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CHRIST --OUR EXAMPLE IN PRAYER

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A Prayer for Christian Nationals

Nurses in prayer at the Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa, prayer chapel.

 $T^{\text{HE FOLLOWING}}$ intercessory prayer was uttered in behalf of converts in Ephesus, a pagan city in Asia, where more than two years was spent to establish a mission.

I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(Eph. 3:14-21)

Note the prayer is five petitions: first, that ye may "be strengthened"; second, "that Christ may dwell in your hearts"; third, "that ye . . . may be able to comprehend"; fourth, that ye "know the love of Christ": fifth, "that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

The blessings the missionary was especially anxious that the nationals enjoy were: (1) divine strength, (2) divine indwelling, (3) divine understanding, (4) divine love, (5) divine perfection.

The prayer is concluded with praise. God alone is able to perform such miracles in pagan hearts; therefore, what He has done is worthy of praise.



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The Seventh Weapon

M^{EN} ARE in a mad race to discover some powerful secret weapon. Three nations have thus far produced atomic power. Hydrogen, many times more powerful than atomic energy, is in the experimental stage. What new weapon will be discovered next is left to the imagination.

Without doubt our greatest foes are unseen spiritual enemies. Ours is not a conflict with mere flesh and blood but with the forces that control this dark world. We must discover the secret of spiritual might.

The Apostle Paul wrote often to encourage and strengthen Christian soldiers. Many people had turned from idols. Success had accompanied his efforts. Shrine-makers for Diana would have had no cause for fear if it had not been for the multitude of pagans Paul was persuading to abandon the old religion.

His words were written to sound the military trumpet as it were and stimulate his readers to action. Paganism and idolatry must not hold people in relentless bondage. Godlessness and demonism must be overcome, darkness and ignorance dispelled. Strengthen yourself in the Lord. "Put on the whole armour of God."

Diana, the goddess of the moon, was the chief object of worship. The temple erected to her honor was one of the seven wonders of the world. Two hundred and twenty years was required to build it. The roof was supported by one hundred and twenty-six columns, each sixty feet high, the gifts of as many kings. The image of Diana was said to have fallen from heaven. It was said, "... whom all Asia and the world worshippeth" (Acts 19:27).

To face such false splendor and magnificence, idolatry and deception, opposition and violence with the gospel message called for courage and faith. This mighty apostle wrote: ". . . these are evil times." "Put on the complete armour . . ." (Eph. 6: 11a, Weymouth). The first six weapons mentioned in the sixth chapter of Ephesians are as follows: the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit.

The seventh weapon is indispensable. It is the golden buckle which holds all the other armor in place. "Pray with unceasing prayer" (Weymouth). "Entreaty at all times in the Spirit." "Praying always with all prayer and supplication."

Behind the missionary-apostle there was power. "He was the channel of a communication, and not the source of it." He was the channel for something that was not in him, but was delivered through him. His source was not in himself, but in God. He cherished the seventh weapon highly. It was a channel of power.

"On the day of Pentecost there was only one sermon, whilst there were ten days of prayer. We twentieth-century Christians invert the apostolic order."—HELENA GARRATT.

"What may we not gain for ourselves and for the world if we allow God's Spirit, as a Spirit of grace and supplication, to master our whole being?"—ANDREW MURRAY.

"I could write it twenty times over that strong faith and continual prayer are productive of every result."—W. BROMWELL.

These quotations indicate that prayer is a mighty force. The first six weapons are essential, to be sure, but the seventh must not be neglected. Christian stalwarts of all ages have witnessed to its power. Sweeping statements have been made regarding its effectiveness. If we would excel in spiritual might, the seventh weapon must be added and used daily. The "whole armour of God" is complete and powerful only in the constant exercise of the seventh weapon.



O^N **OCTOBER** 15 the members of the Board of Directors of the home for retired missionaries met at Temple City, California, for their annual business session.

Since 1948 it has been my privilege to attend and every visit has been a tremendous blessing. Our veteran missionaries are truly grateful for the comfortable cottages and splendid facilities of this "home" and are deserving of a place where their retirement from active service can be enriched by mutual fellowship. It is an inspiration to see them together.

The progress which has been realized each year is also encouraging. The last is by no means the least. A beautiful property with two houses has been added to the previous site. Two new cottages are included in this year's building program on the original grounds. They are now in the process of construction.

Superintendent and Mrs. V. P. Drake have served the institution since its beginning. They are to be commended for this high service to our retired missionary workers. Fitting words of appreciation were expressed and a bonus of \$250.00 was presented on behalf of the General Board and the Board of Directors.

Having received a statement of their desire to retire from the superintendency of the home, the Board of Directors in June requested Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Sanner to serve and the General Board approved the recommendation. Dr. Sanner's association with this work dates from the very day the action was taken to purchase a suitable location and operate a home for retired missionaries. He has served as the only chairman of the Board of Directors. Having had such close contact with the work, he will care for the interests of this institution and of those who occupy its cottages in an efficient and understanding manner. Officers elected are as follows:

Rev. J. G. Taylorson, Chairman

Dr. H. Orton Wiley, Secretary

Mrs. Leonard Stewart, Treasurer.

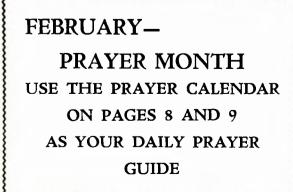
Mrs. Bertha Schwab will serve with the chairman and secretary on the Executive Committee, which is scheduled to meet monthly. The remaining three members gather each October for the annual meeting. They are Mrs. Florence Davis, Rev. R. C. Gunstream, and Rev. M. L. Mann. The interest shown and service given by these directors of the "home" is appreciated by the entire church.

The following retired missionaries have established permanent residence at Casa Robles:

Katharine Flagler (China) Mr. and Mrs. Roger Winans (Peru) Ora Loveless West (Africa) Dora Carpenter (Africa) Eva Rixse (Africa) Bessie Seay (India and Africa) Harvey and Eugenia Coats (Guatemala) Mary Pannell (China) Myrl Thompson (China) Frank Ferguson (Latin America) Mrs. Carlos H. Miller (Argentina and Mexico)

The institution is operated by a monthly allocation from the General Budget which is determined by the General Board each year. The cottages are built with funds either from the General Budget, Alabaster funds, or special gifts. Members of the Board of Directors are elected by the General Board.

May God bless the residents, the directors, and Dr. and Mrs. Sanner in their immediate responsibilities, and the entire church in its spiritual and material support of this worthy project.



