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Operating Below Capacity

General Superintendent Vanderpool

A certain manufacturer complained to his friend that he was frantic lest his company would collapse. He declared that for the capital invested, the size of the current budget, and the number of experienced workmen he had hired, his factory was operating one-third below capacity. He charged that lack of loyalty, lack of co-operation, too many coffee breaks, and too much clockwatching were responsible for his approaching embarrassment. He further lamented that this practice continued would break him financially and leave the men without work. Increased production was his only hope of saving his organization.

The Early Church met avowed opposition. The disciples were mocked, whipped, imprisoned, and threatened. In time the mighty forward thrust received at Pentecost was blunted, slowed, and almost stymied. Refusing to operate below capacity, the Church went to prayer: prolonged, united, intensive prayer. In due time God heard their prayers, the place was shaken, the thrust and drive of Pentecost was renewed by the outpoured Spirit. Boldness, power, and grace were upon them all. The Church again moved like a mighty combine operating at capacity, gathering in the golden grain of that generation.

Today churches in different areas are operating below capacity. Certain embarrassments lie just ahead. Lack of vision, lack of soul passion, and lack of interest in the cause of Christ are responsible for the lifeless singing, the formal prayers, and the halfhearted preaching to which people are compelled to listen. This in turn is the cause for unlighted churches or small congregations on Sunday nights.

Thousands in the communities are unsaved. Hundreds of uninvited people are within a few blocks of the church who could be won for Christ by an earnest effort. How can we stand the light of the judgment knowing that thousands are lost who might have been saved had we given the church our reasonable and prayerful best? Let us resolve to go after the lost, using every means possible to win them and enlist them in the service for Christ.

A mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit is the only thing that will enable us to operate at capacity and save us from spiritual bankruptcy.

LATE NEWS

Rev. John K. Abney, Nazarene pastor at Capitan, New Mexico, has been elected president of the Ministerial Association for the year of 1960. This Association includes five participating denominations and three small cities which are within a forty-mile radius of each other.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Celia Wineinger on January 27, in Menmonite Hospital, La Junta, Colorado, of cirrohsis of the liver. She was buried January 30 at Karval, Colorado.

"Rev. R. L. Ihrig, minister of visitation at Nashville (Tennessee) First Church, died February 5. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jack Lee and his pastor at First Church of the Nazarene, Newport, Kentucky, where Brother Ihrig served as pastor from 1934 to 1954. The influence of this godly man will linger to bless those who knew and loved him.—W. M. GREATHOUSE, Pastor."

JUST ABOVE THE CLOUDS

By FRED W. PARSONS*

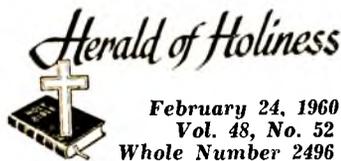
While making a stopover in Colorado Springs, I decided to go on one of the side trips and my choice was Pikes Peak. We were awakened early and found it was a nice day for the trip; the sun would soon be shining, warming up the chilly morning atmosphere.

The trip was to be made in a special sight-seeing automobile. The top of the car was laid back so we could see in all directions. After the stop at the foot of the mountain to check all wearing apparel, we finally started to make the climb.

After we had traveled for some time, clouds began to shut out the sun, the lightning flashed, the thunder rolled, and the rain began to come down. We stopped and put up the top (this was in the days before push-button automatism). It was a frightening storm for a little while.

We kept on going mile after mile in the dark, gloomy surroundings. Finally we came out in the sunlight again, and after a while as we looked down upon the clouds that had been so frightening, they were beautiful with the sun shining on them from above. To our surprise, it was just a little, local storm cloud, for after climbing high enough we could see for miles in almost all directions. There were a few scattered

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clouds near the surface of the earth, but it was wonderful looking down on them from above.

Storm clouds may come, darken your day; but remember, friend, the sunshine is not far away. Just beyond the threatening clouds that seem so dark and drear is the glorious light of heaven, and Jesus awaits you there!

A SONG AND A SMILE

By GRACE V. WATKINS

*How strange it is that those who know
The living Christ should ever go*

The avenues of any day

*With countenances sad and gray,
When joy is listed high among*

The fruits of the Spirit! Let a song,

*A smile of peace and gladness be
Your shining badge of victory.*

Perhaps upon some avenue

Another traveler, seeing you,

*Will say a prayer and in that hour
Find God's redeeming love and power.*

NEXT WEEK—

Annual Special Issue
with the theme
"THE LIFE TO COME"

The winning of souls is not a lazy man's job. There will be difficulties to overcome, problems to solve. A lot of people cannot see Jesus because of the pressing throng, or the inconsistency of professing Christians, or the misdirected zeal of earnest people. But souls can be won. You and I can win them. Let us pray the Holy Spirit to direct us!—S. T. LUDWIG.

Gleanings

from the
Office Editor's Desk

"Since the day I gave my heart to Jesus, there have been flowers strewn along my pathway (with a few thorns). Among the many blessings which God has bestowed upon me during these years, one stands out especially. It is our own *Herald of Holiness*. It has guided me over some rough roads, and some places where perhaps I would have failed had it not come just in time to help me. I have always tried to pass each copy on to others, that they too might be blessed by its contents. I thank the Lord for our own Nazarene *Herald of Holiness*.—Nazarene Pastor in Texas.

"For many years in Africa we subscribed to the *Herald of Holiness*. After joining the Church of the Nazarene, I began to read the paper more carefully. Oh, how I have learned to love it! Many times my heart has been filled anew with love and praise to God for all His goodness. We read it almost 'cover to cover.'—Nazarene, Now in London, England.

"My wife and I are regular readers of the *Herald of Holiness* and rejoice in its spiritual content. This year [1959] I have had a *Herald of Holiness* night at the midweek meeting, when the folks pass on any blessing received in their reading of the paper. This has started the folk to reading the paper, and I know they are profiting by it."—Nazarene Pastor in Australia.

Thank God, the Broad Way Has

A movie house has advertised the title "Short Cut to Hell." Knowing that movie titles have oftentimes suggested ideas that were the opposite to true theology, we tried to think of any church group who believed such a theory. No, not one. Although Christ declares in Matthew 7:13 that the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and the writer of Proverbs declares that he that being often reproved shall suddenly be destroyed, there seems not to be one statement that there is any short cut to that sudden destruction.

Rather the broad way is a road that God seems to have cluttered up with providential obstacles in His effort to turn the traveler into the narrow way that leads to life everlasting. For God so loved the world of sinners that He has placed hindrances in the way of man's sinful ambitions.

He has planned to provide the sinner with some magnetic pulls toward the Cross, and to remind him of former days, the memory of which would tug on his affections. Sinful man is on a road with enough detours in it to provide him with time and opportunity to think, reason, and repent.

The Cross is one obstacle in a sinner's broad way of selfish ambition that provides a turn in either direction. It makes a choice necessary. We might picture the Cross with one arm outstretched, appealing to man's better nature to come and travel the narrow way, while the other arm stretches out like a warning over the broad way. It is here that the Holy Spirit gives the sinner a premonition of the dangers of the broad way. He pleads for him to turn to the narrow way.

A sinner can refuse to listen to friends, and can also avoid the devices of the church to turn him to Christ. But the Holy Spirit penetrates the self-curtain that hides the inner life from everyone else. The sinner must come face to face with Him, usually at every obstacle on the broad way of life.

A sinner is almost forced to take notice of the church. He must know that many of his neighbors attend the place of worship on Sundays, and

A man may die for a just cause, but the cause for which he died will live on.—WALTER E. ISENHOUR.

No Short Cuts

his weekday associates have a liberal sprinkling of Christians among them. These things are evidences that show Christianity to be real. If a sinner must continue on the road to hell he must surely find a detour around them. While he is finding the detour, he must be aware of his own responsibility to follow Christ and to serve the church. A sinner is certainly aware of the church and its influence.

Memory calls for a reverent pause on the downward way. It may bring back the sound of the old hymns of the Church sung around the family circle. The voices were not always harmonious, but they dispersed the worries, and softened the frictions. Such memories! We believe the Holy Spirit does His utmost to melt a sinner's heart with memories. And by them He tries to get the sinner to consider turning away from the broad way to hell.

A backslider must have memories! His Sunday school companions, the class teacher, the joyful singing, and the special day concerts in which he had a part, may all have a part of those fond recollections. The presence of God at youth rallies and camps must still be enshrined in the memory of him who attended. Could one forget the blessing of being at International Institute at Estes Park? Or of the Musicians' Institute of our church's musical year? Is there one backslider among the servicemen who attended any of the servicemen's retreats? Surely a recollection of that event must give him a magnetic pull skyward. Fond memories! Each memory spreads a hallowed spell around the heart—spells that the Holy Spirit may use to urge the sinner to take the narrow way—the way that leads to life eternal.

God still loves the sinner. No doubt He plans to put plenty of hindrances along his downward way. God wants the Holy Spirit to have plenty of chance to urge a decision on the sinner to accept the Saviour. God has made a short cut to heaven by way of the Cross, but the broad way to destruction is long and tedious. Many a sinner has turned back at one of the hindrances and entered the narrow way. Thank God, the narrow way still beckons to us!

Whether at a mountain resort or busy at your work—

Sing On, O Christian, Sing On!



*Singing I go along life's road,
For Jesus has lifted my load.*

The Christian has a song in his heart and he loves to sing it out. He may not know a lot about sharps and flats, rhythmic, dynamics, melodic, and aesthetics, but he knows and loves the joyful sound of spiritual singing and music.

At our wedding the late Rev. S. H. Owens had completed the ceremony and pronounced us man and wife. Congratulations were being offered when suddenly an old-fashioned, Spirit-filled holiness man said, "Let's have a song from them." Well, we didn't sing on that occasion, even though we were happy.

But years later we spent a week in Yellowstone Park. Living conditions in the Park then were more primitive than now. The beautiful Sabbath day was coming to a close; the sun had set and darkness was gathering. Many of us had built our campfires for the evening. Mrs. Davis and I felt an urge to get our guitar out and sing around our campfire just for our own pleasure. As we began singing, to our surprise, our neighbor campers began gathering around.

