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From Slogan to Battle Cry

"Evangelism First—1960-1964." This quadrennial slogan, suspended over the platform at the recent General Assembly, dominated the scene and was indelibly impressed on the minds of the thousands who saw it. Since the General Assembly, "Evangelism First" has appeared on multiplied thousands of signs, banners, books, tracts, car stickers, church bulletins, district papers, and general periodicals.

"Evangelism First!" As we have moved into the district assemblies since the General Assembly we have felt a rising tide of interest, mounting to varying levels of excitement and enthusiasm, as the challenge and priority of soul winning have been presented to our people.

But we shall be wise to remember that slogans, while exceedingly helpful and valuable, can be an eventual source of peril. It is too easy to feel that the slogan, if preached, promoted, published, and repeated sufficient times, will in some magical way bring the desired results. It is the age-old search for a "Royal Road" to achievement.

Now hear this, Nazarenes! Unless our quadrennial slogan becomes a gripping, thrilling, moving battle cry, we shall fail.

There is no easy way. Wars are not won on parade grounds. There can be victory only as we "fight the good fight." We shall find no novel or casual method for winning souls to Christ. If this is to be our most effective period of soul winning, it will be because we—hundreds of thousands of Nazarenes—are "moved with compassion" toward the lost and pay the price, whatever that may be, for bringing them in touch with our Lord.

Prayer there must be, with burden and passion. Contacts there must be, with a vision for sizable numbers and with persistence and consistency. Witnessing there must be, to multiplied millions. Visitation there must be, demanding purpose and time. Our most productive quadrennia in recent years have been those in which *visitation evangelism* has been stressed.

Whether we will move "from slogan to battle cry" is the basic question. We can if we will, and "Evangelism First" can really be the heart of our thought, prayers, plans, efforts—and, please God, our achievement.

General Superintendent Benner

LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Kankakee, Illinois—For the first time in the history of Olivet Nazarene College, educational budget this year exceeded two hundred thousand dollars with \$200,415 received August 1. An additional fifty thousand dollars given on the Development Fund brings the total support of the Central Educational Zone to a quarter of a million dollars. Prospects are for the largest enrollment ever with more than 550 new applications already processed. President Reed announces plans for our full co-operation with the quadrennial theme, "Evangelism First." Prayer is urgently requested for God's blessings upon Olivet throughout this challenging new year.—R. L. Lunsford, Department of Public Relations.

Danville, Illinois—The Illinois District Assembly, conventions, and camp meeting were richly blessed of almighty God as Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. E. W. Martin, and Professor Ronald Lush ministered at Nazarene Acres. Missionaries Elizabeth Cole and Geraldine Chappell were a rich blessing to all as they represented the missionary program. The district closed the year with 6,626 members; 16,998 Sunday school enrollment; 9,141 in average Sunday school attendance; 115 churches with 3 new churches this year; \$929,109 raised for all purposes with over 10 per cent given for foreign missions; 457 members received by profession of faith, with a total of 802 received this year; property valuation now stands at \$2,568,850. The Illinois District is pledged to the "Try Christ's Way" program with full co-operation in "Evangelism First." Rev. Harold Daniels, district superintendent, is highly esteemed, sincerely loved, and respectfully followed as he continues in a three-year term. Rev. Gerald Green was unanimously re-elected as N.Y.P.S. president; Mrs. Wayne Britton was re-elected with a wonderful vote as N.F.M.S. president; and Rev. James Barr was re-elected as church schools chairman.—O. G. Green, Reporter.

Hutchinson, Kansas—Kansas District Assembly characterized by spirit of unity and optimism. Report of district superintendent, Dr. Ray Hance, revealed substantial numerical increases in all departments; 10.64 per cent of total income given for world-wide evangelism. Messages of presiding general superintendent, Dr. G. B. Williamson, were deeply spiritual and practical. Overwhelming response in love offering pledges will make possible a world trip for Dr. and Mrs. Hance. Camp meeting services, with Dr. Lyle Eckley and Professor Ray Moore as workers,

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witnessed scenes of evangelistic success.—H. C. Thomas, Reporter.

Miss Elizabeth Cole, twenty-five-year veteran Nazarene missionary and nurse to Swaziland, South Africa, has received the Order of the British Empire from Queen Elizabeth II, it was learned in August at denominational offices in Kansas City. Since 1948, Miss Cole has worked with the lepers in the Mbuluzi Hospital, Mbabane, Swaziland. A native of Macomb, Illinois, she spent most of her childhood in Montana. She graduated from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, and from the Deaconess Hospital, Billings, Montana.—N.I.S.

After having served the First Church in Bloomington, Illinois, since May of 1945, Revs. Arthur and Mina Nutt have accepted a call to the State Street Church in East St. Louis, Illinois.

Word has been received that Mr. Raymond Carroll of Denver, Colorado, died recently. Funeral service was conducted on Friday, August 12. Mr. Carroll was the brother of Mrs. Hugh C. Benner of Kansas City.

Mrs. W. P. Jay writes to thank the Herald family for their prayers and cards of encouragement. They entered Rev. W. P. Jay in the Rest Haven Sanitarium, 940 Merced Street, Fresno, California, in June, as a wheel-chair patient, since they were not able to give him the care at home which he needed. He still cannot talk, but appreciates hearing from his friends.

Rev. Ruby M. (Mrs. W. M.) Franklin writes that she is moving from Nampa, Idaho, to Canning, South Dakota, where she has accepted the pastorate of the church.

Pastor Henry B. Wallin sends word from Ventura, California, that their "vacation Bible school was the largest and best yet; 250 enrolled with 100 decisions for Christ. Alice Lewis unexcelled as director."

After serving South Side Church in Springfield for five years, Rev. Gilbert M. Hughes has accepted the work of First Church in Olney, Illinois.

Pastor Clyde A. Rhone sends word from San Bernardino, California: "First Church experienced outstanding revival with Evangelist Ivan Lee Sisk. Capacity crowds caused meeting to be extended additional week. Many spiritual victories won. Twenty new members to be received as result of meeting."

After nearly four years as pastor of the church in Sterling, Rev. Douglas Clem resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Boulder, Colorado.

YOUR ROCK IS CHRIST

By MRS. W. M. FRANKLIN

On the sea of life
Does it seem to you
That the voyage is hard and long?
Does the ebb and flow
Of the waves cause you
To yearn for an anchorage strong?

With the pitch and toss
Of your boat each hour
Do you feel you will lose your all?
Jesus walked on the seas
And prayed on His knees.
Can't you hear His loving call?

"Your Rock is the Christ;
Cast your anchor out.
Lift your voice in a gladsome song.
The ebb and flow
Is your sea, you know,
But your Rock is firm and strong."

Our Recent General Assembly?

By H. ORTON WILEY



P. F. Bresee



H. Orton Wiley

Perhaps it is because of my long association with the church, and for fifty-five years one of its ministers, that I have been frequently asked, "What would Dr. Bresee have thought of our recent General Assembly?" One person cannot answer for another, but knowing some of Dr. Bresee's characteristics, and

judging by these, I think that I know something of what his response would have been.

I

Most certainly he would have been all but overwhelmed by *his vision of the growth* of the church. In his opening address at the 1907 assembly he said: "I desire to congratulate myself and you all, that we are permitted to see this blessed, auspicious day"; and of one of the night services he said, "When a little band in Los Angeles, we never thought that we should see this night." He was always appreciative of the growth of the church.

When we recall that Dr. Bresee's last assembly in 1915 was entertained in the sanctuary of the Twenty-fourth Street Church in Kansas City, while on the lower floor meals were served to those in attendance, we have some conception of the church as he last saw it. How then could he have felt otherwise if suddenly ushered into a great arena seating twelve thousand people, surrounded by Nazarenes from the floor to the ceiling, than to be all but overwhelmed with "wonder, love, and praise"! Dr. Bresee generally opened his assemblies with a Communion service. Could he possibly have envisioned a Communion service of twelve thousand Nazarenes, served by more than three hundred ministers!

II

But what about *the spirit* of this last General Assembly? Was there more blessing upon those earlier assemblies than this one? This was perhaps the heart of the question. I think not. The 1907 General Assembly was held in the old Chicago First Church, and Brother Girvin estimated that there were no more than two hundred ministers and lay delegates present, with about an equal number of visitors. Dr. C. E. Cornell was the host pastor and made everyone feel welcome. When Professor Akers made his welcome address, pictur-

ing the East and the West as two great pillars to be spanned by an arch, there was a tremendous shout in the camp when he fitted in the keystone—a shout I imagine like that in Ezra's day when the foundations of the Lord's house were again laid. Dr. Bresee's great sermon on the "Achievements of Faith" lifted the people into the heavens, and the tide of blessing continued as Carrie Crowe and Lulu Kell sang "The Meeting in the Air," and sang it all over the church.

But all this took place in a comparatively small church; and I have tried to imagine what impression would have been made had the whole service been set down in this great arena. It would probably not have attracted much attention; but—perish the thought—what would have happened to that old First Church if all the people that were greatly blessed in this last General Assembly had been crowded into its small quarters! Personally I have never felt more of the presence of God than in this recent assembly; perhaps it need not be said, but I have also been in assemblies with Dr. Bresee when the sessions were rather stormy.

III

But the 1907 General Assembly was unique in several ways. As stated by Dr. Bresee, "They were a people conscious of a special call of God to gather the holy forces into organization, and create and arrange for permanent centers of fire throughout the land, that the world might know of His glory." It was a cautious assembly, for it dealt with a "hunger for wider fellowship, and seemingly a willingness to put aside, or in its proper place, anything not essential to holiness, for the sake of greater usefulness and united co-operation." To accomplish this was a difficult task. The commission spent practically a whole night on the question of a superintendency; and when the decision was made to have superintendents, they were given but little authority at that time. Hence our great districts have not been built up by mere external authority but by confidence in men of vision and foresight—men of strong moral character, guided by deep spiritual insights, and inspired by godly enthusiasm. This last General Assembly was *not so much marked by caution as by confidence*. The Quadrennial Report of the General Superintendents strongly affirmed the principles adopted by the church in those earlier days, and

brought before the people a vision of the great possibilities that lie before us in the coming quadrennium. We have not yet reached our zenith—we are still but in the morning of God's purpose for us.

IV

Another thing that would have greatly pleased Dr. Bresee in this recent assembly was the *number of young people that attended and took a prominent part in the services*. We have always had a fair quota of young people in the church; but there were also many older holiness people who had been spiritually crowded out or starved out of their churches that came to us, seeking a place where holiness was definitely and explicitly preached, and where the freedom of the Spirit was dominant. In this assembly the soloists and great college choirs of young people were magnificent. They sang the old songs and hymns without the modern flourishes that Dr. Bresee so heartily de-

tested, and the blessing of God seemed to rest upon them and the congregation at every appearance. I am sure that this would have greatly delighted Dr. Bresee.

