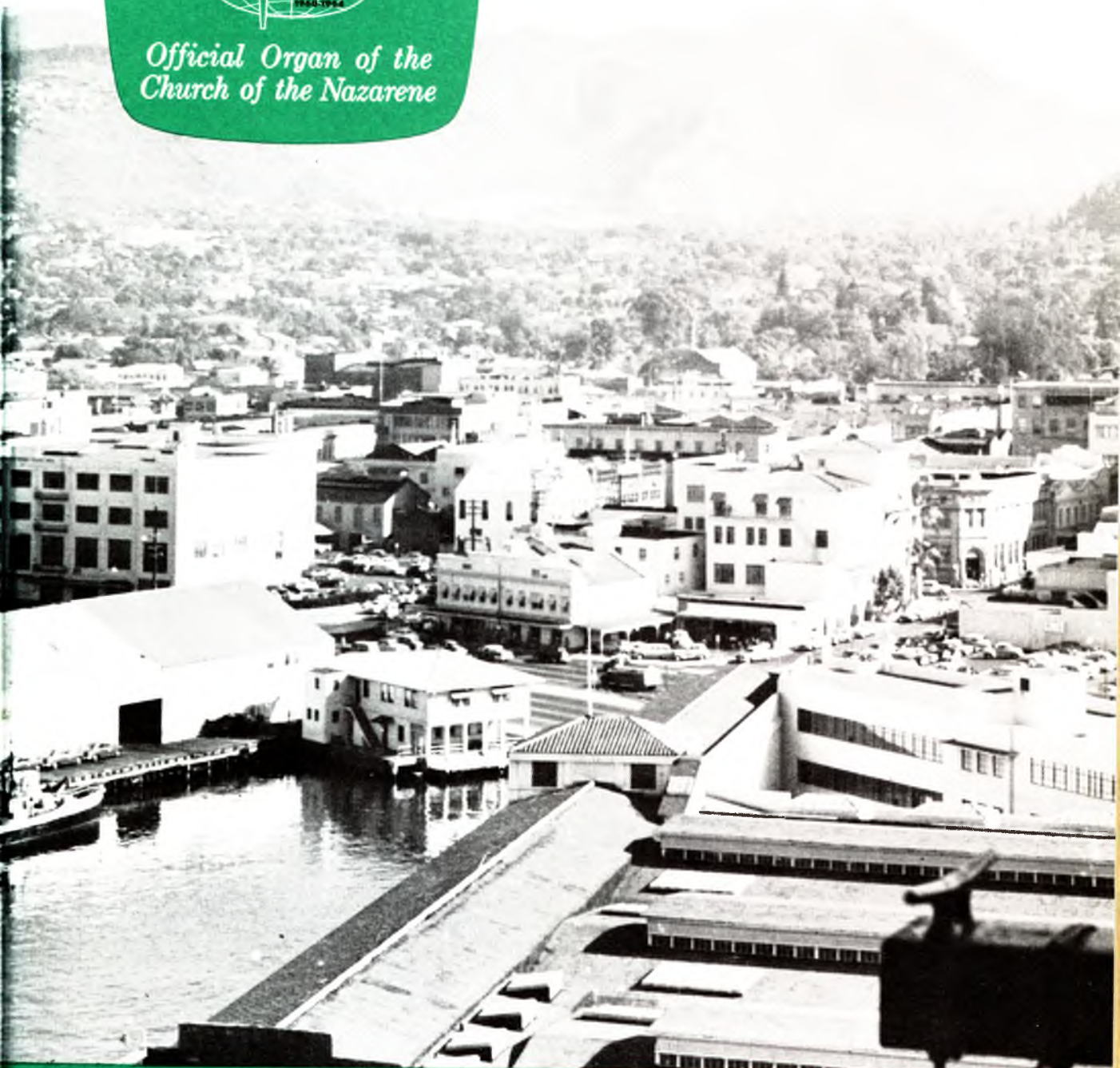


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EDITORIALS

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Halfhearted Holiness

Perhaps there really is no such state as "halfhearted holiness." Holiness is akin to wholeness, and halfhearted wholeness would be a contradiction in terms. But most people will not have too much difficulty recognizing the sort of thing which could be called by this title.

Some halfhearted holiness comes from wrong ideas as to what scriptural holiness really is. To a large segment of the religious world, holiness is "imputed righteousness," a sort of whitewash of a soul otherwise quite unchanged, a kind of robe of righteousness thrown over an otherwise unclean person.

The utter impossibility of this notion is quite clear in a dozen New Testament passages, not least of which is I Peter 1:15, "But *as* he which hath called you is holy, *so* be ye holy in all manner of conversation." Our holiness, always finite, is yet to be in kind or quality as the holiness of Him who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Other halfhearted holiness stems from a mental acceptance of the doctrine without an actual experience of its reality. It has been well said, "In our time there is a tendency to regard our relation

to the Holy Spirit in terms of a doctrine to be believed rather than a power to be experienced."