After another song or two we spoke to the large group who had gathered around us. We mentioned the fact that we were all away from home; otherwise many of us would be in our home churches for worship. Then we suggested that we all join together in singing some familiar songs. We asked if someone would suggest a song for us to sing together. Instantly someone called out, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." And away up in old Yellowstone Park on top of the continental divide, among the stately pines, how that crowd, representing many states, did lift their voices in singing!

*"When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and
time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright, and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the
other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there."*

It was real camp meeting singing, for we had both camp and singing. Then we asked for some scripture quotations, and from every side of our campfire came beautiful verses from the Bible. And finally with our heads and hearts bowed be-

fore our Heavenly Father, we prayed together before going to our places of rest for the night. We all felt that we had worshiped God that evening and that He had met with us. What could have brought us, a group of strangers, so close together in fellowship, and that so quickly, but the singing together of gospel songs?

I am indebted to Rev. Carl J. E. Nelson for the following story, which shows the mighty power and influence of a gospel song.

Many years ago the famous infidel, Robert Ingersoll, was to speak in the city of Los Angeles on his favorite theme against the Bible and the Christian religion. While visiting in a certain home before his lecture that evening, he asked the young lady of the home to sing and play at the opening of his meeting. She was a beautiful girl not yet out of her teens. She believed in Jesus and was not at all in sympathy with the teachings of Mr. Ingersoll, so replied that she could not sing and play for him. After a while he again made the same request and received the same refusal. A third time he very earnestly requested her to sing and play that evening, saying, "We must have some music." Finally the girl consented to sing and play on condition that she might select her own song, to which he readily agreed.

That evening a large number filed into the large auditorium to hear a lecture on infidelity. Mr. Ingersoll introduced the little lady and announced that she would play and sing for them.

She seated herself at the instrument and began singing and playing:

*"Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea,
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass came from Thee;
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."*

As the girl sang it so tenderly and sweetly, the people were deeply moved. She herself was affected by her song. Before singing the next stanza she hesitated a moment, then with considerable effort began singing:

*"As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will
When Thou say'st to them, 'Be still!'
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me!"*

As she closed the second stanza, eyes were wet with tears, heads were bowed, and solemnity and hush of God were felt everywhere. The little singer too was deeply moved. Then she sang the final wonderful stanza:

*"When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,
May I hear Thee say to me,
'Fear not; I will pilot thee.'"*

As she finished her song, the people were weeping, and some were waving their hands and handkerchiefs. The young musician slipped from the bench and quietly disappeared by way of a side door. Much disturbed, the famous skeptic stood before his audience. He reproved the people for

being sentimental and swayed by the song about Jesus, then closed his remarks by saying, "There will be no lecture here tonight." The purpose and plan of a great infidel lecturer had been defeated by the singing of a sweet song about Jesus.

Keep on singing, O Church of the living God! This old world needs our spiritual songs. Sing in the dark places. Sing till your latest breath. There is singing up in heaven, too, for as John the Beloved from the Isle of Patmos got a glimpse of the city of our God and the multitude there, he said: "They sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests" (Revelation 5:9-10a). Sing on, O Christian, sing on!

In a world of unrest I found—

Something to Satisfy

By EVANGELIST CLYDE H. MORRIS

Man's make-up is such that he searches constantly and continuously for something to worship, and something to satisfy the soul. He searches for the elixir of youth, only to find at the end of life's dreary journey that he must die, as all others have done who have journeyed before. He searches and dreams of castles in the skies, only to have them all come crashing with a tremendous noise at his weary feet, when life is shattered in the end. He looks and scans the heavens for utopias, and the philosopher's "City of the Sun," but they all vanish and are gone as the sinking of the evening sun fades away in the western sky.

He tries money, riches, fame, and fortune. He then in turn tries society, friends, travel excursions, giving to benevolences and philanthropies. Then in final agony and desperation he turns to drown his troubles, agonies, heartaches, and burdens with drink and dope, only to come to the stark realization that all or none of these really satisfy the voidness and longing in his soul.

Yes, man tries everything that he can muster to satisfy his soul; but nothing ever will, or can, satisfy outside of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

All of my dreary, weary, and burdened life I sought for something to satisfy that longing and soul craving that was in my heart and life. For twenty-six years I looked, hunted, and searched diligently for something that would take away the aching and gnawing pains of sin that tugged at my

heavy soul. On and on I looked and searched, and searched and looked, but found nothing but vain castles, and utopias that always seemed to fly or flit away from my finger tips, and I was left like a starving man standing alone on a barren isle in the midst of the sea.

Then one cold winter night on January 20, 1951, about six-thirty in the evening, I got into my car and started to drive away from my family. I knew not what to do, or where to go, or to whom to turn for help. The burden of sin was so heavy I could stand it no longer. I was at the end of my rope, and nowhere to go or turn. In a little while I found myself on top of a mountain outside of Dunbar, West Virginia, and there I began to pray for help from the Almighty. About an hour later the light of God's redeeming grace broke in upon my poor, weary, heavy, burdened soul. I met the blessed Saviour that night, and He set me free from the burden and agony of sins that I had carried for so long.

As I sit here in reminiscence of that glorious occasion, I must brush the tears from my eyes and press on toward that glorious home-coming in the sky, where there shall be "ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" who shall gather around the throne of God, and sing, "Worthy is the Lamb" . . . "slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 5:11-12; 13:8).

Truly there is *something to satisfy* in the midst of a world of unrest. Bless His lovely name!

Make the Offering Part of Worship Too

(Mark 11:15-19)

By **EVANGELIST HAROLD L. VOLK**

The offering on Sunday morning should be a holy occasion when every giver is conscious of a sacred experience in his life. Too often the offering is the service at its very lowest ebb—a time for an organist or a pianist to have his moment rather than the people sharing their goods with God.

The pastor can make it a truly inspirational moment by giving some forethought to the offer-tory prayer. One pastor, at the close of the morn-ing offering, while the ushers stood with the offering plates in their hands, stood up and prayed something like this: "Bless, we pray Thee, the

various portions of this offering as they go on their way. We bring them humbly to Thee. Bless the dollars that are going to world evangelism to assist in the work of those courageous souls who do our work for us. In Thy name bless that portion which is aimed at bringing others to a saving knowledge of Thee, and that which is to care for little children."

While there were at least a half dozen interests of the people mentioned in the prayer, it still was not all of his prayer. He went on to pray for the people as well as for their gifts.

"There are those here who have laid their gifts upon these plates today, O God, who have prayed as they worked this week. Their gifts have been made possible by honest toil and by careful stew-ardship. There is a man here this morning who for one half-day this past week worked because he had dedicated his earnings of those four hours to this offering this morning. Make this moment of giving as sacred and holy in his heart as those four hours when he worked and earned his gift for this morning."

Such sincerity and interest on the part of a pastor make the act of giving a worthwhile ex-perience in the life of every giver.

A Child's-Eye View of the Church

A few days ago, while driving with our children and stopping for a red light at the corner where our local church is located, eight-year-old Jen-nifer looked out, saw the church, and said: "Look, Daddy, our church." Then waving to it, she added, "Hello, Betty Benson!"

It was Saturday and Betty, her Sunday school teacher, was not at the church. It is simply that when the little girl saw the church it reminded her of her teacher. More than anything else, or anyone else, the church *was* her Sunday school teacher.

Betty's teacher status began to be de-veloped right after our daughter was pro-



moted into her class. For right off, Jennifer was a guest in the teacher's home for Sunday dinner and helped prepare the meal. The status was strengthened through birthday and Christmas presents, a party, a few personal letters, some telephone calls, and loving in-struction during class time.

To a girl of eight, the church might have meant a place where Jesus lives, or where she sees the pastor often—who is kind and for whom she prays daily. It probably means such things as that, and others such as the place where she sings and prays and sees friends. But the kind of quick response she made the other day, on seeing the church, suggests that mostly, in her child's-eye view, the church was a blond-haired, teen-age girl who puts real heart into being a Sunday school teacher.

By **J. KENNETH GRIDER**

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*It is not the absence of help,
but the presence of helplessness that gets us.*

Tires, Tires, Everywhere!

If the poor chap had not been so blushing embarrassed, it would have been perfectly laughable. But, in the interests of common courtesy, I chuckled to myself, walked on past, and did some thinking instead.

Here was the setting: a truck piled high with tires, new, unwrapped, all sizes—and the hapless driver was parked by the side of Troost Avenue in Kansas City, sweating over a flat tire on the left front wheel.

As I mused, the words from the school-day poem came winging back and I adapted them: "Tires, tires, everywhere; but not a tire to use." Remember the Ancient Mariner? Becalmed on a lonely ocean, he prayed for rain because the throats of his crew were parched, they were dying from thirst—

*Water, water, everywhere,
Nor any drop to drink.*

You see, it is not how close you are to help that counts, but your ability to adapt that help to your particular need. For the Ancient Mariner there were uncounted millions of gallons of water, but this merely mocked the dying sailors because nobody had discovered a way to freshen salt water: close at hand but useless. The dozens of tires on that truck only leered down in derision at the sweating truck driver, for he had no ownership or control over them. As far as he was concerned those tires might just as well have been back in

the storeroom at Akron, Ohio. He was embarrassed, not because he had a flat tire, but because his truck was loaded high with tires he could not use. The Ancient Mariner was surrounded with water, yet dying for the lack of it. And thereby we see a parable of modern life.

We twentieth-century statistic-counters rejoice at growing attendance figures in Sunday school or church. We are inclined to measure the spirituality of our ministry thereby. But suppose people do attend—do step within our boat which is launched on the great ocean of God's grace. But being in the boat, not even being surrounded with vast resources of the grace of God, will quench their burning thirst. The ocean must be brought within reach, must be adapted to personal use—or else all is for naught.

To come back to the poor truck driver. He needed somebody with proper authority to take one of the new tires that was his size, make it available, and he would have been gleefully on his way. Who knows how many people who feel deplorably like spiritual "flat tires" come to our services? But, sad to say, the tires that are on display are never given to them with authoritative urgency or with personal concern. So, still flat, they limp out of our church doors. Our ecclesiastical truck is not lacking in tires. But is our mechanical service as effective as it might be at all times?

So while I watched the truck driver wrestle with his flat tire, pry it off the wheel, try to patch it, I reminded myself that any poor, thirsty sinner would rather have one cup of water handed to him than a tubful thrown at him. It is not the size of the sermon, but how much the listener carries away in his cup, that really counts. This can be equally applied to Sunday school teaching and personal witnessing.