V

Closely related to the above, it appeared to me that we are *carrying on our work* less crudely and *more in harmony with the beauty of holiness*. Dr. Bresee was extremely courteous and thoughtful, and intensely interested in the educational work of the church. I do not know who thought up the educational anniversary with its special citations—doubtless Dr. Ludwig—but I believe I speak for all the recipients of these honors when I say that it meant much to each of us who have served the greater part of the previous half century in laying the foundations for this increasingly important phase of the church's program. With this I am sure that Dr. Bresee would have been in heartiest accord.

MY EXPERIENCE OF DIVINE

Love

By **GORDON CHILVERS, Norwich, England**

When the Apostle Paul said, The Son of God "loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20), he emphasized one of the grandest truths in his Epistles. With remarkable insight and triumphant certainty he pointed out the personal application of our Lord's unfathomable love.

He loves me as if I were the only one to be loved. As we consider what these words mean to us in 1960, our hearts are filled with joy.

As we think of the myriads of the redeemed, the very thought that the Lord Jesus has an individual acquaintance with each of us separately is bewildering in its magnitude. General Grant once said that when he was colonel of a regiment he knew every man of his command by name, but as he rose in command he found it necessary to diminish the scope of his knowledge of individuals, until, when he was at the head of the entire army, he gave little thought to individuals below the rank of a divisional commander. Does the Lord know each of our names? Does He think of us? When He was on earth, He made the most astounding statement concerning himself: "He calleth his own sheep by name" (John 10:3).

Let us look at this divine knowledge for a moment. "He knew what was in man" (John 2:25), and this is a knowledge that includes our thoughts

(Acts 15:8). Our Lord knew where there was a fish with a coin in its mouth and the exact value of that coin. He knew where there was an ass when he wanted it. He knew where there was a man who would lend Him his upper room for the Last Supper. He knew exactly when Peter would deny Him.

Yet surely such personal knowledge is just what we might expect from the One who died to save us all. A father knows his children as individuals. He does not deal with all of them by one and the same rule, but with each child individually. The delicate one is the most shielded; the timid one is the most encouraged; the infirm one is the most helped; the dull one is the most taught; the tempted one is the most prayed for; and the returning one is the most rejoiced over. It is this specialty and the appropriateness of His care which is the great characteristic of our Lord's love. He sees my weakness and tenderly guards me; He knows my capabilities and uses them in love.

Our Lord's is an omnipotent love, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. It is an omnipresent love, and there is never a condition of life in which it does not show itself. It is an omniscient love, and so it reaches down to the unknown wants of my innermost being.

He loves me even though I am so unworthy. He loves me even though no one else in the world does. He loves me even though I am so unworthy. He loves me even though I have sinned deeply. This love has its reason in itself, not in the quality of that which is loved. When Paul said, "He loved

me," who was the loved one? Paul. And who was he? "The chief of sinners."

Only the lips of faith can say, "He loved me," yet my present and eternal happiness depends on this truth. Each one of us can appropriate it, rest upon it, and rejoice in it.

"Evangelism First" Through the Holy Spirit!

By EDWARD LAWLOR, *Executive Secretary, Department of Evangelism*



Nothing can take the place of the true manifestation of the Holy Spirit in evangelism through our church. Education is es-

sential; organization is important; human leadership is needed; but the most essential factor in evangelism is the power of the Holy Spirit. The prophet of old declared this centuries ago when he said, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). How very much we need to see a mighty manifestation of "Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit in our church today!

"Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit is first-century Christianity at work in this modern society.

"Evangelism First" is the church in action, winning souls through personal evangelism, educational evangelism, and mass evangelism. We must take care that we do not program the Holy Spirit out of our theme, but rather see that He is given freedom to express himself through our every effort. How can we do this? Certainly not by human or psychological manipulation, but by a consistent waiting upon God in prevailing prayer.

"Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit will become a reality in our church when we are completely cleansed in heart, and as a holy people feel the passion for souls that we should and pray through to a oneness of purpose and desire.

"Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit will come when God the Holy Spirit is able to perform His office work in the world through the channel of yielded and obedient lives. In deepest humility we must feel the need of taking hold of God by faith, in a genuine desire to see His name glorified through "Evangelism First."

Nothing else will keep the Church of the Nazarene true to its heritage as an evangelistic agency in the world. Without a glowing consciousness of the Holy Spirit's presence, our evangelism can remain only routine and ineffectual in this our day.

Few denominations can cite a comparable history of evangelism within the short space of just over fifty years. From that memorable moment at Pilot Point until now, multitudes of people have felt the impact of a holy evangelism. What a thrilling adventure in evangelism is our past! This has been the secret of our success, and if we lose the penetrating spiritual passion of evangelism today, our church will cease to be the living, vital asset to the holy Church of Jesus Christ that God wants us to be.

We thank God for the challenging history of our past, but we must dedicate ourselves to make "Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit our mission today and in the tomorrows. Let us not squander history through careless use or spiritual negligence, or irresponsibility in the field of evangelism. We can have "Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit. God still wants to do the supernatural for us and through us. Our danger is in being too easily satisfied with what can be done through organization, rather than what God can do through evangelism with the Holy Spirit. Let us not be guilty of acting as though we can do nothing except that which we can figure out with a pencil or work out through a program. If ever the Church of the Nazarene needed the Blessing, the power, the leadership of the Holy Spirit, it is NOW!

"Evangelism First" through the Holy Spirit can be manifested during this quadrennium if the people called Nazarenes join themselves together through prayer to claim His supernatural power in "Evangelism First."

Faith to remove mountains would be glorious, and martyrdom of our lives and bodies would be heroic; but love that burns within us toward others is the greatest possession of all.—*Selected.*

How God Provided BREAKFAST

A Sermon on Faith

By EVANGELIST ESTELLE CRUTCHER

It was during the depression years when I, an ordained lady minister, and my family moved to a little northern New York town in response to a call to pastor a weak and struggling church in that community. My husband gave up his job in New York City, we disposed of our household furniture, put the family of five children (ages ranging from three to fifteen years) into the Model-T, and took off for this new and, to us, challenging field of labor. When we arrived, we found that the church was unable to support a pastor but had at least provided living quarters above the main auditorium of the building; so we dug in, determined to do our best to help save the church from extinction!

Those depression days of the early thirties were really rugged, and in many homes it was a battle to provide even food and clothes—our home was no exception. My husband tried to find work of any kind to meet the needs, but often were the times when we literally lived from “hand to mouth”—God’s hand to our mouths! As a result of these conditions we had many interesting experiences, some humorous, some not so funny, and some inspiring.

One special occasion was the time God provided breakfast for the family through a marriage ceremony! Perhaps in my sharing this experience, someone may be inspired to put his faith in God as One who does hear and answer prayer even for the simplest needs. This particular evening we had eaten a hearty supper of corn-meal mush and milk, and when it was over, I realized that the “cupboard was bare”; there was not even a slice of bread or a drop of milk with which to prepare breakfast the next morning. My husband and children were quite perturbed about the situation, but I tried to calm their fears, reminding them that God had never failed us before and would somehow provide for us by breakfast time. *How?* I had not the slightest idea! Before retiring, I made my way down to the darkened church and knelt at the altar in prayer. I stayed on my knees until I was assured that God would meet this need—*He would provide breakfast on time!* Philippians 4:19 was my promise, “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” With this confidence I went to sleep.

About four o’clock in the morning I was awakened by a loud knock on the front door; and upon

opening it I found a nurse of my acquaintance, from the nearby convalescent home, who asked me if I would come there immediately and perform a marriage ceremony.

“Perform a marriage ceremony?” I exclaimed incredulously. “At this hour of the morning?”

“Yes,” she replied. “Please come. I will explain later.”

Upon arriving at the place I found a strange setting for a wedding. There were a couple of New York State Troopers in the room. There was a young man, the prospective groom, whom they evidently had taken into custody, who handed me the marriage license, and there was the weeping young bride-to-be, obviously an expectant mother! To say the least, the situation was very depressing; however, it was my duty as a minister to perform the marriage. After a few words of comfort and counsel, the young couple were made man and wife. At the conclusion of the simple ceremony, the groom wished to know the amount of my fee. I told him I had no stipulated fee, so he placed a bill in my hand, which I gratefully accepted. I did not look at the amount until I reached the vestibule of the building, and when I did my heart leaped for joy, for I held in my hand a five-dollar bill. Then I began to realize what had happened—my prayer had been answered—God had indeed provided “breakfast” and *on time!*

WHAT IS *Sin*?

By RICHARD S. TAYLOR

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Sin, in the strict ethical sense, is anything which separates man from God. This definition implies three facts, without which sin is impossible:

(1) *The fact of God.* If there were no God, there could be no sin. There might be crime and social wrong, but not sin.

(2) *The displeasure of God.* Sin is anything so unlike God’s nature and contrary to God’s will that continued divine approval becomes morally impossible.

(3) *The accountability of the sinner.* It is universally admitted that irresponsible persons, such as infants, idiots, and the insane, cannot be held morally accountable for their acts. Nor can a normal adult be held accountable for knowledge and skill which he has never had opportunity to acquire. Accountability demands, therefore, normal intelligence, freedom of choice, and some measure of both knowledge and opportunity. Without such accountability there can be no sin.

To summarize: A standard of conduct must exist which the conscience intuitively recognizes

as the will of God. Obedience to this standard is seen to be right; disobedience is seen to be wrong. Any disobedience is sin.

This means that true sin involves guilt, or blameworthiness, which makes the sinner liable to just punishment. It involves moral depravity, since it is contrary to the holiness of God—it is unclean. It demands God's wrath—His radical opposition; for God to wink at sin would be unthinkable.

If we keep in mind the proper nature of sin, we will have no difficulty in distinguishing it from temptation, infirmity, and mistakes. *Temptation* alone does not dislocate one's relationship with God; only yielding does. Nor does *infirmity* mar our fellowship with God, for we are not morally accountable for it. Therefore poor judgment, faulty memory, or diseased nerves cannot be classified as sin (though of course we become guilty if we make no effort to overcome our infirmities for the glory of God).

A *mistake* is not sin either, since it is an unintentional wrongness of opinion or conduct due to imperfect knowledge, such as giving the wrong change, or blaming the wrong person, or giving the wrong medicine. The idea of "mistake" implies perfect innocence of intentions. Not so sin. Sin exists when God, who knows the heart, sees that the wrongness is not truly innocent, but that there is some measure of knowledge and evil intention. But if sin, it is not a mistake; if a true mistake, it is not sin.