Correction

On page five of the January issue of the OTHER SHEEP, Miss Miriam Evans was named as editor of the International Holiness Mission publication entitled Africa Calling. Miss Evans is a very splendid missionary in charge of the educational work at Cottondale, Transvaal, South Africa.

The editor of the above-named missionary paper is Rev. H. K. Bedwell, head of the Bible training work.

Port-of-Spain, a World Center

By C. Warren Jones, D.D.

WE HAVE a number of world centers. For example, the Panama Canal is such a center. The ships of the world pass through the canal. Then, most of the planes from North America cross the canal on their way to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile. Jerusalem is a great center, often referred to as being located at the crossroads of the world, between Africa and Asia and Europe. Port-of-Spain, a city of 150,000 people, is the capital of Trinidad, the hub of the Caribbean area. It is midway between the United States and the great cities of Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires on the east coast of South America.

Trinidad was named by Columbus in 1498, long before the Pilgrim fathers landed on New England shores. Far out at sea he saw three mountain peaks (Trinity). The Spaniards first settled the island, but in 1797 it fell into the hands of Great Britain, who has kept it ever since. The capital city is 1,800 miles from Miami and 2,000 miles from New York City.

At the present time our missionaries are Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Miller, who spent nineteen years in Africa with another organization. Some six years ago they returned to the States and both of them taught for two years at Bethany-Peniel College. Three years ago they were appointed by the General Board as missionaries to Trinidad, where nearly a million people live. God has blessed their labors and there is much to show for their sacrificing toil. We have organized churches at Port-of-Spain (St. James Church), Tunapuna, Couva, and Arima. In addition to these we have ten other places where we have Sunday schools and the preaching of the gospel. In all of these places we will eventually have churches. St. James Church is already crowded out. Our Sunday school averages 165.

Our greatest problem here is lack of national workers. Our hope is in our Bible training school. At present there are seventeen students and they are using every student on Sundays and giving all of them a permanent place as soon as they finish and are prepared. A three-year course is given in two calendar years. Each school year is for seven months without a vacation. They pay no attention to holidays and run for seven full months. For example, the first year is from January to July inclusive. August is a vacation month. The second year begins September 1 and closes with the month of March. April is a vacation month. The third year begins with May 1 and runs through November. On January 1, they begin another school year. It is an unusual plan. It might not work in your country, but it works in Trinidad. As soon as the school can turn out a sufficient number of pastors and evangelists, we will be able to reach more people with the gospel and organize more churches.

We have an adequate piece of property for the school and district headquarters in the Santa Cruz valley, seven miles from the center of Portof-Spain. The property consists of twenty-six and one-half acres on which is a good main building, two small dormitories, and a cottage for a married couple. Since purchasing the property, Rev. Miller has constructed a comfortable home for the family. They have one spring of water on the property and an exclusive water right to a large spring on the mountainside. They run this water to a 6,000-gallon tank that is full all the time, giving an ample supply of running water to all the buildings. They have their own electric plant. On the property are oranges, grapefruit, pineapples, bananas, cocoa, coffee, nutmeg, and mace. In the years to come their fruit supply will naturally increase and this will help greatly in the food supply for the school.

There are four children in the Miller family. The two older girls, Mary Moffatt and Ruth, are graduates of Bethany-Peniel College.

Another couple, Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Harmon, have now gone to the field. This will greatly strengthen our work and make it possible to lengthen our cords and carry out a program of evangelism on the island.

Asked as to how much time he spent in prayer, George Muller replied: "Hours every day. But I live in the spirit of prayer. I pray as I walk, and when I lie down, and when I rise. And the answers are always coming. Tens of thousands of times have my prayers been answered. When once I am persuaded a thing is right, I go on praving for it until it comes. I have been praying every day for 52 years for two sons of a friend of my youth. They are not converted yet but they will be! How can it be otherwise? There is the unchanging promise of Jehovah, and on that I rest. The great fault of the children of God is that they do not continue in prayer; they do not go on praying; they do not persevere. If they desire anything for God's glory, they should pray until they get it."-From the Missionary Worker's Herald.



Amazing Power of Prayer

In the third chapter of Ephesians, the Apostle Paul prays one of the most sublime prayers that ever came from the lips of a redeemed sinner. He bows his knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and prays for such exalted blessings that one is amazed at some of the things he prays for. Then he closes his prayer with these tremendous words: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Now meditate for a few moments on the amazing power of prayer as revealed in this scripture. First, Paul says that God has lost none of His power to answer prayer. His arm is not shortened one bit. He is still today the mighty, wonder-working God that He has been in all ages. Truly He can still "do" things. But notice the next expression. He can do "all we ask."

There is absolutely not a single wonder or marvel that we can utter with our human lips that God cannot do for us when we pray. He can do "all" that we ask Him to do. But He can do even more than that. He can do all we "think." Beloved, this is truly wonderful. When a child of God goes on his knees before his Father in heaven, there is not one thing his mind can imagine or "think" that God cannot do for him.

But the power of prayer goes even higher than that. God can do "above" all that we ask or think. That does not only mean that God can do "more" than we ask or think. The word is "above," and means that the things God will do for us are things from "above." They are heavenly things. That is why they are "more" than we can ask or think.

But the power of prayer soars even higher yet. God is able to do "abundantly" more than we can imagine. But the next word is an hyperbole, and is used because there are no more words in man's language to express the power of God in answer to prayer. He can do "exceeding" abundantly above all we ask or think. Right here we reach above the sublime and awful heights of infinitude. That word "exceeding" is beyond the farthest stretch of the human imagination. The power of God is simply unlimited when the Christian prays (Eph. 3:20).—From the Wesleyan Missionary.

Shall We Retreat?

As your Nazarene missionaries, we have been refused resident entrance into Guatemala by the Guatemalan government. All Protestant groups in Guatemala are having similar difficulties. Permits for resident missionaries for most Latin American countries are becoming increasingly difficult to obtain. What shall our attitude be in the face of this definite opposition? Shall we retreat or shall we just wait and see what happens? The true Church never retreats and the time is "too far gone" to wait and see what happens. "The night cometh, when no man can work." In this critical hour of world history and Christian missions, away with lethargy, indifference, complacency, and halfheartedness. This is an hour for "muscular Christianity." We must work harder, pray with more intensity, give until it becomes a sacrifice, and be loyal to our enlightened Christian conscience.

O dear hearts in America, if you could see and sense the darkness here; if you could see the men and women, children and older people groping their way to a Nazarene altar, not knowing how to pray, not knowing how to approach a loving Heavenly Father! Here,

. . . in heathen lands they watch and wait, And sigh for help which comes too late, And grope in sin and nature's night, Forever vainly seeking light.

