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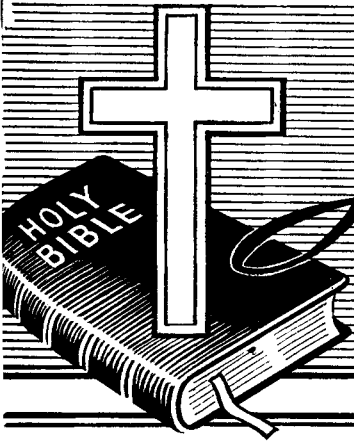
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Herald of Holiness

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Smug Complacency

General Superintendent Vanderpool

THE impotent man waited near the Pool of Bethesda, whose waters after being troubled by an angel brought healing to the first one stepping in. For thirty-eight years he had looked and longed for deliverance. Doubtless he had come many miles to reach the pool. He saw the remedy and felt that a new day had come. He patiently waited his turn and dragged himself to the pool, only to have another step in ahead of him. Again and again he came wearily to the pool; each time someone pushed in before him. This day he sat broken and discouraged, a friendless man. He was a victim of the smug complacency of those who sat with folded hands watching him in his fruitless struggle for release. While he thus waited Jesus entered Jerusalem and came immediately, not to the Temple or to the home of a friend to refresh himself, but to the Pool of Bethesda, where the blind, halt, and withered were waiting for the moving of the water.

The bowed head and bent shoulders together with the look of utter despair which was upon the man's face drew

the Saviour to him. Knowing that the man had been afflicted for a long time. Jesus asked him the pointed question, "Wilt thou be made whole?" (John 5:6) and received the tragic answer, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me" (John 5:7). Jesus said nothing to the religious, ease-loving onlookers, but immediately spoke the word that brought healing to the impotent man.

The indifference and inertia of the bystanders of that day broke the heart of the Saviour. Today, two thousand years later, He is again grieved and disappointed by the ease-loving, comfort-seeking, entertainment-hungry spirit that bids for a place in the church. Away with this smug complacency! "The night is far spent, the day is at hand" (Rom. 13:12). Let no man who lives or works near you ever be able truthfully to say, "I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." Christ depends on us. We must not disappoint Him!

"This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3).

TELEGRAM

Greenfield, Indiana—Tragedy has struck! The Indianapolis District has sustained a great shock. Our loss is tremendous! Dr. Grover Van Duyn, his pastor, Rev. Calvin Wheeldon, Rev. Harvey Bettcher, and Mrs. Lee Bates were killed instantly in a car-truck, head-on collision near Pittsfield, Illinois, January 14. Rev. Lee Bates, a pastor, was injured critically. They were returning from the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City.—STEPHEN C. JOHNSON, *District Secretary.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Gunter, wife of Rev. E. N. Gunter, Nazarene pastor at Winnsboro, South Carolina, died January 9. Mrs. Gunter was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene in Winnsboro, which was organized in March of 1934.

Word has been received from Mrs. Grace Noll Crowell, one of the fine contributors for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, that her husband died on December 28. She writes: "He died in his sleep and the shock was very great. I am praying for strength to go on to do my Master's work. My husband helped me in every business detail. He was beloved by thousands for his cheerful letters and gracious courtesy."

While attending the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City, Rev. J. T. Crawford, pastor of First Church in Sherman, Texas, received word that the church building had burned. He had been there as pastor less than one year.

Rev. M. Dale Brown sends word, "After having a glorious ministry in Colorado, I have resigned as pastor at Cortez to accept the work of the church at Montevideo, Minnesota, and request the prayers of the people for the work in this new field."

Rev. E. C. Wilson, pastor of West Avenue Church, San Antonio, Texas, died last November 13, after having given twenty years of devoted ministry to the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Robert H. Bellomy and wife of Pasadena, California, celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter in Altadena, on January 15. All six of their daughters were present: Rev. Emma French, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Gladys, Mrs. Ethel Gilliam, Mrs. Alice Stanton, and Mrs. Grace Fabrin. Mr. Bello-

my is an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, and has three children who are Nazarene elders. He is eighty-seven years of age, and Mrs. Bellomy is eighty-one.

GLEANINGS

From the Office Editor's Desk

"For many years I have enjoyed the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Great blessing has come to me thro' many of the poems, articles on holiness, the evangelists' slates, or news of the church. Again this morning, in the January 6, 1954, issue is the article of E. Wayne Stahl's, 'Victory Through Jesus,' which has been a great encouragement and blessing to me. I have long marveled at the wonderful way God has of encouraging and blessing through a paper such as the HERALD OF HOLINESS."—*A Reader in Illinois.*

"I was visiting in the home of a friend on the day the HERALD OF HOLINESS arrived and it seemed that she had two copies, so she asked me if I would like one and I said yes. I brought my copy home and began reading it and it's just what I want. . . . I love the testimonies of what Christ our Lord has done and meant in the lives of others. I know that He is all in all to me. I've read and loved the poem, 'Thy Will Be Done.' Now will you send me the HERALD OF HOLINESS?"—*A New Subscriber in Kansas.*

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"Enclosed you will find check for the renewal of HERALD OF HOLINESS. It has been a great comfort and help during my shut-in days. Thank you for your prompt, honest way of doing business."—*A Reader in Rhode Island.*

"By chance one of these papers [HERALD] came to me as I was collecting clothes to go to Korea. I read it, and find a real message, and so I want to enter my name as a subscriber this year. I do not belong to your church, . . . but I am always looking for good messages in papers of any denomination. I enclose \$1.50 for subscription for this year."—*A New Subscriber in Pennsylvania.*

Two Is Company . . .

By Dolores S. Douglas*

Two's company, three's a crowd! How many times have you heard that expression? I heard it quite often when my older brother entertained his girl friend at home. He let me know that the two of them were company and I was definitely making it a crowd by my presence.

Well, those particular words popped into my mind and kind of tumbled around for a while. I thought about the truth of that expression, and came to the conclusion that it may apply in some cases, but certainly not in a Christian's life when it applies to the company of the Holy Trinity.

One day, each of us found his way to an altar of prayer and gave his heart to the Lord. Our lives were instantly enriched with the company of the Father and the Son. What wonderful company!

Then I remembered that most of us, whether we admit it or not, get weary of constant company. But that is what is amazingly different about the company of the Father and Son. We never tire of their presence or concern for our lives.

Happy as we were though, with such miraculous company, our lives were not complete. There's more than the Father and the Son. There is the Holy Ghost with whom to share our hearts and lives.

Oh, how we need that Holy Spirit to lead us, comfort us, and hold us true in our Christian experiences! We cannot have a well-rounded experience unless we go all the way and invite the presence of the Holy Ghost to abide within.

That is why I think three is not a crowd, if it is the blessed Trinity—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

*St. Petersburg, Florida

EDITORIALS

Stephen S. White, Editor

The Thirty-first Annual Session of the General Board

THE MEETINGS of the General Board, which convene in January of each year, are usually open to the public. Those of our ministers and laymen who are not members and yet have an opportunity to attend these meetings find them very interesting. Also, they are impressed with the careful way in which the business of our general church is carried on. Since this is the case, I am beginning this article with the minutes of the first of the five meetings of the thirty-first session of the General Board, which has so recently come to a close. Thus every reader of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** will have a chance to sit in on the opening meeting of the General Board.

The First Meeting

Here are the minutes of this first meeting as given to me by the general secretary of our church, Dr. S. T. Ludwig:

The thirty-first annual session of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene convened at 9:00 a.m., January 8, 1954, at the International Headquarters, 2940 Troost Avenue, with General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers presiding.

Howard H. Hamlin led in singing "Love Divine."

General Superintendent Powers read three selected scriptures and gave appropriate remarks concerning them.

Prayer was offered by Edward Lawlor, superintendent of the Canada West District.

The secretary called the roll and all members of the General Board were present, as follows: E. E. Grose, Leonard Spangenberg, A. K. Bracken, John L. Knight, A. B. Mackey, Charles E. Oney, Russell V. DeLong, Harvey S. Galloway, Paul Updike, Howard H. Hamlin, Harlan R. Heinmiller, Grover Van Duyn, A. E. Sanner, J. B. Deisenroth, B. V. Seals, J. Robert Mangum, Ray Hance, V. H. Lewis, Harry Craddock, A. E. Ramquist, George Frame, Edward Lawlor, Mrs. Louise Chapman, Harold W. Reed, Ponder Gilliland, Roy H. Cantrell.

The Minutes of the Thirtieth Annual Session, having been distributed among the Board, were approved without reading.

Mr. Charles E. Oney, new member of the General Board elected last January, was introduced.

Introduction of visitors and special guests was made as follows: presidents of our educational institutions and district superintendents who were present, also missionaries on furlough.

General Superintendent Powers then introduced Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones and daughter Lynette from Africa, missionaries who have now joined the ranks of the Church of the Nazarene since the merger of the International Holiness Mission. Mrs. D. B. Jones, wife of the founder of the International Holiness Mission work in Africa, was presented. They gave testimony of God's blessing on their lives and expressed their pleasure in now being affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene and their appreciation for being privileged to be present at this General Board session.

Howard H. Hamlin moved that the privileges of the floor be granted to Dr. Jones. The motion prevailed.

27 Missionaries Placed Under Appointment

Lebanon—Rev. and Mrs. Donald Reed of Kearney, New Jersey

Peru—Rev. and Mrs. Harry Flinner of Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

Peru—Miss Mary Miller, Bethany, Oklahoma

India—Dr. and Mrs. John Sutherland, Wichita, Kansas

India—Rev. and Mrs. William Pease, Claresholm, Alberta, Canada

Japan—Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett McKay, Chewelah, Washington

Africa—Miss Marjorie Stark, Greenville, Illinois

Bolivia—Rev. and Mrs. Dale Sievers, Bradley, Illinois

British Honduras—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashley, Temple City, California

Trinidad—Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Ratcliff, Exeter, California

Trinidad—Miss Ruth Saxon, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Philippine Islands—Rev. and Mrs. Roy Copelin, Crescent City, California

Puerto Rico—Rev. and Mrs. C. W. Porter, San Antonio, Texas

General Appointment*—

Miss Ruth Miller, Bethany, Oklahoma

Miss Marjorie Peel, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Miss Sylvia McDowell, R.N., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Miss Juanita Pate, R.N., Charleston, Missouri

*May be placed under specific appointment for a definite field during the fiscal year 1954-55.

The following special guests were introduced: Mrs. Hugh C. Benner; Mrs. G. B. Williamson; Dr. and Mrs. C. Warren Jones; Revs. Theodore and Minnie E. Ludwig, parents of the general church secretary; Dr. E. O. Chalfant; Mrs. Prescott L. Beals, over thirty years missionary with her husband in India; Rev. and Mrs. Robert Ingram, missionaries from Guatemala, who have served the church thirty-five years; and Rev. Clifford Gay, missionary from Cape Verde Islands, who had just arrived.

Members of the N.Y.P.S. Council and the N.F.M.S. Council who were present were recognized.

The secretary was asked to present the proposed order of meeting for the General Board and the departments, and the same was adopted as presented.

As a matter of special privilege, S. T. Ludwig presented an invitation from the City National Bank and Trust Company, of Kansas City, for the members of the General Board and the Board of General Superintendents to be guests of the bank for lunch at noon on Monday, January 11, 1954. The Board voted to accept the invitation.

The reports of foreign visitation by the general superintendents were presented and received with a rising vote of appreciation.

a. General Superintendent G. B. Williamson gave his report on his visitation in New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and Japan.

b. General Superintendent Samuel Young presented his report of visitation to Puerto Rico.

c. General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool presented his report concerning his visitation of our work in Italy and the Near East. He preceded his remarks by a brief resume of his assembly in the British Isles.

d. General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner gave his report of foreign visitation to British Honduras, British Guiana, and the Mexican assemblies.

A motion prevailed that recommendations from the reports of the general superintendents be referred to the respective departments.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. Edward Wyman, principal of the Spanish Bible Institute in San Antonio, Texas; Rev. Arnold Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada; Rev. E. E. Hale, president of Nazarene Bible Institute (colored), Institute, West Virginia; Dr. C. B. Widmeyer, recently returned from Formosa; and Rev. Leon Chambers, superintendent of the Gulf Central District (colored).

Howard H. Hamlin led the group in singing "Showers of Blessing."

At this juncture General Superintendent Powers turned the chairmanship to General Superintendent G. B. Williamson.

Dr. Williamson asked for a report from Dr. Powers concerning his recent visit to Alaska and his proposed trip to India.