When we clearly see that sin is anything which dislocates our relationship with God, we will see its dreadful seriousness. We will see that there are no "little" sins, since that which disrupts one's harmony with God and plunges one's soul into infernal darkness cannot be little.

We will see that sin is far more terrifying than social injustice or crime. Social injustice and crime involve society; sin involves God. Earthly rulers can deal with social injustice and crime, but only God can deal with sin. Not that these earthly wrongs are not also sins; they are. But if God were not concerned, they would be earthly wrongs only. As sins they are cosmic; for sin introduces chaos, not only into the world, but into the universe. It reaches not only out to man, but up to the throne of God. Its consequences are more than temporal; they are eternal.

Sin is indeed frightful. No wonder the Bible says, "Fools make a mock at sin" (Proverbs 14:9), for only a fool would trifle with anything so far-reachingly devastating.

To fear the Lord is not to be afraid of Him; it means trust and faith and a fear of, and hatred for, anything contrary to His will.—*Selected.*

Off to a



NAZARENE COLLEGE!

By
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Soon hundreds of young people will enroll in our Nazarene colleges. They will pull up stakes at their homes and at their home churches and move into the atmosphere, the tradition, the spirit, the learning facilities that are our colleges.

One young man who will be among those enrolling this fall is the son of a neighbor who lives directly across the street from us. Just out of high school, with the spirit of daring in him and the gift of wonder, he looks at you wide-eyed and discusses his anticipations. Already he is called to preach. Already he plans after four years to return to his home town and attend the seminary which the church has provided for him and others like him.

Thankful that your wide-eyed friend is entering our school, you know that there he will become part of a larger holiness community—family, you might say. Again and again he will feast upon things good for his spirit, his heart, his inwardness. Living with other holiness youth, yoked up with them in a common pursuit, he will mature in the knowledge of Christ and in the graces that were the Lord's. Sitting at the feet of learned holiness teachers, he will become formally trained in religion and philosophy and in the arts and sciences. His academic training will be not a whit below what is obtained at the big-name universities. Indeed, with the dimension of committedness to Jesus Christ to which he has come through regeneration, entire sanctification, and Christian growth, and with the devotedness of his teachers, the likelihood is that his academic training itself will be far more thorough than that normally obtained in schools with high-sounding names.

My friend could have drowned out the call to preach in the silly, empty din-din of the calls which the world makes to youth. He could have decided to marry someone just out of high school (as so many do), and engage himself all-out in earning a living.

My young friend could have decided to chart his future life along any number of possible paths, legitimate ones or otherwise. He could have, but he has not. Instead, he has decided to enter a Nazarene college. You are glad for him, proud for him.

When the time comes, perhaps you can slip into a high festive ceremony and watch him graduate—with or without honors; in either case, deeper in his Christian rootage, grown up taller in Christ, more sure than he could now be that what matters most is more than matter.



TRAIN UP

A CHILD



By **WILLIAM J. NICHOLS**

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Through the years many things have been blamed for crime and juvenile delinquency. In the nineteenth century an Italian by the name of Lombroso decided crime was due entirely to heredity. He attempted to measure criminals to find their exact dimensions. Others in successive generations have blamed environment, climate, national affairs, broken homes, the working mother, sibling rivalry, and other causes.

The current view held now by many sociologists is that crime stems from an imperfect father-child relationship. One of the worst trends in modern family life in America is that of the father's lack of function in the home. In too many cases now the father is only the breadwinner. He leaves home early in the morning before the children are up and doesn't return until they are in bed for the night. Thus he has no part in the plans, play, family devotions, or discipline of the home. A recent study shows that the *average American father spends fourteen minutes a day with his children.*

We as Christians have a double responsibility. We have to train our children not only to be good citizens but also good Christians. The father is needed to help with this!

We have heard a lot the last few years about working mothers. But it is time that someone spoke a word of caution to the fathers who have to work at two jobs and beyond the forty-hour week. We know that this is often necessary, and would not condemn it when it is. But we do need to be exceedingly careful, and to make the time up to our children in other ways. Saturdays can be used for times of family recreation. Sundays should be utilized for special devotional periods and times for "family talk." And, if you are an "average" father, use those fourteen minutes per day to the very best advantage. Let us as Christian fathers do our very best for our children.

DOWN THE ROAD

*Make me more like Thee, Saviour:
Make me more like Thee,
That others in my conduct
Thine image they may see.*

I am reminded of the chorus as I contemplate the road ahead: the road for me—the road for us. A new church year is about to dawn. Humanly I shrink from its light, and tend to want to lag in the sunset of the closing church year. Ah, for us it is the closing of ten years, and the sunset is therefore more colorful and more restful. Even the clouds are rose-tinted—and there were clouds! But the Lord uses the dark clouds as an artist his background, and diffuses them with light and color so that the sunset sky is even more beautiful. Ah, yes, I would linger here and look and look!

But I remember that Jesus left the *glory* of His heavenly home *willingly!* And "I would be like Jesus." He shrank *not* from earthly night. He will surely walk with us down this unknown road—the new church year!

And as night follows sunset, so dawn follows night. He will walk with us into the dawning—down the road—the new church year!—RUTH W. HOOVER.

SUMMER SONG

By **GRACE V. WATKINS**

*Have you known the peace of a still green wood,
The cool refreshment of elm and fir?
The peace of God is a lovelier thing
Than all the forests that ever were.*

*Have you felt the wonder of early dawn,
With its silent crimson and golden span?
God's indwelling presence is wonder more fair
Than all the dawns since the world began.*

*Oh, worship Him, praise Him, the timeless Lord
Whose love is wider than any sea,
And serve Him with holy and radiant joy
Through all eternity!*

Bryant's Waterfowl



By ERNEST ARMSTRONG, Pastor, Central Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma

William Cullen Bryant's immortal poem "To a Waterfowl" has been a source of comfort and inspiration to thousands, but on careful examination we can detect the author's Unitarian philosophy of life. God is good, the world is good, man is good, and the destiny of all creatures will be good. The doctrine sounds good, but there is another side to the story.

It is wonderful to think about the *Power* whose care teaches and guides from zone to zone, but there is another power in the world which we call evil. The fowl which Bryant saw that evening might not have had the happy future which the poet describes. Instead of joining its fellows in a summer home in a sheltered nest, for all we know, it might have been shot by an unknown hunter just around the bend from where it was last seen by the poet. Ere another evening came, greedy men might have devoured its flesh and picked its bones.

Worse yet, the fowl might have been crippled by calamity until it became a bird with a broken pinion, never to soar again. It might have dragged itself along on the ground dodging prowling cats and poisonous snakes until it was overcome in the

struggle for existence. It might have been the last lone lost survivor of an untimely flock which fell into the path of a hunter or into the snare of the fowler. The like has happened many times in this cruel, sinful world. God is in His heaven, as another poet has said, but all is *not* right with the world.

What shall we say then regarding Bryant's waterfowl? To say the least it was one of God's creatures and part of an infinite plan. It was in a world of joys and sorrows, life and death, good and evil, but it was not alone and it was not forgotten. Not one fowl falls to the ground without the Father taking notice.

The worst can happen to any creature, but nothing can separate us from the love of God. We may have to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, but we need not fear evil if God is with us. Whether we live or die we are the Lord's.

We cannot successfully deny the existence of evil, but we can pray, "Deliver us from evil," assured that the Father has the power and the glory to deliver us forever. Whether He leads through joys or sorrows, I am sure that He will lead my steps aright. This is the greater lesson of Bryant's waterfowl.

They Smiled So Easily!

By PAULINE E. SPRAY

Pastor's Wife, Mifflin Avenue Church, Lansing, Michigan

There was one thing that especially impressed me about our Nazarenes at the General Assembly. We had scarcely pulled into our motel until we saw some people who "looked like"—and later we learned they were—Nazarenes. We were thrilled when they smiled at us.

Again, as we were trying to locate the auditorium, a car pulled up beside ours at an intersection. Two clean-cut, upright-looking gentlemen answered our query, and they too smiled.

Over and over it happened. It wasn't

difficult to pick out our Nazarene women and men. Even on the street they smiled readily and easily.

Whether people knew one another personally or not, a kindred spirit existed between those of us of like faith. It was a wonderful privilege to rub elbows with fellow Nazarenes from around the world.

As we look forward to a new quadrennium we can't help feeling that our people are well endowed to evangelize the world, equipped as they are with the banner of holiness, the power of the Holy Spirit, and millions of heart-warming smiles that are given spontaneously from hearts filled with love and friendliness.

Yes, down through the ensuing months when I think of the thousands of Nazarenes who gathered in Kansas City, I'll remember them because "they smiled so easily."

STEPHEN S. WHITE

Dr. Stephen S. White is a symbol of the tried and true in our church. He knows what we believe and believes it, and he knows why. He is no closet-room philosopher. He has exposed the truth he has taught to the wide-open breezes of life, and it has always remained fresh and practical for him.



He is a careful student himself, for he has always believed that the minister of God's Word should be prepared to give a reason for his hope. He received his Ph.D. degree at a time when higher education was feeling the major impact of liberalism and when some theological schools were tainted with humanism itself. But Dr. White remained steadfast. He would constantly go back to the Word of God and to the testimony of Christian experience, including his own.

Dr. White has always been radiant in his preaching and witness. He has been evangelistic at heart through all the years. He received his first license to preach in Dallas, Texas, fifty-two years ago. He has never lost his eagerness to preach and to serve. He believes that soul winning is the best prophylactic in an age of skepticism. In his personal contacts he has remained humble and teachable. He insists that there are acknowledged limitations to the human mind and that we must always leave some things to God. Knowledge and reverence are not mutually exclusive with him.

In his personal relations, as editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, with the Board of General Superintendents he has shown such deference and cooperation as bespeak bigness of soul. Also, in his careful answers and keen interest in the "Question Box" in the *Herald* he shows a lively interest in the individual, regardless of station in life.

Throughout his teaching career he has helped to raise an army of preachers who are now proclaiming the Word of God with enthusiasm and faith. Even today he is a teacher who stands on his tiptoes (as Dr. Norman Oke has described him), and his posture bespeaks his devotion and love to the Saviour of men. He is sure that God has an experience for every Christian beyond conversion that will do something for him, and he is eager to lead men into this experience of grace too.

We are rightly proud to own Stephen S. White as one of the leaders of the twentieth-century holiness movement and a true follower of the meek and lowly Nazarene.