Here in Nicaragua we have established a beachhead in this "most Catholic" of all Central American countries. Here again Nazarenes under the leadership of the Holy Spirit are majoring in the impossible. My earnest prayer is that the Lord may open my eyes and your eyes that we, together, might see His will for this land. The day for "rocking-chair Christians" is past. We must continue to be the Church militant until we become the Church triumphant. Pray with us!

-JAMES HUDSON, Nicaragua

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"Servant unto _

By Mrs. George Hayse, Transvaal

I MADE MYSELF servant unto all, that I might gain the more." "I am

made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some." Alice Khumalo-a name well known to all African Nazarenes today—and years and years ago! Many are the stories she has told. about Mfundisi Schmelzenbach and the family, about the Amakosazanas (single ladies) Chism, Robinson, Jester, crossing swollen rivers, about special revivals and times of praving through, about pet monkeys, etc. And there are few (if any) missionary children that Alice has not tried to spoil, when rescuing them from "dreaded naptime" or from mothers' many severe "No. no. no's!" She talks of the little Schmelzenbach children (that's first generation, too), Shirley boys, little Esselstyns, and then more recently the Meeks, the Penns, Poteets, and Chalfants. When one of these younger Schmelzenbachs heard that Alice helped care for his mother, he looked unbelieving at her and said, "My, and you still living?" Yes, still living and looking "just the same" as away back there, and still busy-working for God.

When Alice Khumalo first came to Blaauwberg with Miss Dixon, we didn't know her, or just what her status was to be in the personnel of Blaauwberg. Perhaps she was just visiting awhile, but she stayed. Then we thought she might be some kind of helper for the dispensary. And she could have been too, only that the Swazi language was so different from Sepedi that folk couldn't understand her at all.

And I don't think she knew just what she was to be either. She only knew that this new work was starting, and she felt called to come—and she was here. Perhaps things were disappointing at first, when she discovered a language barrier, that shut her out of working with the patients that came. Also, we all felt that she was too old to help very much (though she was willing) with the hard cleaning of opening the dispensary. So Alice was here, but what could she do?

Before long I found someone sneaking into our crowded room and making the beds every morning and entertaining the children a bit. Then, in a few days, someone was in the "kitchen-tent," making the fire and starting breakfast before I had a chance to get there.

But she didn't only wash dishes and make beds. She talked with the people the best she could, listened to words, and worked from the start to speak Sepedi. And now, though she still has a definite "Swazi" accent, she talks the language so all can understand her, and she was the first one of any of us that came who really tried to "talk."

Now, after more than three years, we find a real missionary spirit in Alice, and we have seen her being "servant unto all," and being made all things that she might by all means win some. She worked in the house until we said we needed her more as a Bible woman among the people. (She was well trained for this job, in the Bible school and through years of experience.) When Moruti Graham needed a leader for his services while he was away, Alice said, yes, she would go-not by car, or bicycle, nor by donkey-cart, but walking. So, whether it means go or stay, work on the front lines or behind the scenes, Alice has been a perfect example of what I think Paul meant when he was willing to be "all things" to win souls. And I wonder, do we really have enough of that kind of spirit to accomplish the most we can in winning souls?

Jaking Stock

By Joan Bradshaw

Every business house, firm, or institution sets aside some time at regular intervals in order to take stock. Sometimes it is only when the editor requests an article that one really calls a halt to take stock in some measure of the things that concern the King's business here. This morning I read these words written by Oswald Chambers: "'Neither will I in any wise forsake thee.' Sometimes it is not difficulty that makes me think God will forsake me, but drudgery. There is no Hill Difficulty to climb, no vision given, nothing wonderful or beautiful, just the commonplace day in and day out-can I hear God's say-so in these things?" Not for one minute would I call the work "drudgery" but of necessity so much is routine, routine. Being absorbed all day, day in and day out, one is likely to forget that in it all God is glorifying himself. Let us do a little stock-taking together.

We will quickly pass over the checking of blankets, sheets, etc., which perhaps if anything could be labeled "drudgery." Certainly it is laborious with little returns; in fact, the balance is always on the wrong side, as such things have a way of wearing out or, perhaps more so, disappearing altogether.

Fifty patients perhaps under one roof, some very sick, others not so; some staying a few days, others a few weeks. Given a good bed, food, medical care and attention, surely they are then prepared at least to listen to the Word of God. Each morning at 8:00 a.m., ward prayers and a short word, personal visits from the evangelist, the word here and there; evening prayers or service in the ward. Good returns? Not always are we allowed to see but we believe God's own word that it shall accomplish that whereunto it was sent. Apart from their stay in hospital many would never hear a straightforward gospel message. Some have traveled many miles on foot, others by bus or train.

Outpatients. A goodly number having gathered on a Monday morning are first given the Word of God. A study of their faces presents quite a different picture from that in the wards. Some are too concerned about their sickness to listen; other faces register, "We came for medicine, not preaching"; others show an interest in something that is new to them; they had never thought about healing for their souls. We are encouraged to see the women coming regularly for antenatal treatment and beginning to see its value. We in turn gain their confidence and feel that the ground is being prepared so that when their time comes for them to stay with us for a week or so their hearts may be more receptive to the Word of Life as it is given to them every day.

What of the staff-nurses, orderlies, domestic workers, and workmen? Perhaps from our nursing staff we are looking for our biggest returns. They stay with us for four years and at the end of that time are able to take up positions of responsibility in various parts of the country, and who can tell how far-reaching may be the results if they go out as well-equipped Christian leaders? This is the desire of our hearts. To consider that the latter are easier to handle because of their having more education would be far from the truth-sometimes they are the heaviest burden. I believe their temptations are strong; the devil makes a bid for them. Our weapon here we feel is much prayer to combat the power of the enemy and as a vital necessity for ourselves that we may be given the necessary wisdom and patience in dealing with them.

So often only the "credit" side of missionary work is shown, but the debit side is always there. How often those who show great promise give the greatest heartaches! Only recently has this been our experience.

We must not forget the children in the day school and Sunday school—a branch which we trust will bring great profit in the years to come. Some of them have the privilege their parents never had, of being brought up under the sound of the gospel. After stock-taking, what? A great determination to press on with the business. Ours is the great privilege of being in the Business. May we all be worthy partners.

> -From Africa Calling July-September Issue

*Missionary in Ethel Lucas Memorial Hospital, Acornhoek, East Transvaal.

PRAY ABOUT YOUR EASTER OFFERING.



Unknown Heroes

My Jestimony

By William C. Vaughters, Guatemala



THE BIBLE records for us a classic story of a basket ride that has made the words "holding the ropes" an illustrative expression throughout all Christendom.

