompatible with Communist morality and which inflicts huge damage to the people's health and to the Socialist society."

The price of vodka has now been raised so that a pint of 80 proof costs a day's wages for a factory worker. American dailies recently carried the news that now not more than one drink can be sold a person in a restaurant in that country.

Poland has ordered a 15 per cent reduction in the number of liquor shops and a 20 per cent reduction in the number of bars and cafes that sell liquor.

All the while, Americans are drinking more and more. Since 1940 alcoholism has increased 44 per cent. If anything, laws seem to be more and more liberal on the issue.

What are we doing about it? Are we voting for drinking lawmakers who love their liquid lunches on Capitol Hill and who decide our destiny while in an alcoholic haze? Are we writing them to let them know we don't like liquor—at all?

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best, whatever the cost. It is He who assigns the grade. (I Corinthians 15:58.)

Thursday:

Again—the cause of the disaster? Not the young man's fault; no reason why his skiff had foundered and others been saved. The ship was "built in the eclipse and rigged with curses dark"—it must be just "bad luck." But the Christian says, "No, not luck. My life is not at the mercy of blind Chance or of three stern Fates; rather, in the hands of One who loves and knows." (Psalms 31:15.)

Friday:

But how sore the need of him here! The university asks why its most promising alumnus had to be cut off—"my dearest pledge"—before he could produce returns on investments made in him. The church complains: "How well could I have spared for thee" the many greedy clerics who call themselves overseers but actually are blind, call themselves feeders (pastors) but are themselves "all mouth." "The hungry sheep look up and are not fed."

The only answer: Those left behind will close ranks and fill the gap. By your response to the challenge of his death, he may slay more "at his death . . . than . . . in his life." It was so of those four young missionaries to the Auca Indians. (Acts 7:59a; 8:1a, 9:16.)

Saturday:

The questions merge and are lost in the diapason of the final section of the poem, the "comfort." "Lycidas, your sorrow, is not dead." As the sun sinks in the ocean but rises the next morning,

so Edward King; so those strong young men we mourn, "through the dear might of Him that walked the waves." All questions are stilled in our faith in the Lord of the Resurrection. They are with Him, and with the saints who
*Sing, and in their singing move,
 And wipe the tears forever from his eyes!*

But more. He has not forgotten us. We are to think of his presence still—"guarding the shore"—his influence still living among us. We are better because he has lived.

We have faced life's impenetrables and come out on the other side, stronger for our sorrows. We have asked the "questions beyond questioning" and left the answers with the One who knows. (John 11:25; Romans 8:38-39.)

Sunday:

And now, as we finish our journey from the shock of sorrow to the surge of faith, that road every honest soul must sooner or later go, a student at the rear of the class said—irrelevantly, it seems—"What do you think is life's highest value?" In another minute the bell will ring—no time for the Socratic leading question. I can only answer—Yankee fashion—by "asking another." "What was last Sunday's Golden Text?" "I

came to do thy will, O God." (October 19, 1958.) "And what was the Father's judgment?" "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (Psalms

40:8; I John 2:17 b; Matthew 3:17b.) Milton himself echoes:
*Be it late or soon, or swift or slow . . .
 As ever in my Great Taskmaster's eye.*



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

Moving Nazarenes

This year more Nazarenes will move than last year; 16,000 and even more will change their home address during 1959.

Let us all remember that we can care for their spiritual welfare through the Department of Evangelism. The story of their move can be made to read like the following:

New Jersey: "Your letter and the letter from the pastor regarding the _____ was received in the morning mail. We called there this afternoon with very encouraging results. I have written a letter to the pastor about our call. I appreciate this service of our general church very much, and the excellent job that is being done in directing it."

Ohio: "Upon hearing from you I made a number of calls there, but they were not too interested it seemed. Then one night Mrs. _____ called us and we went to her home and she prayed through. She comes every Sunday evening and Wednesday. She will be joining the church in a week or so."

Idaho: "I immediately called on this family, also had others do so, and they have been coming quite regularly since and plan to be taken into our fellowship at the close of the revival meeting. This is surely a splendid service to God and the church. Be assured I shall help you in every way possible."

California: "This is to inform you that Mr. and Mrs. _____ have been attending the services of our church regular-

Servicemen's Corner



FROM THE BRITISH ISLES: "Thank you for my free issue of the *Conquest*, and also for other magazines you have already forwarded to me. I would like you to know that I am very grateful for the interest you have shown in my life, and I welcome subsequent issues. . . . Thank you again."—K. PLANT, R.A.F.

A SERGEANT ON OKINAWA—"Just a few lines to let you know how much I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me letters of encouragement and other material of our church. You don't know how much it has meant to me in living a Christian life. It has been a tremendous thrill to be able to know the saving power of Christ. I really don't know what I'd do without Him. I have been active in our mission here on Okinawa and have enjoyed it very much."—DARYL A. SCHEDEL.