General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers gave a very interesting resume of our work in Alaska and the fine way our people there are supporting the total program of the church. He also indicated that he is leaving on Saturday to begin his trip to India and review our missionary stations in that area. His report was received with a rising vote of thanks.

The chairman requested that all members of the General Board pray definitely for Dr. Powers' protection and guidance on this extended trip of service for the church.

S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, gave a brief resume of his printed report. It was received.

John Stockton, general church treasurer, gave a report concerning the finances. His report was received enthusiastically by a show of hands.

The report of the Department of Foreign Missions was presented by Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary. It was received with appreciation.

Rev. C. S. Jenkins, missionary from Africa, having been granted the privilege of speaking, expressed his sincere appreciation for the splendid support the church has been giving him and his wife during their thirty-four years of service in Africa.

Roy F. Smee, executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, presented his report. It included an additional item from the report of Rev. Leon Chambers, superintendent of the Gulf Central District. The report was received.

Inasmuch as the time for adjournment had arrived, and several reports remained to be heard, the Board decided to change the agenda and hold an afternoon meeting.

A motion prevailed to adjourn subject to the announcement and to reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The Last Four Meetings

A brief resume of the other four meetings of the General Board follows:

The second meeting of the General Board began at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 8, with General Superintendent Young presiding. After a hymn and prayer, Dr. Young called for more departmental reports. The business of this type—the reports of the executive secretaries of their work during the previous year—having been completed by 4:00 p.m., the General Board adjourned to meet again at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9. This gave the various departments an opportunity to meet late Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning in order to complete their plans for 1954.

The third meeting of the General Board opened according to schedule at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9. At that time General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool presided. After a song and prayer, the minutes of the first and second meetings (held on Friday morning and afternoon) were read and approved. Then visitors were introduced, after which the business of the meeting was taken up. First, the actions of the General Board which had been voted by mail since its last meeting in January of 1953 were approved. This was followed by the presentation of the minutes of the sessions of the several departments. They dealt largely with recommendations for the work of the coming year, and had already been passed on by the Board of General Superintendents. The General Board then considered them carefully, either rejecting or passing them or approving them with certain changes. The third meeting of the General Board adjourned at 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The fourth meeting of the General Board convened on Monday, January 11, at 10:00 a.m., with General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner presiding. More minutes from the various departmental meetings were read and disposed of according to the prescribed procedure. In addition, the following officers were elected for the coming year: For the General Board—Dr. A. K. Bracken, chairman; Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, president; Mr. J. B. Deisenroth, first vice-president; and Dr. John L. Knight, second vice-president. For the executive committee of the General Board—Dr. V. H. Lewis, Dr. J. Robert Mangum, and Mr. Harlan R. Heinmiller. To serve as members at large on the Stewardship Committee—Dr. A. Milton Smith, Mr. A. E. Ramquist, and Dr. T. W. Willingham; and as general stewardship secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig.

The final meeting of the General Board for 1954 was held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 11, with General Superintendent G. B. Williamson in the chair. All business having been dispatched, the thirty-first session of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene was adjourned at 4:00 p.m., January 11. General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool led in a prayer of dismissal.

Mrs. R. T. Williams Present

For the first time in nine years, Mrs. R. T. Williams was a visitor during the General Board meetings. It was a delight to all of us to have her present. For years she attended this annual gathering with her husband, Dr. R. T. Williams, whose leadership as a general superintendent meant much to the Church of the Nazarene. His home-going was a great loss to our church and the cause of holiness. Come as often as possible, Mrs. Williams!

Missionaries Welcomed

Many missionaries were with us during the departmental and General Board meetings. Space forbids that we mention all of them. However, we must call your attention to a few. Mrs. Bessie Beals, who has served with her husband, Rev.

P. L. Beals, for thirty years in India, attended the General Board meetings for the first time. Another veteran missionary, Rev. M. A. Thaha-biyah, was present. After thirty-three years as missionary in the Near East he has come to the States to spend the rest of his life in evangelistic work in the Church of the Nazarene. Then there were Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Jones, missionaries from South Africa. They became our missionaries when the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene united last year. Dr. Jones will spend a few months in Chicago in a refresher course, since he is a medical missionary. After this he will give himself to deputation work for a time in the United States. Dr. Jones's mother, Mrs. D. B. Jones, was also here. Her husband was the founder of the International Holiness Mission in South Africa. We are always glad to have our missionaries come to Kansas City.

Some Facts and Figures

About the Work of Our Church During 1953

General Church Secretary

ACCORDING to the report of the general church secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, the total membership of the Church of the Nazarene in the United States, Canada, the British Isles, and overseas home-mission churches is now 258,125. This represents a net gain during the past year of 7,902 or 3.16 per cent. Also, we now have 61 established districts in the United States, 3 in Canada, 2 in the British Isles, 1 each in Australia, South Africa (European), Hawaii, and Alaska—a total of 70.

General Church Treasurer

FROM the report of the general church treasurer, Dr. John Stockton, we find that during the fiscal year, which ended April 30, 1953, our income as a church was \$2,935,643.55—the largest annual income the church ever has had. The Easter Offering in 1953 amounted to \$629,335.64; and the Thanksgiving Offering for 1953 is running ahead of what it was in '52, compared with the same number of days.

Foreign Missions

AS WE study the report of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary for foreign missions, we find that "this has been a peak year financially. The department income during the last fiscal year reached an all-time high of \$1,348,432.58, and General Budget income alone during the first half of the current fiscal year has exceeded the same period last year by \$20,067.37. However, during the same period expenditures were considerably greater than receipts. In the 1952-53 fiscal year, expenditures totaled \$1,186,365.47. On April 30 the balance was \$781,941.74. Monthly expenditures through October have exceeded income to such an extent that the balance on October 21

was \$360,934.30. The thing that causes concern is that the per capita giving for local purposes during the last fiscal year increased *five dollars* while giving for missions increased only *five cents*. One can scarcely say that the church is top-heavy on per capita giving for missions when only \$6.77 out of \$117.97 per church member was given for foreign missions. We are encouraged, however, in the increased number of 10 per cent churches. This trend will eventually affect the district standings. Last year there were only three districts in the 9 per cent bracket and just one above 10 per cent. Now there are seven districts above 9 per cent, three of which are more than 10 per cent districts."

Then there are our missionaries who are working so faithfully, as Dr. Rehfeldt says: "For the express purpose of making Christ known, and with little regard for ease and comfort, our 262 missionaries have labored for another year. I have tried to imagine what report the missionaries would bring to this body of church leaders. I think they would say: 'We love life, but would not deny Christ to save it. We have not done all we want to do, we have not done all we planned to do, we have not done all we will do; but, by the grace of God, we have done our best. Holiness evangelism has been our emphasis and God has not failed to honor His Word.'"

One phase of our task is given to some extent in these words by Dr. Rehfeldt: "In order to supply teachers for the 147 day schools on Nazarene mission fields where 9,236 children are taught, there must be native teacher training programs. For the 1,134 preaching places, 20 Bible schools are constantly training preachers. In an effort to meet the demand for native nurses in 37 dispensaries and 3 hospitals, the church operates nurses' schools on two fields and trains nurses' aides on

several others. Twenty-four teachers, 56 nurses, and 337 preachers—a total of 417—are in training at the present time, and numerous nurses' aides assist the medical missionaries. Instruction in industrial arts, agriculture, music, and other profitable pursuits is also included in the training courses. In printing shops additional workers are trained and thousands of pieces of holiness literature were produced last year."

Once again we quote from Dr. Rehfeldt's report to the General Board, giving the last two paragraphs of the same:

"Inasmuch as the minimum goal for world evangelism is 10 per cent of total expenditures; and since there are fifty-seven districts under 9 per cent, thirty-one of which are in the 6 per cent group or under; and whereas \$3,027,088.70 would have been received last year if every district had attained the minimum goal; and in preparation for the fiftieth anniversary of the church in 1958, the Department of Foreign Missions recommends that a program be launched in an endeavor to bring each district to the 10 per cent level by the time of the Golden Anniversary celebration.

"Missionaries have gone abroad by appointment of the church. They are our representatives; they are doing our work; they are standing in our place; they are accomplishing that work which we are unable to do because God in His providence has placed and keeps us here. We must serve in the place God has appointed, and to the utmost of our power by our prayers, by our efforts, by our contributions, support the men and women who have gone far hence to preach the gospel to the heathen."

Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

The annual report of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society given by Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president, and Miss Mary Scott, general secretary, opens with these paragraphs:

"The Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society last year realized a net gain in membership of 5,112, making the total membership 101,359. Of this number, 18,985 are men. Only 39.26 per cent of the church members belong to the missionary society. There is much 'membership land' to be possessed. Plans are being laid for a membership drive on each district in 1954.

"The financial report for 1952-53 indicates good gains in receipts:

		<i>Increase</i>
Dues and offerings	\$634,028.43	\$40,736.22
Prayer and Fasting	286,178.78	5,365.50
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Total General Budget	\$920,207.21	\$46,101.72
Alabaster	\$ 164,076.81	\$16,566.52
Other Specials	35,119.20	2,621.91-
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Total General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials	\$1,119,403.22	\$60,046.33

"Forty-eight and one-tenth per cent (48.1%) of all General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials raised last year came through the missionary society."

Home Missions and Evangelism

Turning to the report of Dr. Roy F. Smee, executive secretary for the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, we find that, including the 27 churches which became a part of the Church of the Nazarene when the International Holiness Mission merged with our organization, there has been a net increase in 1952-53 of 152 churches.

Negro home missions are beginning to forge ahead in spite of all the difficulties which are confronted in this field. Also, some Chinese churches are being organized in America; this is another home-mission field which promises to develop with the years. In regard to the overseas home missions, Dr. Smee has this to say:

"The overseas home missions consists of our work in Alaska, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and, more recently, the Panama Canal Zone. Each of these fields is making progress and many of the churches are becoming self-supporting and putting the money back into the further expansion of the work. As examples, Honolulu First Church gave over \$700.00 in the Thanksgiving offering; Fairbanks, Alaska, gave \$643.00; and one of the smaller churches, Kailua, in Hawaii, gave more than \$100.00.

"Bible schools have been opened in South Africa and Australia and are functioning with gratifying success. These are an added item to our budget. From these schools will soon be going out young men and young women who are familiar with the climate and customs of these fields to add to our world-wide evangelistic force for God and full salvation.

"Home missionary money still returns great dividends even in these overseas areas. Since June, 1948, we have invested in these fields for all purposes \$480,524.00 and today we have almost \$550,000.00 worth of real estate alone with a total indebtedness of about \$140,000.00—giving us a net worth of over \$400,000.00. We have 904 members in these fields, and we have just begun."

We are making progress in the Crusade for Souls Now, but not the progress that we should be making. Dr. Smee says we must change the past year's record, and, "The Crusade for Souls is changing that record wherever it is put into operation in an organized and insistent manner. Study the minutes of any district assembly and you will find those churches and pastors who are following through on the Crusade program will always show the majority of the net increases in the assembly report."

Church Extension

Church Extension, which comes within the bounds of Home Missions and Evangelism, is beginning to get a start. Some money has accumulated for loans to our churches, and it is being used to a great advantage. A special commission

has been appointed to try to find ways to increase the funds for church extension.

Ministerial Benevolence

The Department of Ministerial Benevolence is under the direction of Dr. M. Lunn. During the last fiscal year, \$413,443.94 was raised for this work. Also, \$180,328.26 was paid out by this department in regular, emergency, and sundry assistance to those of our ministers who have been in need. As of December 15, the Department was assisting 297 ministers and 154 widows, making a total of 451 persons.

Department of Publication

Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House and executive secretary of the Department of Publication, presented his report. The gross (adjusted) income for the year totals \$2,092,817.70, which establishes a new record for our Nazarene Publishing House, with its main office in Kansas City, Missouri, and its branch stores in Bethany, Oklahoma; Pasadena, California; and Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The ministry of the printed page—books, tracts, and periodicals—is one that the Church of the Nazarene could not get along without. There were 6,890,380 copies of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* published in 1952-53 (twelve months); the subscription list for December 23, 1953, totals 105,000. The March 4, 1953, special issue, totaled 1,248,264. "The increased circulation of the *Preacher's Magazine* is encouraging. We are printing 4,500 bimonthly with an actual paid subscription list of 3,800. Commencing with the January, 1954, issue, this periodical will be published monthly."

Another interesting fact from the report of the Nazarene Publishing House is the reception our new hymnal, *Praise and Worship*, is receiving. "All but 10,000 of the first two editions of 50,000 each have been sold. The third edition of 50,000 is being bound and the fourth edition of 50,000 is on the press."