Fearful was that night when Paul slipped out of his hiding place into the dark and deserted streets of old Damascus. Stalked by

his enemies, threatened with death, and even suspected by some of the church members, the former persecutor shuddered at the forebodings and uncertainties of the future. At the appointed rendezvous he found his friends awaiting him and, after a quick exchange of salutations, he accompanied them to the wall that circled the city. Once on top of the ancient rampart, the faithful companions whispered words of encouragement and, after embracing the young man in silent farewell, they secured him in the basket and carefully lowered him down the weather-beaten wall to freedom. Paul listened to the scrape of the basket as it returned to the hands of its owner and, waving a hasty good-by to the obscure figures above, the grateful apostle started his lonely journey to Jerusalem and to fame under the cover of a starlit Damascan sky.

The companions of Paul in that escapade represent the vast army of unknown heroes whose exploits are faithfully done and whose names are not recorded. No special honors are conferred upon them and no biographies are written of their lives. They are remembered only by the ones they helped and by the heavenly scribe who keeps the sacred records. They labor unselfishly without thought of reward and they are not aware of the importance of their task. Their words of kindness and cheerful smile, their timely encouragement, their willing sacrifice, and their holy daring have helped many discouraged and struggling men to greatness; but they themselves step out quietly into history, and until the day of reckonings their names will never be known.

PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE "HOLDING THE ROPES" OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.



WHILE I was still young I found Christ as my Redeemer. For this I am most thankful. Though I might have been considered morally good before, I later realized that I was a sinner just the same. When I took God at His word, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," He gave me

a wonderful peace in my heart which I did not find in the world before. He broke every fetter of sin so that I didn't care for those worldly things that before were dear to me.

Through my godly parents I learned about salvation. My father, a pharmacist by profession, earning enough for a decent living, gave up his work and accepted an offer to serve the Lord preaching. He is not a graduate of any Bible school or seminary and others may think him out of place in the ministry, but I'm sure of this, he is saved and sanctified and loves God above all. My mother, a principal of an elementary school, is also a Christian. She teaches to help in the family income. Father and Mother have no earthly heritage to leave us except a righteous and godly living, which we children prize more than anything else.

I also thank God for sending to the Philippines our loving missionaries, who have been an inspiration and encouragement to my Christian life. I pray God that He will give them souls for their labor, and prosper the work they have so well started for God's kingdom here in our country.

Just now, I am leaving my home to take college work in the United States. I praise the Lord for these wonderful blessings He has showered upon me. I do believe that He will undertake for my future and help me to become a living testimony for Him the rest of my days. Do pray for me, that the Lord will keep me and guide me and that my talents may be developed and all of my life be used for His honor and glory.

-Marcial S. Encarnacion, Philippine Islands

PRAY FOR OUR NATIONAL STUDENTS AND WORKERS.



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Pray for the North American Indian District: 46 workers; 23 main mission stations; superintended by Rev. D. Swarth; Gold Tooth Dispensary.

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"He heareth the prayer of the righteous" (Prov. 15:29).

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Pray for the Southwest Mexican District: 14 on foreign staff; 19 nationals; 18 churches; superintended by Rev. Ira True.

"Men ought always to pray" (Luke 18:1).

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Pray for the Texas Mexican District: 8 on foreign staff; 8 nationals; 9 churches; superintended by Rev. Everette Howard.

"Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17).

Pray for the North Mexican District: 56 nationals and 36 churches in 1952; superintended by Rev. Enrique Rosales.

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

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Pray for the Central Mexican District, which has been newly organized from the North and South Mexican districts. Rev. Carlos Stopani superintends this new district.

"I exhort that prayers be made" (I Tim. 2:1).

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Pray for the South Mexican District: 31 nationals; 38 churches in 1952; superintended by Rev. David Sol. "Behold, he prayeth" (Acts 9:11).

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Pray for British Honduras: 13 missionaries; 29 nationals; 8 organized churches; Bible training school; 2 dispensaries; superintended by Rev. Ronald Bishop.

"Watch unto prayer" (I Pet. 4:7).

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Pray for Guatemala: 16 missionaries; 42 nationals; 31 organized churches; 2 dispensaries; superintended by Rev. Robert Ingram. This field cannot at present be reached by new missionaries because of visa problems. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

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Pray for Nicaragua: 12 missionaries; 29 nationals; 9 organized churches; 1 dispensary; superintended by Rev. Harold Stanfield.

"Prayer was made without ceasing" (Acts 12:5).

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Pray for Argentina: 11 missionaries; 20 nationals; 3 main stations; 13 churches and chapels; superintended by Rev. John Cochran. Pray for the Bible school.

"Give ourselves continually to prayer" (Acts 6:4).

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Pray for Bolivia: 4 missionaries; 29 nationals; 10 churches; 13 elementary schools; superintended by Rev. Earl Hunter.

"I will pray for you unto the Lord" (I Sam. 7:5).

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Pray for British Guiana: 4 missionaries; 2 nationals; 2 churches; superintended by Rev. Donald Ault while Rev. Lelan Rogers is on furlough.

"Praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20).

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Pray for Peru: 15 missionaries; 28 nationals; 18 churches; Bible school at Chiclayo; superintended by Rev. Oscar Burchfield.

"I will give myself to prayer" (Ps. 109:4).

Pray for South Africa—Swaziland; Portuguese East Africa; Transvaal; colored work: 32 new missionaries from International Holiness Mission added to 75 Nazarene missionaries; 424 nationals; 15 main stations; 25 churches; superintended by Rev. W. C. Esselstyn. "Ask in prayer, believing" (Matt. 21:22).

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Pray for the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan: 3 missionaries; 14 nationals; 3 organized churches; 2 elementary schools; superintended by Rev. Samuel Krikorian.

"Strive with me in your prayers" (Rom. 15:30).

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Pray for Israel. During the latter part of the summer in 1952, Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Wachtel were sent to this field to reorganize Nazarene work in this difficult field. Pray that God's great blessing might rest upon them as they labor in the land that was truly the seat of Christianity.

"He went . . . apart to pray" (Matt. 14:23).

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Pray for Syria: 3 missionaries; 29 nationals; 3 orgmized churches; 3 elementary schools; superintended by Rev. M. A. Thahabiyah.

"Brethren, pray for us" (II Thess. 3:1).

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Pray for Italy, where Rev. Alfredo Del Rosso started Nazarene work in recent years. In 1952 Rev. and Mrs. Earl Morgan were sent to further this work in the contiment of Europe.

"I will that men pray every where" (I Tim. 2:8).