—SAMUEL YOUNG

For the Board of General Superintendents

The Ministry of Dr. White

This man White was certainly named right. "Stephen" stands for integrity, loyalty, courage, faith. "White" suggests cleanness, wholesomeness, attractiveness, radiance. These qualities all—and more—are brought to focus in the character and personality of Dr. White, retiring editor of the *Herald of Holiness*.

Trained in the arts and sciences in both college and university, his special fields of study were philosophy and theology, where he gained eminence as a teacher. He is especially gifted as an exponent of the doctrine of entire sanctification.

As a preacher of righteousness, Dr. White's messages are clear, logical, and fervent. He contacts his audience rather than waiting for them to contact him. He is a proclaimer of Biblical truth and blows a trumpet that has no uncertain sound.

Three qualities stand out in the ministry of Dr. White. His unblemished character marks him as a man you are glad to follow. His genuine humility sets him apart from the common man. His eager co-operation makes him easy to work with. And when his Christian love bubbles over, one's own love leaves its hiding place and the two become joined.

Now to the perennial question: Does a man retire at age seventy? In a way, yes; in another way, no! For when you look into the sparkling eyes of Stephen S. White, when you feel the impact of his alert mind, when you share the radiance of his great spirit, you know that students at Nazarene Theological Seminary, where he will be teaching half-time this fall, are in for many rewarding hours of study under the ripened and mature ministry of a dedicated man!

—S. T. LUDWIG, *General Secretary*

My Associate for Twelve Years

How does one go about expressing adequate tribute to a man of the mental and spiritual caliber of Stephen S. White? Where does one start? Where does one end? Stephen White, as professor, college president, pastor, convention speaker, evangelist, member of Seminary faculty, and editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, has made a name and a

place for himself which need no eulogy. His record of loyal service to the church speaks for itself.

It would be difficult for me, after working with Dr. White for the twelve years he served as editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, to point out the one outstanding quality of this man. His scholarship is recognized by all his former students and associates—this in spite of the fact that he doesn't parade it. He carries his academic attainments with a humility that characterizes every great man.

Dr. White's loyalty to the standards and doctrines of the church is known to all who have heard him lecture, preach, or who have engaged him in casual or serious conversation. He is devoted to the general church in all its departments and has been exemplary in his loyalty to his local church and pastors. If one quality above another distinguishes him, it is his enthusiasm. He doesn't seem able to approach any task, or problem, or subject, in an easygoing manner. He is intense. He is this way about everything—vibrant, dynamic, eager, overflowing.

Dr. White has stepped aside from his editorial responsibility, but don't look for him in the shade of his porch or at his fireside, in "rocking chair" relaxation. He will be active—preaching, writing, teaching, as long as the Lord gives him strength; and may that be for many years to come. There just aren't enough people of Dr. White's spirit and genius in the world, and we hope and pray that he will be with us for a long time.

—M. LUNN, *Retired Manager*
Nazarene Publishing House

The Man with the Shining Soul

There is about Stephen S. White a sort of radiant constancy which can be explained only in terms of an inner grace. For its source, read his own statement of his philosophy of life: "Get the very best preparation you can, and then work enthusiastically and contentedly with all your might wherever God places you, without worrying about the money the other fellow makes. In the long run, the only thing that can hurt you is sin." In his late teens Stephen White was sanctified wholly; from then on the light burned steady.

Since 1915 I have known Dr. White as colleague, friend, colaborer. Viewed in perspective, his life has the symmetry of a work of art. Shuttling back and forth geographically and professionally, willingly filling gaps as the church has needed a sane, dependable leader; yet no wavering of course or theme or spirit, always a teaching minister of the gospel of Christ, and an example of the beauty of holiness.

When we come to analyze the nature of Dr. White's influence—and he has influenced thousands for good, largely unconsciously—we find a striking

unanimity in things remembered and qualities admired.

Loyalty, fidelity to principle, to God, to the church, to friends, to truth as he saw it. Uprightness at the core, there was a firmness beneath his gentleness that could harden into immobility.

Optimism—the optimism of faith in God and in people, of confidence in truth, of certainty that right would triumph.

Genuine *humility*—unassuming, free from self-seeking; servant of all, for the sake of Christ and His Church.

As *college professor*, his own love of sound philosophy was infectious. For him there was no conflict between true theology and true philosophy.

As *pastor*, tireless energy in church building, no fear of hard work. Co-operation was his watchword, himself its shining example.

As *preacher*, sermons rememberable, basic, practical. Today, after twenty years, I find myself quoting frequently: "Public enemy number one is indifference" and "The devil has only one weapon, deceit."

As *editor* of the *Herald of Holiness* his work throughout the past twelve years speaks for itself: his faithfulness to orthodoxy and to the church whose spokesman and servant he was; his co-operation with and encouragement of every branch of denominational activity; his clear vision that the future of the church "is wrapped up in our ability to find the balance between faith and works, theory and practice, belief and ethics, liturgy and spontaneity, the emotional and the practical."

When we think of Dr. White we think of his smile. That smile is what he is shining through: an encouraging, friendly, comforting, understanding, sometimes a brave, appealing smile—and sometimes a deprecating, self-deprecating smile. He smiles with his eyes, with his whole face.

Whenever you have met Stephen White, your own heart was lightened and lifted. His confidence in God gave you confidence that all was well; you were ashamed of your own uncertainties.

*If, in the paths of the world,
Stones might have wounded thy feet,
Toil or dejection have tried
Thy spirit, of that we saw*

*Nothing; to us thou wast still
Cheerful and helpful and firm;
Therefore to thee it was given
Many to save with thyself.*

"The path of the just . . . shineth more and more." We still have him with us—and may we have him long. We believe he has much of the grace that "outreaches, outshines, and outloves."

—DEAN BERTHA MUNRO

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Priorities

Always one of the most important tasks we have is to set our priorities. Because we cannot do everything there is to do with equal effort, we must decide what shall come first. Priorities help us see the forest in the trees, and keep ends and means in proper balance.

The theme of our church for the next quadrennium puts the priority on evangelism. The peril of our times and the passion of truly sanctified hearts make this an inevitable choice.

The first business of any holiness church is to win people to Christ. One writer has remarked, "The Church exists by mission as fire exists by burning." The mission by which the Church exists is the task of carrying its message to a lost world.

Evangelism was clearly the program and pattern of the New Testament Church. The Church would have died in the Upper Room in which it was born in the fires of Pentecost if it had not hit the streets of Jerusalem with the thrilling tidings of a Christ who is able to save.

If we keep our priorities right, every other necessary part of the life of the church falls into its proper place. This was stated by our Saviour in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33). When the Kingdom is first, everything else needful comes along.

It is confusion and error to define evangelism as "everything the church does"; but it is proper and right to state that everything the church does must contribute to its primary task. The Sunday school, youth activities, missions, Christian higher education all have their place and make their contribution when the priority of evangelism is clearly seen.

God help us to make "Evangelism First" more than a slogan. God help us to make it a program for action, and the chief of our priorities not only in 1960-64 but always.

A Noble Succession

Five great and good men have served as editors of the *Herald of Holiness* throughout its forty-nine years of publication: Dr. B. F. Haynes, Dr. J. B. Chapman, Dr. H. Orton Wiley, Dr. D. Shelby Corlett, and Dr. Stephen S. White.

It was never my privilege to know Dr. Haynes, but I have been personally acquainted with Drs. Chapman, Wiley, Corlett, and White.

It is with a sense of wonder and personal inadequacy that I find myself in this succession. If ever a periodical has been hallowed across the years by the leadership of choice men of God, that periodical is the *Herald of Holiness*.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find some statements of personal and official tribute to Dr. White, who retired July 30 after twelve years in the *Herald* office. I would add a hearty "Amen" to everything there said, and would say only in addition that Dr. White is not only a man of great gifts and scholarship; he is also a rare and iridescent spirit. Whenever and wherever you meet him, he is always the same, buoyant and cheerful. If he ever has a low moment, he never lets it be known. He is indeed a worthy example of the sanctifying grace he has preached and written about so long and ably. The columns of the *Herald* will be open to him whenever he is inspired to write.

As for the four-year term for which your new editor was elected, I can only promise my very best effort to maintain the high standards of Christian journalism of the past. The pen of the new editor is committed to the old message, the heralding abroad of the truth of heart holiness.

As to methods, we shall "turn no square corners." New production techniques will later permit the use of color in the *Herald*, and the Nazarene Publishing House is sparing no effort to make the paper as appealing in format as it possibly can be. Favorite features will be continued and others added as need and interest may indicate.

The editor is especially pleased that Miss Vel-

ma I. Knight, for many years office editor of the *Herald*, will continue in that vital capacity. Miss Knight's service has been and is indispensable in handling the one thousand and one details connected with putting out a twenty-four-page paper every week of the year.

Mr. Meredith A. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, and his staff have given a most heart-warming welcome to the new editor. With their strong support and your earnest prayers I shall strive to fill the large place left by a noble succession.

The Separation of Church and State

All Nazarenes in the United States should ponder carefully the resolution passed by the Fifteenth General Assembly in its recent meeting at Kansas City:

"We, the Fifteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene, desiring to reaffirm our continuing concern that our great Protestant heritage be understood and safeguarded, remind our people that both our political and religious freedom rests upon Biblical concepts of the dignity of man as God's creation and the sanctity of his individual conscience. We encourage our people to participate in political activity in support of these historic concepts and to be ever vigilant against threats to our precious freedoms.

"We recognize that, in the United States, separation of Church and state is a tradition which has implemented these principles at the national, state, and local levels.

"Believing that our precious freedoms are constantly in danger, we urge election of men to public office at all levels of government who believe in these principles and who are answerable only to God and the constituency which elected them when carrying out a public trust. Further, we resist any invasion of these principles by religious groups seeking special favors.

"We believe that the role of the Church is to be prophetic and constantly to remind the people that 'righteousness exalteth a nation.'"

This is the Protestant position. Unfortunately, it is not the official position of the Roman Catholic church. When Senator John F. Kennedy in *Look* magazine for March 3, 1959, asserted that, whatever a man's religion might be in private life, nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution, the outcry of the Roman Catholic hierarchy was immediate. The national Roman Catholic weekly, *America* (March 7, 1959), flatly stated, "Mr. Kennedy doesn't really believe that . . . A man's conscience has a bearing on his public as well as his private life."

The *St. Louis Review* said that, when the Senator implied that his religion will not be permitted to interfere with his oath to the Constitution, "it is the Constitution that ought to be examined, not his religion."