WITH APPRECIATION—"I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the Nazarene literature. I find so much encouragement in reading the words of Dr. White, our general superintendents, and many others. After I'm through reading the literature I receive, I either put them in the day room for others to read, or pass them around to my friends. So, you

see, many people get a blessing from God because you are so kind as to send the papers to me. I pray daily for the Church of the Nazarene and for Christians all over the world. I really appreciate the Christians who pray for us servicemen."—*A friend in Christ*, PVT. RONALD G. MILLER.

TO BE DISCHARGED—"I just received your Christmas letter for the third year. It was just a little after Christmas in 1955 when you first sent me the literature at the request of my sister. Since that time I've found the Lord as my personal Saviour. I know your prayers and publication have helped me beyond all measure. I can't thank you enough! I have a wonderful Christian wife. Here in cold Alaska we've found the warmth of Christ ever present and strong. He is with us every day. May God continue to bless your work."—GEORGE T. FAAS.

THANKS—"Thank you for sending me the most welcome and comforting books and magazines of the past years."—WM. F. BOYD, TM2.

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ly. Their faithfulness is making a very real contribution to the work of God in our city. We are happy to have them worshiping with us."

Michigan: "I referred the family to another Nazarene church closer to them and checked to see that the call was made and they have been attending that church."

Texas: "They were very receptive, appreciated our call, and I expect them to be in our services right away."

New York: "She had already attended our church. Believe she and baby will attend during their temporary stay."

England: "She has turned from Roman Catholicism. Her daughter's conversion in our church has helped greatly. We hope to have her in the service next Sunday morning."

Pennsylvania: "The name of Mr. and Mrs. ——— was forwarded to me and I called on the family and read scripture and prayed in the home. Will continue to work with family, praying for their salvation. Thank you for the information."

Washington: "The results of the call were she is enthusiastic and has a fine spirit and attends our church. Thanks so much for this service you are rendering."

Illinois: "The entire family is very friendly to our church. Four of the children attended the first Sunday after contact. Parents have Nazarene background. We expect to win them for the Lord. I sincerely appreciate this service."

Texas: "They promised to start attending. I have called on them twice. I believe we can get them started. Thanks for the lead."

Kansas: "She has been attending Sunday school quite regularly. Her relatives have come a few times. Thank you."

Massachusetts: "We made contact and extended an invitation. We shall keep calling with prayers and invitations. Thank you for sending along contact."
Vermont: "They are not enthusiastic Christians and are rather indifferent. Will do all we can to win them."

Montana: "The family have been away week ends but when school begins they should be more permanent here and will attend."

New Mexico: "He seems to be quite interested. His mother was nice and friendly."

Alabama: "Thanks for the correspondence concerning Mrs. ———, who moved to our community. She has been attending our church. Her husband has been shipped out and she is to follow as soon as conditions will permit. Thanks for your interest."

They are all too valuable to lose. Let's keep them in the fold of the church.

V. H. LEWIS

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

What is that sin unto death which we read about in I John 5:16, which we are not to pray for?

Different explanations of this passage have been given, but they are not far apart when they are examined carefully. They all agree in making this sin unto death an act or state which places the individual beyond the reach of the grace of God. This is true only if he perseveres in this sin. But you may ask, "What is this act or state?" It is the denial of the truth that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Such an act or the state to which it leads makes it

impossible for a person to become a Christian. If an individual has but one way to escape from a burning building and he refuses to use it, he is doomed. So it is with those who reject Jesus as the Son of God. If they do this, there is no use to pray for them. Their very attitude prevents them from exercising saving faith. Finally, I cannot believe that anyone who sincerely wants to be saved through Christ has committed the sin unto death.

Why do we celebrate the birth of Christ?

Because His coming into the world has meant so much to many of us in-

dividually and to the world as a whole.

Is fasting a repentance for your sins?

No! I know of nothing in the Bible which identifies fasting with repentance. Fasting has value for Christians, but it

is not the means whereby people become Christians.

Will you explain what I Corinthians 11:15 means? Does it mean women who call themselves Christians should have long hair today?

Some answer your question in the affirmative and others in the negative. And, since I have great respect for any sincere conviction which a Christian may have, I would not demean either group. Do what your conscience tells you to do. On the other hand, I believe that it was

a religious rite, or ceremony, which was observed in that day, but is not compulsory today. Moreover, the holiness movement has never placed great emphasis upon the mere outward forms which accompany heartfelt religion.

Not long ago, in the Question Box, you stated that sin started with Satan, who had been an angel. I understand that Satan was an angel in heaven when he fell. Saints, when they go to heaven, have pure hearts. Is there a possibility of sin again in heaven? And will we have free choices as those angels who sinned in the beginning? Sin has caused all the trouble in this world, and I'm hoping for a place hereafter where it will be impossible to sin. Will that be the case?

I believe that the Bible teaches that man's probation comes to an end with this life. Whether this means that man

can't or won't sin, I do not know. Anyway, you need not worry. You will be safe from sin when you get to heaven.