There is potential tragedy here. It is always dangerous when light exceeds grace; but when the condition goes on month after month and year after year, the light inevitably turns to darkness, and "how great is that darkness!" There is peril in the path of privilege seen but not sought, for every privilege implies a responsibility.

Again, halfhearted holiness may be the result of lessening devotion. The truth may have been seen, and the grace claimed, but the passing years have been allowed to take their toll. Backsliding from any state of grace rarely takes place in a moment of time. It is almost never a "blowout"; it is almost always a "slow leak." The vision of righteousness grows dim. The things of the world crowd in. Instead of the fire, there is only smoke. Outward forms may be religiously observed, but the power of godliness is gone. The glory has departed.

This is in every way a pathetic condition. It is tragic to see good people going through all the motions just as they always have, with none of the satisfaction and inner victory of former days. Like Samson, they may go out and shake themselves as before, but nothing else happens, for the Lord has departed and the power is gone.

I certainly do not mean to imply that advancing age and changing circumstances may not make a difference in the visible results of Christian living and serving. One has only to think of the prison experiences of the Apostle Paul to correct any mistaken notion at this point. There was a time when it seemed as if they couldn't make a jail strong enough to hold Paul. "In prisons more frequent" (II Corinthians 11:23), time after time he was delivered—once, at least, by supernatural earthquake in the prison at Philippi.

What some have not noticed is that there came a day when they took him, and slammed the doors of the jail behind him, and the doors stayed shut until they were opened to lead him out to a martyr's death. If human nature was then what it is now, there were not a few around to say, "Yes, there was a day when they couldn't keep Paul in prison . . . but look at him now! He's lost the old fire and the old power, or they'd certainly have to let him go."

But while they could take Paul's liberty and stop

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The Cover . . .

This is a portion of the city of Honolulu, Oahu, in the new state of Hawaii. Oahu is one of

eight inhabited islands in the Hawaiian chain, and is the most populous, having well over 600,000 inhabitants. The work of the Church of the Nazarene in the islands was pioneered by Rev. and Mrs. Leo H. Baldwin in 1946. We now have churches on the 4 principal islands, with 10 churches in all, having a membership of 539 and an average Sunday school attendance of almost 800. Dr. Melza H. Brown is the district superintendent.

Turning Back the CLOCK



*General
Superintendent
Benner*

THE WORDS OF A POEM come to my memory from days of childhood:

*Backward, turn backward, O Time,
in your flight;*

*Make me a child again just for to-
night!*

The nostalgic desire to return to times and scenes of the past is most natural. We would recapture the pleasant and cherished associations and situations. I recall them: father, mother, brothers, home, school, the river where we fished, the "woods" where we picked the wild blackberries and gathered the hazelnuts.

Then there are the unpleasant situations to which we wish we could return to change them: harsh words, unkind acts, wrong decisions, disregarded opportunities, sinful activities.

We wish we could "turn back the clock," but this is impossible. We have no such powers. "Turning back the clock" is a fiction, even when done by the Congress in order to adjourn at a specified time by the clock. Nobody is fooled and time moves on. We cannot reach into the past; we cannot change the past.

But there is a very real sense in which God can "turn back the clock," for He has the power to touch and change the content and meaning of the past.

Listen! "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1:18).

Listen! "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins: . . . for I have redeemed thee" (Isaiah 44:22).

Listen! "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us" (Psalms 103:12).

Listen! "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

Through Jesus Christ our past can be changed. "The Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins." Peace can replace turmoil, kindness can supplant bitterness, and we can know "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (Isaiah 61:3).

By the help of God there also can be a certain restoration of opportunity, a kind of "making up lost time." Through the Prophet Joel, God declared, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). Thus there can be not only the restoration of the soul to peace with God, but such earnestness, such initiative, such zeal, that the remaining years will account for more than their normal amount of effective service.

There is little value in regret or remorse concerning the past. But there is eternal gain in "turning back the clock" through the power and will of God.

BERGITESGADEN, GERMANY—Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat, November 14 to 16, at General Walker Armed Forces Recreation Center Hotel, took on proportions and atmosphere of indoor camp meeting under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the ministry of General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers. There were 142 retreatants registered from stations in Morocco, Italy, Germany, France, and England. Scores of spiritual victories, with service personnel and wives and children seeking the Lord in nearly every service. Mountaintop experiences of spiritual uplift enjoyed by all. Ministry of Missionaries Gerald Johnson and Robert Cerrato and Chaplains Claude Chilton, Curtis Bowers, and Lyle Robinson used of the Lord to enrich a full and concentrated retreat schedule. One hundred dollars given to share in Thanksgiving Offering and Nazarene thrust for world-wide evangelism.—CHAPLAIN LYLE W. ROBINSON, *Retreat Co-ordinator.*

Pastor Irwin Harris sends word from Ravenna, Ohio: "Great spirit of spiritual warmth and victory in First Church, Sunday morning, as the people gave \$675 in love offering for foreign missions. A great Thanksgiving offering, with wonderful spirit of cooperation for missionary program."