As I walked on along bustling old Troost Avenue in Kansas City, I prayed, "Dear Lord, may it never be said of any Nazarene service (especially of those in which this writer preaches) —

*"Water, water, everywhere,
Nor any drop to drink."*

Note with a Bible Given as a Gift

*Read quietly and you will find
Refreshing words for heart and mind.
Read thoughtfully and you will know
Green fields where cooling waters flow.
Read joyfully and you will hear
The song of thrushes, silver-clear.
Read prayerfully and you will see
The foothills of eternity.*

—GRACE V. WATKINS



The Lion's Pathway

By MONT HURST

There are some well-defined characteristics in a lion which have a human parallel; there are some which are strikingly terrible and very different from those of humanity. The roar of the lion is symbolic of the jungle; its very sound can strike terror in every jungle dweller. Every animal and bird instantly recognizes the great significance of the lion's roar. The tone of the roar denotes great power and fierce challenge. The lion is used as a symbol of courage, power, strength, terror, and violent self-confidence.

In a word picture of Judah we are told in Genesis that the nation was a lion's whelp. It meant that the nation was a courageous one. In other portions of the Scriptures we read that the noble qualities of the lion are used for illustration.

In Revelation we are told that our Lord is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. In the Psalms we read that the lion is a symbol of cruel enemies; and in First Peter, Satan is described as a lion. Also he is likened unto a lion even today as he goes about the earth seeking whom he may destroy.

But favorable characteristics of the lion are also found in a stalwart Christian. It takes courage, strength, and a fierce determination to properly serve our Lord. As we manifest these we become more and more a part of Him as He lives within us through the Holy Spirit. It is a satisfying and glorious feeling to know that we are blood kin of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah!

The two powers arrayed against each other in the world may be likened unto the characteristics of the lion. One is the fierce, ruthless, bloodthirsty lion of Satan. The other is the great and glorious Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He is strong, brave, and constantly challenging satanic power—and He has never lost a battle! One Lion can be our sure Refuge of complete safety, even as Daniel relaxed in blessed repose in the den of man-eating lions. The presence of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah overshadowed him and nullified the power and appetite of the lions in the den.

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah will direct, empower, strengthen, and guard all who recognize and accept Him as Saviour and King, and who yield their lives into His keeping. One Lion gives eternal life, while the other would destroy it.

Jesus, Lion of the Tribe of Judah, signifies peace with strength and power tempered with mercy and compassion, a hatred for sin but love for the sinner, and One who will successfully fight for us and never stop short of victory. We must never waver in following the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. May the courage and strength of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah ever be ours. It is the impregnable shield against the charges of the killer-lion of evil who would tear our souls to shreds were it not for his lack of power to match that of our matchless Saviour!

There are lions all along life's pathway, but we have the privilege of choosing our ally!

OFFERING

By W. DON ADAMS

*One-tenth of all I have and hold
I bring and lay before Thee, confident, bold;
I have done my part, paid that which I have
owed.
The law I have fulfilled; my constancy I've
showed.*

*Yet is this all I owe?
Can the tithe my gratitude so clearly show?
No, it is not the letter that makes alive;
But love unbounded, selfless, upon which I
thrive.*

*I come again, and humbly bow before Thy throne;
I lay before Thee all I have or own.
I cannot give Thee that which has cost me
naught,
For 'twas with Thy precious blood my soul was
bought!*

Hymns from the Heart—

By JUSTA LEE ALLEN

"O Perfect Love"

The beautiful marriage hymn, "O Perfect Love," was written as the result of a friendly challenge. The sentiment of the hymn, however, is sound, and sets the sanctity and true meaning of marriage upon a very high plane where the Creator intended it should be, and which cannot be lowered except by the power of some form of selfishness. It is worthy of note that Miss Dorothy F. Blomfield was not herself married when she wrote this hymn, which indicates the lofty ideals of marriage which existed in the innermost thoughts of this young girl. She was later married to Mr. Gerald Gurney, an English citizen, whose father, Rev. A. T. Gurney, is author of several fine hymns.

Mrs. Gurney herself gave the following interesting story of how she was challenged by her younger sister to write the hymn:

"We were all singing hymns one Sunday evening, and had just finished 'O Strength and Stay,' the tune of which was an especial favorite of my sister, when someone remarked what a pity it was that the words should be unsuitable for a wedding. My sister, turning to me, said, 'What is the use of a sister who composes poetry if she cannot write me new words to this tune?'

"I picked up a hymnbook and said, 'Well, if no one will disturb me, I will go into the library and see what I can do.'

"After about fifteen minutes I came back with the hymn, 'O Perfect Love,' and then and there we all sang it to the tune of 'O Strength and Stay.' It went perfectly, and my sister was delighted, saying that it must be sung at her wedding.

"For two or three years it was sung privately at many London weddings, and then it found its way into the hymnals. The writing of it was no effort after the initial idea had come to me of the twofold aspect of perfect union, love and life; and I have always felt that God helped me to write it."

The tune to which "O Perfect Love" was first sung was written by John B. Dykes. Later Sir J. Barnby composed a special tune for it to be used at the marriage of the Duke of Fife to Princess Louise of Wales in 1889.

It could be wished that such suitable and beautiful words as these were sung more often at Christian weddings:

*O perfect love, all human tho't transcending,
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,
That theirs may be the love that knows no
ending,
Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.*

NEWS in PICTURE



(PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT: General Superintendent G. B. Williamson, Mrs. Williamson, Dr. S. S. White, Mrs. White, and Dr. L. T. Corlett.)

The editor of the *Herald of Holiness* reached his seventieth birthday on January 25. To celebrate the occasion a group of sixty-five associates and friends met at dinner the next evening. Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, expressed appreciation for Dr. White, for his life and for his contribution to the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, secretary of the Department of Education, pointed out our editor's record as a teacher in the schools of the church.

Three of Dr. White's colleagues brought papers on specific areas of his interests. A paper by Dr. Norman Oke, book editor, on Dr. White as a teacher, was read by Rev. Milton Parrish in the absence of Dr. Oke. Dr. J. Kenneth Grider, of Nazarene Theological Seminary, presented Dr. White as a theologian. This reporter presented Dr. White's specific contribution to the doctrine of holiness. Dr. White closed the evening with a paper presenting some of his own thinking on specific theological issues.

The groups presented Dr. White with a birthday cake made in the form of an open book, decorated with red roses and inscribed with the words, "Thank You, Dr. White." In addition they presented him with a pen set.

Dr. L. T. Corlett, president of Nazarene Theological Seminary and chairman of the Breakfast Club which sponsored the dinner, was master of ceremonies.—L. J. Du Bois, Reporter.

Be Not Afraid

By MARY HAWKS

And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship (Matthew 14:22).

After Christ had fed the multitude, He commanded His disciples to board ship and to depart, breaking up the large congregation. The disciples, however, did not want to depart, for they did not want to leave the Master behind. Their reluctance could have been for two reasons—fear for the safety of the Master or fear for their own selves without Him.

When the ship was far out at sea, a storm arose. The disciples were in the storm because they had been sent. They were doing what they had been commanded to do. They were meeting the difficulties others are still meeting. Missionaries are meeting those storms today, and because they are sent, they must face the storms bravely.

Having been ordered to cross to the other side, the disciples fought toward that goal. There is no record of their desire to turn back; for when everything seemed darkest, Christ appeared in the fourth watch.

All eyes turned to Him. Was He a spirit? Could an evil spirit have caused the storm? (All but the Sadducees believed in spirits at that time.)

Christ knew their thoughts; He knew their fears; and He spoke, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid" (Matthew 14:27). Immediately all fears were laid aside, and the impetuous Peter, because of his great love for the Master, said, "Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water" (Matthew 14:28).

Christ was coming to the disciples because of His great love and mercy. Peter was going to meet Him. Christ expects us to meet Him when He extends His great arm of mercy to us.

Christ bade Peter to come. He calls us too. Do we have the great faith that Peter had? Can we jump into the middle of a storm and go to meet Him? Do not our missionaries step out into a stormy world because He bids them come?

Peter walked upon that water. Christ kept him above the sea. Had Peter been walking any other way, he would have sunk. We will too unless we walk toward Him and with Him.

But Peter looked at the cruel waves; he took his eyes off Christ. His faith wavered because of fear. Then, when he saw that he was sinking, he cried, "Lord, save me."

Christ knew Peter's innermost thoughts and fears. He knew Peter loved Him and had faith,

even though he had not *enough*. Christ saved Peter as He will all those who cry out today, "Lord, save me."

There are those of us today who have faith, but not enough. Christ rebuked Peter for his *little* faith. There was actually no room for fear. Christ was near—a "very present help in trouble" (Psalms 46:1). There is no need for fear in our lives. When Christ comes in, the storm ceases; the waters become calm.

Perhaps the one reason for fear in our lives is that we expect the calm to appear too quickly. Christ did not appear at once. He waited until the fourth watch, when the men had done all they could and then called for help from Him. We expect that fourth watch to come before we have done all we can against the storm. We change our course; we turn back; we do not follow orders. Christ had told His disciples to cross the sea. They must follow orders; they did follow them.

We find plenty in life to fear. We become apprehensive about our personal lives—our food, our clothing, our homes. We spend our time trying to get the things rust and dirt will corrupt. We don't listen to Christ: "Consider the lilies of the field; how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these" (Matthew 6:28-29).

We are never satisfied; we fear we will not have the best for our family. When Christ fed the five thousand, He used only fisherman's fare—fish and bread; yet all were satisfied. They were willing to sit on the grass and eat; none wanted to leave. Christ draws those interested in Him to himself; He satisfies. In Him a person should feel neither fear nor dissatisfaction.

Many of us have a terrible fear of death, not realizing that a seed must die and be planted before it actually reaches real beauty. If we could accept the idea that death is merely a passageway to life itself, and that Christ is watching and saying, "It is I; be not afraid," we would not fear physical death.

Here again we do not have sufficient faith. David had that faith when he said, "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" (Psalms 23:4).

The disciples were not afraid so long as Christ was with them. When He was away, they were frightened. We too should really fear when we are apart from Christ. When we cannot hear Him say, "It is I; be not afraid," then fear should certainly cause us to tremble and shake; but so long as we have Christ, we need never fear, for when our eyes are turned toward Him, He says unto us, "Be not afraid."