Department of Education

The report from the Department of Education was given by its executive secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig. According to it, the present enrollment in all of our schools, from the highest to the lowest level, is 4,682. This represents a 3.4 per cent increase over last year, the largest increase being in our academies. "This increase was slightly more than 20 per cent and indicates an increasing interest on the part of parents and students in secondary education under Christian auspices. Nazarene Theological Seminary continues with a splendid increase in student body over last year, despite the fact that for the first time in the history of the Seminary regular tuition was charged and current housing conditions for classrooms and staff personnel still remain critical. The total enrollment of the Seminary for the first semester stands at 245 students." "Property evaluation of all of our schools increased \$404,011.00 during the year, a total of \$7,062,611.00. The indebtedness against this property stands at \$1,040,750.00.

Dr. L. J. Du Bois Elected

Editor of the "Preacher's Magazine"



Recently Dr. D. Shelby Corlett resigned as editor of the *Preacher's Magazine*, and Dr. L. J. Du Bois was elected to succeed him. Dr. Du Bois is well known throughout our church. Since 1944 he has been executive secretary of the Nazarene Young People's Society, and under his supervision

this organization has grown to a membership of 88,000. He is also editor in chief of our youth publications—*Conquest*, the *Young People's Journal*, and *Teen Topics*. In addition, he has often been a contributor to our Sunday-school literature, and at present is director of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission.

Before coming to Kansas City to take over his work as executive secretary of the Nazarene Young People's Society, Dr. Du Bois pastored churches in Parkdale, Oregon; Spokane, Washington; and Newton, Kansas. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, and the Master of Arts degree from the University of Idaho. In 1948 his alma mater conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Du Bois has distinguished himself in every position which he has been called on to fill. He is in much demand as a preacher as well as a speaker before young people's groups. Furthermore, he is a gifted writer, and I am confident that he will maintain for the *Preacher's Magazine* the same high standard which has been set for it by its preceding editors. He is loyal to God, the cause of holiness, and the Church of the Nazarene, and is always ready to give his best in the forwarding of the kingdom of God.

According to the report sent to the department by the presidents of our educational institutions, seven new buildings are under construction at the present time. Capital income (from districts and other sources) increased \$48,823.00 for a total of \$344,889.00 during the year. Current income (from students, districts, and other sources) increased \$58,616.00 for a total of \$2,250,476.00. This makes a total income from all sources amounting to \$2,595,365.00 for the year."

Department of Church Schools

The report for the Department of Church Schools was given by Dr. Albert F. Harper, ex-

ecutive secretary. The enrollment in our Sunday schools for 1953 was 537,065, and the attendance 354,317. This was an increase over the previous year of 16,035 in enrollment, and of 14,769 in attendance. Dr. Harper is thankful for this increase, but is troubled by the fact that our increases in this field have been diminishing for several years. In this connection he says: "Frankly, I am disturbed at the trend of our increases. We are still reaching a substantial number of new people every year but the rate of our growth has been decreasing for the past six years. . . . We are going in the wrong direction. For the past several years some six or seven thousand of our young men have been in the armed forces, but this factor is not sufficient to explain our 'slow down.' We are simply not reaching enough new people. With nearly 4,000 Sunday schools we gained only 16,000 new pupils—an average of 4 per school. I propose a goal of 10 new pupils per school during 1954. I doubt that there is any working Sunday school which, under normal conditions, could not in a year's time find 10 new children, teen-agers, or adults to be brought into membership. We must reach more in '54."

The following quotation from Dr. Harper as to our Sunday-school literature shows that our church is appreciating and using it more and more: "As a result of the quality of the literature, due to the work of the editorial staff and the promotional program of Dr. Benson, the Sunday-school literature continues to show wholesome gains in circulation. At all age levels we are constantly increasing the percentage of schools using Nazarene literature. Forty per cent of the net circulation gain is to be accounted for by our increased Sunday-school enrollment; 60 per cent of the circulation increase is a result of schools formerly using non-Nazarene literature who this year began using our own denominational material."

Our *vacation Bible schools*, under the capable leadership of Miss Mary Latham, are constantly advancing. "Last summer we enrolled 143,300 pupils in 1,961 vacation Bible schools. This represents 72 new schools and an increased enrollment of 5,603. That our vacation Bible schools afford great evangelistic opportunity is shown by the nearly 23,000 children who were converted last summer."

Caravans and camps for the boys and girls are a very important part of our church program, and God is blessing them. The Caravan program shows a gain of about 30 per cent during the year. "Summer camps for boys and girls are becoming an increasingly effective instrument for evangelism and for the development of Christian character among the youth of the church. Incomplete reports show that some 6,700 Juniors and Intermediates attended 71 camps on 37 districts. More than 3,400 of these boys and girls went back to their home churches with a new testimony in their hearts."

Nazarene Young People's Society

The report for the Nazarene Young People's Society was given by its general secretary, Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois. The Nazarene Young People's Society has a total membership now in the United States of 81,327. When the membership in foreign fields, 6,776, is added to this, we have a grand total of 88,103 members in our Nazarene Young People's Society around the world. These societies, around the world, have raised more than one-half million dollars. Both the number of members and the amount of money raised show a gain over last year. Many of our young people's societies are joining the 10-per cent plan for giving to the General Budget. During the year, more than \$22,000.00 was given to the General Budget. Also, more than \$32,000.00 was raised for the Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa, and more than \$13,000.00 for the American and British and Foreign Bible Societies. Along with these financial projects which the N.Y.P.S. has had, it has emphasized Youth Week, the Lamplighters' League, and the Prayer Tower Intercessors. The subscription list of *Conquest* has reached an all-time high of 23,595; the *Young People's Journal* subscription list now stands at 7,893; and the subscription list for *Teen Topics* is 2,049, an increase of 303 over a year ago.

Nazarene Servicemen's Commission

This is the program of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission as given in the report of Dr. L. J. Du Bois, its executive secretary:

"The contact program with servicemen has continued at a rapid pace this year. We have about 7,500 names on our mailing list with 5,000 of them active at any given time. Failure to get changes of address accounts for the one-third in the inactive file. Working with the Publishing House, we have sent the three periodicals, *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart*, to those on the active list. To those overseas the Department of Foreign Missions sends the *Other Sheep*. We have also kept in correspondence with the fellows each time they changed address and when they have written us. We have kept them informed of the location of the nearest Church of the Nazarene to their base while in the U.S. and have given them information about our missionaries and 'Showers of Blessing' outlets when they have gone overseas. We have kept some 600 post pastors and our chaplains informed when men move into their respective areas. While all of this has meant a tremendous amount of detail, and while there is of necessity much wasted motion and in some cases we fail to get through to the fellows in time to do the most good, yet we have been amazed at the successes of our program." Just one of the letters which Dr. Du Bois quotes from in his report will indicate the great value of this work.

"I wish to take this time to thank you very sincerely again for sending to me the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Come Ye Apart*, and *Conquest* periodicals. They have really helped me along. A Chris-

tian life here is very hard. There are only three of us here in the company and very seldom do we have a chance to get together, as we are separated so much of the time. We all like to sing and we have songbooks and have a wonderful time when we do get together. Your periodicals and my Bible are the only things I have to keep me going. I find myself at times not doing what I know I should do, and then I find an article or a poem or a story in the periodicals that makes me stop and think and helps me keep my chin up."

Christian Service Training

The report of the Christian Service Training Commission was given by Rev. Norman R. Oke, its secretary and director. As Mr. Oke says: "This has been another fine year in the work of the Christian Service Training Commission. The report shows that we have maintained a steady volume of work, with some very encouraging increases." In 1953 there were 1,297 classes held in contrast to 1,199 held in 1952. There were 1,647 churches holding classes in 1953, as compared with 1,265 in 1952. Also, there were 64 districts participating in 1953 as compared with 62 in 1952.

Junior Society

Dr. Roy E. Swim, chairman of the Junior Society Commission, gave his report. The opening paragraph should be read by all of our people. Here it is: "The purpose of the Nazarene Junior Society is the training of children in Christian living and in Christian service with a world-wide outlook. The training includes discipleship, churchmanship, stewardship, and missions. That the latter interest should occupy a considerable proportion of time and attention in the Junior Society program we consider proper, in the light of the origin of the society as a missionary organization among children." Also, we want to present to you the second paragraph of this report: "This year past has shown consistent progress and gain in the work of the Junior Society. Giving has reached an all-time high of more than fifty thousand dollars. More than thirty thousand dollars of this has been to the assigned project on the General Budget. The remainder covered special projects and expenses on the respective districts and in the local churches."

Stewardship Committee

The General Stewardship Committee reported through its secretary, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, and we quote the first paragraph so that our people may know about the work that is being done by this committee. Dr. Ludwig says: "In addition to the promotion required for the two church-wide offerings, Easter and Thanksgiving, the committee has sought to undergird our total stewardship emphasis through various periodicals of the church. This has included emphasis on the 10 per cent giving of the local church for world evangelism. Likewise, we have sought to inform our people concerning the giving of tithes and offerings that the work of God's kingdom may go forward with increasing effectiveness in our day and generation."

Radio League

Dr. T. W. Willingham, executive director of the Nazarene Radio League, gave that report. He says: "The financial report speaks for itself. There are no unpaid bills on hand, a cash balance of over \$1,300.00, and programs prepared well in advance. Each year has shown an increase in the number of stations carrying the program. We now report 374 stations, with 214 of them donating the time."

The Joint Conference of Superintendents and Evangelists

More than two thousand attended the joint conference of superintendents and evangelists. Many papers and addresses were presented and they were filled with inspiration, blessing, and information. A more extended report of the conference will be given later.

In the meantime I congratulate General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner, co-ordinator of the conference; Dr. Russell V. DeLong, director of the Conference on Evangelism; and all who participated in the program. God manifested His presence often and the conference marks one of the high points in the history of our church.

HAVE YOU

A Satisfactory Christian Experience?

By E. E. Wordsworth*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be completely satisfied (Weymouth, Matt. 5:6).

MACLAREN says: "The great end of life is to make us like Christ, and pleasing to Him." Another said, "The chief end of life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." Our souls are not satisfied until we find rest in God.

In Psalms 63:1 David cried out, "My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is." But the next moment he exclaims, "My soul is satisfied." As in the wilderness when the rain comes down, the baked earth soon becomes a flowering meadow, and all the torrent beds, where the white stones glistened ghastly in the heat, are now foaming with rushing water, and fringed with budding willows; so in the instant the soul turns toward God with true desire and earnest longing, in that instant God draws near with wondrous grace and peace.

The Arctic spring comes with one stride; today snow, tomorrow flowers. Like a sudden burst of sunshine upon a gloomy landscape, the light of union with God and friendship with Him becomes a sunlit reality. The dark ribbon of the river that went meandering through the valley,

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when the sun glints upon it, gleams with silver glory; the trees on its bank blaze out into green and gold; and the birds sing their merry song.

The best way to have a satisfied Christian experience is to be blessedly converted to Christ, to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and daily to walk with God. God is always waiting to bestow His blessing, grace, and power, and all we need to do is to open the sluices and the great ocean flows in—or as much of it as our hearts can hold. But we are prone to build our dikes and obstruct the incoming sea. “My soul thirsteth” is the experience of one moment and, ere the clock ticks again, “My soul shall be satisfied.”

“He That Goeth Forth and Weepeth”

By Eugene M. Culbertson *

IT HAPPENED at our Crusade for Souls Conference. I had stayed after the service to write some letters in the church office—I thought. But all I could write was of the stir within my soul. I told my friends I felt God was breaking up the fallow ground, and was trying to produce fruit in me that I had never laid at His feet before.

I turned aside to look into the Word and to hear what God was saying. His complaint drew a furrow—oh, so deep—across my soul! There was no mistaking the meaning: “Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself . . .” (Hos. 10:1). Could it be that the only fruit of my labors is the mere protection of the ninety and nine already safe within the fold? Could it be that disease and death within that sheltered flock actually left me with fewer than the season before?

Yes, I read on, and almost choked over the words: “O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself . . .” (Hos. 13:9). With the ineffectiveness of years crying out for attention, and with God’s Word plowing deep, furrow after furrow, I knew my only hope was to keep listening to Him. My simple knowledge of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount told me that. “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled” (Matt. 5:6).

Lo, I found that Joel stepped right in and directed the way—straight through to victory. “Sound an alarm . . . rend your heart . . . sanctify a fast . . . gather the people . . . weep between the porch and the altar . . . give not thine heritage to reproach . . . be glad and rejoice . . . the Lord will do great things” (see Joel 2).