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Prev for India: 25 missionaries; 82 nationals; 25 organized churches; 3 day schools; visited frequently by plagues and sickness; closed at present to new mis-sioraries; superintended by Rev. Leslie Fritzlan.

"I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer" Dan. 9:3).

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Pray for China, a land too often forgotten, where Nazarene nationals are still spreading gospel seed where and when possible. God will be faithful to prosper His Word.

"Thy prayer is heard" (Acts 10:31).

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hay for Japan: 9 missionaries; 67 nationals; 34 orponized churches; superintended by Rev. W. A. Eckel; open to the gospel.

"Give yourselves to . . . prayer" (I Cor. 7:5).





WEEK 4

Pray for Korea. Rev. and Mrs. Robert Chung have returned to this land to further Nazarene efforts. Pray that God will protect them and enable them to restore the work and to add many new souls to His kingdom. "Prayer was wont to be made" (Acts 16:13).

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Pray for Barbados: 4 missionaries; 22 nationals; 21 organized churches; Bible training school; a small island with many people eager to hear the gospel; superintended by Rev. James Jones. "Helping together by prayer" (II Cor. 1:11).

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Pray for Trinidad: 4 missionaries; 11 nationals; 4 churches; Bible training school; superintended by Rev. Ray Miller; an English-speaking land; open hearts waiting to know Christ.

"Pray one for another" (James 5:16).

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Pray for Cuba, with its 6 missionaries and 4 nationals; superintended by Rev. Lyle Prescott. Pray also for Puerto Rico, where many new needs must be met.

"The Lord will receive my prayer" (Ps. 6:9).

Pray for Haiti: 4 missionaries; 5 nationals; 11 outstations; 2 elementary schools; superintended by Rev. Paul Orjala; Creole-speaking people (a French dialect) who respond to the message of salvation. "Pray now to the Lord" (Jer. 37:3).

Pray for the Cape Verde Islands: 8 missionaries; 10 nationals; 6 organized churches; 33 outstations; superintended by Rev. Earl Mosteller; 3 islands yet untouched.

"I will direct my prayer unto thee" (Ps. 5:3).

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Pray for the Philippine Islands: 7 missionaries; 4 nationals; 4 churches; Bible school at Baguio City; superintended by Rev. John Pattee while Rev. Joseph Pitts is on furlough.

"Pray ye the Lord of the harvest" (Luke 9:38).

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Uttermost Salvation



By Ruth Matchett

Swaziland

I LOOKED out the door and saw the police jeep drive in. A white

policeman got out and called me: "I've brought you a patient. This man just staggered into the police station and seems to be dying of tuberculosis. Can you take care of him?"

I told him we could and we helped the native policeman to get the elderly man out of the jeep. Nurse Gladys and I took him into the hut and prepared him a bed on a mat. We soon had him changed from his tattered and torn clothes into one of our dispensary gowns and gave him medicine. I learned from talking with him a little while that he came from 'way out in the bushveldt and that his wives were both dead and that he had no one who wished to care for him. I asked about his soul's condition, and he told me that he wanted to become a Christian very badly. Earlier in his life he had been in contact with a group of Christian people and he had tried to follow the Lord but had failed and gone back to his beer and heathenism. We had prayer with him and asked the Lord to save his soul. As we were leaving his hut, he was still saying, "I want to become a believer. I want to become a believer."

Our camp meeting began that same evening. The next morning I told Miss Boggs about him and she visited him and had prayer with him, and he told her the same thing as he had the nurse and me the night before. For the 11:00 a.m. service we sent him to church in a wheel chair. When the altar call was given, he said he wanted to seek the Lord; so one of the men pushed his chair to the altar, where he met the Lord, who forgave his sins. Aren't you glad our God saves to the uttermost? In his testimony he said that he knew he was going to die but that he wanted to be a Chrisian and among Chrisian people when he died. Camp meeting is over now, but this man is still with us in the dispensary and is still testifying to us what the Lord has done for him.

Pray for this elderly man so recently saved and for others that we contact in the dispensary from day to day.

Cuba Must Be Man

It is thrilling to think of Africa With its primitive mystery far away, And its lions, apes, and elephants, And natives with hair done up in clay.

- The thought of China sings with romance Of civilization old and strange,
- Of junks on yellow seas, and talk that's sung. Of fantastic roofs, and walls that range.
- India calls our heroes to the masses, To the oxcart, to the heat and rain,
- To the pyre beside the Ganges,

To the myriad faiths and their sad refrain.

Great Argentina, with its famous Southern Cross, Lures Nazarenes to the "gauchos" and the "pampa,"

Cross the equator and down to the sea, From Pasadena, Nashville, and Nampa.

But who will go to Cuba

With five million at our door,

Where the message of heart holiness Has rarely been heard before?

In Cuba there are black men by the thousands Who yet beat the native drum,

And practice witchcraft in the night, And dance and fill with rum.

In Cuba there are Chinese multitudes Who smoke the bamboo pipe,

And gamble far into the night-

Is not the harvest ripe?

- In Cuba, as in India, there are many faiths, From the Nanigos' secret jumble
- To the Communists' street-side ranting, And the popish priests' Latin mumble.
- In Cuba, as in Argentina, sings the atmosphere of Spain,
 - Where the rhythmic "Castillano" plays upon the ear;
- By tropic seashore or on grassy hills

Graze the "guajiro's" pony or the "criolle" steer.

"But Cuba is so near us, and so much like home." Say it not, dear Nazarene! Be done!

Five million neighbors need our Christ! Cuba must be won!

-By Lyle Prescott, Cuba

THE OTHER SHOP

Seed in Good Ground

By Leslie Fritzlan, India



SOON AFTER breakfast this morning Ankush, a tall sixteenyear-old boy from a Hindu home, was at

the school office door. He has been in the district coeducational school here at Chikhli for several years. He showed me a post card which gave the sad news of the death of his sister and uncle in a village far from the main road.

After writing out a note for him to the boys' house-father giving Ankush permission to go home, I asked if I might pray before he left. This request moved him; and as I prayed that, through the experience of salvation Ankush had found in Christ and through his testimony to his bereaved people, the Lord would bring consolation to them and also create in their hearts a hunger for a saving experience of that same Lord before whom every knee shall one day bow—as I prayed Ankush was deeply moved and his gratitude for this, the least one could do, was touching indeed.

Occasionally one meets an Indian Nazarene who feels that the privilege of a primary and secondary schooling at this district institution ought to be reserved exclusively for the children of the Christian community of this area. However, the Indian brethren of maturest judgment, as well as the mission council, have felt that there ought to be a sprinkling of students from Hindu and Moslem homes. This policy has been in effect for many years. We now have twenty-seven students from non-Christian homes. Many of them give a witness to having received Christ as their Saviour.