C O F F E E B R E A K

In the business world today we hear much about the coffee break. This practice has spread to clubs, school meetings, socials, and churches. Many churches have their coffee break before the beginning of Sunday school. Some watch-night services have felt the effect of the coffee break. The faithful parishioners make their way sleepily to the nearby church annex or kitchen. After partaking of the refreshing coffee break, they proudly return to their church pews to resume their meditations. The old year must be prayed out and the new one prayed in.

Jacob didn't have time for a coffee break at Peniel that memorable night of the great and exciting wrestling match between himself and one of Heaven's own champions. He didn't ask God to help him win two falls out of

to victory for them! Let us say to Him who loves us so, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me" (Genesis 32:26).

Gideon sent all but three hundred soldiers back to their wives, families, kitchens, and possibly their coffee breaks. Before the sun peeped over the eastern horizon, Gideon's men had the midianites whipped and victory was theirs. Those that remained and fought the battle were not indulgent nor afraid. They too could have shunned the battle, but they knew that others were depending on them. Is it not true that today only a minority of faithful, tried, and tested laymen carry the heavy load of the churches? It is up to them to pray, work, teach, tithe, and be concerned over the care of the pastors, the budgets, and the missionary work at home and abroad. For this group there is not much time for a break, or time to be self-indulgent. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

Looking back to the dark night of Jesus' betrayal in the garden, one would think that the disciples were indulging in a "sleep break." This was the fateful night that they were disloyal to the Lord; for, while Jesus sweat as it were drops of blood, they slept on. It was in their hands to win victory over the powers of hell, and also to be a comfort to the Master.

So as commerce and business come to a near halt during the legitimate coffee break in our working days, we are reminded of how many times we as professed Christians get so entangled with doing legitimate things that the teeming multitudes of the world—lost and bewildered—are standing still waiting, looking, longing, hoping, and crying for help. *Shall we fail them?*

three; neither did he ask for a draw. The Great Referee of the skies gave the verdict to Jacob because Jacob would not settle for less. If he had taken time out for a break, he never would have won the victory, because the angel would have quit the battle.

Oh, that we as His witnesses might hold on in prayer for perishing souls until we pray through

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By MARTHA S. ADAMS

*So, E is mc², they say.
Well, I've proved something too.
I've proved that God still hears me pray;
I'm sure He'll see me through!*

*What makes the molecules cohere?
By Him all things consist,
Without whose sovereign will and power
Nothing could exist!*

*Newton saw that dropped things fall
(Which surely is the case.)
I marvel that man's fatal fall
Can be reversed by grace.*

*Men have raced with sound and won,
But light eludes them still—
Until they seek it in the Son,
In the orbit of God's will!*



EDITORIALS....

Talking to God!

Prayer is talking to God. It is earnest talking to God. It is persistent talking to God. It is talking to God alone. It is talking to God with others. It is talking to God in faith. It is talking to God for one's self. It is talking to God for others. It is talking to God about material needs. It is talking to God about spiritual needs. Also, if this talking to God is sincere, it means willingness to adjust one's life to God's will. Such prayer has power in it. It is the mightiest weapon which the militant follower of Christ has within his reach!

God revealed to Abraham His intention to destroy Sodom. This news stirred Abraham to intercede for the people of that wicked city. In this story of Abraham's talking with God we have one of the most daring encounters ever revealed in the Bible. The first step in this drama is given to us in these words: "And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?" (Genesis 18:23) Then this praying man challenged God thus: "Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?" (v. 24) But this is not all. Abraham manifested a boldness in his talking with God which startles the reader. This is revealed in these words: "That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" (v. 25) God's answer was that He would save the city if fifty righteous could be found there. He met the challenge of Abraham without any hesitation.

This was but the beginning of Abraham's conversation with God. Although he recognized that he was but a man—dust and ashes, he said, "Perad-

venture there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five?" (v. 28) Notice how wisely Abraham presented this plea—"God, surely Thou wouldst not carry out Thy purpose to destroy Sodom if it lacked only five of these fifty righteous people." And God answered, "If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it."

But Abraham did not stop with forty-five. He meant business. He was an intercessor, in deed and in truth. He was daring! He kept up this battle with God! He said, "Suppose there are only forty righteous—wilt Thou destroy the city?" God's answer again was, "No." God responded in the same way to thirty, twenty, and ten. Abraham's persistence finally brought from God the promise that if ten righteous could be found in Sodom judgment would not fall on that city. Thus a man of God stood between a whole city and a judgment which would not have fallen upon that city if only ten righteous people could have been found in it. It pays to pray—to talk with God.

Don't neglect to use this power of prayer on *Friday, March 4*. This is the *World Day of Prayer*. If possible, combine your praying with fasting. Also, if it can be arranged, pray with some group on that day as well as alone. Our world is in need and your earnest prayers for it will be worthwhile.

"No Mortal Can with Him Compare"

Most of us have sung the great hymn "Majestic Sweetness," all five stanzas of which are found in our Nazarene hymnal, *Praise and Worship* (No. 55). Its thoughts and words are truly sublime, and one cannot read the hymn without wanting to linger over it. This hymn came not only from a

great mind but from a heart moved by the power of God. This is especially true of the second stanza:

*No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men;
Fairer is He than all the fair*

By 

*Who fill the heav'nly train,
Who fill the heav'nly train.*

This stanza means that Jesus Christ was unique, that He was the Son of God in a sense in which no other person ever has been or ever will be the Son of God.

MATTHEW 11:27

Many passages from the Word of God teach the truth that "no mortal can with Him compare." Perhaps the best in the first three Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) is found in Matthew 11:27: "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him." Here it is taught that there is but one Mediator between man and God, and that one Mediator is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is no surprise that verse 27 is followed by the great invitation which fell from the lips of Jesus: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (vv. 28-30). No human being, no angel, no archangel, no mere creature—only the eternal Son of God—could give such an invitation as this one. If these words had fallen from the lips of any other, they would have been blasphemy, and men would have laughed at the speaker.

HEBREWS 1:1-4

The same supremacy of the Son of Man, the Son of God, is set forth in Hebrews: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on

the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (vv. 1-4). This inspired writer is saying what the song writer said, and more, when he penned the words:

*No mortal can with Him compare
Among the sons of men;
Fairer is He than all the fair
Who fill the heav'nly train,
Who fill the heav'nly train.*

COLOSSIANS 1:15-17

Paul, writing to the Colossians, described this Christ thus: "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (1:15:17).

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

The same story is told in Philippians 2:5-11: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

JOHN 1:1-5

John, the beloved disciple, moves a step higher, if possible, in his inspired evaluation of the Son of God and Son of Man. He says: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." Then moving to verse 14 of the same chapter, we find this significant truth: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his

glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

REVELATION 5:11-13

We close this discussion of the incomparable Christ with these words: "And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with

a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Revelation 5:11-13).



by BERTHA MUNRO

Have You Forgotten Anything?

(II Corinthians 1:20)

Monday:

Worried, anxious, uneasy about the future? Frustrated, chafing against the narrow circumstances of today? Suffering agonies of body or spirit until life seems unendurable? Shall we find at the end of the way that many of our distresses were unnecessary?

A Christian friend whose husband had died was sunk under a crushing weight of grief, until a Voice said to her, "Behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou . . . weep, neither shall thy tears run down." Immediately the weight lifted and a strange joy came stealing through her consciousness and took its place. Was she God's pet? (Ezekiel 24:16.)

Tuesday:

Haldor Lillenas' "Glorious Freedom" is a great song and it lifts you. But of course we know we do not always have freedom from all care or from all pain. In the petty vexations and haunting anxieties, have we forgotten that Jesus said, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered"? or, "Of more value than many sparrows"? and the Psalmist writes, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord"? (Luke 12:7; Psalms 55:22.)

Wednesday:

Neglected? Left always on the outside? Did you forget God's care for Hagar, cast out in the wilderness? Or Jesus' for the once-blind man cast out from the Temple? God's words to Ezekiel: "As an adamant . . . have I made

thy forehead"? Or to Peter's thought of "Pity thyself": "Get thee behind me, Satan"? And to us, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." "Give, and it shall be given unto you." (Ezekiel 3:9; Matthew 16:22-23; 20:28; Luke 6:38.)

Thursday:

Useless? It is Satan who whispers that word. Had you forgotten those twelve baskets of fragments Christ had them gather up after the five thousand were fed? He wastes nothing—certainly no life put in His hands. Forgotten the boy himself who gave his bit of lunch? Or Onesimus the slave, "profitable"? (John 6:12-13; Philemon 11.)

Friday:

Your worry is a matter of finances—perhaps actual pressing need? You didn't forget Elijah's widow hostess and her almost exhausted, never empty flour barrel? Or that it was Jesus who dictated the prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

A matter of ill health? You won't forget, "Who healeth all thy diseases," and Jesus' response to blind Bartimaeus' cry? Or the direct command for any

bafling illness: "Is any sick . . . let them pray"? God will have a word for your case too. (Luke 11:3; Psalms 103:3; James 5:14.)

Saturday:

Concern for God's work that amounts to worry or discouragement? Did you forget Peter's angel? Or David's sling-shot? Or Elisha's "Lord, . . . open his [the young man's] eyes" to see the heavenly hosts round about? Or Christ's "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (My Church)? (Acts 12:5-11; II Kings 6:16-17; Matthew 16:18.)

Sunday:

Confusion of thought arising from God's dealings with you? Doubts creeping in subtly? Or rushing in like a flood? You will not forget God's answer to Paul's thorn: "My grace is sufficient for thee"? Or how He answered Job's questions in chapter 38, etc. (II Corinthians 12:7-9; Job 38:1, 4; 42:5.)

For every circumstance, why not try "remembering not to forget" Romans 8:28 before you give up hope? "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (II Corinthians 1:20).



REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Prayer Is Being Answered in New Guinea

By WALLACE WHITE, *New Guinea*

Last Sunday I introduced, for the first time, some songs in the native language. The response of the people was very gratifying. Ever since then I have heard them going around humming or singing the songs. Next week we plan to introduce another one. I feel that the people are making definite spiritual advancement.