*O Lord,
Thou who hast inspired this Crusade:
Grip this preacher’s hand!
Move this preacher’s feet!
Fill this preacher’s soul!
And let him come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him!*

*Pastor, Hagerman, New Mexico

What Tithing Has Meant to Me

By Margaret Bogart*

DID you ever see people give what they had and pledge their money to be earned in the future, some singing, some praising the Lord, and others with tears of joy and thanksgiving running down their faces—each one moving as God talked to him, giving willingly? I have. It does something to you, and it’s catching—it is if you stay around long enough and aren’t afraid to be led of God.

Often I had gone to my husband asking him about tithing our money. His answer was always, “No,” so I started out to tithe the allowance he gave me for myself. It was all I could do at the time and God knew it. Later I learned the real joy of tithing. My husband was not working because of sickness and I started to look for work after twenty years of being a housewife. It was not to a high position that God led me, but to a little laundry. “Your husband can drop dead any minute”—the doctor’s words were running through my mind. What about tomorrow—how long can you work? was too. I learned that the best place to trust is when we must step out on God’s promises in simple, childlike faith. I left my finance problems and my husband in God’s care.

What a thrill to hold that first pay check and to have the blessed privilege of laying aside God’s tenth first! I found the answer to any financial problem comes when there is deep gratitude in our hearts to God, together with a willingness to let Him mold and guide us. Need I tell you how God has answered prayer for me, supplying daily needs and sending the little extra surprises along the way? I never tithed with the idea of just getting things from God, yet the way I have seen Him work has been such a wonderful experience! I saw my husband, when he got better, ask for my church envelopes and contribute weekly to my church because he suddenly saw that tithing paid.

As treasurer of my church, I see God at work as His people from all walks of life bring their tithe into His storehouse. How it thrills your heart to see those who love the Lord and are trained and happy to give to His work! This week one of our members, who is a graduate nurse, was off duty and brought me her tithe. We may not be a big or wealthy church, but as I look at each envelope—some marked in a lad’s way who has a paper route, another in a childish scrawl and maybe marked six cents—I see each one, the widow woman who earns her money crocheting, the one who takes in washings, the schoolteacher, the garage mechanic, the factory worker—and I thank God for these dear people! What a sacred trust it is to tithe! It has brought me much happiness and joy, and has opened my eyes anew to God, His marvelous workings, and His power.

*Auburn, New York

The Scriptures plainly teach that Christ is—

The Only Foundation

By W. B. Walker*

THE divisions of Christianity seem to have originated at Corinth. It was there that professed believers began to classify themselves under different leaders and to take on human distinctions in salvation. One said, "I am of Paul"; another, "I am of Apollos"; and still another, "I am of Cephas." In the first three chapters of I Corinthians, the Apostle Paul strongly discommends this course of procedure, and warns them that all this is simply the outcropping and manifestation of carnality. He reminds them that all these good men are servants of the same Lord, preaching the same glorious gospel, and are not divided. Then, he gives us this famous statement, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3:11).

Christ is the Foundation of everything that is worth while. The term used here is architectural, and refers to that part of the building which is the lowest, yet the most important, on which the whole structure or edifice rests. This term is often used to denote the beginning of anything, or the essential principles of a system, and this passage may be considered in either sense. This is true, for the Church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual edifice and Jesus is the Foundation Stone as well as the Head of the Corner.

The gospel is emphatically the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is its Foundation as well as its Founder, Source, Subject, and Glory. All the blessings, privileges, light, and glory emanate from Him and from Him only. Jesus is the Foundation of the sinner's faith and acceptance with God—the only access to God (Rom. 5:1; Acts 4:12).

Christ is the Foundation of the believer's sanctification. This is true, when considered in the light of Eph. 5:25-26 and Heb. 13:12-13. And Jesus is the Foundation of the Christian's hope. Our hope not only relates to regeneration and entire sanctification, but to the Resurrection, the Second Coming, and our everlasting rest. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19). Without Christ there is no Christian hope.

Truly *Jesus is the Foundation of the Church.* This is clearly seen in Peter's confession. "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" (Matt. 16:13), said Christ. Peter said, in reply, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). The Master replied to Peter's great confession in these words: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18). Thus the Church of Christ is built upon the revelation of God to the human soul. Christ is its Foundation. He is the Stone which the builders rejected, but became the Cornerstone.

Let us notice some of the *characteristics of this Foundation.* It is noted for its *strength.* This is of the utmost importance in the foundation of a building. There was a magnificent building in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, whose foundation was faulty, and the building leaned nine feet. The building was condemned and had to be torn down and rebuilt. David said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Ps. 11:3.)

This Foundation is also noted for its *suitability.* "For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10). Not only is it suitable and becoming to Deity, but it is gloriously suitable to the poor sinner. It is tremendously suitable to the sanctified ones, for here they find hope of His resurrection.

This wonderful Foundation is noted for its *sufficiency* (Heb. 7:25; II Pet. 3:9; John 1:12). "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). This Foundation has endured the flight of the centuries. Thank God, it has not been affected by the flight of the ages, nor by the upheavals and the revolutions of the kingdoms of this world. It remains ever the same throughout the passing generations, and is the only Foundation upon which the righteous have ever had to build. Upon this Foundation the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs have built.

In looking over this marvelous foundation, it would seem folly for men to attempt another foundation. Yet, the passage implies that men would attempt to lay other foundations, but it also affirms the impossibility of ever succeeding. Church history abounds with ways and means of men attempting to lay other foundations.

Some are trusting to unsanctified reason alone, and have failed to note that "the world by wisdom [reason] knew not God." Others are trusting to their own righteousness for acceptance with God. Some have relied on their honesty, devotion, self-denial, correctness of creed; while others rest solely on the Lord's mercy without considering the merits of our blessed Redeemer. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that God's mercy is most strikingly manifested, for "without shedding of blood is no remission of sin" (Heb. 9:22).

Those who reject the Blood reject the only remedy for sin, and despise the brightest display of His divine perfection. Jesus is the Light of the World, and to reject Him is to be guilty of our own soul's blood, and go to the pit by the stroke of our own suicidal hand. Oh, the Blood has never lost its power to save and sanctify fallen humanity! Let us cling to this only Foundation, upon which we may build for time and eternity.

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Conception vs. Reality

By Thatcher Wood*

ONE of the sad things about life as we know it is the enormous gulf between conception and reality. Anyone who has ever written a book or painted a picture or composed a symphony knows this sadness. Anyone who has ever attempted to build something about which the specifications cannot be precise must also know it. In that way the bridge builders and the architects are luckier than most of us because their art combines with science and is precise—the bridge or the building, when finished, will look pretty much as its builder knew it would look. But a novel to the novelist is never remotely what his conception had once made him hope it would be.

And your life—is it what you had once hoped it would be? Or has your life, as designed with precision and scientific specifications of the Great Architect, been spent in the failings of human nature? And now in our passing years of unattained hopes and ideas, we understand the sadness of the novelist when he contemplates his finished work and remembers what he had once hoped it would be.

It seems very important to remember something—wild and fanciful dreams have no part in the scheme of this life. Yet, paradoxically, nothing at all is more important than dreams. A man who dreams of great wealth and walks the streets hoping that a cloud will open up and let loose this great wealth into his arms is an idiot. But the man who dreams of great wealth and works for it often will get it. Many of us, in the flood of good will which followed the endings of two wars and the beginnings of periods we hoped we could call peace, looked for the clouds to drop peace in our laps. But the clouds have instead remained stormy and troubled. Looking up at them and feeling the turbulence of the air—and taking an inventory of our lives—we know somewhere along the road we have failed our fellow men and ourselves.

Instead of despair, however, this inner search of self can provide you with the opportunity to

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BEYOND THE HILLS

By Ila R. Monday

*I cannot go without Thee—not one step
On life's scarred road of treachery and pride;
Nor can I bear one single day's great care,
Unless You are the Companion by my side.*

*But with Thy help, Thy voice close in my ear,
That speaks encouragement, eternal love,
I'll walk, I'll bear—and knowing Thee so near,
I'll reach beyond the hills—to things above.*

take a new lease on life. Face reality. Recognize that you, and only you, can bring about the change you want in your life. Waiting will only waste time. Discard your phantasies and hopes that are impossible or extremely unlikely. Concentrate on what's attainable. Use your strong points as scrupulously as you would someone else's, and realize your own limitations. Thus you will find a new zest in living, and a new lease on your life in accomplishing goals never before considered attainable.

Only by *doing* can your dreams come true.

I Walked with God

By Spencer Johnson*

THE DAY had been a perfect one. Although it was in midwinter the sun had shone with the warmth of spring. Twilight had fallen and the evening shadows stretched away into the night. Far out to the west a crimson border could be seen on a few lazy clouds where the last rays of the sun brought a reluctant farewell from the departing day. The full moon lifted itself out of the dark-hued mists of earth, and its mellow rays seemed to clothe the short grass country with a silver sheen.

For some reason I felt the urge to walk; so, turning my steps toward the road that led to the nearby fields, I was soon lost in meditation. It was then that I became aware of His presence. Sometime in my walk, He had fallen quietly in step beside me. His company made my heart glad, for I was many miles from home and rather lonely that evening. He seemed happy to walk with me; perhaps He was lonely too. We needed no introduction, for I had met Him several years before on a night similar to this one. In the intervening years we had walked many times together. We understood each other from the very first and often thought the same thoughts; though His thoughts were higher than my thoughts, "as the heavens are higher than the earth."

That night, though we had spoken little more than a brief whisper of greeting, He sensed my loneliness even before I had thought to tell Him. So, on we walked in the bright moonlight. Reaching the edge of the country we stopped and gazed at the canopy of the sky. Myriads of stars decked the heavens, which spread themselves in all their glory over the wide open spaces of the plains country. From the very zenith of space the Pleiades twinkled down upon us. Over to our left hung the Big Dipper, with its pointers indicating the position of the North Star. For a long time we stood in solitude and thought of the heavens that declare the glory of God.

Then we turned around, and there in the distance lay the little city with its many lights shin-

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ing beneath the open sky. With a burdened heart I thought of the many in the town who were heartbroken, poor and needy, without God. But it seemed that He had been thinking of them much longer than I. Though He was fabulously rich, the concern for the poor and needy weighed heavily upon His great heart. Contemplating His tremendous wealth, I became uncomfortable in His presence, because I was so poor. But I remembered that He was once the poorest of the poor, so again I felt at ease when I thought of His condescension to become the Help of the weak and the Hope of the despairing. In His sacred

companionship my loneliness had taken wings.

It is in moments of silence that God whispers to men His secrets. Heaven is unveiled as the untrammelled spirit leaps out into the infinite. In the solitudes of God, vision is piled on vision and glory dissolves into glory. The heart is laid bare while time with its rush and fret and care falls away and the soul rests in the peace and joy of God.

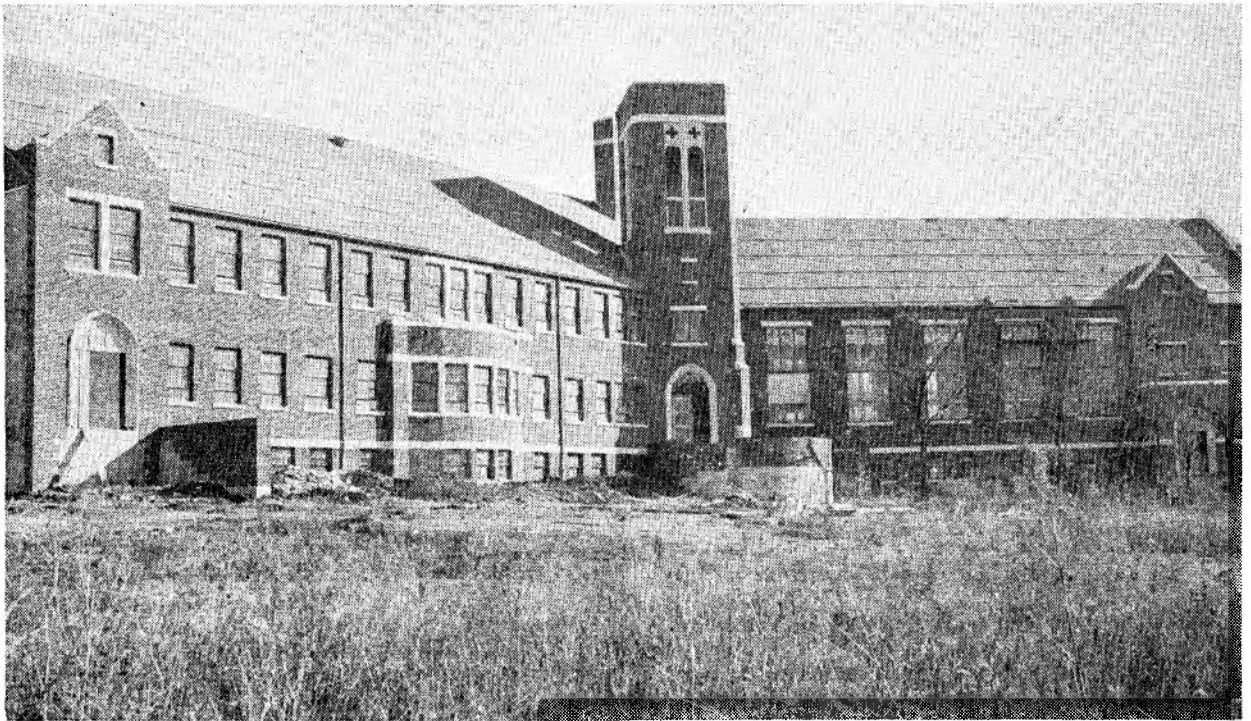
The problems which had towered so forbidding

Seemed less than the dust where I trod,

For along that road I was treading

I had walked alone with God.