Can a Nazarene Christian become a baseball umpire and work for a regular baseball organization, that is, make this his profession, and still be a Christian in good standing with the teachings of the Church of the Nazarene?

If this means that he would have to work at this job regularly on Sunday as well as other days, my answer would be that I could not do it. I couldn't watch, attend, or participate in organized baseball playing on Sunday. That is a sport and a business which certainly isn't nec-

essary. If the Christian's Sabbath is no different from that of any other person's, I can't see how the Christian himself is any different. This doesn't mean that I'm just getting old and don't like sports. I still enjoy seeing a good basketball, football, or baseball game.

Can a Nazarene couple become motel managers and still be in good standing with the doctrines and ideals of conduct of our church?

If they could fill such a position in a hotel where drinks are not sold, I see no reason why they could not do it in

a motel. Hotels and motels are necessities. This would make work in them legitimate, even on Sunday.

Nazarene Young People's Society and

Nazarene Junior Society

PONDER W. GILLILAND
Executive Secretary



The above picture was taken at the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society in New York City, November 19, 1958. Dr. Howard Hamlin, Dr. Paul Updike, and Ponder W. Gilliland are looking at the Bible in Braille. The stack of volumes

make up the entire Bible in Braille, for the blind. Furnishing Scriptures to the blind is just one of the many services of the A.B.S.

Mr. Gilliland is representative of the Church of the Nazarene to the A.B.S. Dr. Hamlin and Dr. Updike attended with him, as special guests. Both are members of the Department of Foreign Missions of our church.

Every church in our denomination in the United States of America should have received a special offering for the A.B.S. on Sunday, December 14. The official provision for this is made in the appendix of our church *Manual*.

If your church did not receive an offering for the A.B.S. on or since that date, would you please do it next Sunday? Send the offering to Dr. John

Stockton, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri. Mark it for the American Bible Society.

The entire district council was disappointed at the unexpected resignation of our excellent district president, Ray Williams. Mr. Williams for the past five and one-half years, has with unusual efficiency taken care of the work of the Eastern Michigan District. The work of the young people on our district has progressed in every department with an Institute of 213 last year and a teen-age hike of 325. The expressions of appreciation and love by members of the council were sincere. Due to the heavy load as minister of music at our church at Plymouth, Michigan, and the increased work load as an engineer for the Edison Company, Mr. Williams felt it necessary to resign. Young and old deeply appreciate the dedication and work of this consecrated layman for the past five and one-half years. The council appointed Rev. William Varian as the president for the remainder of the year.—*Reporter*.

NEWS

of the Churches



Cadillac, Michigan—October 19, 1958, marked the close of one of the most wonderful years at the Cherry Grove Church. One year ago Rev. and Mrs. Milton Hoose and sons arrived as our pastors. That first morning there were 39 present; now our attendance is running near the 90 mark. God has wonderfully blessed the united efforts of pastor and people. In January we had a week-end youth revival with Brother Evan Downey; a wonderful spirit prevailed and much good was accomplished. The Gospel-Four Quartet of Howell have made three appearances here, and through an outdoor concert we were able to reach some of the community people. On Easter Sunday we had a record attendance of 147. A building fund had been started four years ago, so plans were made and voted on to put a basement under the present building, and add a 30 x 30-foot addition, also with basement for classes and heating plant. Many of the community people donated time or loan of tools; all labor was donated. Our spring revival was held by Rev. Irving Hoose, father of our pastor, with the pastor drawing chalk pictures each evening. God blessed in these services. Five new members were added to the church this year; also we had an outdoor baptismal service with five being baptized. Ours is a rural church, and we are happy to have received the missionary zone banner at the

past three rallies. Prayer meetings are well attended with a good spirit.—*MRS. CARMEN FERRIS, Reporter*.

Rev. Bob Hoots writes: "Since our entering the evangelistic field a few months ago, God has been richly blessing. We thank our many friends who have prayed and stood by us. We are doing our best, with God's help, to reach every lost soul we can. Write us, Box 756, Columbia, Kentucky."

Freedom, Indiana—Six years ago we were a discouraged little group of Nazarenes, but now we have more than fifty members—more than doubling ourselves. God has sent us some wonderful workers, as well as giving some definite victories around the altar and adding new people to the church. Now we worship in a beautifully redecorated \$20,000 edifice, with Sunday school extension. On November 9 we were able to dedicate a beautiful, six-room parsonage, with Dr. Leo C. Davis, district superintendent, presiding. Through the efforts of our good pastor, willing church members, and under the leadership of God, we have been able to accomplish this at a minimum cost—the debt is only \$5,000. For the past three months a good revival spirit has been on the church, with two converted in a midweek prayer meeting recently. We praise God for His help and blessings.—*GRACE KINDRED, Secretary*.