This past Sunday we held our fourth service at our new church at Water-Tuan. We were very thankful to see the church filled up completely. There

were about two hundred fifty people present. Every time I go up to this church I cannot help but be impressed that this is an ideal place for our girls' school. It is near a river; the population are begging us to come and establish a station.

For the past week we have been having a lot of trouble with some of the natives going temporarily insane. You probably remember Sidney Knox's trouble with the natives along this line. This is the time of year when a certain type of mushroom ripens. It has been the custom for many, many years for the natives to eat this mushroom. It has an intoxicating quality about it which is difficult to explain. It causes

the natives to go temporarily "long long" (crazy). While in this state they become very hostile to anyone they meet, native or European. They go about with one or two spears, an ax, a bush knife, or anything else they can carry with which to fight. This past week I have met five or six of these natives. One of them came on the station chasing everyone that he saw, waving his ax and threatening with his spear. When I tried to make him leave the station he threw the spear at me, then charged me with his ax. I snatched up a long stick to defend myself. He struck the stick with such a blow from his ax that it broke the stick in two and knocked me to the ground. I scrambled up and held the man at bay with the stick while Tangip slipped up behind the man and grabbed him. We pinned him to the ground, tied him with ropes, and turned him over to the district authorities, who took care of him.

We understand from the other natives that there will be no more of this activity until next year, for which we are very thankful.

Our boys' dormitory will be finished this week. We are finishing the painting now and I am hanging the doors. We are certainly thrilled that we will be able to use the dormitory this year. I am praying that we will be able to have 50 per cent or better increase in students this year.

We have never felt more in the center of God's will than we do here in New Guinea. We know that God is keeping us day by day.

Prayer Request for Nicaragua

From January through June all evangelical groups in Nicaragua are conducting intense evangelistic campaigns. Our missionaries have requested special prayer for the Rivas area campaign March 14-16, and the Managua campaign April 18-May 6.

Prayer Answer for Mrs. Esselstyn

You will be happy to know that Mrs. Esselstyn is showing small improvement each day. She is able to walk a little without help now, and has more use of her right side than she has had for the past two years. We praise God for this gain, and are trusting Him to continue to restore Mrs. Esselstyn to health and strength.—W. C. ESSELSTYN, *Africa*.

New Arrival

Martha Susan Davis was born on January 22, 1960, in Mexico. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Davis, who have been in language school in Mexico and will soon be leaving for Argentina.



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Getting the Door Open

It is that first step which often seems to be the big barrier in speaking to someone about their need of Christ. More than one time many have been moved upon by the Holy Spirit to speak to a person about Christ but failed to do so. For days afterward they have been haunted with a guilt feeling and the distressing knowledge that they failed to obey the leadership of the Lord.

To get by that first step is the problem. After one gets started, it is easier to continue. First of all, we must make up our minds that, when the Holy Spirit is really urging us to speak to a needy soul, there is a door there and a way to get it open. We must also know that since the Holy Spirit is directing us to witness He will help us. A sincere testimony plus a real interest in helping the other person to find Christ are great assets. With these and common sense a Christian need not feel inadequate to win souls for Christ.

There are scriptures that the personal worker should know if he is to proceed smoothly in his task. If these scriptures are not memorized, a handy Bible or New Testament can be used. (Have them marked ahead of time, so you will know where to find them.) There are also some good books available at the Nazarene Publishing House that are of great help to the personal worker.

But let us return to that first step. How to bring up the subject of spiritual need is the question before us. Once in a while someone will ask you about Christ and how to be a Christian. When he does, then of course he has opened the door for you. But not very often does this occur. People may be hungry for salvation, but if you are reticent about opening that door, just think of how much more difficult the devil makes it for that needy soul to speak of it. It is perfectly right and proper for the Christian to make the approach.

Sometimes the present situations of life can be used as the starter. Adversity that has come either to yourself or to the needy soul offers a real opener. If the adversity is yours, you have a wonderful opportunity to testify of how much help God is to you. Then you can move from your own testimony to an inquiry of whether the person addressed would have the privilege of God's fellowship in such a time of need.

If the difficulty has come to the one you are wanting to speak to about Christ, it is also a natural for you. You can offer to pray for him. You can

speak of the great fact that, since God's help is needed, this is a good time to find Him.

Many people are really fearful and disturbed about the trouble of our times in the world. These conditions of unrest and impending tragedy provide a first step into the great adventure of soul winning. A statement of the world's need of spiritual awakening, the confusion among world leaders, etc., can be your starting point. From there you can proceed to a testimony of what a real solace God is to you and then inquire if the other person has this wonderful experience.

There are times when you will have to create the conversational situation that presents the open door. I was seated by a man as we left Salt Lake City the other day. Of course my concern was to in some way be able to talk to him about Christ. He began by telling me he worked for Sperry Rand Company and was enthusiastic as he told me of his work. I made the comment that his job sounded like his main interest in life. He replied in the affirmative and added to it that his wife and two sons were right at the top of the list.

Now for the first step—the opening of the door. I remarked that my job was also my all-consuming interest in life. Then I proceeded to tell him I had the firm belief that all men should come to know God if they are to enjoy life now and hereafter and that my life was dedicated to seeing how many of them I could win to Christ.

There it was—I had taken the first step and, lo, the door was open! We talked of how to get converted. He admitted his need. The Holy Spirit helped me. The plane landed soon at Portland, Oregon, but the thrill had been mine of helping another soul toward the way of eternal life.

Let us take that step today and try to win a soul. Come on—the hour is late, we must start now!

"Soul winning is God's work and God's work can best be done by us when we are most like Him. When I am filled with God's Spirit, He helps me to see my friend's need, He gives me courage to speak, and guides me in what to say. When He prompts me to witness to a friend, He goes before me to prepare the way. After I have gone, He lingers to repeat the message."—*Selected*.

The Sunday School Lesson

ROBERT L. SAWYER



Topic for March 6:

God's Help Is Sure

SCRIPTURE: Acts 22:30-23:35 (Printed: Acts 23:6-11, 16-24)

GOLDEN TEXT: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble* (Psalms 46:1).

Paul never asked the Lord to do for him what he could do for himself. He had a deep sense of responsibility and duty, as well as a magnificent and sensitive faith in the leadership of the Holy Spirit. When he had done his best, he could safely leave the rest with-

in the wisdom and protection of the Master. The scripture reveals the following factors:

Protection: Paul, having been ushered in the castle of Antonia, found protection not only from the Jews, his own people, but by proclaiming his Roman citizenship he found protection from the Roman soldiers and their captain also. The next day Paul was scheduled to appear before the Sanhedrin in order to help clear the matter for Captain Lysias and with a hope of resolving the matter for the Jews also.

Paul's testimony before the unreasoning judges only further infuriated his people. The high priest had Paul's face slapped for claiming a clear conscience before God and man. Later Paul apologized for rebuking the high priest for such an undeserved and unwarranted rebuke. But Paul was master, not the victim, even in his humility.

Realizing that there can be no real justice here, Paul divided the judges by proclaiming his Pharisaical background and his fundamental belief in the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees, who believed in neither spirits nor the resurrection, were ready to do

away with Paul, but the Pharisees stood on his side against them. The Roman soldiers rescued Paul again and returned him to the Roman barracks.

Promise: Out of the stillness of the night as Paul lay alone in the confines of the barracks, he heard the voice of God and saw the revelation of the person of Christ himself. For "the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome" (23:11). The testimony at Jerusalem meant, of course, the speech on the stairs before the great crowds of enraged Jews rather than just his speech to the Sanhedrin. He was to find the fulfillment of his desire to go to Rome. Bound by fetters, but free in heart and mind, he could testify to the glorious freedom in Christ Jesus!

Plot: The very night in which the Lord revealed himself to Paul, forty fanatical Jews vowed they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed him. Fortunately for Paul, his sister's son heard of the plot and determined to warn his Uncle Paul of the plot. We know so little of Paul's family that we

Servicemen's Corner



PROMOTIONS—It is now *Captain* Calvin G. Causey, United States Army Chaplain; and *Lieutenant Commander* Albert S. M. Kirland, Naval Chaplain. Congratulations to these two Nazarene "Ministers in Uniform!"

CITATION—"This *Certificate of Achievement* is awarded to: Major George C. Laurie, Chaplains' Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service during the period 2 August 1956 to 14 January 1960, while serving as Chaplain to the Second Training Regiment, Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Chaplain Laurie contributed immeasurably towards maintaining the high morals of the men of his regiment and was instrumental in establishing excellent relations with the local civilian population which made it possible for the soldiers of his regiment to participate in wholesome activities in the churches and homes of the community. Chaplain Laurie's outstanding achievements reflect great credit upon himself, Fort Jackson, and the United States Army."—MAJOR GENERAL COMMANDING OFFICER.

We are happy to share this information about our Nazarene chaplains with our people around the world. Remember them in your prayers.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION—(To Chaplain Samuel R. Graves, Jr.):

"We, the First Sergeants and the Sergeant Major of the 4th Battalion, 4th Training Regiment, thank you, Chaplain Graves. We thank you for ourselves and our men, and wish you 'God speed.' You have aided us immeasurably. You have made us feel that if we follow the devoted, human example you set for us we may indeed gain 'the blessings of heaven on our arms.'"

From his commanding officer—"It is with pride and gratification that I forward this spontaneous vote of job well done. I can add only one thing, you are a fine example to our soldiers of 'walking with God,' as you preach it to them." (Chaplain Graves has been recently transferred to Fort Carson, Colorado).

Another commanding officer adds this word: "I believe this is the first time in almost nineteen years of service that I have run across such a spontaneous expression of approval by the enlisted men of a command."

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are not sure that his sister or nephew were Christians. But we do know that God used his own family to preserve him alive for the will of God.

The captain, hearing of the plot, charged the nephew to tell no one. Then he determined to send the prisoner with an escort of 400 soldiers and 70 horsemen to the governor at Caesarea. The military escort left at night and went about 35 miles and then left the cavalry to escort Paul the rest of the 27 miles through predominantly gentile territory to Felix, the procurator of Judea. Not by earthquake, or a basket over a wall, or other means—but the Roman army was used to perform the will of God.

Only those who have known deep trouble and anxiety know the sweetness of the resources of heaven. "God is . . . a very present help in trouble." Praise His name!

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Topic for March 13:

The Christian Witness to Civil Rulers*

SCRIPTURE: Acts 24–26 (Printed: Acts 26:1, 19-32)

GOLDEN TEXT: *God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind* (II Timothy 1:7).