The Commonwealth, another Roman Catholic paper, asserted that a Catholic president would have to acknowledge the teaching of the church as of prime importance. And in the August 15, 1958, issue of the *Tidings*, official organ of the Los Angeles Archdiocese, it is explained that there cannot be a conflict between the dictates of a Catholic's conscience and those of his church for the reason that his conscience is actually formed by the decrees of the church.

These are serious claims. The important thing for American voters to consider is not the religion of the politician but the political claims of his religion.

The Spirit That Makes Us Strong

They say the glory has departed.

But they don't know what they are talking about.

To this, anyone would agree who attended the climactic Saturday night service of the Missouri District Camp.

It all began when Dr. E. D. Simpson, district superintendent, started to take an offering of \$150. Someone suggested it ought to be \$200, and a teen-ager in the choir got up and offered her last dollar.

For three and a half hours the people shouted, sang, testified, and brought money and pledges to the platform. During this time the altar filled and emptied two or three times as hungry hearts came to seek and find victory. When it was all over, the \$150 offering turned out to be over \$2,600, most of it cash; and forty-six people had been converted or sanctified. Some of the older people said they had seen nothing like it in fifty years.

This is the spirit that has made us strong. We can't always live on the mountaintop, but the Lord have mercy on us if we don't get there once in a while.

"The Christian faith is not essentially man's search after God. It is God's search after wayward, sinful, rebellious man. And the supreme evidence and illustration of this is the lived-out revelation of God in our Lord Jesus Christ, and His sacrifice for our salvation on the Cross. So, as we seek God, we discover that He already has been seeking us. That is the *Gospel*."
—Selected.

Patience—a Neglected Virtue

By DAISY JENNEY CLAY

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I was surprised to find, when searching through my concordance, that there are more Bible passages listed on *patience* than on kindness. This surely, then, must be a very important trait for Christians to possess.

When you stop to think about it, isn't patience a rare virtue? Many persons whom we know to be honest, zealous, kind, truly sincere Christians, fall short on this score. The father, who has toiled and sacrificed all day to provide necessities and pleasures for his family may be greatly irritated with them if they are noisy or thoughtless. The tired mother, wearing herself out to care lovingly for her children, speaks or acts impatiently at a torn dress or mussed-up room. Even the minister, full of zeal for the Lord and his flock, is irritated sometimes by the shortcomings of some member.

Now it is only fair to admit that sometimes this is a matter of physical and mental exhaustion. Tired nerves cry out against the wish and will. Shall we say, "This excuses me"? Not when there is something we can do about it. If it is humanly possible, we should arrange our lives so as not to overstrain the wonderful bodies God has given us. Often when we think it is necessary to overburden ourselves, an honest look and a little prayer would show us that what we were straining for was not really essential.

If you have ever read *Stepping Heavenward*, by Elizabeth Prentiss, you remember a scene between Katy and her doctor-husband. Katy was a wonderful young mother whose only fault was an impatient, quick tongue. When she expressed remorse at a remark she had made, her husband said, "this is a sin only as far as you deliberately make it possible by piling more on your shoulders than you can reasonably carry." She felt a prick of conscience as her needle flew on the seventh hand-sewn tuck she was putting in the skirt of her baby's new dress. The baby would be no better off for all this extra adornment. Only a mother's pride would benefit. She felt the need of guidance and willingness in deciding what should be done and what omitted.

Sometimes we feel lack of patience with other people because we have high ideals and we can-

not see why others do not measure up to what we are sure is right—our neighbors, friends, fellow church members, perhaps the young people we may know. But have you ever thought how patient God is with this old world? How He has tried through the centuries to train the human race in right ways of living—through His chosen race, to whom He first revealed His law, through the prophets, and finally by His supreme gift of His own Son? And yet, in spite of all this, and after the long centuries, how far below standard we humans still are! Have you pondered on the dark picture of immorality, dishonesty, hatred, and murder that God must look upon each day and wondered why it is that He, in utter disgust, does not end His whole human project? Yet He does not. He must see the slight inches that the race has struggled upward, with many a backward slip, and has granted, again and again, another chance.

How patient He is with each of us! There is not one who has not many times disappointed Him. Perhaps reared in a Christian home, and thus been given a head start in the race of righteousness, we have often been careless, indifferent, self-concerned. So we can understand why He asks patience of us.

As Sunday school teachers or workers it takes this trait to labor on when we do not see results. When, in spite of our efforts, there seems lack of interest or response and there is evidence that those we are working for have ideals and habits different from those we have been teaching, then we need to remember that we are planting seeds which may take time to mature. Angelo Patri said, "Nothing you do for a boy is ever lost." In a broader view, nothing you do for others in the name of Christ is ever lost.

There are minority groups in our American social structure which need our patient understanding. Often we show forgetfulness or maybe ignorance of the cause of some characteristics which are not desirable—in some cases, centuries of ostracism or lack of opportunity. Let us have a helping hand and understanding heart.

There is another place in which we need this virtue. Do you remember the song with the phrase, "Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer"? Yes, we often need this. We are inclined, when we ask God for something, to look for the answer today, or at least tomorrow. But often we must wait.

The answer to our prayers for the conversion of

"Testimony bears a three-way witness: our past, proof; our present, exulting praise; our future, confidence. 'The eternal God is thy refuge.' 'Bragging on God' is good—and He expects it of us."
—Selected.

loved ones may be long delayed, because God cannot and does not force the will of any person. They must wish to come. He uses the whisper of His Spirit and the prod of circumstances to bring them to himself. He has long patience in this; so must we. "It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord" (Lamentations 3:26). The Lord works for those who wait upon Him and He is working for the salvation of those for whom we are praying.

But some may say, "Yes, I agree to all this. But I don't have this patience. How can I come by it?"

You remember how Paul lists for us the "fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-23) and here we find (along with love and faith), long-suffering, peace, and meekness. Don't these add up to patience? To me they do. And these are the fruits of His indwelling Spirit, promised to us by Jesus himself. If we open our hearts in faith and self-surrender, His Spirit enters and purifies our lives. Paul prays for the Colossians that they may be "strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience" (Colossians 1:11). His power can do all this for us!



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Our Home Missions Challenge

No one who was present at the Home Missions service of the General Assembly will soon forget what happened that night. The brief reports from each overseas home mission area and our Chinese and Negro work in the United States were one of the key features. They not only brought us a report of what the church is doing in these lands, but they echoed back a challenge for us to do more at home.

The climax of this feature was the recorded message from Rev. Jarrell W. Garsee, who had landed in our newest overseas field less than two months before. The message, with a background of a gospel song by our congregation in American Samoa, was clear and heart-warming. In the few weeks the Garsees had been on this new field twenty-two seekers had knelt for prayer in their services in a home.

The presence of the Lord swept across the great audience in the Municipal Auditorium as Song Evangelist DeVerne Mullen sang, and time was forgotten in shouts of rejoicing.

It was late when General Superintendent Samuel Young stepped to the pulpit for the final message, but in five brief moments the challenge of home missions was brought squarely before us. He spoke of his concern in recent years about the General Budget and the "10 per cent" program of giving for world evangelism, and said, "What I am afraid of is that we will make the General Budget and these thrilling stories tonight an escape proposition and find our satisfaction in what others are doing and make our service purely monetary and make our prayer remote, instead of asking God to help us to roll up our sleeves and believe God to move into

the next town and over across the city and start another church."

As we began a quadrennium of evangelism, Dr. Young brought out the implications for home missions: "While I know this evangelism first is first of all a spirit (and I agree with that 100 per cent), yet I tell you it's more than that. Unless we implement that spirit with methods and strategy and a forward invasion, we will start dying and start growing smaller."

We will long remember Dr. Young's opening illustration:

"As Professor Mullen sang that song tonight, 'Little Is Much if God

Is in It.' I thought of the story they tell about Charles Spurgeon, that great London preacher. A young preacher came to him and told him God had called him to preach. He asked Spurgeon what he ought to do and he added, 'Of course, I won't set the Thames on fire.' (You know that is a river over there.) Spurgeon answered him, 'No, you won't set the Thames on fire, but what I want to know is, if we throw you in, will you make it fizz?' What I want to know tonight is, Will this crowd be on fire enough when you get back home to start 200 new churches this next year?"

There is no need for a goal of 200 new churches a year this quadrennium unless there are 800 places where people need the message the Church of the Nazarene alone has the responsibility to bring. As individual Nazarenes, we must



Rev. J. J. Scheepers tells how the Lord directed him to the Church of the Nazarene. Although seriously injured in an auto accident last year, he was sufficiently recovered to fulfill his election as a General Assembly delegate from the South African District. He is pastor of our church at Lusaka, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

carry a home missionary burden that will see the need for new churches on our district and do something about planting them there. No one else is going to start these new churches for us. As Dr. Young said: "The truth is, we wouldn't do less than 1,000 if we would all obey God and put things to work."

First New Church

The first report of a new church this quadrennium was received from Dr. Oscar J. Finch. The South Gate Church in Colorado Springs was organized July

12 with forty-seven charter members. The congregation is worshipping in a school building until this church building is completed. Rev. David E. Bailey is pastor. We congratulate the Colorado District for this report of our first new church.

CORRECTION: Through our error we failed to include one church on the Indianapolis District in our report for the quadrennium in the July 27 issue. Our apologies. This made a total of 499 new churches for the 1956-60 quadrennium.

The Sunday School Lesson

ROBERT L. SAWYER



Topic for September 4:

God's Hand in History

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 10:5-34; 14:24-27
(Printed: Isaiah 10:5-7, 12-15; 14:24-27)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?* (Isaiah 14:27)

God is still active in the affairs of men and nations. As we read of the arrogant insults of godless dictators, the rising tide of nationalism, and the revolutions for independence, we cannot but look to the Word of God for promise and direction for our day.

The Hand of God: The history of the nation of Israel teaches us that only as we love God and keep His commandments can we hope to have His approbation and help.

There have been other Hitlers and Mussolinis and Stalins in previous centuries, and the dictators of our day may make them look mild in comparison. But there is a sense in which God has said and still says, "Thus far and no farther shalt thou go," to those who seek power and domination without the acknowledgment of the sovereignty of God.

God is the Creator and Preserver of the universe. He is still present, not only in the natural laws and moral laws, but is active in the affairs of men and nations as they will allow Him. Many godless men and nations have shaken their fists in the face of God. But men don't break the laws of God; the laws will break men. God will have the ultimate and final victory! "This is the purpose . . . this is the hand . . . who shall turn it back?" (14:26-27)

The Hope in God: The plans and purposes of God are ultimately successful. Hezekiah was able to stand still and see this fact fulfilled before his eyes.