Monterey Park, California—This church, Los Angeles District, recently recalled our pastor, Rev. Garvel D. Vaughn; unanimous vote for one year, and only one negative vote on the three-year call. This makes the fourth consecutive three-year call. God has been blessing here. We are expanding, building a two-story educational unit with a recreational area for young people. Much of the labor has been done by the members, under the direction of the pastor, enabling us to build for the future at a substantial savings. The spiritual tide of the church is high, with seekers at the altar almost every Sunday evening. The field is "white" with new homes surrounding our church, and we are having more and more visitors in our services.—*MRS. TWILA M. GRAY, Secretary*.

Bellevue, Pennsylvania—On December 7 this church concluded a successful revival with Evangelist Robert C. Roberts. There was a good spirit in all of the services and God's power was felt as convicted souls found their way to the altar and prayed through to victory. We were able to reach several new families for the church, and our young people were helped. We thank God for sending Brother Roberts our way. We greatly appreciated his ministry.—*ALLEN G. RAY, Pastor*.

Evangelist J. W. Thomas writes: "The past year's work has been blessed of the Lord—a glorious year with many good victories. Pastors and people have been wonderful to me. I have some open time after January 18, and shall be glad to accept the calls as I receive them, whether the church is large or small. Write me, Route 2, Box 55 A, Gravette, Arkansas."

Holly, Colorado—On December 7 our church closed an excellent revival with Rev. and Mrs. Earl C. Williams as evangelist and singer. Both pastor and people were thrilled at the scriptural and forceful presentation of full salvation by Brother Williams, and the inspirational singing of Sister Williams. God gave many souls.—DON HICKS, *Pastor*.

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "We thank God for the opportunity of another year's work for Him in the field of evangelism. We have been conscious of His presence and blessing in all of our revivals. We have conducted meetings in Colorado, Arizona, California, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Illinois. At the beginning of 1959 we felt definitely led to pray earnestly that God would give us victories in our revivals: (1) sinners converted and backsliders reclaimed; (2) Christians sanctified wholly; (3) young people fully saved and called to the work of the ministry and the mission field, and (4) people definitely healed. Again and again God gave victories along all these lines, also some fine classes of new members added to our churches. Pastors and people have been kind and cooperative, and we give God praise for the victories won in answer to prayer and faith."

Pastor W. Ray Aldridge reports: "After pastoring two churches on the Abilene District since September of 1950, last June we moved to Fairview, Oklahoma, where we have found a people we love and enjoy serving. In November we had with us Rev. Floyd P. Smith, evangelist, in what was said to be the best revival this church has had. His messages were freighted with truth, and given with love and humility. Time after time the altars were lined with seekers. Mrs. Smith and the children added greatly to the music over the closing week end of the meeting. Two new tires were presented to the evangelist (someone having learned that he badly needed tires for his car). Finances came easily. Our people stood by in helping to provide food for entertainment, and then surprised us with a wonderful love offering."

Boise, Idaho—The Golden Anniversary revival at the Euclid Avenue Church closed on November 23 with a gracious time of victory as souls sought and found God at the altar of prayer. The Lord used Evangelist G. Franklin Allee to be a help and blessing to all of us in his presentation of the truth. The church is on the forward move. We came here last June, from our district assembly, and found a faithful people, ready to work to advance the

interests of the Kingdom.—HOWARD MANSFIELD, *Pastor*.

Marshalltown, Iowa—This has been a busy year—1958 was the Golden Anniversary for the denomination and also for our own local church. We adopted some goals for the year that would require the help of God, and then spent the first moments of 1958 on our knees at the watch-night service. We read the Bible through in one week. On Easter Sunday we broke our Sunday school record, and gave \$1,000 for missions. In August, Mrs. Louise Chapman was with us for special missionary emphasis. Pastor Frank Cook has been with us eleven years and, being acquainted with the businessmen of the city, he personally distributed to their offices copies of the special issue of the *Herald of Holiness* (the church distributed a total of 2,000 copies). In June we rented the Lennox auditorium for a social event for the church and our friends, at which time we presented the filmstrip telling of the church's history. Dr. G. B. Williamson, who was ordained in this church, was our special guest and also spoke to the many friends. District Superintendent Gene Phillips was also present. Dr. Williamson also spoke at the church on the following day. One of our goals was to have 50 new converts—and we are happy to report that God gave us 50 "brand-new" people bowing at the altar in our regular services. Our net increase in average attendance for Sunday school was 35 per Sunday. We gave 11 per cent to foreign missions, and received into the church 50 new members, all but 3 by profession of faith. Being the oldest church on the district, we set up a special display booth at our district assembly in Des Moines.—Reporter.

Evangelist Floyd P. Smith writes: "I still have some open time for 1959-60 but my slate is filling up fast. Write me, 1433 N. Evanston, Tulsa, Oklahoma."