Nevertheless, as an institution the quality of whose staff, instruction, and equipment has received recognition from the government education department and thus accreditation, we are required to observe certain rules. One is that even a private school operated by a religious society (for example, a Christian mission) cannot maintain its accreditation from the government if students of a different religion are forced to take the religious instruction offered in the school. This regulation of course does not impair the freedom of any private school to give religious teaching to students of its own faith.

However, religious instruction may be given to students of a different faith if their parents approve. In order to be free to instruct our non-Christian students in the gospel and at the same time maintain our educational standing as an accredited school, we recently questioned every parent of such students by letter, making it clear that more than just moral instruction was involved. Would they consent to having their children taught the Bible itself? We were gratified to see from the replies that the parents of all but two students had no objection, and the two exceptions have not yet replied.

Pray for these boys and girls from Hindu and Moslem homes whom the Lord has sent our way.

Someone Gave Me a Light

By Mrs. John Anderson, India

D^{OES IT MATTER} what her name? While we were home on furlough the last time, I was speaking on the physical darkness of India, and this lady promised to give me a fancy flashlight. This she did, and my husband and I both use it continually.

But the other night as I was preaching in a village church, I felt very ill and faint. I held the table, which was serving as a pulpit, and breathed a prayer for strength. The place was crowded out, and as far as I could see out into the night there were faces, hungry for the gospel. Suddenly, a wave of strength poured through my body, and I was so very conscious someone was praying for me. God came and gave us a gracious service.

Yes, someone sent me a light by way of the throne! Who was it? I know not. Does it matter the name? The record is kept in heaven. Thank you for the prayers you send. Keep them coming; we need them continually.

"The spectacle of a nation praying," says J. Edgar Hoover, "is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of mancontrolled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficient means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless people of the earth."—Gospel Herald.

In Memoriam

Rev. N. A. Malmberg

ON AUGUST 30 the sad news of the passing to a better world of Rev. N. A. Malmberg reached our office. Brother Malmberg was ill for nearly a year and had been on sick-leave for many months. He and his wonderful companion, Mrs. Malmberg, served on the Indian district almost since its beginning. Their last charge was at the mission on the Maricioa-Pima reservation near Mesa, Arizona. Before this they had charge of the Comanche work at Cache, Oklahoma, where Brother Malmberg built a much-needed and commodious parsonage. From there they moved to Lindrith, where they did their part in establishing the Indian training school. They also pastored on the La Jolla Indian Reservation at the foot of Mount Palomar. Wherever they served they proved themselves to be untiring workers. Brother Malmberg carried a heavy burden for the Indian people and God blessed him in his ministry. His messages seemed to center on the deeper life in God. He was a tenderhearted preacher, often delivering his messages in tears. While in his last charge he succeeded in finishing a nice chapel for the use of his congregation. Although sick in body and often in severe pain, he persisted with his task until he saw the chapel completed. God has rewarded him for his faithfulness.

Our prayers are for Sister Malmberg and Harry, who now must carry on in seeming loneliness. But the Lord will be a husband and a father according to His own promises.

Rev. C. B. Hilderbrand

WORD just reaches us while writing this article that Rev. C. B. Hilderbrand, an Indian missionary, passed away September 21 at Claremore, Oklahoma. Brother Hilderbrand was engaged as an evangelist on the Indian district. He was part Cherokee and a wonderful man of God.

It was at the Indian camp meeting at Colony, Oklahoma, that we first met this stalwart Indian brother. Being an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, it was not long after when Brother and Sister Hilderbrand entered the Indian district as missionaries. Their first charge was with the Emerson Comanche Mission near Walters, Oklahoma. Here they served twice most successfully and helped build a strong Nazarene mission among these fine Indian people.

Brother Hilderbrand was a great preacher and deeply spiritual. His voice, like the man himself, was strong and full of conviction. His message was the Biblemessage and he was able to lead many of his own people into the experience of holiness. Because of the sickness of Mrs. Hilderbrand they were compelled to give up active missionary work, although Brother Hilderbrand continued with the Indian district as an evangelist. He was highly esteemed as an evangelist by the missionaries on the district. God gave him some definite revivals, the results of which are still seen today. He with other of our Indians who have already gone before will form the vanguard of great hosts of redeemed red men, who in that day will stand before the throne of God. Our sympathies go out to Sister Hilderbrand. She needs our sincere prayers.

> ---Rev. D. SWARTH North American Indian District

MEET YOUR MISSIONARIES.....

Frances Vine

Philippine Islands



I was born March 28, 1922, in North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, in a home atmosphere that was happy. although not Christian. When I was five, the Lord very graciously spared my life when I was accidentally scalded with boiling and suffered water third-degree burns. Even though my moth-

er was not a Christian at the time, she always declared that God had spared my life for a purpose.

When I was twenty years of age, God again took over the controls of my life and led me to join the Royal Canadian Air Force. This providential circumstance thrust me into a close friendship with two Christian girls, who greatly influenced me to consider the Christian life. The Spirit of God used their consistent Christian lives and their testimony to bring conviction upon my heart.

About two weeks after I was saved, God began to talk to me about the mission field. It came as a growing impression, so at first I did not recognize it as a call. It was two years later that I was convinced that God had spoken.

I joined the Ottawa, Ontario, Church of the Nazarene in June, 1945, and was discharged from the R.C.A.F. in September of that same year. I left immediately for Canadian Nazarene College to begin to prepare for the task ahead. I graduated from C.N.C. in 1949. The following fall I left Canada to attend Nazarene Theological Seminary, for God very definitely led me in that direction. I was granted my Bachelor of Divinity degree in May, 1952. God has graciously led all the way and is fulfilling His promise that He gave me before I left for the Seminary: "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I. the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel" (Isa. 45:2,3).

Norine Roth

Peru



On a farm just outside of Reamstown, Pennsylvania, I was born on September 22, 1927, the youngest of four children. When I was one year old, my parents moved to a larger farm between Reading and Lancaster, where we have lived ever since. Until the fall of 1945 I helped with the work on the

farm—planted and harvested sweet corn by the thousand ears and gladiola flowers by the tubs full, milked the cows, rode the horses, and fished in the creek behind our barn in my spare time.

At the age of four or five, I was first taken to the Nazarene church in Ephrata, which we have attended since that time. My father was sanctified at that time.