Nazarene Theological Seminary



The outside of the Seminary building is complete except the chapel windows. Work is progressing rapidly in the interior.

The building has approximately 40,000 square feet of floor space in it. The south wing is the chapel on first floor and balcony. It will seat over 600. The large room underneath the chapel will house the Seminary Library until the north wing is added, which will be the permanent location for the library. In the center area, the administrative and classroom section, there are 9 classrooms, 8 offices, a Prayer Chapel, a work room, four rest rooms, a lounge, lunchroom and kitchen, caretaker's apartment, storage rooms, a typing room adjacent to library for use by the students, and the heating plant. The building will be completed sometime this spring. The landscaping, with parking lot, driveways, sidewalks, and drainage system, was not included in the cost of the building, so plans are being

worked out to try to secure funds to do this needed work.

There is still \$58,743.38 unpaid of the \$300,000.00 that was allocated to the districts and churches for the Seminary building. This money is needed to pay the costs of this project. We are urging all churches who have not paid their allocation in full to do so as soon as possible, for your money is needed.

There has been a good response to the appeal for funds to pay for the furniture. \$7,000.00 more is needed to complete the amount needed to buy the furniture. Anyone giving \$100.00 or more can memorialize some friend or relative and his name will be included in those placed on the plaque in the foyer of the chapel. We urge all of our people to pray that this amount will come in to take care of the furniture. Send all money to the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Box 525, Kansas City 41, Mo.

LEWIS T. CORLETT, President

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Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

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Home Again!

Back once more and the reception from our colleagues was wonderful! We are assured that God's will is being accomplished in our lives. Praise Him forever!

We thank God that our leader is a man who commands our confidence. We feel sure that the Woods have been chosen by God for the work here in Cape Verde Islands. Already they are winning their way into the hearts of the people, and this is the first important step. Praise God! They are making it successfully. We are sure that you will be receiving, shortly, reports of great blessing through their ministry. Sister Wilke is carrying on gallantly, endeavoring to do the work of a couple, and the Lord is blessing her.

Real progress is being made in the Bible school. The church is going ahead, and the buildings are going up. The superintendency of the work is being carried out magnificently, but, oh, what a burden is being carried! Pray and pray again for our leaders on this field.—ERNEST EADES, *Cape Verde Islands*.

God never intended man to face temptation in his own strength. The wilderness was the environment, but closer to Jesus than that environment was the enshrouding environment of the Holy Spirit. The world with all of its allurements and opposition may be our environment, but God's purpose is to so clothe us with himself that we will be kept.—EARLE W. VENNUM.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. George Taylorson

Topic for February 14: Jesus Declares His Deity

Scripture: John 7—8 (Printed, John 7:37-44; 8:12-19)

GOLDEN TEXT: *I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life* (John 8:12).

It is utterly astounding how far one can go without encountering opposition. In fact there is nothing much more popular than today's religion. Everybody is religious, even the Communist. Religion is the standard coinage in all walks of life and world marts.

Had Jesus come on the scene with just another religion, all would have been well. No harm would have been done and He would have lived a normal life. The way is always broad here and many there be who walk thereon; it is as shallow and meaningless as it is broad.

Jesus could not and would not be content to be just another prophet or a teacher of a new way. His an-

nouncement was clear, He was *the Way, the only Light*. This Pioneer cut across all tradition of the fathers when it interfered with the commands of God. The *status quo* of Temple worship was held so sacred that human needs could not be considered on the Sabbath day. He came to bring life, not to endorse death. Those of His day were dedicated to proving themselves right; He came to reveal truth in Person.

Trouble arises when, today, we assert the singleness of the Christian gospel. There is a dogmatism essential to Christian truth. There are essentials to this way which allow no compromise. The Bible is, not a book among many containing God's Word, but rather the Holy Writ uniquely inspired; "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they

were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21).

The ethical Christ, Sponsor of all good will, is still permitted to move about without harm or effect. Proclaim Him as the only Saviour, *the One and one Way* by which sinful man comes to the Father. Be specific, call for some demands from His followers. Press beyond the mild, ethical acceptance of popular religion until there comes the call for personal denial, the bearing of Christ's cross, the walking in His way. This is something far different. Our Saviour was rejected, not because He was a good Man, but because He proclaimed himself to be coequal with God. He was the Messiah!

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I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth (Rom. 1:6).

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Far-reaching Decisions

EVERY young person in the church and every leader of young people will be concerned about the outcome of the General N.Y.P.S. Council Meeting held January 5-7. The members of the Council came ready for business and for three days were in full session.

Several more or less routine matters were cared for.

1. Reports were received concerning the past year's work. These showed that we now have 88,098 N.Y.P.S. members around the world, which is a gain of 1 per cent for the year. \$522,102.00 was given for all purposes by the local societies. \$22,759.00 came in for the General Budget, \$34,661.00 for the Bible colleges project, and \$13,562.00 for the Bible Society project.

2. Several projects were authorized:

a. The Prayer Tower Intercessor program will continue with special emphasis placed on prayer groups in the local society.

b. The N.Y.P.S. will continue to sponsor the offering on Bible Sunday for the Bible Society.

c. Materials are to be prepared for a program of teen-age weekday ac-

tivity, for which there has been such extensive call. This will be known as the PAL program.

3. Considerable time was spent rethinking the objectives of the local N.Y.P.S. There will be no official project for 1954-55. Rather we shall expand our promotional "steam" in trying to assist the local N.Y.P.S. to reach its true objectives. The Council felt that two factors must come in focus: the first, that every N.Y.P.S. member should be a warmhearted soul winner; and second, that the N.Y.P.S. service should be an aggressive center of training.

I am asking our Council members the next few weeks to present their impressions about the council meeting and especially to give emphasis to this reorientation.

Prayer Request for February Mexico and Spanish- Speaking Americans

THE progress of the Church of the Nazarene in Mexico and on the "border" has been encouraging. There has been in recent years a sizable numerical growth. There is every

evidence of greater unity and a more intensive spirit of evangelism than ever before in the history of our work there.

Because of national laws, there can be no foreign missionaries in Mexico. All of our work is under the direction of Mexican leaders and pastors. God has given the church outstanding men to carry on this work. They are devoted to God and are measuring up to the highest level of sacrifice that the church has ever seen.

There are three districts composing our work in Mexico proper. These are: North Mexican with Rev. Carlos Stopani as district superintendent, Central Mexican with Rev. Enrique Rosales as district superintendent, and South Mexican with Rev. David J. Sol as district superintendent.

There are two districts whose area is mainly within the United States. These are: Texas Mexican with Rev. Everett Howard as district superintendent, and Southwest Mexican (including Lower California in Mexico) with Rev. Ira L. True, Sr., as the district superintendent.

Central in our Spanish-speaking work is the *Instituto Biblico Nazareno* of San Antonio, Texas, with Rev. Edward Wyman as the principal.

Let us pray for all of these fields, for the superintendents, pastors, and people.

CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Tulsa and Phoenix Conferences

BEFORE the holidays, it was my privilege to hold a Crusade for Souls Now Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the Northeast Oklahoma District, of which Dr. I. C. Mathis is the district superintendent. Dr. Mathis had his forces well organized and almost 100 per cent of his pastors and many of his laymen were in attendance. The meetings were held in Central Church in Tulsa. H. C. Thomas is the pastor. Central Church did a grand job as host. The building was filled to capacity every night.

I had as associate speakers Rev. Andrew Young and Dr. S. T. Ludwig. A real spirit of holy enthusiasm was generated during the conference and many pastors and laymen received a new vision and burden for personal soul winning.

The following week we associated with Dr. Hardy C. Powers and Rev.

Harold Daniels under the direction of Rev. M. L. Mann, superintendent of the Arizona District, in a Crusade Conference held in Phoenix First Church. This, too, was well attended, with a full house every night. Many of the pastors on this district were already working to some extent the Crusade program. These added enthusiasm and inspiration to the conference because of what personal evangelism is doing for their work. If the ardor for this phase of church work can be fanned into full flame, it will not be long until every church in Arizona will be a soul-saving center.

In both of these conferences the finances were well cared for. All obligations were paid without any financial pull. This was largely because both district superintendents had given thought and plan to the financial responsibility of the conferences before we arrived.

On with the Crusade!

Colorado Crusade Conference And Sunday-School Convention

February 16-18, 1954

Opening Rally, 10:30 a.m., February 16
First Church of the Nazarene
Colorado Springs

Special Workers:

Dr. E. E. Zachary, Rev. C. B. Cox,
Rev. Andrew Young, Rev. Alpin
P. Bowes

All Colorado Nazarenes invited
to attend!

Crusade for Souls Now!

OR ARE WE?

By Morris Chalfant

The Church of the Nazarene is in the midst of a Crusade for Souls Now—or are we? We are not primarily in a crusade for church members. We are not in a crusade for anyone's personal notions or ideas. The quintessence of our Crusade is for the souls of never-dying men and women and boys and girls.

CRUSADE—that actually means to "mark oneself" with the cross. The cross suggests Calvary, and Calvary

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

means atonement in the blood of Jesus—His sacrificial death in order to bring forgiveness for the sins of men, His agony in order that men might be holy, His sufferings to keep men from an eternal woe. We seem to hear few songs in our gatherings about the blood of Christ, His cross, and His death. Are we as preachers making the Cross our central theme? To be in a Crusade meant to mark oneself with the cross.

CRUSADE also means that all "cross-marked" folks are organized for a united attack upon the chief enemy of our divine Lord. What is it? Sin. This means we cannot compromise with sin in any of its forms. But in fighting sin we must show that we possess the spirit of the One who died on the middle cross, that we might have this experience of full salvation to proclaim to the world. Consequently this Crusade means every Nazarene is dedicated to lead souls to Jesus for freedom from sin.

CRUSADE in 1954! Seeing that we are in the Saturday evening of time, seeing the cold formalities on every hand, seeing the lukewarmness of our own professed holiness people, seeing the seeming indifference of the world and its effect on the Church generally, what are we Nazarenes going to do about this Crusade for Souls Now?

1. We must see that there isn't one spot or wrinkle between us and our God or any human being in the world.

2. We ought to have a real passion for a lost and dying world.

3. We must awake to the fact that men are lost (our own children and loved ones), and make this Crusade for Souls Now in 1954 our first and great job.

Are we awake? I am fearful we are just squinting one eye a little bit. We are now in the Crusade for Souls Now—or are we?

God in the Operating Room

By Emmett E. Taylor

*I sat outside the room of skill
Where surgeon, knife in hand,
Would help to fight a duel between
The life and death of man.*

*I breathed a prayer that God would
guide*

*His head, his hand, his tool;
That He would grant to him a mind
That's confident and cool.*

*And then the Lord said unto me,
"My child, be not afraid;
Though man is made complex to thee,
I know just how he's made.*

*"I'll bless his skill to do My will
And work for good to thee,
And that which is unreached by skill
Will be fulfilled in Me."*

Q. Do you think our church should approve of our girls' wearing the present-day scanty garb worn by basketball teams and play before the public in such garb?

A. So far as I know, there is nothing specifically on this subject in the *Manual* of our church. Since this is the case, no one of us should set himself up as the final judge of the other person in such matters. However, each individual should keep his own conscience clear at this point. Further, I can frankly say personally that I do not see any reason why any Christian girl should find it necessary to fall in line with a custom which has been established by a society which has little respect for Christian principles.

Q. Last Sunday (Jan. 10) during our class discussion of Christ driving out the money-changers from the courts of the Temple, the question arose, "Is it really right for books, however good, to be sold during church services, as we sometimes have during special meetings?" The majority of the class felt quite strongly that selling books in a religious service has a tendency to quench the Spirit, and we wondered what your opinion would be as to this.