Lovington, New Mexico—December 1 through 7 we had Rev. W. L. French, superintendent of South Arkansas District, as our evangelist. According to older members this was perhaps the deepest and best revival this church has ever experienced. Brother French was at his best—forceful, strong, deep, and tender in his preaching; he quoted much scripture (from memory) during his messages. Holiness was the central theme, and many people sought and found the blessing of entire sanctification, while others were converted. Among these were several adults and older young people for whom the church had prayed many times. In all, there were twenty-two seekers, with six new members added to the church. This gives us twenty new members in nine months.—BOB LINDLEY, *Pastor*.

Buffalo, Kansas—In November we had a revival with Evangelist Twyla Pittinger, who had just returned to active work in the field after being out because of the illness and death of her mother. Miss Pittinger was used of the Lord, and we had good services from start to

finish. God blessed and we were thrilled to see twenty people seek and find God in the forgiveness of their sins, and some five people testify to the sanctifying power of God. We have asked Miss Pittinger to return for a revival in the fall of '59. We are new here this year but several of the folks said this was the best revival in this church for years.—W. L. PRICHARD, *Pastor*.

Evangelists C. C. and Flora N. Chatfield report: "On Anniversary Sunday, October 12, we began a meeting with Rev. C. J. Haas and First Church in Warren, Ohio. It was a victorious meeting, with more than one hundred seekers at the altar, and an average of seventy-one per day praying for the revival in our co-operative hour of prayer. We took for our campaign song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," challenging our people to a forward march on to the centennial of the church. This song and challenge have caught fire, and in a meeting with Rev. Paul Byrns at Oakland City, Indiana, and one with Rev. O. G. Green at Flora, Illinois, we saw wonderful outpourings of God's Spirit, many souls at the altar, and renewed courage to press the battle for God. At this writing we are at First Church, Findlay, Ohio, with Pastor Noel Whitis. The first Sunday we saw twenty-one seekers at the altar."

Fairfield, Iowa—Our church recently enjoyed a very fine revival meeting—the best in five years. Evangelist Harold C. Frogge was the special worker, and he is one of our best Bible preachers. New families were contacted, a fine number sought the Lord to be saved and sanctified, and our people were moved to a closer walk with the Lord. One new family already have united with the church. If you have friends here, please write us.—J. P. FOSTER, *Pastor*.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho—Climaxing an intensive three-week canvass, the members and friends of our church gathered on December 4 to celebrate with a victory dinner. In addition to the regular operating budget of the church, more than \$50,000 has been pledged for a three-year period to be used in debt retirement and further expansion of education facilities. The canvass committee chairman stated that only a little more than one-half of the church families had yet been contacted. Also, Pastor Jack Hawthorne said there were "another ninety newer families, not yet placed on the contact lists, who would be given an opportunity to participate in the next six-month period." Bill Whelpley of Counsellors' National, Inc., encouraged all members and friends to "keep believing in God's promises and continue the work in visitation, faith, and sacrifice." The five team captains spoke of the victories and joys of serving God and the church in this capacity.—Reporter.

Evangelist V. S. Rushing reports: "Since last May 1, I have enjoyed working again in the field of evangelism, with our labors taking us into several districts. We appreciate the response of our pastors and people in revivals at

Dresden Church, Trinway, Ohio



The beginning of the Dresden Church was a tent revival in July of 1947, the district home mission board furnishing the tent, and Rev. C. C. Coolidge and wife as the evangelists. The charter was closed on August 10, and the church organized with 21 charter members. They began holding regular services in the American Legion Hall, with Rev. L. B. Snellenberger as supply pastor. A few weeks later District Superintendent Galloway appointed Rev. James Willis as pastor. In 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Smith donated a lot, and a basement church was completed, with services beginning there on January 9, 1949. Rev. Paul Flack served as pastor from March of '49 to July of '58. By January of 1952 the indebtedness was eliminated on the basement church, and soon thereafter plans were made to complete the superstructure. Now a beautiful, red brick

church stands as a memorial to the unity, harmony, and sacrifice of a people who love God; and especially as a monument to the hard work of Pastor Paul Flack. The building is 33 x 73 feet, with the auditorium 31 x 60 feet, seating 224 persons. The basement provides for an auditorium seating 72, six Sunday school classrooms, pastor's study, etc. Construction was accomplished almost entirely with donated labor, both men and women working nights and days. The building is valued at \$40,000 and the debt is only \$6,500. Last November 9 the building was dedicated by District Superintendent Galloway, with the former pastor, Rev. Paul Flack, and the present pastor, Rev. Harley Duncan, assisting. Brother Duncan came as pastor on last August 3. The front of the building features a large redwood cross, eight by sixteen feet.—*Reporter.*

Jackson, Tennessee, First Church with Rev. E. R. Warhurst; at Cullman, Florence North Side, and Mary's Chapel, all in Alabama, with Pastors A. M. Pruitt, John Compton, and O. H. Crabb, respectively; then to Mississippi, at Pearson's Chapel, Houston, with Oren Vance, and V. L. Nabors at Laurel; with Charles Oaks at East Meade, Clarksville, Tennessee; with Howard Warwick at First Church, Miami, Florida; and back to Tennessee, at Camden, with Curtis Cooke, and at Bordeaux Church, Nashville, with Melvin Thompson. Due to a rearrangement of dates I have an open date late in January which I would be happy to slate. Write me, 104 E. Haven Road, Montgomery 9, Alabama."