After a little more than three years as pastor of the Effingham church, Rev. Keith Kelly has accepted a call to pastor the church at Olivet, Illinois.

First Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, is on the advance under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Thomas Hermon. Largest Thanksgiving offering on record; church and Sunday school attendance hitting new peaks. Great spirit of unity, optimism, and revival fervor prevails.—CARL REID, *secretary of church board.*

Pastor Raymond L. Merriman writes, "After four wonderful years as pastor of the Adel church, I have accepted a unanimous call to pastor our church in Donalsonville, Georgia."

Rev. Gordon B. Maywood, pastor of the Sciotoville Church in Portsmouth, Ohio, has been unanimously elected president of the Portsmouth and Scioto County Ministerial Association for the calendar year 1962.

CORRECTION: In the November 8 issue it was stated that Rev. Paul K. Moore,

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pastor in *Fort Recovery, Ohio*, had been re-elected president of the Tri-Cities Ministerial Association. It should have read "pastor of the church in *Grand Haven, Michigan.*"

After twelve years at Kent, Ohio, Rev. Robert D. Danielson has resigned to accept the call to pastor First Church in Ashtabula, Ohio.

"God So Loved"

THERE ARE many of us who consider John 3:16 the outstanding verse of the Bible. It speaks of the greatest Person, the infinite God. It speaks of the greatest love. "God so loved." It speaks of the greatest Gift, "his only begotten Son." It speaks of the greatest plan, "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Here is God's whole plan of redemption in one vast panoramic view. It scans in one sweep the eternity before all time when He reserved His Son for our salvation, and the eternity beyond all time when He will translate every Blood-washed soul into His glorious kingdom. Here is a window that looks

into the very soul of God, and reveals it throbbing with measureless love.

If the Bible were stripped of the blessed truth of God's love, our doom would be sealed. Consider His holiness apart from His love, and the burning purity of that holiness would only condemn the wretched sinner forever. But it is holy love that converts and cleanses the yielded heart, and causes it to stand unashamed before the very presence of His glory.

Think of His power apart from His love, and that awesome might would crush wicked men as helpless insects. But our God chose to display His power supremely as the power of redeeming love. The magnetic Cross still stands today as the mightiest drawing power the world has ever known.

Ponder His knowledge divested of His love and it becomes a piercing searchlight, exposing man's sinful nature as a bottomless pit of horror. But when you see His knowledge as love-linked, you will rejoice that He knows the worst about you and loves you still. No tongue can adequately express the wonder of a love like that, but all of us may experience the wealth of it!—ROBERT E. GROSSE, *Pastor, Highland Springs, Virginia.*

the rest of faith

By MAYNARD JAMES, *Evangelist, British Isles South District*

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God (Hebrews 4:9).

We which have believed do enter into rest (Hebrews 4:3).

There is an aspect of entire sanctification which is not emphasized sufficiently today. It is that of heart rest, or uninterrupted inward peace.

As never before, the word *rest* has a special attractiveness. Speed, noise, and tension are the order of our times. So fierce is the tempo of modern life that people everywhere are cracking up under the strain. A Japanese doctor told a famous missionary that tuberculosis is no longer the number one killer in Japan. It is heart disease and high blood pressure. When asked the reason, he replied, "Spiritual uneasiness."

I

The Need of the Redeemed: The spectacle of restless sinners, tossed on the waves of fear and folly, is tragic enough; but there is a sadder sight. It is that of Christians who are not enjoying that inward serenity and joy which is their birthright in Jesus. Gloomy fears, carnal anxieties, and frequent doubts spoil their lives and service for Christ. The language of their hearts is this:

*Oh, when shall my soul find her rest,
My wrestlings and strugglings be o'er,
My soul by my Saviour possessed,
Be fearing and sinning no more?*

Typical of such a condition was the experience of the noted Baptist evangelist, A. B. Earle. During his lifetime he preached from an American platform more often than any of his contemporaries and won about 150,000 persons for Christ. Yet his confession was this:

"I loved the work of the ministry, but had long felt an inward unrest, a void in my soul that was not filled. Seasons of real joy would be followed by seasons of darkness and doubt. Thus I lived for many years; sometimes doubting and fearing, and sometimes resting. I was unsatisfied. I wanted an uninterrupted rest and peace."