At the age of fourteen I was converted and later sanctified, and my life was changed completely. I loved the things I once hated, and hated the things I once loved and didn't think I could do without. During my last year in high school, God called me to be a missionary nurse to South America.

To prepare for my calling I went to Eastern Nazarene College for two and one-half years and to the New England Deaconess Hospital for three years, after which I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Since then I have worked as a graduate nurse at a girls' camp in Vermont, at a general hospital in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, and at the laboratory of a country doctor in New Hampshire. These different positions have given me very valuable experience for the mission field. I have also worked at the Quincy City Hospital in Quincy, Massachusetts.

I am truly thankful that God has called me and has made it possible for me to go to Peru, South America, as a medical missionary for Him and the church. Please remember me in your prayers.

The N.J.M.S.

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EMPHASIS FOR MARCH EASTER OFFERING



GENERAL PRESIDENT'S NOTES

February 20-World Day of Prayer



The regular annual observance of World Day of Prayer began in the year 1887.

On February 20 this year services will begin in New Zealand and the Fiji Islands west of the date line. All of the missionaries

and Christians of those parts will pray first. Services will continue throughout the day, ever coming westward until they end in Alaska and on the Tonga Islands of the Pagific, where the Christian Queen Solate will lead her people in prayer.

The world's greatest need is prayer. God is our only sufficient hope for these days.

Let every Nazarene the world around make this February 20 a special day of fasting and prayer. As many as can, set aside large portions of the day to approach God. Let us pray for our foreign missionary work on all of our many fields. Remember our sick missionaries, that they may be healed. Our missionaries' children need special mention. Our over one thousand national workers await our prayers. Pray about the open doors. Pray about world needs. Pray about Alabaster giving. Prayer makes impossible things possible.

Pray! Pray! Pray!

GENERAL DEPARTMENTAL SECRETARIES

At its organizational meeting in June the General Council elected the following departmental secretaries:

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The Commission on Foreign Missionary Study Literature has asked the N.F.M.S. office to prepare a manuscript of incidents:

Answers to prayer

- Unique activities used to promote missionary interest and enthusiasm in local societies.
- Programs which have been effective in the presentation of some phase of missionary work in local church.

These are to be actual incidents which have occurred in connection with missionary activity and interest in your local society.

In order for us to prepare this material, we need your help. Send in accounts of effective services, accounts of how missionary interest and enthusiasm were aroused in your society-anything that would inspire others to go and do likewise.

Your account need not be written up in final form-give us the facts; we'll do the rest. We will select and edit the most suitable material submitted.

Since the manuscript must be completed by September 1, 1953, we must have your material by May 1 at the very latest.

WE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU TO SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBU-TIONS. DO IT TODAY.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday, February 20, 1953



Prayer on Our Mission Fields

(Excerpts from a letter written by Margaret Latta)

On February 29 (World Day of Prayer, 1952) we had a special day of prayer on the station. It started with a prayer meeting at 6:00 a.m., led by Miss Davis. God melted the hearts of those present in a gracious way. Allday chain prayers were kept up in the different prayer huts. In the school of over four hundred children the day was divided into half-hours. and each class spent one period in prayer, keeping up the chain in the school in this way. From the beginning of March everyone who lives on the station was asked to spend some time each day, between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., in prayer either in the church itself or in one of the prayer huts. There was no compulsion in this but, as I have spent time in the girls' prayer hut, it has encouraged me to see the number who have left their play, or personal pleasures, to come and pray for themselves and others.

Saturday morning, there being no school, the hostel prayers are always more extended. They start at 5:00 a.m., but last Saturday, about 6:00 a.m., you could hear the praying, weeping, and singing as about half of the girls prayed around the altar. This continued in the prayer hut when work commenced. For what were those girls praying? Some for light on the way of salvation-some that God would search their hearts-some for other relatives or friends. But all are agreed in one thing-they want a revival.

The other day I called a monitor in to talk to her about the work in the fields where we try to grow our food. I asked if she had noticed the crops were drying out, for we lacked rain. She said it was so, and the situation was serious. I asked if she was praying for rain. She looked very shocked and said, "No, I am praying for revival." I suggested we might pray for both, but agreed we certainly lacked a revival more than anything else. In the middle of the night I was awakened with a heavy shower of rain and God spoke to me and said. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Now keep remembering us in prayer. Our first revival services are in the middle of April.

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MAKE FEBRUARY A MONTH OF PRAYER.

PRAYER REQUESTS for each day are given on pages 8 and 9 of this

are given on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

Pray especially for the mission field assigned your district (see January-February-March Council Tidings).

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1953

"SO SEND I YOU"



W.F.M.S. slogans of past quadrennia will long remain in our memories. Who can forget such impassioned pleas as "That They Might Know Him," "Going Forward with Christ," "Sacrifice—Service—Souls"? Or who can turn away from the urgency expressed in the present quadrennial slogan, "I must work—the night cometh"?

There is a need, however, for a standard or emblem of the organization which will cross the line of the quadrennia and become symbolic of the organization and its world-wide task.

It is hoped that this emblem of the cross enveloping the world will truly typify the work of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society as it contributes its share in carrying out the Great Commission as expressed by Jesus in John 20:21: "As my Father hath sent me, SO SEND I YOU."

QUADRENNIAL GOALS AND LAST YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS

The five goals adopted last June by the Seventh General Convention should be a challenge to each church and missionary society.

★ A MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN EVERY CHURCH

456 Nazarene churches reported no missionary society this year. IS YOUR CHURCH ONE OF THE 456?

★ 10 PER CENT GAIN IN MEM-BERSHIP

Gain in membership this year: 6,152 or 6.8 per cent. We will need a gain of 9,625 to reach 10 per cent this year.

★ OTHER SHEEP SUBSCRIPTIONS EQUAL TO 75 PER CENT OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

OTHER SHEEP subscriptions at the time of the last official count: 153,033 or 61 per cent (approx.); 75 per cent of the church membership would be 187,668. Be one of the churches to reach or exceed your quota.

★ 50 PER CENT OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEMBERS COMPLET-ING AT LEAST THREE MIS-SIONARY BOOKS

Readers reported this past year: 31,092 or 32 per cent. If we reach the 50 per cent goal we will need 48,124 readers.

IT CAN BE DONE!

★ FIVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR MISSIONS

Last fiscal year (1951-52) missionary societies raised \$1,059,356.89 for General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials.

THIS YEAR WE SHOULD RAISE NO LESS THAN \$1,250,000.00!

MISSION FIELD NOTES

In one of our African districts requirements for church membership include tithing and joining the missionary society.