Pastor H. W. Applegate reports: "We are glad to report progress in the work

a great future. We are glad to be a worker in God's vineyard."

Ocala, Florida—We praise God and rejoice for what has been accomplished through the faithfulness and sacrificial spirit of our people here for the cause of world evangelism. For the last three years, since Thanksgiving of 1955, when we had \$55.50 in our missionary offering, each time—for both Thanksgiving and Easter—a new record has been set, reaching \$700 for our Golden Anniversary Thanksgiving offering. Although for the past two years we have been a "15 per cent" church, last October the church board voted to be a "tithing" church. And all of this in spite of the fact that since the fall of 1954 we have purchased a new parsonage, moved into our new church building, bought a Hammond organ, a baby grand piano, and have been making payments every month. God is blessing, and for the last five months we have hardly had a barren altar; and also the Lord is moving on some of our young people concerning missionary work. To God we give all the glory.—*BERGE S. NAJARIAN, Pastor.*

San Antonio District

I am writing this on our eighteenth day as superintendent of the San Antonio District, and we have been in services in eighteen of our churches, and have seen ten of the other forty-one. We have personally met all of the pastors, except one. We have just concluded a "get-acquainted" tour in which all but three of our active churches were represented. These rallies were blessed of the Lord with old-time shouting and rejoicing.

The San Antonio District Nazarenes have gone all out to make us feel welcome and wanted on the district. Never have we known a finer group of pastors and laymen. They are loyal, united, sacrificial, and devoted to the denomination. Our hearts have been warmed over and over again as we have traveled the district and sensed the beautiful spirit of our district family. Surely, some problems exist, but there is a sufficiency of God's grace, and we are trusting for a real Holy Ghost revival to sweep across the district. We are encouraged and challenged with the opportunity that is ours.

Revs. W. H. Davis, Ponder Gilliland, Hadley Hall, and others have labored well in this office in recent years. We owe a lot to these good men. Pray for us as we serve this section of the great state of Texas.—*JAMES C. HESTER, District Superintendent.*

Evangelist Floyd P. Smith writes: "Since our entering the field recently, God has blessed and given some tremendous revival meetings. My slate is filling up fast for 1959 and '60. I have four dates scattered through '59 and will be glad to fill these as the Lord may lead. I begin the new year with Pastor Emmert at Springdale Church in Tulsa, and then to Williams Memorial Church in Bethany, Oklahoma, with Rev. Floyd Rowe. God has given us a harvest of souls with many new people added to the church. Write me, 10638 E. Admiral Blvd., Tulsa 12, Oklahoma."

Perry, Oklahoma—Recently we had a wonderful revival, during which thirty people bowed at the altar and received definite help from the Lord. Brother John F. Whisler, blind song evangelist, was in charge of the music, with our pastor, Rev. Grady B. Bohannon, preaching. The Lord came in an unusual way on the last Sunday morning as Brother Whisler told his life story. Everyone who came enjoyed the work of Brother Whisler, and he was invited to return in 1960.—*Reporter.*

Hiwasc, Arkansas—Recently our church enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist James Thomas as the special worker. Five teen-agers were sanctified, three converted, and the church was blessed by the ministry of Brother Thomas, with the presence of the Lord manifested in a very definite way. We thank the Lord for this meeting and the blessings of the Lord upon us.—*W. N. DURHAM, Pastor.*

Buchanan, Michigan—In December our church concluded the best revival in several years, with Miss Leila Dell Miller as the evangelist. From the first service the attendance was exceptional and, with very little urging, some forty-five people bowed at the altar and prayed through to God for regeneration or entire sanctification. Miss Miller endeared herself to our people with her consistent life and faithful ministry. This is our third year here and the people are united and optimistic. By a two-thirds vote in a recent church meeting they have decided to build a new church rather than make extensive improvements on the present building.—*WILLIS E. WEAVER, Pastor.*

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write that they have open dates, February 4 to 15, and February 18 to March 1. They will be glad to hear from any church needing their services as preacher and singers. Write them, Box 222, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Warren, Pennsylvania—As a local church, we celebrated our fiftieth anniversary, October 8 through 12. One of our former pastors, Rev. J. C. Albright, was with us to bring special messages Thursday, Friday, and Sunday morning and evening. In the missionary emphasis on Wednesday evening, Rev. James Jones was the special speaker. Rev. Blair Ward, also former pastor, spoke at a banquet on Saturday evening, and also on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Richard Neiderhiser assisted with the special singing. The blessing of the Lord was upon these services; we thank the Lord for His goodness and feel we are farther ahead due to this special emphasis.—*GLADYS E. JUDD, Secretary.*