As the Lord had punished the Northern Kingdom of Israel by captivity, the Syrians, Egyptians, and border nations, so would God take care of the Assyrians, who were used of God for the punishment of these other nations.

Jerusalem was to be freed from her oppressors because she, with her King Hezekiah, had put away their idols and were serving the Lord.

the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Wherein lies the "part" of *partial sanctification*? Is it in the work of grace itself, or is it that only a *part* of the person is sanctified? In the cleansing of a vessel, only a part may be cleansed; but that part is entirely cleansed. Is this the case in the spiritual realm?

Initial sanctification is probably a better term than partial, although we do use the latter phrase. It is justified by the fact that part of the sin problem is dealt with at conversion.

Dr. H. Orton Wiley says at this point, "Defilement attaches to sinful acts, and so also does guilt, which is the consciousness of sin as our own. There must be, therefore, this initial cleansing, concomitant with the other blessings of the first work of grace, if this guilt and acquired depravity are to be removed from the sinner. Since that which removes pollution and makes holy is properly called 'sanctification,' this first or initial cleansing is 'partial' sanctification. But the term is not an indefinite one, referring to the cleansing away of

more or less of the sinner's defilement. It is a definite term, and is limited strictly to that guilt and acquired depravity attaching to actual sins, for which the sinner is himself responsible" (*Christian Theology*, II, 480).

Incidentally, you would profit by reading Dr. Wiley's complete discussion in *Christian Theology*, II, 464-86. If Dr. Wiley has ever written anything with which I do not agree, I haven't read it yet. Not that I understand it all. But what I do understand is so good, I am convinced that the rest is just as good or better. In any case, Dr. Wiley's three-volume work on theology is a worthy investment for any lover of spiritual truth.—W. T. P.

Our pastor took into membership a man who smokes cigarettes and does not hide the fact. Have we changed our rules?

We have not changed our rules.

In fact, the passing years only strengthen the conviction that God led the founding fathers in drawing up some standards by which holy people may live in a changing world.

The use of tobacco is a case in point. The flood of scientific evidence of recent years concerning the relationship between smoking and lung cancer and heart and liver ailments makes it all but impossible for any intelligent Christian to continue to defile the temple of the Holy Ghost by this practice. If there was ever any doubt as to the effects of nicotine on the human body, such doubt is now completely dispelled for all who are not so wedded to darkness that they will not see the light.

However, it is probable that the man in question had assured your pastor that he had given up smoking before he was received into membership. Unfortunately, the tobacco habit is not always easy to get rid of. I have known many who have been delivered from all desire for tobacco when they were converted. But I have known some who struggled long, and had some falls, before they finally learned to walk without the weed.

This can put a pastor in a pretty tough spot. He is loyal to the church which gives him a place to preach. But he sees the erring member as a soul for whom Christ died. In such a time, both minister and layman need the sympathetic prayers of God's people.—W. T. P.

Certainly we cannot expect God to deliver us from all harm and danger. But we can know that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). God is willing to help those who put their trust in Him.

God has a plan for our nation, our church, for you and for me. We must find that blueprint and order our lives by it—for, like Esther, this is our day.

We have been called to preach and to live the whole counsel of God. With His Spirit we shall succeed! "For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" (Isaiah 14:27)

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Foreign Missions

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Prayer Request for Mr. Gay

Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Gay, on furlough from the Cape Verde Islands, have had to cancel their deputation work because of Mr. Gay's illness. They have returned to their home in Britain. Please pray for Mr. Gay, that his health will be fully restored and he will be able to continue his service for God on the foreign field.

Mark Your Calendar

Be sure to attend one of the Missionary Sending Centers that are coming in September—a great gathering of furloughed missionaries, new missionary appointees, and missionary-minded Nazarenes. Dr. George Coulter, executive secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, will be in charge of these two-day conventions, and one of our general superintendents will be present at each one.

Check the dates:

September 5-6—Indianapolis, Indiana

September 8-9—Charleston, W.Va.

September 12-13—Dallas, Texas

September 15-16—Phoenix, Arizona

Services three times daily: 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Plan to stay the entire two days.

NOTICE

Please do NOT send any more used clothing or bandages to New Guinea. The government is now enforcing new regulations which complicate the importation of these items. Some boxes were recently destroyed by the officials at the port of entry.—MAX CONDER, *New Guinea*.

Tavane Revival

Sunday night was the closing service of the revival here in the main station church. Much prayer and personal work preceded this meeting and God sent us

a real deluge from above. The two native evangelists were at their very best. I have never heard them preach with so much spiritual power before. The Lord seemed to have touched their tongues with a "live coal from off the altar" and given them each a fresh anointing for this meeting. The spiritual atmosphere throughout the whole week was wonderful—so easy to sing, pray, and seek the Lord.

The church was chuck-full in every service, with adults and young people occupying all benches and every bit of available floor space. The children had their revival at the same time in a school room close by.

On Sunday morning it was necessary to close the church doors when the church was packed to capacity, so that the noise and disturbance outside could be kept at a minimum during the preaching service. Many people sat on the outside of the church and listened to the message through the open windows. When the altar call was given, the altar was soon lined three-deep. A number who had been listening outside came in to seek the Lord. In service after service a great volume of prayer ascended to the throne as needy hearts sought the Lord.

Today we are rejoicing and praising the Lord for the wonderful victories won in this meeting. Among the many victories there were the two girls who have recently been freed from having to marry heathen men. They live at our mission station now. With arms lifted in praise to God, and tears of joy flowing down their radiant faces, they rejoiced and shouted their praises to the Mighty One who had delivered them.

The mission carpenter prayed through and made restitution to the missionary for the tools he had taken. Others came to our door to pay debts which sometimes were less than one and a half

cents but which had been forgotten by them until God spoke to their hearts.

Then there was the demon-possessed woman who one day started to pray at the altar, but the demonic pressure and inner soul conflict were so great that she left the altar shaking, twitching, and yelling, and ran out of the church. The Christians ran after her and brought her back to the altar. After several days of intense praying, she was gloriously delivered!

The last service ended in a spontaneous testimony and praise time. Everyone was bursting with a testimony. Shouts of praise mingled with the speaking. The pressure lanterns burned out, but no one wanted to leave. Waves of blessing and victory spread over the congregation until midnight.

God has given us a wonderful revival! To Him be all the honor, praise, and glory! Your prayers are definitely being answered.—THE ARMAND DOLLS, *Portuguese East Africa*.

"The resurrected Christ put meaning back into life, and also provided the means for sustaining the life of His followers. The Apostle Peter stands out as a monument to divine grace and mercy. His testimony is filled with the echoes of that first Easter morning. Because He lives, we also shall live!"—CLAYTON D. BAILEY.

It Is Not Mine to Question

By EDITH ROBERTS

*It is not mine to question
God's way of life for me.
It is but mine to follow
Each day more faithfully,
Though rough may be my pathway,
So rugged and so steep,
When trusting Him completely,
The Lord my soul will keep.*

*It is not mine to question
When days are dark and drear,
And I can find no reason
For shadows that appear;
Still far above each storm cloud,
I'll find a rainbow there;
And just above the rainbow
Is God with love to share.*

*It is not mine to question
My Lord from day to day,
But clasp His hand more tightly,
Then trust Him and obey.
Someday God's books will open,
With answers all made plain.
No more I'll need to question
When God has called my name.*

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Nazarene Young People's Society and

Nazarene Junior Society

PAUL SKILES, Secretary

District N.Y.P.S. Presidents, 1960-61

The following have recently been elected or re-elected to serve as district N.Y.P.S. presidents for the year 1960-61:

ABILENE—Rev. W. M. Dorough
1404 Lancaster
Big Spring, Texas

CANADA WEST—Rev. Ron Borden
610 Broadway Avenue
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FLORIDA—Tom Ream
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Lake City, Florida

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912 W. College Street
Oakland City, Indiana

WEST VIRGINIA—Rev. Jack Archer
Lincoln Avenue at Main Street
Elkins, West Virginia

Servicemen's Corner



New Church—Japan

"The Far East Church of the Nazarene was organized in Tokyo on May 30, 1960. Dr. William Eckel, district superintendent of the Japanese District, was in charge. There were twelve charter members—all service personnel. Attendance is averaging near forty, with Sunday school, morning worship, Sunday evening service, and Thursday night prayer meeting.

"The address is: Tama-Shin-Ko-En, # 280 Kunitachi, Kunitachi-Machi, Kitatama-Gun, Tokyo, Japan (about five minutes from Tachikawa Air Force Base).

"Some Japanese attend the services now, and soon Sunday afternoon services will be started for the Japanese. Eventually this will become a Japanese church, and is now under the direction of the Japanese District.

"All service personnel in the area are urged to attend the services."

—T/SGT. GERALD A. BOHALL

From the Navy

"I have received the Nazarene literature for most of my naval service and the *Herald* has been a blessing. I read all of them, and pass them along to my shipmates. . . . Remember me in your prayers. Thanks for everything."

—WILLIAM F. BOWDEN, HMC

Discharged

"I want to express my deepest thanks for the 'good news' you have kept sending me. It has

helped greatly to sustain, encourage, and inform me."

—NORMAN M. MALINICH

Appreciation

"I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for the wonderful literature you have sent me. It has been a source of inspiration and a thrill to see what our church is doing.

"May God bless and continue to use you, who make it possible for the gospel to be heard and read throughout our movement! We servicemen really appreciate all you have done for us."

—VICTOR M. BUFFEY, USN

Thank You

"We have appreciated receiving the letters and periodicals more than we can say. It has made us feel so much closer to our church and the Nazarene people. We have enjoyed attending the Nazarene services in Frankfurt with Rev. Jerry Johnson. We are leaving the army with the knowledge that Jesus goes with us wherever we go."

—CLAYTON AND DOROTHY SMITH

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

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Southwestern Ohio District Assembly

The anointing of God was upon the historic first assembly of the newly organized Southwestern Ohio District, in session at the Nazarene Center, St. Marys, Ohio, July 14 and 15.

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, guided the assembly in his characteristic orderly fashion, and ignited the holy flames of Pentecostal passion in the hearts of the entire delegation and visitors with his plea for "Evangelism First" during the approaching days.

Rev. M. E. Clay, appointed superintendent of the new district on last April 1, presented the annual report of the district, giving praise and credit for the accomplishments of the year to the retired and beloved former superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea.

In appreciation for Rev. M. E. Clay, and the appointment made by the Board of General Superintendents, the assembly extended to the new district superintendent an almost unanimous vote for his continued tenure and a generous cash love offering.