A. I am glad that you have frankly stated the position of the class to which you belong on this subject, and I am sure that you want me to be just as frank with you. I do not like to see even religious books sold in the Sunday services. I believe that this is going too far in order to get the gospel out. On the other hand, I would surely not be in favor of banning the sale of religious books from all religious services. One of the greatest needs of our day is the reading of good religious books, and I believe that God wants us to get good books into the hands of the people, so that they will read more of them. One of the best ways to do this is to sell them at religious services. It is the selling on Sunday that I believe is out of place, and not the selling of books with a real spiritual message in a religious service.

Q. Should church board meetings be held on Sunday?

A. I certainly would not want to hold the regular monthly church board meeting on Sunday, and nei-

er would I agree to ban church board meetings on Sunday altogether. There are times when it is necessary for such meetings to be held on Sunday if God's work is to be cared for as it should be.

Q. Will a person who has been sanctified wholly but loses this experience by willfully doing something wrong ever get the same witness of the Holy Spirit after he has been reclaimed and then seeks entire sanctification? I have consecrated all, but do not seem to get the same witness. Is it just a certain feeling which I do not get or am I not really sanctified? Or is doubt caused by the devil?

A. As a rule, backsliders have more difficulty getting the witness when they come back to God for conversion and for entire sanctification. Several things, no doubt, have to do with this. First, the devil may fight the backslider harder with doubts when he tries to come back. Second, it is more difficult for the person to really trust God since he has failed Him once. Third, he has been saved and sanctified before, and now he may try to get the same feelings that he had then and concludes that he has not obtained the blessing if he does not get that same feeling. Still, I believe that you and all other backsliders can get back to God fully, that is, be truly saved and sanctified if you will meet the conditions and believe. In getting reclaimed it is repent and believe. Likewise, in obtaining the second blessing, it is consecrate all and believe. No doubt there will be feeling sooner or later, but the feeling is not the witness. The witness is the consciousness you have that God does do what He has promised. Step out on the promise and get under the Blood now! I believe you do!

Q. In my community there are those who hold that all Christians should take a stand against putting fluorine into the drinking water. Should I do this?

A. No. There is no religious issue involved in this matter. Besides, the great majority of dentists are in favor of such a move. They claim that in the proper amounts fluorine would prevent much of the decay in children's teeth and would not in any way harm their bodies.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES



TEMPERATE in all things

I Cor. 9:25

Rev. Mrs. Mattie Mayer Silfies writes: "I joined the Church of the Nazarene when Rev. John Irwin organized the first church in the Ozark Mountains in 1923. Later, I became the assistant pastor, and then the pastor. Later I entered college, and upon graduation entered the evangelistic field, going wherever I was needed. After several pastorates, we are now located in one of the hardest fields we ever worked in—a city of more than 120,000 people. We are in the battle of our lives to try to win souls and establish a Nazarene work here in Scranton, Pennsylvania. We need prayer, prayer from all our friends. We have only a small nucleus of believers, and must have God to help us break through the indifference and formality. I thank God for folks who do know how to pray."

Rev. Jimmie Holman writes: "We previously reported that we were entering the evangelistic work after our district assembly, May 14. It now appears that we will be able to begin earlier—the first of March. That will give us two early dates that are not filled—March 17 to 28, and March 31 to April 11. Anyone interested in either of those dates, write us at 701 W. Elm, Hillsboro, Texas. Mrs. Holman will be with me to assist in the musical program."

Pastor David M. Cox writes from Waynesville, North Carolina: "We came to Waynesville in March, 1953, having no church or organization of any kind. We found two families of the Nazarene doctrine and belief and hardly anyone who knew anything of our great Zion; but God has had His hand on us and has blessed bountifully. We organized on July 19 (after a revival with Rev. A. O. Loeber, our pastor at Raleigh First Church), with ten members, which included our district superintendent and wife, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Byron. We recently closed a marvelous revival with Brother Harold Runyon, one of the best young preachers I have ever heard. He had wonderful talent to quote from memory the Word of God; he carried a heavy burden for souls, and prayed by the hour for the revival. There were seventeen seekers at the altar and some of these were also sanctified wholly. At the end of the meeting we took in six fine folk, most of them young people. On December 13 we had seventy-three in Sunday school, our record attendance. For the month of October we averaged twenty-one; for the month of November we were the *School of the Month* in percentage gain with an average of forty-two; and for the month of December we averaged fifty-six. Under Dr. and Mrs. Byron, our capable and wonderful district superintendent and

wife, our church is certainly making strides for the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene. We appreciate their sacrificial lives and their spiritual guidance. God is still blessing us with victories."

Sligo, Pennsylvania—Our N.Y.P.S. sponsored a revival, January 3 to 10, with Rev. Albert H. Lewis and wife. The services were well attended despite snow and cold weather. Brother Lewis' messages were fine and our church has benefited by them. The Lewis Party travel by house trailer and they covered the whole program—singing, instrumental music, etc. We are making progress by the Lord's help.—C. F. Hunt, Pastor.

Pastor Walter F. Masters writes from Macon, Georgia: "We are now serving our fourth year as pastor of First Church. Since our coming here God has helped us to purchase lots valued at \$6,000.00, which are paid for completely. They are in a fine residential section of our city. We have completed the first phase of our building program with no indebtedness, and have now moved to our new location. When the lots are fully developed, we plan to have a sanctuary, educational building, and parsonage, for which we have secured architectural plans. We feel that our church has an opportunity to make an impression on Macon and the surrounding areas. Recently it was our privilege to have Dr. John L. Knight, superintendent of the Florida District, as evangelist in one of the most profitable revivals we have had since coming here. At the close of the meeting we received seven new members into the church. We now have a fine group of loyal Nazarenes who are standing by the church and its program."

Otter Lake, Michigan—We are now (Jan. 11) in the seventh week of an old-fashioned revival here. The Lord has been blessing in a wonderful way; church members moving up, a host of young people being saved and sanctified, and some "brand-new" people being reached for God and the church. The Holy Spirit has been specially manifested, with people coming to the altar of prayer during the preaching. Seldom have we had to sing an invitation hymn, as people have moved out to the altar without singing, under the power of the Holy Spirit. This is the greatest revival I have seen since I was a lad. A class of seven new members has been added to the church; and with these we started giving a year's subscription to the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, the *Other Sheep*, and *Come Ye Apart*, also a copy of the church *Manual* to all new members. Sunday-school attendance is showing a good steady increase, with improvement in financial condition of the church. I hope soon to be able to give full time to the work of the church.—Herbert Nation, Pastor.

Rev. L. H. Dickerson, formerly pastor at Sand Springs, Oklahoma, writes that he is now entering the field of full-time evangelism, and will be glad to go anywhere for freewill offering and entertainment. He is an elder on the Northwest Oklahoma District. Write him, Box 662, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Harvesting

By Marian L. Knorr

The harvest fields are white, the vines are bending low,
The grain is tossing, high and sweet, and Jesus bids us, "Go."

In busy city streets, the children play and shout;
Each one should be converted. Can this be brought about?

In kitchens spic and span, the housewives cook each meal—
How can we reach these precious souls, the gospel to reveal?

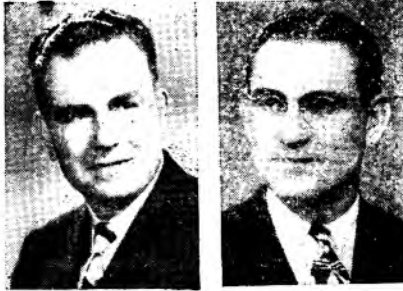
Hebrews 13:8 doth say, Christ Jesus is the same
And in this modern, sin-cursed age He'll heal the blind, the lame.

So, Christian, go to God in prayer, that others you may win,
And when the harvest days are o'er they shall be gathered in.

Oh, what a day of bliss 'twill be when on that golden strand
We face our Saviour and our Lord, with trophies in each hand!

Monaca, Pennsylvania—Sunday, December 20, without a rally, Colona Heights Church broke all Sunday-school records with 146 present. Our previous record was last Easter. This Easter we are looking forward to setting another new record. God is blessing us; we have a willing people who have a mind to work.—Donald W. Woodruff, Pastor.

Evangelist L. M. Payne reports: "My first revival in 1953 was in January with our Spanish Church of the Nazarene at Deming, New Mexico, with Rev. Francisco Ferguson, Pastor. Pastor and Mrs. Miller, of our American church of Deming, furnished the music. God wonderfully blessed all services, the altar being almost full at each service. Our congregation was about half Spanish and half white, but they prayed through in the same old-fashioned way. My next revival was at Cleveland, Oklahoma, with Pastor Powers, where God was with us and many prayed through at the altar. I then went to Hope, Arkansas, with Rev. and Mrs. I. C. Potts, where quite a few were saved and sanctified. Next I was in De Kalb, Texas, Hubbard community, with Brother and Sister Johnson, pastors. This was my home community during World War I, and I have had the pleasure of holding a number of revivals in this church. Our attendance was fine and there was a wonderful spirit in the services. Next I had a week-end campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Clint Rock at Watonga, Oklahoma, my sixth revival with them. God wonderfully blessed and



Dr. Taylor

Dr. Gish

The Seminary Board of Trustees elected Dr. Mendell Taylor as dean of the Nazarene Theological Seminary

to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. R. V. DeLong. Dr. Taylor has been registrar of the Seminary since its beginning. Also he is professor of church history, which position he will continue to fill.

The Seminary Board elected Dr. Delbert R. Gish to the office of registrar to fill the vacancy created by the election of Dr. Taylor to the dean's office. Dr. Gish has been professor of philosophy in the Seminary since 1947. These two men will have the responsibility of supervising and directing the scholastic work of the Seminary.

LEWIS T. CORLETT,
President

several prayed through at the altar. The Rocks are good preachers and fine musicians. I next held a week's campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Louis H. Perot, Tatum, New Mexico. Rev. and Mrs. James Topley, students from Bethany, had charge of the music and worked with the young people. They are wonderful musicians and fine Christian workers. We had several at the altar praying through to victory. We had a fine Sunday-school rally with almost one hundred present. I was with Rev. and Mrs. Eugene M. Culbertson, efficient pastors at Hager-

man, New Mexico, in a revival, and we had several at the altar. This was my third revival in their church. I gave a good percentage of my time during 1953 to home-mission work. I have a public-address system and a tape recorder, which I use in my personal evangelistic work; also preach quite a bit on the streets in out-of-the-way places. I've held over three hundred revivals since 1910. I hope the Lord will give me strength to hold at least one hundred more revivals. Write me at 509 N.W. Main, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Broken Bow, Oklahoma—We recently closed the greatest revival this church has had for several years, with Rev. Carl Prentice and wife. We had the best attendance I have seen in the three years of my pastorate here. Some twenty or more people prayed through to definite victory. We had 105 in Sunday school the last Sunday even though it rained and snowed all morning. Brother Prentice did some wonderful preaching and Sister Prentice did good work with the Juniors. These are good days for the church in Broken Bow.—A. F. Daniel, Supply Pastor.

Austin, Texas—First Church closed a fine week's meeting with Evangelist James L. Hull, Sunday night, January 10. Fourteen people prayed through at the altar, 12 of them in the closing service. Early morning prayer meetings characterized the week's activity. From 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. men were praying in the church. There were 124 present for the last Sunday morning service. Austin First is coming to the front—God is blessing, and some fine young people are being added to our records. Brother Hull is a good preacher; the truth flows from his lips, the Spirit works, and God is present.—A. L. Dennis, Pastor.

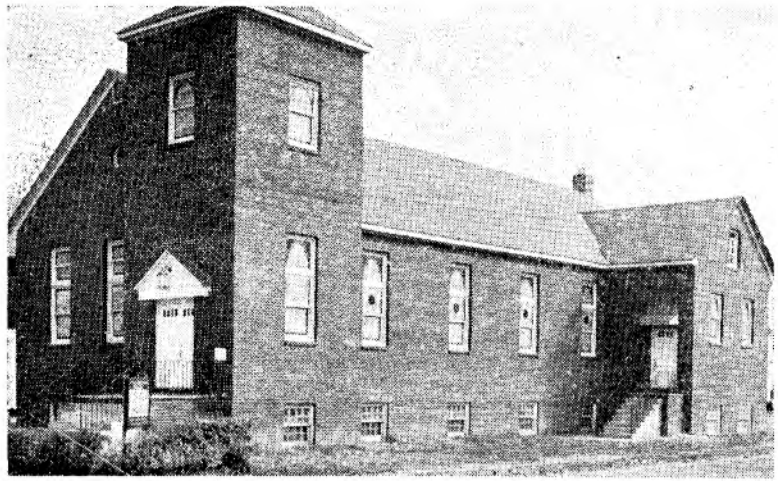
God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Rom. 5:8).