Frankfort, Indiana—We are in the beginning of a good year here in South Side Church. God has been good to us as we recount the blessings of the past three months, and there has been a good gain in all departments—16 per cent for the membership, 32 per cent for the Sunday school, 16 per cent for the N.Y.P.S., and 10 per cent for the mis-

sionary society. In the recent *Conquest* drive our young people reached 101 per cent. We had a good revival with Rev. A. Lober and the Singing Parrs as the special workers. The district budgets are being met regularly, and the General Budget is coming in wonderfully. During the special Week of Witnessing our church witnessed to ten times its membership. God is with us!—*LORAN M. IRBY, Pastor.*

Freedom, Indiana—Six years ago we were a discouraged little group—today we are strong. Our number has increased to over fifty in membership—more than double six years ago. God has sent us some wonderful workers, also giving definite victories around the altar and adding these to the church. Coming from a hall-church, valued at about \$2,000, we now have a beautifully redecorated \$20,000 edifice, with Sunday school extension. On last November 9 we were able to dedicate a beautiful, six-room parsonage, with Dr. Leo C. Davis, district superintendent, presiding. Through the efforts of our willing, working membership, and the good leadership and planning of Pastor Samuel Smith, this has been accomplished at a minimum cost; the debt is only \$5,000. A good revival spirit has prevailed for three months, with people being converted in the midweek prayer meeting.—*GRACE KINDRED, Secretary.*

Grand Rapids, Michigan—Fuller Avenue Church held its first pastoral preaching mission November 9 to 15 under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. During this week of services emphasis was placed on Bible holiness, with the result that people were built up in the faith, and several souls prayed through to definite victory. Added blessings were the messages in songs and readings by

The sum total of the content of the gospel of Jesus Christ is sometimes referred to under the abbreviated title "the faith." It is an apt description, for all the blessings of salvation come to us along the channel of faith. We are saved by faith, sanctified by faith, healed by faith, and kept by faith.—*H. KENNETH BEDWELL.*

Joyce Johnson and Ruby Simons of Muskegon, who so faithfully assisted the Reverend Mr. Waggoner. Several of the services were climaxed by special outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The spiritual tide of the church continues to rise.—*Reporter.*

Charleston, West Virginia—The Davis Creek Church enjoyed a glorious closing of the Golden Anniversary year. A new September attendance record was set in the Sunday school with an average of 615. The Week of Witnessing climaxed with 1,092 in Sunday school, seekers at the altar, and many new families won. November was highlighted by a far-reaching revival with the Singing Speer Family, and our pastor, Rev. Dallas Baggett, as the evangelist. The congregations were the largest in this church's history, and God gave many victories at the altar. December's high point was the reception of a splendid class of members into the church on Christmas Sunday. Our recent expansion program—enlargement of the sanctuary, installation of new pews, addition of new Sunday school rooms, a baptistry, nursery, etc., and black-topping of the parking lot—has resulted in continued growth and outreach. We praise God for His blessings.—*THOMAS E. MOORE, Secretary.*

LATE NEWS

(Continued from page 2)

were all present for the occasion. There are also three great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Hammerstrom have been members of the Church of the Nazarene for thirty-two years. From the time they united with the church their membership has been with Omaha First Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Edith Dermeyer, wife of Rev. D. D. Dermeyer, of the Eastern Michigan District, died December 10, 1958. The Dermyers have given many years in the interest of souls, having pastored churches in Reading, Jackson, Reed City, and Holly.

After serving for the past five and one-half years as pastor of First Church in Lansing, Michigan, Rev. Fred J. Hawk has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Los Angeles, California—The "Mother Church," now in its sixty-fourth year, enjoying good progress. Two revivals,

one with Rev. Wm. Fisher and other with Rev. J. S. Logan, during 1958; 51 members received during the year. Financial canvass during September and October resulted in \$180,000 pledged over a three-year period for new sanctuary. Of 250 voting on December 28, Dr. L. Guy Nees, pastor, received all but 4 on one-year call; all but 7 on three-year call. The future is bright.—*DICK WILLIS, Church Secretary.*

Rev. John R. Ferguson, Sr., resigned the pastorate of the church in Wellington to accept the call to pastor the church in Gainesville, Texas.

Evangelist Joe Glyn Cordell has left the field to accept the call to pastor First Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Rev. George D. Andrews has resigned as pastor of the Rose Hill Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept the pastorate of the church in Larned, Kansas.

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Miss Gilbertta Everitt of Fort Worth, Texas, and Mr. John Westmoreland of Bethany, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on December 20 in Northside Church of the Nazarene in Fort Worth, with Rev. Hugh Dean of Houston First Church officiating.

Miss Leota Potter and Richard Handy, both of Lincoln, Nebraska, were united in marriage on December 12 at North Side Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Earl Roustio, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. Roland and Phyllis Stanford of Flushing, New York, a daughter, Constance Joy, on December 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Earl L. Roustio of Lincoln, Nebraska, a daughter, Pamela Sue, on December 19.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Ulrich of Lee's Summit, Missouri, a daughter, Sandra Gay, on December 16.