Paul's life had been so gloriously changed that whether before the outraged mobs, attentive listeners, the dignified Sanhedrin, the procrastinating governors, or the pompous and wicked rulers, he could testify of a personal relationship with Christ which changed his heart, his mind, and his vocation. He could not, he would not deny this experience with Jesus Christ. Notice three outstanding testimonies:

Felix: The hiring orator, Tertullus, brought three charges against Paul. He was a pest, a ringleader of the Nazarenes, and a profaner of the Temple. Paul answered each of these charges as being false. Then in a private conference he proceeded to reason of righteousness and judgment with the wicked and debauched Felix and his wife, Drusilla. Although he trembled at the truth, the king never found "a convenient season" for repentance. Because Paul refused to give a bribe at any of the frequent interviews, he was left in chains for two years.

Festus: The new governor, who replaced Felix when he was recalled to Rome, was new and unacquainted with his Jewish assignment. Having gone to Jerusalem to acquaint himself with the leaders, he was confronted with the problem prisoner. The Jews hoped he

*Next week's "Herald" (March 2) will be the annual special issue, which does not include the departments; therefore we are including two Sunday school lessons in this issue.

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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

What about an infatuation? Please help me.

Several times within the nearly twelve years while I have been editor of the *Herald of Holiness* I have received distressed letters from certain persons about what I would call an infatuation, although this word was not used by the writers. It may have been a married man or woman who was mixed up with a married man or woman; or a single young man or single young woman who was involved with a married woman or married man; or a single woman or man, young or old, who was infatuated with a single man or woman, young or old, that they knew they should not marry. The writers seemed to be sincere, but I have always had my doubts as to this fact. I can't see how any Christian can be sincerely infatuated, possessed with a foolish passion. That is exactly what such a condition is, for almost without exception those who have written me about such a problem have admitted that they knew better or did not feel right about what was going on. It was in danger of breaking up smoothly moving homes and wrecking lives, in most cases, and in others would at least ruin their own lives. In the past, when the writer has given his name, I have written him personally, but this is the first time that I have made any attempt to answer anything of this nature through "The Question Box."

In the case of a condition such as I have described, it is clearly an infatuation, a foolish passion. It can't be anything else when the individual prac-

tically confesses that he knows and feels that he is wrong or at least on very dangerous grounds. This means that, when a person awakens to such a peril, there is but one thing for him or her to do—stop the affair at once. Of course the writer usually declares that he wants to do this very thing but can't. He implies that he is helpless, or can't control his feelings. I don't agree with such a claim. An infatuation is an infatuation. Take it for just what it is and do what you know you ought to do and can do—strike it dead at once. Change jobs, or go to another Church of the Nazarene if you have to, in order to get rid of this infatuation, if you can't stop its flames by less radical moves, such as keeping the person completely out of your mind along with seeing to it that you avoid as much as possible meeting the person with whom you are involved. Don't ask God to do for you what you can do for yourself. Be a man or woman; take hold of yourself and do what you know you ought to do—remembering that someone has well said that whatever gets your attention will finally get you, and in this case drag you and others to hell. Don't act like a helpless child; you are playing with fire. Stand on your own feet and use the power of choice which God has given you; you can control your feelings in such situations if you really want to. Right is right, and it must be done at any cost!

Can a person accept the teachings of astrology and still be a Christian? Is not Judges 5:20 merely poetical and not to be taken as fact?

I am not the final judge as to whether a person is a Christian, but I do know this, that there is nothing of value in astrology. It is a fake. However, it is too bad that sometimes good Christian people are deceived by fakes. Under such circumstances, it seems that no amount of facts will change their minds. About all that we can do is to pray for them. As to Judges 5:20, it is explained

as follows by Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown's one-volume commentary on the Bible: "The stars in their courses fought against them thus: a fearful tempest burst upon them and threw them into disorder." I have never heard of a reputable commentator who would consider this verse as supporting a belief in astrology.

Please explain Romans 5:1-2 and 8:16-18, especially as to the glory which will be ours.

Christ is going to be glorified, and if we follow Him, we will have the privilege of participating in this glory which will be His. In connection with the passages of the Scriptures to which you have referred, I suggest that you read John 12:23-29; 17:1, 9, 22-24; and Philippians 2:3-11. None of us at present can begin to fathom the nature of the glory of God which is to be revealed in

the next world, but we can know that we shall in some way participate in it. In fact, we can even here have a foretaste of it. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2).

The Sunday School Lesson

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would do away with Paul to gain their favor, but he did have respect for Roman law and order. Thus he insisted on hearing the charges against Paul in Caesarea rather than Jerusalem.

The false charges which the Jews could not prove, and Festus' suggestion of sending Paul to Jerusalem, evoked the appeal to Caesar. The king could only answer, "Unto Caesar shalt thou go" (25:12).

But Festus was embarrassed to send Paul to Rome without a clear statement of the case, for there were no proven charges against the prisoner. Thus the visit of the Jewish governor of Judea offered a point of consultation.

Agrippa: The scandalous relationship between Bernice, the sister of Drusilla, and Agrippa did not endear them to the hearts of the people. Luke's observation of their appearance at Festus' court with great "pomp" seems almost satirical, at least humorous.

Paul's encounter with these so-called "very important people" did not impress him then nor us now as we read history. They are important only because they interviewed Paul that day.

Paul was always courteous and honest. The rehearsal of the fact of his personal encounter with Christ and the great change that was brought served as a basis for preaching the resurrection of Christ, starting with the law and the prophets. Festus, completely unfamiliar with the spirit as well as the content of Paul's speech, interrupted

him with, "Much learning doth make thee mad." Courteously denying the charge, Paul pressed the claims of the gospel further upon the heart and mind of Agrippa. Probably as sarcastically as seriously, the wicked and wary king replied, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Quickly Paul replied, "I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds" (28:29).

We, like Paul, must make ourselves heard in our day for the gospel's sake. The results can be safely left in God's hand. Speak we must. The Lord hath done great things for us, and we are glad enough to share them with our generation!

NEWS

of the Churches



Bradley, Illinois—Recently we had a good twelve-day revival campaign with Evangelist T. T. Liddell. The blessing of God was upon the services from the first night, and the revival tide rose throughout the campaign. The attend-

ance was splendid; at times the "house was packed"—for we counted over 200 where ordinarily there are 125 seats and chairs. The singing was uplifting, the testimonies were definite, prayer was anointed, the preaching clear and con-

vincing, the conviction deep and pungent, and the altar results were victorious and glorious. A fine class of 11 was received into membership, 2 by profession of faith. Finances came in good. All this happened in the midst of a building program, as we are erecting a suitable sanctuary; the annex we now have will be used for church school purposes. With a rather small membership, we are building a \$45,000 unit which will help to care for our growing membership and constituency. We are reaching a goodly number of our Olivet students and also our immediate community.—GEORGE J. FRANKLIN, *Pastor*.

Summersville, Kentucky



Pictured here is our new church plant recently dedicated. The church was organized in 1934 by Rev. G. Chester Morgan. He has held fifteen revival meetings in the church, and it was during his recent pastorate that the building fund was started. The Morgans are loved and highly esteemed by the community. Many good men have wrought well, but the high light of our history has been under the leadership of Pastor A. A. Farris, now in his fifth year here. The church plant is conservatively evaluated at \$90,000. The sanctuary will seat 350, and there are a large

nursery, rest rooms, fourteen classrooms, and youth auditorium. Also, at the left (not shown in the picture) is a new, three-bedroom, ranch-type parsonage, constructed simultaneously with the church; it is debt-free. On a recent Sunday our members and friends brought in \$4,000 cash, reducing the church debt to only \$16,000. It all seems like a miracle—and it is, for God hath done wonders for us! At Christmas time the church and friends presented the pastor with a new Pontiac. We love and appreciate the Farris family and thank God for sending them to us.—*Reporter*.

Song evangelists Calvin and Marjorie Jantz write: "Due to a shift in our slate, we have an open date, April 20 to May 1. Write us, c/o P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Danville, Illinois—Home Gardens Church recently had a good revival with Evangelist Wright and family. God met with us in a special way during this three-Sunday meeting. The church was strengthened and encouraged by Brother Wright's heart-searching messages. The Wrights are Spirit-filled workers. The glory of God was on the services, with weeping, shouting, and praying through to victory. Finances came easily.—JOE DEBARBA, *Supply Pastor*.

Columbus, Indiana—First Church has given our pastor, Rev. Albert B. Schneider, a three-year call. He is now in the fifth year of a very successful pastorate. Our church has advanced on every line, which is especially evidenced by the fine altar services. Last year we were a "22 per cent" church for foreign missions; we send "10 per cent" regularly each month for the General Budget. The church has been carpeted wall to wall, a fine public-address system installed, and also air

conditioning. We have a fine young people's Sunday school class, averaging forty per Sunday, and a Junior Society averaging fifty per Sunday. We have had two of the best revivals in many years, with Evangelists C. C. and Flora Chatfield and Evangelists Dick and Lucille Law as the special workers.—**MRS. LILA HATTON, Secretary.**

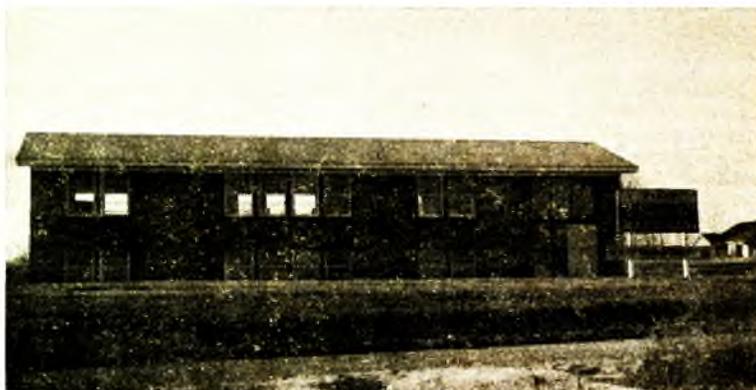
Montevideo, Minnesota—Twice during the past year God visited our church with a gracious outpouring of His Spirit. In May, under the ministry of Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep, God gave twenty-two seekers, and a family of nine joined our church. This family was found through the Sunday school and had attended faithfully for six months. In late December and early January, with temperatures 'way below zero, God came again with a mighty wave of victory. Evangelist H. A. Casey was the anointed servant, and God used his messages in sermon, song, and musical instruments to bring in fifty-five seekers. Another family of eight were converted and united with the church; the Sunday school had had contact with this family for two years. We praise God for His faithfulness.—**D. J. MCGILVRA, Pastor.**