IN HIS FOOTSTEPS
Be ye therefore followers of God,
as dear children. Ephesians 5:1

For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. 1 PET. 2:21

RAMSAY

Following total loss of our former church building due to collapse on July 10, 1951, the new edifice pictured here was dedicated November 15, 1953, with Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, our much-appreciated superintendent of the New York District, bringing a challenging address to the packed congregation. At the time of loss, with no money on hand, and a \$5,000.00 mortgage on the nearly new parsonage, it was found impossible to contract the erection of a new building. All supervision, carpenter and electrical work, and much of the masonry work were donated by members and friends. The new edifice, 45 x 85 feet, seats 300, and triples Sunday-school facilities of the old building. The auditorium has inclined floor, sound-proof nursery, balcony, leaded stained-glass windows, Hammond organ, grand piano, carpeting throughout except under seats, and public address system. Total indebtedness on the church, valued at over \$50,000.00, is approximately \$10,500.00, and is financed over nine years. The church of 100 members has led the New York District for the past two years in all-purpose giving, with over \$44,000.00 total. During the past three and one-half years, four of our fine laymen



and their families have left us to accept pastorates in answering a call to the ministry. Recent special workers, all with fruitful labors, include: Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, district superintendent, Rev. Robert Emsley, the late Rev. Raymond Browning, Evangelist Harold Runyon, and Missionary Earl

Lee. Souls are being saved and sanctified in regular and special services, and God's presence and blessing are certainly manifest. God, the Giver of every blessing, has answered prayer beyond our asking or expectations. To Him be all praise and honor.—Frederick F. Fike, Pastor.

Roseville, California—We are praising God for His blessings upon our church. Rev. Lester Cook, our predecessor, did a very fine work, which makes it easy for us to carry on. We came as pastor following the district assembly last May and found a loyal, enthusiastic group of Nazarenes. We have seen eighty-six persons at our altar, and have received sixteen new members into the church. We recently equipped our main auditorium with new pews. We need a larger church, as our present auditorium does not seat the crowd on special occasions. The church is growing and the outlook is bright.—J. W. Roach, Pastor.

H. A. Lintz, retired Nazarene elder, who now makes his home in Richmond. Brother Lintz presented the doctrines of the church clearly and concisely in his own interesting manner. Fourteen young people found glorious victory at the altar of prayer. We are benefiting richly from the sacrificial ministry of Rev. N. Warren Haines, the former pastor. Our vaca-

tion Bible school last August showed an enrollment of 175, and Sunday-school attendance is increasing steadily. This fastest growing county in the United States needs to hear the gospel. We are thrilled at the challenge presented in San Pablo, and are meeting that challenge with courage, by the grace of God.—Paul E. Helm, Pastor.

Brookfield, Illinois — We recently closed a series of meetings with Evangelists Kenneth and Lily Wells. It was the first series of such meetings to be held in our new building. Brother and Sister Wells preached and sang in the Spirit, and their well-rounded ministry and Bible-centered messages favorably impressed a number of new people who came into the meetings for the first time. Brother and Sister Wells are both ordained ministers and alternated in preaching. Their messages were lucid and well illustrated. The method by which they co-ordinated their singing, implemented by the trombone and auto-harp, and their preaching contributed to the effectiveness of their ministry to the church. The church has taken a big step forward in these meetings, both in spiritual ground and in the contact of new prospects.—Robert J. Mollar, Pastor.

San Pablo, California—We recently enjoyed the revival ministry of Rev.

Are YOU Saved?

We May Still Have Revivals

By Marvin S. Cooper

(Acts 2:17-21)

*We may still have revivals;
They were promised by the Lord,
For a Heaven-born outpouring
Is predicted in His Word.*

*Dispensations come and go—
They have their proper place;
But we still may have revivals
Through God's sanctifying grace.*

*But we need sighers and criers,
As we had in days of old,
If graced with revivals
And with glory beyond control.*

Cedar Springs, Oklahoma—We had a very good revival with Rev. Dave Hall as evangelist. After two weeks of great preaching and good results, the church begged Brother Hall to stay another week. He consented, and the third week was a good week of victory. The church feels it was the best revival they have had in years. They paid the evangelist a good offering and begged him to return for another meeting in the future. The church is making progress.—E. J. Neufeld, Pastor.

Montrose, California—It was our privilege recently to have Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Hendricks for a four-day convention in our church, and we feel that this was one of the most helpful conventions we have had during our five-year pastorate at Montrose. In the week-night services Sister Hendricks gave slide lectures on their missionary work in the West Indies, while on Sunday the emphasis was evangelistic. Montrose is a suburb of Los Angeles, in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains; and since this is now a section of rapid residential growth, we face the new year with bright prospects.—L. C. Miller, Pastor.

Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "I enjoyed a full year in 1953, preached 358 times in 23 campaigns, with over 1,100 souls at the altar, and traveled in 24 states and provinces from Neva Lorado, Mexico, to Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada. Pastors and people have been more than kind to me. I closed the year at Celina, Ohio, with Rev. Jay Budd (my 5th time there and my 123rd meeting in Ohio). Celina recalled me for 1956. The new year opened with Rev. A. E. Gerdes and our Richland Center, Wisconsin, church. God gave us a good soul-winning revival. The future looks bright. To enjoy and preach second-blessing holiness to me is a real delight."

Pastor Donald Hennen writes from Albion, Pennsylvania: "Since accepting the pastorate here last June, the Lord has been blessing tremendously. The Sunday school has reported a 60 per cent increase in average attendance, and we have been able to make several improvements in the church property. The church is in a better state spiritually than it has been for several years. Recently we experienced an old-fashioned revival campaign. The people of the church prayed and worked together for several weeks preceding the coming of Rev. Thomas S. Fowler on December 1. Brother Fowler joined us in prayer and preached the gospel in the old-time way. Several souls found the Lord as Saviour, Sanctifier, or Reclaimers. We feel that the church has been brought closer to the Lord through the ministry of our evangelist."



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WGL	Fort Wayne	1250 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WLRP	New Albany	1570 kc.	7:00 a.m.	Monday	
WPGW	Portland	1440 kc.	4:15 p.m.	Sunday	
WKAM	Warsaw	1220 kc.	*		
		IOWA			
KSIB	Creston	1520 kc.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday	
KBOE	Oskaloosa	740 kc.	4:45 p.m.	Sunday	
KAYL	Storm Lake	990 kc.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday	
KAYL-FM	Storm Lake	101.5 meg.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday	
KNWS	Waterloo	1090 kc.	1:00 p.m.	Tuesday	
		ILLINOIS			
WROY	Carmi	1460 kc.	5:30 p.m.	Sunday	
WDWS	Champaign	1400 kc.	2:30 p.m.	Sunday	
WDWS-FM	Champaign	97.5 meg.	2:30 p.m.	Sunday	
WITY	Danville	980 kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WDON	Du Quoin	1580 kc.	10:00 a.m.	Sunday	
WLEY-FM	Elmwood Park	107.1 meg.	4:45 p.m.	Wednesday	
WEAW-FM	Evanston	105.1 meg.	7:00 p.m.	Sunday	
WFRL	Freeport	1570 kc.	3:15 p.m.	Friday	
WGIL	Galesburg	1400 kc.	1:00 p.m.	Sunday	
WEBQ	Harrisburg	1240 kc.	3:30 p.m.	Monday	
WKAN	Kankakee	1320 kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday	
WKIL-FM	Kankakee	100.7 meg.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday	
WPRC	Lincoln	1370 kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WSMI	Litchfield	1540 kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WVMC	Mt. Carmel	1360 kc.	*Various Days		
WMOK	Metropolis	920 kc.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday	
WVLN	Olney	740 kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WIZZ	Streator	1250 kc.	1:45 p.m.	Sunday	
WKRS	Waukegan	1220 kc.	*		
WKRS-FM	Waukegan	107.7 meg.	*		
		MICHIGAN			
WEXL	Detroit (Royal Oak)	1340 kc.	9:45 p.m.	Monday	
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WMRP	Flint	1510 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday	
WILS	Lansing	1320 kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday	
WMPC	Lapeer	1230 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WMUS	Muskegon	1090 kc.	5:15 p.m.	Sunday	
WKNX	Saginaw	1210 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday	
WSTR	Sturgis	1460 kc.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday	
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KJCF	Festus	1010 kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday	
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KSIM	Sikeston	1400 kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday	
		OHIO			
WTNS	Coshocton	1560 kc.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday	
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WJEH	Gallipolis	990 kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WMOH	Hamilton	1450 kc.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WMOH-FM	Hamilton	103.5 meg.	11:45 a.m.	Sunday	
WIRO	Ironton	1230 kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday	
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WSPD-FM	Toledo	101.5 meg.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday	
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WWST-FM	Wooster	104.5 meg.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday	
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1250 kc. 9:15 p.m.
1340 kc. 1:00 p.m.

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Pastor Floyd Everhart reports from Wakeeney, Kansas: "We went to Ness City, Kansas, from Bethany-Peniel College in 1950, and began to visit and lay the groundwork for a Church of the Nazarene. Our good pastor, Brother Charles Spicer, at Kalvesta, and his fine people helped us make a canvass of the town. God helped us and, during a tent meeting in August, District Superintendent Ray Hance organized a Church of the Nazarene with nineteen charter members. We began having services in the high school study hall, where we worshiped for eight months. During this time the Lord and our good district helped us to obtain an old building, which we moved to a good location over a full basement and remodeled. We had our first service in this building in April,

1951. We had our record attendance in June during a revival with Brother Steward Reed, with fifty-one in attendance. The average for this first year was twenty-six, and thirty-six for 1952. During the second year a parsonage was made in the church basement and the pastor moved into it in June. We had a good vacation Bible school with an average attendance of twenty-seven. The Lord spoke to a young man about the need of pews; he gave a check for this purpose and the pews were purchased and installed in the church. We had several good revivals with Evangelists Steward Reed, M. V. Wilson, Florence Walling, and E. M. Glover. The church also sponsored revivals at Brownell and Beeler, Kansas, with E. M. Glover as evangelist. We felt led of the Lord

to resign and pioneer in the new field of Wakeeney, and we held our last service October 19 with forty-two in Sunday school. We came to Wakeeney in November, 1952, and began to visit and invite people to attend services. On November 9 we started holding services in the showroom of an automobile garage building. There were four Nazarene families from the church at Canaan Chapel and one from Hays who began to attend services regularly. In February, Brother W. E. Carlton came for a revival, and Rev. Ray Hance organized a Church of the Nazarene with twelve charter members, all adults. Our Sunday-school average up to assembly time

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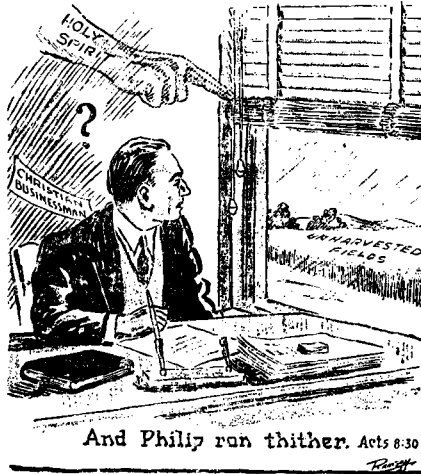
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was twenty-two, and we are averaging about thirty now. Seeing the need for a church building, we consulted Brother John Brockmueller, who was appointed by the district board to superintend the building project. Pledges were made, a choice lot was purchased with basement on it, and plans were made for the erection of a new block building. Work was begun and it was sufficiently finished to hold services in by July 5, 1953. Much work has been done and it will soon be completed. We appreciate the sacrifice of Brother Brockmueller, and others who helped us to have such a nice building. Short revivals were held with Evangelists Lee Everhart (uncle of the pastor) and George Talbert. We recently closed the most successful revival in the short history of the church with Evangelist Mae Willis, who preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit moved down, the Christians moved up, and sinners moved in. There were thirteen seekers in the evening services and ten children at the altar during the children's services. The church is encouraged. We have a kind and loyal people, who gave us a generous pounding for Christmas."