—to A/2c and Mrs. Floyd A. Camp of Salina, Kansas, a son, Charles Calvin, on December 16.

—to Harold and Wanda (Cornelius) Woolly of Altus, Oklahoma, a son, Robert Dean, on December 3.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED that a lady in Texas may be healed of heart trouble—medicine fails to help her;

by a lady in Washington that God may help her to overcome a serious nervous condition, also that she may be able to sell some property the care of which adds to this nervous condition;

by a Christian lady in Indiana for a son's health to be restored, and the joy of the home saved, as it is "being threatened by the evil one"—also for a revival in their church, and that God will give her overcoming grace;

by a Christian reader in Ohio for victory over a personal problem, a son to be sanctified wholly, his wife to be healed, and a special unspoken request;

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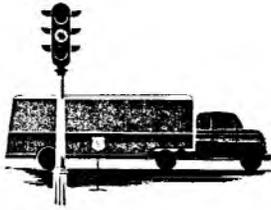
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Deaths

GRADY D. STARNES died August 2, 1958, at Seaford, Delaware. He was born on a farm near Decherd, Tennessee, in 1898. He was a stalwart soldier of the Cross, very active in the local church and district affairs. The Starnes family made their home in Bethel, Delaware; they succeeded in winning all of their family to Christ and bringing them with their companions into the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lucille Starnes; five daughters: Florence Chappel, Elizabeth Andrews, Jane Myers, Ruth Slatcher, and Lucille Boyce; and two sons: Rev. Thomas Starnes, of Easton, Maryland; and Rev. Luther Starnes, of Danville, Illinois. One son, Benton, preceded him in death. Funeral service was conducted in the Seaford Church of the Nazarene by his pastor, Rev. Harley Eye, assisted by Dr. C. B. Strang, with interment in the cemetery near his home in Bethel.



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MRS. EMMA (ESTEY) WILLIAMS was born September 9, 1883, at Fredericton, N.B., Canada, and died at her home in Penniac, N.B., on June 27, 1958, after a long illness. At an early age she was saved and sanctified wholly. She was given an evangelist's commission at the New England assembly in 1909, and was active in preaching throughout the Maritime Provinces of Canada and in New England; her church membership was in the Church of the Nazarene at Oxford, N.S. In 1918 she was married to George Ira Williams. Although ill for nearly twenty-two years, she was never heard to complain. Her example of devotion and patience left a lasting impression on all who knew her. Besides her husband, she is survived by a son, Gordon, at home; and a daughter, Olive, wife of Rev. W. C. Wilcox, Nazarene pastor at Lutes Mountain, N.B., Canada.

ROBERT EDWARD FURNISS was born October 12, 1905, in Tate County, Mississippi, and died August 20, 1958, at his home in Clarksdale, Mississippi. In 1929 he was united in marriage to Nell Jones. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Clarksdale. He is survived by his wife and three children, Robert Edward, Jr., Harold, and Mrs. Carolyn Keith. Memorial service was held in the church by his pastor, Rev. C. M. Roby, and Rev. Paul Blackmon.

BEULAH MARIE ADAMS was born in Salem, Arkansas, on April 17, 1896, and died in Covina, California, in August, 1958. The family moved to Seattle, Washington, and here Beulah graduated from the Swedish Hospital School of Nursing, receiving her R.N. degree in 1926. For fourteen years she served as head nurse at the Louise Home, Portland, Oregon; in 1944 went to Ruth Home at El Monte, California. When this home became the

Sister Kenny Memorial Hospital, she became a member of the nursing staff, remaining there until 1957. She was converted early in life and had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years. She loved her Bible, memorized many portions of it, and loved God's people. She was characterized by a high degree of unselfishness and a spirit of sacrifice. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ava A. Bainter and Mrs. Bernice Bodkin; also a brother, John H. Adams. Funeral service was held in Covina, California, with graveside services at the Riverton Crest Cemetery, Seattle, Washington, with Rev. Roy J. Yeider officiating.

MRS. LENORAH FARNSWORTH, pioneer holiness woman, age ninety-two, died August 19, 1958. She was born September 15, 1866. She was a charter member of the Ash Grove Church of the Nazarene in Collin County, Texas. This church was organized by the late Rev. C. B. Jernigan about 1902, and was merged with the Church of the Nazarene at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908. She is survived by six children, twenty-three grandchildren, forty-four great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren. One daughter preceded her in death. She was buried in Cottage Hill Cemetery in Collin County, Texas, by the side of her late husband. Rev. Ray Bourland and Rev. Mr. Patton officiated.

THOMAS LARSEN, age eighty-four, charter member of the Taylor Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Racine, Wisconsin, died in September, 1958. He was a friend to those in need; visited out at the county home every other Sunday for over thirty years. He is survived by a son, Alfred, and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Nelder. In lieu of flowers it was his wish that money be given to the local missionary society.