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In Portuguese East Africa, Brother Stockwell writes: "Each church has a men's missionary group, membership ranging from one to twenty. The gold mines cause a constant fluctuation in the number, but the pride of being a Gideon remains constant. The W.F. M.S. is the largest and most stabilizing influence in each local church."

DR. HARDY C. POWERS



The Board of General Superintendents has named Dr. Hardy C. Powers, senior general superintendent, as sponsor for the General Council of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society for the quadrennium. We extend to him a hearty welcome and pledge him our loyal support. His wise counsel and sound judgment will be of great value in this period of adjustment in the missionary societies.

ALABASTER CORNER

"Our Alabaster offering amounted to over 68 pounds this year from the missionaries *alone*. This amounts to \$190.-40 at \$2.80 as exchange rate.

MRS. W. C. ESSELSTYN

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The spirit of devotion which was so beautifully portrayed by Mary in the sharing of her most precious possession with Jesus has been the pattern with which the Collingdale people have supported the Alabaster Box program. Preliminary emphasis was stressed in the missionary society and carried forward by the pastor, Rev. F. D. Ketner, into the church service. At the conclusion of the morning worship service, the gifts were presented on an open Bible at the altar.

These "above-requirement-offerings" to missions have proved a source of blessing to the people and are gaining enthusiastic support.

> PUBLICITY SECRETARY Nazarene Missionary Society Collingdale, Pennsylvania

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FEBRUARY IS ALABASTER BOX OPENING MONTH (See Council Tidings for suggested

(See Council Tidings for suggested program.)



HELLO AGAIN, BOYS AND GIRLS!

How many of you can remember my telling you about a charming little Chinese lady by the name of Mrs. Li? She was here at Eastern Nazarene College some time ago. I think I put her picture on this page, and she was dressed in one of those pretty Chinese robes, the long, straight ones.



The future junior choir, Chinese Church of the Nazarene, San Francisco, California, November 16, 1952.

Well, here is some wonderful news about her. Of course she had planned to go back and work for the Lord in China, but the war prevented that. So now she is pastor of a Chinese Church of the Nazarene in San Francisco, California. She sent me this picture of a group of the Chinese young people, standing by the big window in front of the church. Sister Li says the church was only five weeks old when this picture was taken. It is a fine place, and the people just love it. Some of these young people have found Jesus as their Saviour and, as Mrs. Li puts it, "are full out for the Lord." Some of the older people are very much interested and God is reaching their hearts.

Do pray for this new Chinese church in San Francisco, especially for these boys and girls, that God will make them strong Christians. If He does that, I am sure that some of them will win their families to the "Jesus way" too.

And be sure to pray for Mrs. Li. She has a great task and it will be hard going for some time. But her faith is strong in God, and He will hear prayers.

We hope you are enjoying your studies and

handwork about Africa in your Junior Societies. Be sure to be faithful Juniors, and follow your Leader every day.

> Love from your big sister, MARY E. COVE

Note to Missionaries on Foreign Fields or on Furlough

We are in immediate need of fairly recent pictures and some details about them for this page, pictures which would especially interest boys and girls. Many of you send me your very interesting letters, which I prize very much, and which I use in many ways, but I need pictures soon.

Thanks so much. Some of you have given wonderful help to me for years, again and again in our various writings, and we cannot tell you how much this means.

> Thank you again, MARY E. Cove 124 Phillips Street Wollaston, Massachusetts

Statistical Report

Word has just come from the statistical secretary of the final figures taken from the 1952 minutes. Following is the report:

No. Junior Societi	ies l	Increase	
1,577		72	
Membership	j	Increase	
28,208		960	
Paid	by Junior	Society	
Local	\$ 5,996		
District	5,282		
General	29,332		
Total	\$40,610	Increase	\$3,250

It will soon be assembly time again. Be *sure*. as local supervisors, to give your pastor the correct report on your Juniors as to membership and money raised. This will enable him to get a full report into the assembly minutes. Make yourself a committee of *one* to see that this is done. The 960 increase in membership could have been 1,000 if two or three more who have societies had reported.

ELIZABETH D. HODGES

Missionary Incentives

"Throw down their altars" (Judg. 2:2)

TRUE CHRISTIANITY is militant. Sin and idolatry cannot stand before it. If they stand long, it is an indication of a weak Christianity.

Weak faith produces a low aim, an overestimation of difficulties, a disposition to compromise, and an underrating of the power of God.

The children of Israel were obedient during the days of Joshua. A conquering generation was succeeded by people who were content with a partial possession. Difficulties seemed insuperable. The fashions and customs of the people about them, fear of adverse opinions and possible losses in worldly advantage led them to compromise. They would not yield a bold, wholehearted obedience at any cost, but went halfway and stopped. When they were able to obey God's direction, they set it aside in favor of a policy of their own. Though the worship of false gods abounded on every hand, they would not "throw down their altars." Thinking of their own interests and convenience, they neglected the honor of God. Showing themselves to be greedy and carnal, they were forgetful of Him from whom they had all. They used the gift of Canaan, not for God's purposes, but for their own. God's purpose was the expiration of idolatry; theirs was the enjoyment of vineyards.

Is there not a present-day application? The idolatry of Latin America, the false gods of the world, the heathenism and paganism of millions, and the coldness and indifference about us! Is it not possible to render a halfhearted obedience? Curb the flesh, but not crucify it; check, but not destroy, the body of sin; and follow Christ's directions partially, but not wholly? Want of thoroughness is as fatal now as it was in Israel's history.

An open acceptance of God's free mercy, an unreserved surrender to God's unerring will, a wholehearted return to the path of obedience, and a courageous fulfillment of God's commandments will keep the church "strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Let us "throw down their altars" and honor our great God by heeding Christ's command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

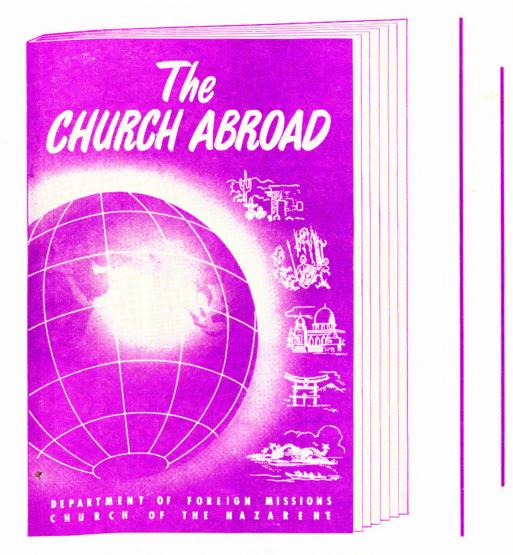
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