Far-reaching goals have been accepted by the new district and a contagious spirit of unity and zeal prevail among the members.

The reports from the 75 churches and 3 missions indicate a total membership of 7,175; a total district giving for general interests of \$90,121, and a grand total for all giving of \$1,014,773. The Sunday school enrollment is 17,690 with an average weekly attendance of 9,011.

Dr. Powers had charge of the ordination service with Max M. Snider receiving elder's orders.

Following the district assembly, the district N.F.M.S. convention was conducted with Miss Ruth Matchett, missionary on furlough from South Africa, as the speaker. Mrs. Clay was elected as the district missionary president.—WESLEY K. POOLE, *Reporter*.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—Faith Church recently closed a successful eight-day revival. It was sponsored by the Sunday school superintendent and teachers, with the full co-operation of the pastor, under the direction of Evangelist Ellis Blythe. He held two services each Sunday morning, using Johnny Gospel (Charlie McCarthy of the Bible) in the Sunday school hour, closing with good altar services. Each teacher worked with his class, the attendance was good each night, and the altar was filled with seekers. A nice group of "new" Nazarenes was added to the church membership. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Blythe with us. This five-year-old church has stayed well above last year's Sunday school average of 141 even during the summer.—JESSE OAKLEY, *Pastor*.

Hampton, Virginia—Our church has enjoyed a good year. We began the church year with 28 members, and closed with 47, with 12 of the new ones coming in by profession of faith. This small group and our friends contributed over \$10,500 for all purposes during the year. We have averaged 72 in Sunday school for the year, climaxing at the close of a successful vacation Bible school (average attendance of 50), with 104 attending the demonstration program in Sunday school on the closing Sunday. Last April we purchased a two-acre tract in a growing section of the city, near to several military installations. We renovated a small house on the property and are using it as a parsonage until we are able to build our church. We have plans to clear the remaining debt by next spring and be ready to build our church. We have appreciated the ministry of our pastor, Rev. Robert E. Grosse, and the services are well attended. During the year we had a youth revival and a ten-day revival, which were well attended and helpful to the church.—MRS. LOUISE B. CORBETT, *Reporter*.

Fort Clark, North Dakota—Since my coming here as pastor on August 1, 1957, God has blessed the labors of church and pastor. The roof has been replaced, the heating plant put in working condition, the church auditorium remodeled and redecorated, Sunday school equipment installed, and a small but comfortable modern parsonage moved in on a full basement. The Sunday school has a remarkable attendance record; the church has received a number of members on confession of faith, most of them saved at our altars; and the church is in good spiritual and financial condition. We enjoyed Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Perkins and family, missionaries from Africa, being with us for a number of services. They are outstanding and we greatly appreciated having them. We thank God for His blessings.—VERNON H. WILLARD, *Pastor*.

N.Y.P.S. Institute British Isles North District

Representing almost twenty churches of the British Isles North District, sixty N.Y.P.S. members enjoyed institute week (July 23 to 30) at Gaen House, Alloa, one of Scotland's loveliest mansion homes, a perfect venue for holiday fellowship in study, devotion, recreation, and excursions amid beautiful mountain scenery.

The lectures and evening messages of Rev. T. Crichton Mitchell enthralled and blessed this wonderful group of Nazarenes, leading to profitable practical discussion and memorable prayer seasons and personal consecration. Each day brought varied musical specials,

vocal and instrumental, revealing the wealth of talent in young lives and churches.

The privilege of using the nearby recreation area—kindly and gratuitously loaned by Paton & Baldwins, a noted Scottish wool firm—gave admirable facilities for recreation. Under the guidance of Rev. B. Farmer, district president, the N.Y.P.S. committee's wise and efficient planning allowed time and place for the impromptu "extras"—spiritual and sidesplitting—that distinguish every institute from its predecessor. A happy and lively party alighted in the heart of Glasgow after a week that had passed all too quickly amid lochs and banks and braes.—A. J. LOWN, *Reporter and Dean*.

Canada Atlantic District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The seventeenth annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Canada Atlantic District was held on July 9 in Moncton, N.B., with the district president, Rev. Verbal Williams, presiding.

The challenging message by Dr. Willard Taylor, president of Canadian Nazarene College, and the excellent music of the C.N.C. "Master's Men" Quartet contributed greatly to the success of the convention.

Following the report of our retiring district president, Rev. Verbal Williams, a love offering was presented to him, evidencing appreciation for his efficient and faithful leadership during the past three years. Rev. and Mrs. Williams and daughter, Peggy, are beginning our new Nazarene work in St. John's, Newfoundland, in August (1960). The newly elected district president is Rev. Owen Underwood of Dartmouth, N.S.

Reports from the local presidents and the district officers revealed a good year: \$325.00 given for home missions, \$91.00 for the Bible Society, and \$327.00 for youth camp. Membership stands at 249. The district Quiz Cup was won by the Oxford, N.S., society; and the district reading contest winners were Mrs. Clinton Davison and Mrs. Marie Williams, Oxford, N.S.

Rev. Walter Wilcox reported that several young people had received definite experiences of salvation at a successful youth camp held at Lower Buctouche, N.B. Brother Wilcox has been re-appointed as director for the youth camp. His leadership in this important phase of our young people's work is deeply appreciated.

The closing service of the convention was highlighted by a wonderful altar service. The Canada Atlantic young people are realizing to a greater degree than ever before that we are not our own, but HIS.—MARY A. SHARPE, *Reporter*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

McComb, Mississippi—First Church recently closed one of the greatest revivals in many years—78 seekers at the altar, and 26 uniting with the church. The special workers were Evangelist J. D. Carleton (brother of the pastor) and wife, and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith. We appreciated the fearless, God-anointed preaching of Evangelist Carleton, and Mrs. Carleton did a splendid job with our children, night after night. The Merediths are the best as musicians, singers, and compassionate workers; they get under the load and pray for seekers. First Church has made some wonderful progress during our more than eleven years here; more than two-thirds of the present membership have been received since we came. We have a wonderful people—they cooperate, have vision, and love God. This is evidenced by the fact that we now have property valued at \$140,000 with a debt of only \$12,000. We have a membership of 263, with a Sunday school attendance of 200. With the aid of the district and District Superintendent Stucki we have sponsored and helped to build five other churches. We love the Lord, the Church of the Nazarene, and a lost world. We have a one-hour "live" broadcast each Sunday night from our church, a daily counseling program over another station, and a devotional program three days a week—all provided by our friends. If you have friends here, write us and we'll be glad to contact them.—C. B. CARLETON, *Pastor*.

Anderson, Indiana—The East 38th Street Church recently had the greatest revival of its history. Rev. Charles A. Fisher of Florida was the evangelist; he is a man of God, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost. There were more than sixty seekers, with few barren altars. Drunkards came from the taverns, back-slidden church members were reclaimed, people came from other churches and received a mighty spiritual anointing, and children and young people were filled with the Spirit. At the close of the three-week revival the pastor baptised thirty-six and received sixteen into church membership, fourteen of them by profession of faith. Our Sunday school attendance has risen each week during the summer, finances have increased wonderfully, and the spiritual life of the entire church has been gloriously revitalized. Since the close of the meeting, the high tide has continued, proving it was of God. We have had cottage prayer meetings on Tuesday night, evangelistic prayer meeting on Wednesday night, and personal visitation on Thursday night, along with street meetings—and folk are still getting saved and sanctified. We give thanks to God for the work of faith and power through the ministry of Evangelist Charles A. Fisher, and for the wonderful co-operation of our people.—RICHARD D. MOCK, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Joel Danner reports: "Wife and I closed a meeting in July with our church in Magnolia, Mississippi. It was good to work with this fine group again after about six years, and the closing Sunday morning God met with

Under the leadership of District Superintendent B. V. Seals, the Washington Pacific District conducted a memorial service on Friday, July 22, at Central Church in Vancouver, Washington, for Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wordsworth, formerly pastors at Ridgefield, Washington, and for Rev. and Mrs. Gary H. Thompson, formerly pastors at Woodland, Washington. The two couples were flying to Kansas City on Wednesday, June 15, to attend the sessions of the general conventions and the General Assembly. Their pilot and owner of the plane in which they were flying was Jack Ferguson, businessman of Longview, Washington, and recent convert to Christ, who also had planned to attend the General Assembly sessions. The intervening five weeks of intensive searching had failed to produce any evidence of the lost persons or plane. It is assumed that they crashed somewhere in the rugged terrain of northwest Wyoming.

In spite of the tragic loss to the families and to the church in the death of these two devoted couples, the memorial service throughout expressed a beautiful note of victory over death. Dr. Seals, who had come to the memorial service from many days of personal and intensive search, brought great comfort and lift to the hearts of all the bereaved as he spoke from Romans 8:28 and 32. Telegrams were read by ministerial advisory board members, Roy Yeider and Virgil Grover. They included messages of sympathy from Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, for the general church; and from Dr. John E. Riley, president, for Northwest Nazarene College.

Rev. Ed. Kincaid, pastor at Kelso, Washington, who had led *Jack Ferguson* to Christ, gave a vivid description of Jack's victory over sin and his set purpose to follow Christ. He spoke of the high regard expressed by many Longview businessmen for Jack's changed life.

Rev. Gary H. Thompson had been converted at the Portland First Church and attended Cascade College in Portland. In his first pastorate at Woodland he built a lovely church building. His wife, formerly *Joyce Edwards*, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Edwards, of Amboy, Washington, was very highly respected for her devotion to Christ both at school and at church and, with her husband, she carried a spiritual passion for their people at Woodland. Since her death her brother, Larry Edwards, has settled a call to the ministry and will attend Northwest Nazarene College this fall. Rev. Bob Denham, pastor at Amboy, formerly the pastor of *Joyce* and closely affiliated with the Thompsons in their Woodland min-

istry, gave a glowing report of their deep devotion to Christ and the church. *Paul and Marjorie Wordsworth* were both ordained ministers. Majorie was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herron of Grandview, Washington, and was a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College. She was the district treasurer of the N.F.M.S., and was an elected delegate to the General N.F.M.S. Convention. Mrs. E. E. Baker, district N.F.M.S. president, spoke of Marjorie's spiritual life and of her utterly dedicated spirit to the Lord, to the church, and to her assigned work. Rev. Paul Wordsworth was the son of the much loved pioneers, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Wordsworth, of Seattle, Washington. Paul's two brothers: John, of Seattle, advisory board member and the treasurer of the Washington Pacific District; and Earl, of Spokane, were both lay delegates to the General Assembly. Paul was a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College; he was a delegate to the General Sunday School Convention.