Evangelist Porter T. Cargill reports: "God gave us a good year in 1959, as we worked in meetings in Chelsea, Oklahoma; Greeley First Church, Colorado; Peabody, Kansas; Fairfax, Okmulgee, and Prague, Oklahoma; and in other churches for shorter periods of time. Early in the year we worked in a Nazarene mission in Oklahoma City, and late in the year as supply pastor in Wanette, Oklahoma. In every meeting except one, members united with the church. The Lord gave many good altar services, and we give Him praise for every blessing and for the Church of the Nazarene—our church home. Write me, 405 N.W. First Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Burr Oak, Kansas—Recently our church enjoyed an outstanding revival with Dr. A. L. Parrott as evangelist and the Merediths as the singers. Seven new members were received into the church, and a neighboring Church of the Nazarene gained four new members as a direct result of the meeting. We thank God for the privilege of serving Him and the Church of the Nazarene. Our wonderful people have a forward-looking faith and a burden for missions. The days of progress in our rural churches are not over.—**PAUL HARPER, Pastor.**

Evangelists D. D. Berry and wife report: "During the fall and early winter we were busy in meetings across North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Upper Michigan. At Regent, with Pastor Wilmer Long, God gave a good harvest of souls with new people added to the church; at Carrington, with Rev. C. Don Reynolds, again the Lord blessed and gave victory; and at Ellendale, North Dakota, with Rev. Herbert Ketterling, God met with us and gave some wonderful victories. Then to the South

First Church, Albertville, Alabama



First Church of the Nazarene in Albertville, Alabama, a "Golden Anniversary" home mission church, dedicated the first of four planned units less than one year from the time it was organized. The church was organized on December 23, 1958, and its educational unit was dedicated on December 6, 1959, with

Dr. Hugh C. Benner bringing the dedicatory message. As a one-year-old "toddlers," the church thanks God for twenty-four members, a new building, and a 1½-acre lot valued at \$40,000 with a net worth of \$27,000.—**CHARLES W. HODGE, Pastor.**

60th Church at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Pastor Perm Gustafson is doing a good work; here also God gave victories that blessed our hearts. Wife was called to care for our daughter's family, while Daughter underwent major surgery, and I supplied for two Sundays with our good people at the Pickford, Michigan, church. After Christmas we were with Rev. Milo DeMint in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where God gave a good revival in spite

of heavy snow. We are now slating meetings for this fall and on through 1961. We will be in the Dakotas again this fall and have some open time we could give to some of our churches in that area; also we have a good spring date open (this spring), April 13 through 24, which we'd be glad to slate in the Midwest. Wife and I carry the whole program, exclusive of the piano and organ. Write us, Walkerville, Michigan."

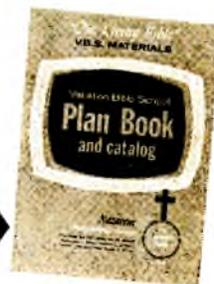
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To accommodate the growing Sunday school, the church basement has been rebuilt, providing space for four new departments—Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary, and Youth. We have five missionary chapters; our people are missionary-minded and vitally interested in the promotion of world evangelism. Giving for this cause the past year was over \$6,000—an all-time record. The six groups in our young people's society, with good attendance in each group every Sunday evening, are active in every phase of youth work. The church has had a good increase in membership during the last two years. Many improvements have been made on the building, such as new light fixtures for the sanctuary; modern-fold doors for the balcony; a complete new public-address system; remodeling of rostrum and choir loft; refinishing of floors and new carpet for the sanctuary; and the furnishing of a church office well equipped to take care of all church printing. Recently the church purchased property adjoining the church. An expansion program is being planned, with the construction of a new educational building. We thank God for His blessings and appreciate the spirit manifest among our people.—B. M. SMOTHERMAN, *Secretary*.

Evangelist George Brannon writes: "Due to a sudden cancellation I have a fine spring date open, April 13 to 24. Will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Contact me at my home address, 125 N. Wheeler, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Powell, Ohio—In January, the Shawnee Hills Church had a successful revival campaign with Evangelist Leonard Hubart, whose preaching was anointed of the Holy Spirit. The church was revived and the services were inspiring. Brother Hubart is one of our best evangelists; both his preaching and the special music were blessed and used of God. Our people are encouraged.—DONALD STEVENSON, *Secretary*.

Washington, Illinois—Sunnyland Church had special Youth Week services, January 3 to 10, with Evangelists Jack and Naomi Sutherland as the special workers. Under their Spirit-anointed preaching and singing, God came on the services in such a way that we continued on through the next week. This was the greatest revival in the history of Sunnyland Church. Forty souls found God in a definite experience of saving or sanctifying power, the attendance was the highest we have had in any revival, and many new friends were made for the church. We greatly

appreciate the ministry of Jack and Naomi Sutherland; they were a great blessing to our church.—RICHARD F. HOWARD, *Pastor*.

Nashville, Tennessee—Grace Church people appreciate the leadership of Pastor George Scutt, who has been with us for two and one-half years. Under his capable leadership the church has made new records along all lines. The Sunday school has increased 119 per Sunday during the last two years, and a record attendance has been set a number of times during this period.

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Pastor C. R. Mitchum writes: "After successfully pastoring the Oatsville church for twenty-six months, we were called to pastor our church in Newburgh, Indiana, and moved here last December 14. God is blessing with an increase in attendance at the regular church services, and an increase of twenty-five per Sunday in the Sunday school. In January we had a two-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. Thompson. They preached and sang with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and twenty-six people bowed at the altar seeking God for salvation, healing, or entire sanctification. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother and Sister Thompson with us, and give God praise for His blessings."

Clearfield, Pennsylvania—First Church had a wonderful revival in November with Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith as the special workers. God met with us and many souls prayed through to be saved and sanctified. There was a good attendance each night; revival expenses were well taken care of, with a fine love offering given to the pastor. All our hearts were blessed and encouraged by the good ministry of Brother and Sister Smith, and they were given a call to return in '61. Song Evangelists Lloyd and Adelaide Mitchell, with their children, gave us a week end of good singing and instrumental music; we appreciate this wonderful family. The spirit of the revival continues with us and God is giving good services. We are very fortunate that Rev. Finley Hargett came as our pastor last September; he is a man of God and preaches old-time holiness. All departments of the work have increased, our people are united, and we give God praise for His blessings.—MABEL ENGLISH, *Reporter*.

Huntington, West Virginia—Evangelist Fred Thomas was used of the Lord, and Central Church enjoyed one of its best revivals in January, in spite of an epidemic of sickness and bad weather. About seventy seekers were at the altar, and the entire church received help under the Spirit-anointed ministry of Brother Thomas, who was greatly loved and appreciated by our people. His passion for souls, his humble spirit, and his heart-searching messages combined to lead us to deeper devotion to God and increased enthusiasm in service for the Master. The testimonies to definite, Blood-bought victory thrilled all our hearts following several glorious altar services. A combined Sunday school and worship service on the closing Sunday saw more than seventeen people, including entire families, seeking God's help at the altar. Several new people were reached for God. The slogan for our revival was, "Begin 1960 with Christ"—and God has helped us to do just that. It is a joy and a privilege to serve the fine folk of this church, and Sister Hancock and I are glad to report up-to-date victory; we are happy in God's will.—JOHN J. HANCOCK, *Pastor*.

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progress after completing almost seven years here at North Side Church. When we came here we found a people who loved God and were willing to work. At that time there were 4 Sunday school classes and 1 Sunday school department; today we have 17 classes and 4 fully organized departments. Last Easter Sunday we had a record attendance of 416, breaking our old record by 2. During our ministry here we have received 143 into the church, with 26 of them coming this year, to date. We have an active visitation program, and much credit is due them for our growth. In January we had a youth revival, using 3 of our local preachers. God gave us a wonderful revival, with 4 new members received on the closing Sunday. I have received another three-year call, with

only one negative vote. Other evangelists who have shared in the soul-winning campaigns here are D. K. Wachtel, Charles Lipker, George Grimm, Clyde Morris, Sammy Sparks, and others. We appreciate all our evangelists. Much improvement has been made on our property—the erection of a new church building, the purchase of a parsonage, and a third piece of property, adjacent to the parsonage. We are now making plans to purchase another vacant lot, giving us 50 feet on a six-lane highway; thus the church will own the entire block on the corner, 220 feet deep, and 185 feet on Washington Street in the back. This will give us ground for future expansion. We thank God for His help and blessing.—C. F. BECKETT, *Pastor*.