Evangelists Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins report: "We entered the full-time evangelistic field in August, 1953. We began at Jefferson City, Missouri, with Evangelist C. C. Burton; then on to Esther, Missouri, with Pastor Fred Hartman and Sister Agnes Diffee as evangelist. Granite City, Illinois, was our next field of labor, with Pastor P. C. Snellenberger and Evangelist H. C. Frodge; and then we were happy to work with Pastor Howard Esterline and Evangelist Paul Stewart at Vandalia, Missouri. South Flint, Michigan, was next with Pastor W. O. Welton and Evangelist G. W. Henriksen; then

The Spirit said unto Philip, "Go" Acts 8:29



to St. Louis, Michigan, with Pastor and Evangelist, E. Everett Kimball; then to Duncan, Oklahoma, First Church with Pastor J. E. Cook and Evangelist H. E. Darnell; on to De Soto, Missouri, with Pastor H. B. Wiley and Evangelist H. E. Darnell; and to Detroit, Michigan, First Church with Pastor E. W. Martin and Evangelist C. B. Cox. At this writing we are in a revival at Midland, Michigan, First Church with Pastor M. R. Fitch and Evangelist Wilbur Brannon. We wish to give God the glory for opening this field of labor to us; also we want to thank these good pastors for calling us. We travel with a house trailer, thus being able to furnish our own entertainment. We are now slating 1955. If interested in gospel singers and children's workers, write us, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

MRS. HENRY T. RODDY, age seventy-one, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died of a heart attack on December 7, 1953, while members of her family were taking her to the hospital. Mrs. Roddy was born October 2, 1882, in Knox County, Tennessee. She was a member of the Northside Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte, and was a consecrated deaconess. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Henry T. Roddy; three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Blackwelder, Mrs. Heilis H. Robinson, and Miss Jessie Roddy; three brothers, James, George, and John Flanagan; and four grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Northside Church; Rev. J. H. Eades, pastor, officiated, assisted by Dr. Lloyd Byron, district superintendent, and Rev. P. D. Montgomery, pastor of the Charlotte Thomasboro Church. Entombment was at the Sharon Memorial Mausoleum in Charlotte. Mrs. Roddy was converted in October, 1900, and led her husband to Christ about a month later. She was ordained in 1906. She and her husband labored as an evangelistic team in home-mission work, spreading the gospel of holiness throughout the southeastern area, especially in Tennessee and western North Carolina. Many Nazarene churches have been planted in places where they sowed the gospel seed many years ago. She became a charter member of the second Church of the Nazarene that was organized in the state of North Carolina, about twenty-eight years ago. Only eternity will reveal the impact for good on places where she labored, on the community where she lived, and her many friends. It can be truly said of her that her life was lived entirely for Christ and others. To know her was to love her. She lived the life of a righteous person, and died the death of the righteous. She left a good testimony.

WILLIAM T. PRINCE was born January 30, 1874, near Centerville, Tennessee, and died November 23, 1953, at his home in Macon, Tennessee. He united with the Church of the Nazarene about 1910, and with his wife was responsible in getting a holiness preacher to come to his community. He did much to help struggling churches, and people turned to him for advice and counsel, for he was a true friend to all. After his wife died forty years ago, he kept his four small children with him. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Donald Thompson and Mrs. Malcolm Kimbro, with whom he made his home; also two sons, Howard and Hal. He loved God and served Him to the end. He attended church the day before he died. His life was one of love and devotion to God, his children, and his fellow men. He was stricken with a heart attack, and in a few minutes was gone. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Henry Cooper. Burial was in Springhill Cemetery, Nashville.

ASHER W. THOMAS was born at Kent, Iowa, July 25, 1881, and died December 1, 1953. He was united in marriage with Lillie Mae Reynolds at Orleans, Nebraska, 1905, and to this union were born four children, all surviving and in attendance at the funeral. Brother Thomas was converted a few months after his marriage, and he and Mrs. Thomas erected a family altar that lasted for almost half a century. Early in life he united with the Evangelical church and transferred to the Church of the Nazarene about ten years ago. He was a faithful and loyal member of the church, steadfast in faith and consistent in his life. He leaves his faithful companion of forty-eight and one-half years, four children, also one brother. Funeral services were conducted in the First Church of the Nazarene, South Gate, California, by former pastor, Rev. E. E. Mieras; assistant pastor, Rev. Edgar Pierce; and pastor, Rev. W. Herman Burton. Interment was made in Rose Hills Cemetery.

MRS. ISABEL FORD, born May 15, 1902, died September 29, 1953. She spent most of her life in Monrovia, California, where she was a member of the Church of the Nazarene for many years. For the past three and one-half years she had been a member of the Sierra Madre Church of the Nazarene, where she was very active in the Lord's work. She is survived by her husband, Ernest M.; two sons, Robert and Calvin; and three granddaughters. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Oran G. Burlison, in the Sierra Madre Church of the Nazarene. Interment was in Live Oak Cemetery of Monrovia, California.

HOWARD L. STANTON, born June 6, 1898, died October 16, 1953. Brother Stanton was converted as a young man and lived a devoted Christian life ever afterward. His sacrificial giving to the cause of home and foreign missions was an outstanding characteristic of his life. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Alice Stanton, of Pasadena, California, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Oran G. Burlison, pastor of the Sierra Madre Church of the Nazarene. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery in Pasadena, California.

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Chicago Central	August 11-12
Northwest Indiana	August 18-20
Tennessee	August 25-27
Kansas City	September 8-10
Southwest Oklahoma	September 15-17

And as he [Paul] reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee (Acts 24:25).



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

NAVY CHAPLAIN AWARDED LETTER OF COMMENDATION MEDAL . . . Camp Lejeune, N.C.—Lieutenant JG Albert S. M. Kirkland, Navy Chaplain Corps, and a minister of the Church of the Nazarene, was presented with a Letter of Commendation Medal at this marine corps base recently.

Chaplain Kirkland, whose last church was in Eliot, Maine, received the medal for displaying outstanding ability and professional skill while serving in Korea. His duty in Korea was with the 1st Medical Battalion of the First Marine Division.

The citation which accompanied the award read in part: "Throughout his tour of duty, he rendered attention to more than 2,000 sick and wounded in need of divine guidance and spiritual comfort . . . his attention and devotion to duty served as an inspiration to all who observed him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

A 1941 graduate of Eastern Nazarene College, Lt. Kirkland and his wife, Eva, make their home at this marine base.

The chaplain entered the service in October, 1951, and served in Korea for more than a year. His present duty at Camp Lejeune is serving as chaplain for the 2nd Tank Battalion of the Second Marine Division.

Chaplain Drell Allen writes from France: "Our new chapel was dedicated on the 13th September. All the commanders on the base were present, also the brigade commander from Rhein Main Air Base in Germany. This chapel, a white frame building, was built by the men of the 843rd Engineer Aviation Battalion, mostly out of 'scrap' lumber. It has an interior of gray and white, with a nave of natural mahogany finish. The pulpit, lectern, and altar rails match. Literature racks at the entrance provide a wide variety of gospel tracts and booklets including the *Come Ye Apart*. Two offices at the rear form a "T" to the chapel. One serves the chaplain and the other an assistant. The chapel program is receiving good support at this base, where living conditions have often been discouraging, but which are improving now."

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MRS. PHEBE QUIMBY, consecrated deaconess, died September 11, 1953, at the age of seventy-eight years. She was converted as a young girl, and sanctified wholly some time after her marriage. In 1919, with her husband, Rev. Claude O. Quimby, she joined the Church of the Nazarene, and served with him as deaconess throughout the time of his active ministry. She was highly esteemed in her home church, Lansing (Michigan) First, for her godliness and fervent spirit. The few weeks previous to her home-going was a rich spiritual experience to her family and all who visited her. As God was real to her in life, He was real to her at death.

MRS. VIRGINIA MCKEITHEN died in an automobile accident in Texas, as she and her husband were returning to their home at Fort Worth from Jackson, Mississippi, where they had spent Christmas with his parents. Mrs. McKeithen, born August 10, 1924, was a daughter of Mrs. Edna Warner and the late Lester Warner. Virginia lived a true Christian life at all times. On December 23 she had attended a cottage prayer meeting and gave a beautiful testimony. She was married June 21, 1953, to William McKeithen at Fort Worth. Besides her husband and mother, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Eugene Barr, and two brothers, Robert and Cpl. Jack Warner. Funeral services were conducted December 31, 1953, at Mahomet, Illinois, with Rev. Herschel Burton, Nazarene pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Raymond Burton of Urbana. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery.

The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 6:23).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Southwest Indiana District Sunday-School Convention and Preachers' Meeting, February 8 to 11, at Church of the Nazarene, Seymour, Indiana. Special Workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. Mark Moore, Rev. Leo Darnell, host pastor. The Sunday-school convention (with Rev. Mark Moore) opens 7:30 p.m., February 8; and the preachers' meeting, with Dr. G. B. Williamson, opens 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, continuing through Thursday noon.—Leo C. Davis, District Superintendent.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Melvin W. Myers of Fort Dodge, Iowa, a son, Randy Lynn, on January 6.

—to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Earman of Rockdale, Texas, a son, William Kenneth, on December 31.

—to Mr. and Mrs. D. Harold Knippers of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, a daughter, Beverly Shea, on December 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Spolerder of Prosser, Washington, a son, James Robert, on December 21.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Bud J. Garber of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Stephen Paul, on December 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Allen Cobb of Beaverton, Michigan, a son, Raymond Allen, on December 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Beals of Bethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, Debra Lynne, on December 1.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Warren Boyd of Lethbridge, Alberta, a daughter, Carolyn Jean, on November 29.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Donald LaDue of Ventura, California, a daughter, Gerylin Marie, on November 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Lisanby of Pekin, Illinois, a daughter, Sheila Lynn, on November 15.

ADOPTED by Bob and Louise Medcalf of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, a baby girl, Bobette Lou; she was born December 21.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in North Dakota for two unspoken requests for herself and her husband;

by a lady in Illinois, that she may be able to get at least a part-time job;

by a Nazarene mother in Alabama for unsaved loved ones, part of whom have a broken home, parents deep in sin—but she knows God is able; also for a sick Christian mother of some lost children;

by a young man in a naval radio school for his girl friend and her parents, that they may see the light and walk with God, and that God will give him the words to help to win them to the Lord;

by a mother in Pennsylvania for her daughter—has been in the hospital four times in the last year, and still not much better—that she may be drawn closer to the Lord; also for herself, as she must go to the hospital for an operation;

by a brother in Iowa, that God will heal him.

Christ, Our Refuge

By C. E. Shumake*

*I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a
sure foundation (Isa. 28:16).*

BYOND all question, men need a refuge. Man has long boasted of his superiority, but when all is said and done he knows that there is no real self-sufficiency, no real independency. I met a man who boasted; "I can stand in my own strength. I know what to do and I can do what I want to do. I do not need God." Later I saw this man a broken wreck of humanity; his superiority and self-sufficiency were gone, the wealth upon which he depended was gone, and he was beaten and broken. I have never seen a more pitiful sight—a man without a refuge, for all in which he believed was swept away!

God has offered man a refuge in Jesus Christ! In one of the earliest prophecies of Christ He is set up as the "stone of Israel." He is a Refuge in time of trouble, a Friend in time of need, a Harbor of safety in time of storm.

As a Refuge, Christ has been tried and proved by all classes of men. The learned have come to Him and have found in Him the source of all true wisdom. The ignorant have come to Him and have found in Him great peace and rest in their knowledge of Him. The rich and the poor alike, the young and the old, the peasant and the philosopher, have found in Him a refuge in every time of need.

Sinful men have found refuge in Christ. Having found no safety in sin they have come to Christ, forsaking their sins, and have found in Him a Saviour. There was poor, blaspheming

Peter. When all was broken and falling around him, he wept his way back to God, and found peace and pardon from his sins. There was the dying thief on the cross, beside the dying Saviour, dying alone without God and without hope. But at last he looked up to Christ and, pleading for mercy that day, was forgiven and met with Christ in paradise. There was Magdalene, the sinful and arrogant woman of the world, possessed with devils. But she found refuge from the devils that possessed her when she met Jesus Christ.

Suffering men have found refuge in Christ. There was Job, accused and beset by disease and misfortune. But in this time of great suffering, faithful Job got a firmer grip on Christ, and found in Him "a friend that sticketh closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24). There was suffering David, fleeing from the wrath of Absalom, his rebellious son. In his time of great suffering, hear the sweet singer of Israel:

*But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
I cried unto the Lord with my voice,
And he heard me out of his holy hill.
I laid me down and slept; I awaked;
For the Lord sustained me (Ps. 3:3-5).*

Dying men have found refuge in Christ. Multiplied thousands whose feet were touching Jordan, whose eyes were dimmed to earthly scenes, whose earthly tabernacles were dissolving, have looked up to Christ, and have found triumph even in the midst of death!

O Christ, Thou art my Refuge in life, my Refuge in death, and my Refuge in eternity!

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