Rev. Morris Chalfant, pastor of Central Church, Seattle, read the obituaries of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wordsworth, and also read a very beautiful and challenging tribute to the Wordsworths written by Mrs. Margaret Pearson, an active member and worker of the Ridgefield church. The Wordsworths leave four children: Linda, Mark, David, and Beth.

Dr. W. D. McGraw, superintendent of the Oregon Pacific District, read the scriptures. Dr. E. E. Zachary, superintendent of the Northwest District, led the large congregation in prayer. With Rev. Vernon Wilcox at the organ, the singers included Mrs. Vernon Wilcox, Mr. George Brediker, minister of music at the Seattle Central Church, and Mr. Charles Johnson of Vancouver Hillcrest Church.

Honorary pallbearers for the two families included the following ministers: for the Paul Wordsworths—W. R. Wise, E. E. Baker, P. J. Bartram, Darrell Teare, E. L. Bohannon, Ramon Vandervoort; for the Gary Thompsons—Fred Fowler, Rudolph Quiram, Marvin Dirkse, Arthur Mottram, Howard Stephens, Robert Sheppard.

The service was concluded with the singing of "The Eastern Gate" by a great choir of ministers present, and with the benediction by Rev. Melton Thomas, pastor of the Valley Church in Spokane, Washington.

God has taken to himself four of the choicest, most devoted, sacrificial, whole-hearted Christians and workers it has ever been our privilege to know and to fellowship. And while we cannot fathom it all, "we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).—P. J. BARTRAM, *Reporter*.

us, c/o our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke writes that he has an open date, October 16 to 26, which he'd like to slate somewhere between Ohio and Illinois, as he will be in that vicinity at the time. Write him, 508 Sixteenth Ave., S., Nampa, Idaho.

Rev. William F. Fightmaster reports: "After thirteen years serving in the pastorate, I am entering the field of evangelism. I am making up my slate and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. I am a commissioned evangelist of the Southwestern Ohio District. Write me, 2663 Blackhawk Road, Dayton 20, Ohio."

Rev. Herman S. Fales writes: "After serving as pastor of our church in Arnold, Nebraska, I am now entering the evangelistic field, and will be glad to go wherever the Lord may lead for free-will offerings. I am a commissioned evangelist of the Nebraska District. Write me, 3707 DeLuil Avenue, Tampa, Florida, c/o J. P. Fales."

Evangelist Paul R. Smith writes: "This is my first report since the home-going of my wonderful wife, one year ago on September 9. My call is to the field of evangelism, and I have no plans but to continue in this work until God directs otherwise. This has been a good year in spite of the loss of my companion; heaven is now richer for me. My first meeting was at Baltimore East Church, Maryland, with Pastor Boats, where God gave us twenty-five souls; at Bellaire, Ohio, with Pastor Richie, more than twenty sought God at the altar; at Moundsville, West Virginia, with Rev. Mr. Woolems, again we had more than twenty seekers at the altar. Other meetings were at Bethel Church, Cumberland, Maryland, with forty-nine seekers; two wonderful meetings for my brother-in-law, at Meads Chapel and at Headsville, West Virginia, in the Methodist church, with seventeen seekers; to New Cumberland, West Virginia, with twelve seekers; at Westminster, Maryland, a fine three-week meeting with more than seventy seekers; and at Broad Top City, Pennsylvania, with twenty seekers. Following this we were at Bloomington, Illinois; Sarcxie, Missouri; Augusta, Kansas; at Cedar Springs, Oklahoma; and at this writing I am at the Mapleshade Church in Alma, Arkansas. In each of these meetings God blessed and gave seekers. We appreciate the good pastors with whom we have worked. I have a good slate for the fall and on into the spring of '61. Again I thank all my good friends who have prayed for me while my wife was in the hospital and the days since then. I ask a continued interest in your prayers as I work for His kingdom."

Lakeland, Florida—The Crystal Lake Church recently closed one of the best revival efforts in its history, with Rev. Vernon Hurles of Trevecca Nazarene College as God's anointed speaker. The revival was of a spontaneous nature, with little public advertising, yet backsliders were reclaimed and new people sought God for salvation at the altar of prayer. One of the outstanding events of the meeting was the healing of Sister Hurles's mother, who had had a bad fall and had been in the hospital for two weeks. She was able to attend the services on the closing Sunday of the meeting. We give God praise for all His wonderful blessings.—JAMES O. DEAL, Pastor.

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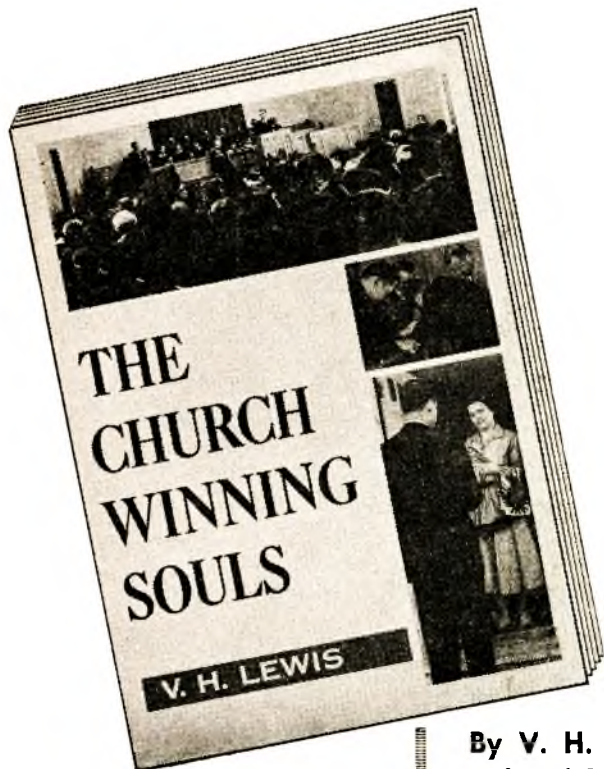
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Pittsburgh District Assembly

The fifty-third annual assembly of the Pittsburgh District was held July 20 and 21 at the Alameda Park campground, Butler. Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, presided with grace and efficiency, bringing messages of help and inspiration.

Rev. R. B. Acheson, giving his third report as district superintendent, announced an increase in giving for all purposes to \$685,000.

The N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Mayne Minich, Jr., reported an increase of one hundred in attendance during the year. Rev. Russell R. Merriman, re-elected as district Church Schools chairman, announced a similar gain in average Sunday school attendance.

Mrs. George R. Sarber, district N.F.M.S. president, reported 246 additional members in the missionary society, and district-wide giving of \$80,500.

About one-third of the churches on the district reported "10 per cent" giving, with ten on the Evangelistic Honor Roll.

In the closing service a class of candidates was ordained to the ministry: Dale Bissell, Earl Huston, Jr., Mrs. John Kuhn, Paul Knight, Joseph Kanzlemer, George Lashley, and Ralph Hysong. Mrs. Helen Sipe Fisher was given consecrated deaconess' orders.

The district camp meeting was held at Alameda Park immediately following the assembly, with special speakers, Rev. Maynard James of England, and Evangelist Paul Stewart. Miss Helen Greenlee capably directed the musical program, using young people in choir, ensemble, and solo work. The pianist was Mrs. Merlyn Klink; and the organist, Mrs. Lyle Flinger.

Christian Service Training courses were taught mornings by Rev. Berge Najarian, outgoing missionary to Lebanon; Rev. Asa Sparks, of Waynesburg; and Rev. Charles Collier, of Pittsburgh. The children's workers were Rev. and Mrs. David J. Aldridge. Central Pennsylvania Gospel Band played during the final week end of service.—Mrs. J. SCOTT NEWELL, Reporter.

New England Camp Meeting

"Outstanding" aptly characterizes the 1960 camp meeting of the New England District held at North Reading, Massachusetts, July 1 to 10—preaching, singing, spirit, and attendance!

The authoritative, thought-provoking ministry of Dr. T. W. Willingham; the Bible exposition, devotional and evangelistical, of Dr. Maynard James; the Spirit-anointed, gifted tenor singing of Brother Curtis Brown; the overflow crowds necessitating enlargement of the tabernacle; the scores of convicted seekers and happy finders—all testified that God was with us!

Other high lights included one of the best-attended vacation Bible schools prepared and directed by Rev. and Mrs. Byron Maybury, pre-breakfast intercessory prayer meetings, a large youth choir led by Rev. John Nielson, and a former Eastern Nazarene College male quartet of singers and trombonists who helped on Sunday night.

If camp meeting is a barometer, New England is to enjoy one of the best years spiritually.—AL STIEFEL, Reporter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. Daniel E. Woodward, pastor of Westside Church, Portsmouth, Ohio, is resigning to enter the evangelistic field. He has done a good work in our church and also in the Wesleyan Methodist church, from which he came. I commend him to the consideration of church boards and pastors for the work of evangelism. Write him, 1523 Chillicothe St., Portsmouth, Ohio. Harvey S. Galloway, Superintendent of Central Ohio District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Carol Mathis of Kansas City, and Mr. Roger Kibby of Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri, were united in marriage on July 23 at the home of Rev. Paul McGrady, pastor of St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri, with Rev. McGrady officiating.

Miss Cynthia Rosser and Robert Dykhouse of Ionia, Michigan, were united in marriage on July 2 at Ionia with Rev. Dwight Keller and Rev. A. M. Wells officiating.

BORN—to Professor Charles R. and Doris (Biggs) Gailley of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts, a daughter, Carol Lynne, on July 29.

—to Harold and Ruth Quarles of Pasadena, California, twin boys, Donald Lee and Ronald Lee, on July 21.

—to Mr. and Mrs. James Knox of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Rhonda Lee, on July 6.

—to Rev. Dallas D. and Sandra (Hamlin) Mucci of Tinley Park, Illinois, a son, Dallas James, on May 22.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene brother in Texas "that God will sustain and give me victory in a very severe time of testing I've been having for some weeks in body and soul"; by a Christian brother in Ohio that "my father be saved, our son be sanctified, and that Wife and I may receive a healing touch"; by a Christian friend in Illinois for the "salvation of a loved one, that he may give up worldly places," also for an unspoken request, and that God may help to bring relief from heavy financial pressure.

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SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA—Assembly, September 14 and 15, at Church of the Nazarene, 302 South 9th St., Durant, Oklahoma. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly c/o the entertaining pastor, Rev. Harold C. Harcourt, 302 South 9th St., Durant, Oklahoma. (N.Y.P.S. convention, September 12; N.F.M.S. convention, September 13.) Dr. V. H. Lewis presiding.