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Yuba City, California—In December we had a ten-day revival meeting with Evangelists Harold Willis and wife. God blessed and gave wonderful results with a number of seekers at the altar, some being born again, others reclaimed, and still others praying through for entire sanctification. The revival tide continues, and six individuals have been received into church membership, five of these being brand-new folks to our church. We here at Wilson District Church thank God for sending Brother and Sister Willis to us and giving this refreshing revival.—**IRVIN D. MOORE, Pastor.**

Ocala, Florida—In January this church had one of the most outstanding revivals of its history. Evangelist Billy Erickson and Song Evangelist Paul Qualls were the special workers. Each night large crowds attended the services, and the altar was lined repeatedly with many souls being saved, reclaimed, and sanctified. Brother Erickson's preaching was anointed of God, powerful and pungent, and the beautiful singing of Paul Qualls was a gracious blessing to all who heard it. We thank God for the victories of this revival.—*Reporter.*

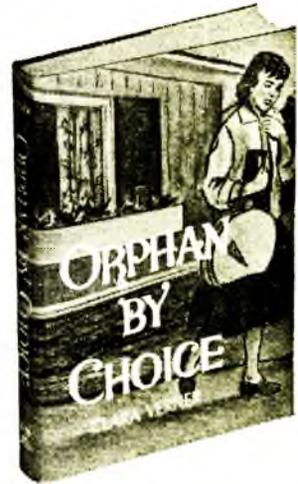
Brownwood, Texas—"The Chapel by the Side of the Road" closed a week-long youth revival on January 24 with a great altar service. Rev. Billy Jordan, pastor of our church in Coleman, did a wonderful job as our youth evangelist. Fifteen people sought God at the altar of prayer, and two were received into church membership. God is blessing "The Chapel" in an unusual way. The pastor, Rev. H. P. Jackson, has been given a unanimous three-year call. We

have purchased a new lot adjoining the present building, on which we hope to erect in the near future a beautiful auditorium. "The Chapel" is one of the newest churches on the San Antonio District; organized March 15, 1959, with sixteen charter members. We now have thirty faithful tithing members, with an average of more than sixty in the Sunday school.—*Reporter.*

Hamilton, Ohio—Millville Avenue Church has shared in the unusual blessings and works of God in recent months. Pastor Lowell B. Garvin has been led of the Spirit in his ministry to our congregation and the community. He placed a challenge before us in our watch-night service, that each of us make "1960—a year of inner revolution!" God's Spirit is working marvelously among us. Our pastor's ministry to the community has had a wide scope; he is vice-president of the Hamilton Ministerial Association and secretary of the Greater Hamilton Evangelistic Association. Recently he was elected to serve his second three-year term as a member of Butler County Youth for Christ board. Our church is moving forward; our Sunday school average for the last two months has been 25 per cent above last year's average. We give God praise for His blessings.—**ADA SMALLEY, Secretary.**

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "It was a privilege to speak in Williams Memorial Church, Bethany, Oklahoma, with Mrs. Mendell Taylor, in the watch-night service. She gave a most timely message on Bible reading. Pastor Floyd Rowe is doing excellent work. We also spoke at First Church, Oklahoma City, with Pastor Bill Draper of

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Lakeview Church as the other speaker. Dr. Kenneth Rice, pastor of First Church, is a studious, devout pastor, and knows the technique of Sunday school building. We gave one Sunday to our First Church, Topeka, Kansas, where we enjoyed the fellowship of Pastor Ralph Jared and his people. It was a treat to have the music work in Meridian Park Church in Oklahoma City with Pastor Noble Hathaway, and Rev. Mrs. Emma Irick as the evangelist. The meeting continued for eleven days. This six-year-old church has raised more than one hundred thousand dollars in the past three years; they have a membership of around two hundred. Sister Irick is a distinctly holiness preacher. God blessed in the meeting at Meridian Park Church with this good pastor and people."

Loveington, New Mexico—God has blessed our church during this past assembly year under the ministry of Rev. Bob Lindley. Some of the in-

creases are as follows: The Sunday school is up 33 per Sunday above one year ago; 168 seekers, and 15 members added by profession of faith, making us eligible for the Evangelistic Honor Roll. We have had two excellent revivals; with Rev. W. L. French, superintendent of the South Arkansas District; and with Rev. R. F. Lindley, father of the pastor. Finances are up more than \$2,000.00 above the previous year; pastor's salary increased \$17.00 per week, with all budgets paid in full. Pastor has been given a three-year recall. Gains are shown in every department. During this assembly year we have had fine revivals with Rev. Harold Carlisle and Rev. J. Paul Tucker. In the latter meeting there were more than 40 seekers. Already this year we have received five members by profession of faith. The Sunday school is now showing an increase of 10 per Sunday over the same period one year ago. Recently our pastor was elected as president of the Lovington Ministerial Association. We have a lovely church, three years old, conservatively evaluated at \$77,000.00. We rejoice in God's blessings.—Reporter.

Evangelist T. T. Liddell writes: "With gratitude to God, I enter the new year of 1960. During 1959 we saw many battles fought and victories won, in twenty-four campaigns, with more than one thousand souls seeking God for pardon and heart purity; more than one-third of these were "new" seekers. Most of these seekers became members of the Church of the Nazarene on profession of faith. God has given quite a few outstanding cases of healing, for which we praise Him. Our fall meetings were especially owned of God, and we give much thanks and praise to the godly and effective pastors who cooperated so wonderfully. Just recently closed a wonderful revival at Bradley, Illinois, with Pastor George Franklin—one of the greatest Christians we've ever known. Due to travel changes I have some open time in May and June, and also in July. Write me, 8819 S. Fairfield Avenue, Evergreen Park 42, Illinois."

SAVED!

By W. DON ADAMS

*Back from the brink of disaster,
Back from the cauldron of sin,
Drawn by the hand of the Master,
Cleansed without and within!*

*Oh, what abundance of living!
Oh, what gladness of heart!
Thrilled with the prospect of giving
Christ to each sin-burdened heart!*

Deaths

E. C. (Buck) SPRAY, Sr., was born in Collins County, Texas, on February 16, 1892, and died in a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, October 17, 1959, thirteen days after suffering a heart attack. He left a clear testimony that it was well with him and his God. He is survived by his wife, Mary L., of Bethany; two daughters: Mrs. C. T. (Ruth) Sherrill, of Mesquite, Texas; and Mrs. W.

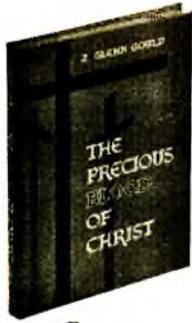
Ray (Daisy) Aldridge, of Caddo, Oklahoma; and one son, E. C., Jr.; also two brothers and six sisters. Funeral service was held in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, with his pastor, Dr. E. S. Phillips, officiating, assisted by Rev. Jack Houts. Interment was made in Bethany cemetery.

ARTHUR F. VON SEGGEN of Farmington, Iowa, died November 7, 1959, at the age of seventy-five years, after an illness of about three months. He was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene at Farmington, which he joined in 1913. He was assistant superintendent and a member of the board of trustees at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and four children: LaVerne, Donald, and Donita, of Farmington; and LaVelle Lyle, of Fort Madison. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. K. French and Rev. C. C. Swallow.

ALMUS SMITH died on Thanksgiving Day, 1959, in Pittsburg, Kansas at the age of sixty-seven. He was born in Chester County, Tennessee. He was a member of Grace Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri. He formerly was a custodian at First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillie M. Smith, of the home; four daughters: Mrs. Georgie West, Mrs. Maxie Clary, Mrs. Mildred White, and Mrs. Aylor Williams; also one brother, P. M. Smith. Funeral service was held at Grace Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, with burial in Green Lawn Cemetery.

MRS. TENNIE BELLE SPEIR was born February 22, 1877, in Texas, and died November 21, 1959, in Hemet, California, at the age of eighty-two. She moved to Hemet in 1922. "Aunt Tennie," as she was known by her loved ones and friends, was a member of the Hemet Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by a son, Charlie F., of San Jacinto, California; also a brother, Ben Cloud; and three sisters: Mrs. Euphie Lisenbee, Mrs. Mary Williams, and Mrs. Fanny Ainsworth. Funeral service was held at Hemet with her pastor, Rev. Paul W. Urschel, officiating. Interment was at the Hemet-San Jacinto Valley cemetery.

ROY D. CHRISTOPHER, age thirty-one, died September 3, 1959, after a brief illness. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a former member of Nazarene churches at Flint and Grand Rapids, Michigan. In Grand Rapids he served as zone N.Y.P.S. vice-president and church financial secretary. He is survived by his wife, Cella (nee Street), and three children, Linda, Judy, and Danny; also his parents, Roy and Odessa Christopher, of Traverse City, Michigan; four brothers and five sisters. One brother is Rev. Chris Christopher, Nazarene pastor in Ithaca, N.Y. Funeral service was held in Milwaukee, with Rev. J. E. Ferguson officiating, assisted by Rev. Jack Nash. Burial was at Howell, Michigan, with service conducted by Rev. W. Varian, assisted by Rev. Vernon Frederickson.



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JOE CYRIL EDWARDS was born October 22, 1917, at Missouri Valley, Iowa, and died November 17, 1959, at Sioux City, Iowa. In 1938 he was married to Anne Gibson, who survives, along with seven children: Mrs. Shirley Burroughs, Mrs. Jo Ann Bolen, Helen Jane, Linda Rose, Johnny, Jimmy, and Mary Ruth. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Maranda Edwards; five brothers: John, Rev. Arlus, Philip, Ralph, and Ira; and two sisters: Mrs. Olive Hodge and Mrs. Eunice Gibson. Funeral service was conducted in Logan, Iowa, with Rev. Philip Eigsti in charge. Burial was in Magnolia Cemetery, Magnolia, Iowa.

—to Rev. and Mrs. A. Merl Bozarth of Union Gap, Washington, a daughter, Karen Sue, on December 12, 1959.

—to Rev. and Mrs. John Howald, Jr., of Maysville, Kentucky, a daughter, Jeana Lynn, on November 30, 1959.

—to Dr. and Mrs. J. Dudley Powers of La Marque, Texas, a son, Peter Kerry, on November 23, 1959.

—to Bobby and Veronica (Luttrell) Sloan of Bethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, Cynthia Jolene, on November 7, 1959.

by a Nazarene in Idaho "that God will touch my body and heal me completely that I may carry on the work I feel He has called me to do, for His glory"; and also "for my brother who has a back condition which keeps him from working; his family needs him";

by a Nazarene lady in Iowa for God's special help for a young man being trapped by the enemy into an unfortunate relationship that will destroy him—that God will help him to see his danger and deliver him.

Announcements

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Duane Daughenbaugh of North East, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Tammy Lee, on January 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Malcolm Eudaley of Mountain Grove, Missouri, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, on January 21.

—to Rev. and Mrs. E. K. Richey of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter, Kathleen Ruth, on January 15.

—to Raymond and Sarah Parker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a daughter, Elizabeth Diane, on January 14.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Grooms of Grand Island, Nebraska, a son, Mark Edward, on January 7.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian lady in Vermont for her unsaved husband; also for her children, saved but not as spiritual as they should be and once were;

by a lady in Michigan that God may touch and heal of an ailment doctors do not seem to be able to relieve—she believes God can make her well; also for an urgent unspoken request;

by a pastor in Illinois for a man in his church who has been sick for months, and wants the "Herald" readers to pray for him;

by a friend in Oklahoma that God will undertake for an urgent unspoken request;

by a Christian brother in Ohio that God will give him help with a problem in regard to his employment, that he may have real victory;

by friends in Ohio that God will help the entire family in a special way and deliver them from carnal enemies;

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