II

The Nature of the Remedy: Thank God, this vital need of inner serenity can be supplied in Christ Jesus. In the Epistle to the Hebrews more than one kind of rest is mentioned. There is the

rest of Canaan, promised to those Israelites who had been delivered from Egyptian bondage. Moses frequently referred to Canaan as a country of rest (Deuteronomy 12:9-10; Hebrews 3:17-18). Then there is the *rest of entire sanctification*, offered to every Christian. It is his inheritance in Christ. Especially appropriate in these troublous times is the title given in Hebrews 4:9 to this experience. It is called "a rest to the people of God."

To illustrate the nature and secret of this heart rest, the apostle pointed back to Israel in the wilderness. The people had been promised an inheritance in Canaan. In that land of milk and honey they would cease from their wanderings. There they would be established as a nation and become God's witnesses to the surrounding heathen. But through unbelief they failed to enter the Promised Land; instead, they perished in the wilderness.

With this tragedy in mind, the apostle warned: "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it" (Hebrews 4:1).

God has promised a spiritual rest to His children. It is not a cessation from the testings of life, nor does it exempt us from temptation and deep sorrow. But it is a rest from inward strife. It delivers the soul from its "wilderness wanderings" and establishes it in true holiness and fruitful service. Of this glorious experience of grace, W. T. Matson exclaimed:

*Oh, blessed life! the heart at rest
When all without tumultuous seems;
That trusts a higher will, and deems
That higher will, not mine, the best!*

*Oh, blessed life! heart, mind, and soul
From self-born aims and wishes free;
In all at one with Deity,
And loyal to the Lord's control!*

After entering into the coveted blessing, A. B. Earle wrote: "Then, for the first time in my life, I had the rest which is more than peace. I had felt peace before, but feared I should not retain it. Now I had peace without fear, which really became rest . . . A heaven of peace and rest fills my soul."

Bearing eloquent testimony to a like experience,

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To remain at a standstill is impossible; he that gains not, loses; he that ascends not, descends.—Francis de Sales.

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John Wesley declared, "By the grace of God I never fret, I repine at nothing, I am discontented with nothing."

III

The Way into Rest: This glorious blessing of inward rest comes after conversion and is obtained by *faith*. It is true that we must "labour . . . to enter into that rest" (Hebrews 4:11). In other words, we must resolve at all costs to obtain the prize. But the blessing is not of works, lest any should boast. "We which have *believed* do enter into rest." Sanctification is by faith in Christ Jesus (Acts 26:18).

*Long my yearning heart was striving
To obtain this perfect rest;
But when all my struggles ended,
Simply trusting, I was blest.*

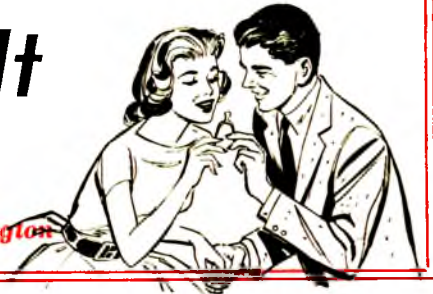
Seeking soul! let not an "evil heart of unbelief" keep you out of God's Canaan of rest. To Israel was given a Joshua to lead them into the Promised Land. As is well known, the name *Joshua* is the Hebrew equivalent for the Greek word translated *Jesus*. So for us, today, a heavenly Joshua waits to lead His people into perfect heart rest.

*Oh, that I now the rest might know,
Believe and enter in;
Now, Saviour, now the power bestow
And let me cease from sin.
Remove this hardness from my heart;
This unbelief remove;
To me the rest of faith impart,
The Sabbath of Thy love.*

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE:

They Call It Going Steady

By MILO L. ARNOLD, Pastor, Moses Lake, Washington



THE RIGHT of a person to choose his or her own marriage partner is one of the splendid heritages of our Christian culture. The practice of dating and keeping company socially prior to and leading up to marriage is one of youth's most lofty privileges.

Our society takes delight in boys and girls keeping company. We place them in coeducational schools. We make our parks and playgrounds into meeting places for them. Our automobiles and even some of our bicycles are built for two. The church and its departments encourages dating at church-centered functions. Who has not known the thrill of watching a clean boy and girl holding a hymnbook together and uniting their voices in reverent song!

An innovation in courtship in recent years has been the custom of *going steady*. By this the young people mean a sort of monogamous courtship in which the two young people set themselves apart to each other in company keeping. Thus neither of them will go out with others but both will keep themselves mutually available for social sharing.

This sort of pre-engagement engagement has some very definite advantages. For one thing, if the dating mate has been cleared by parental approval, the mother and dad rest more easily in

knowing with whom their fledgling offspring is out and in what company they are if the hour grows too late. For the young people themselves it provides built-in protection from having to go "stag" to some function. Both know that they will have a date without the worry of having to find one.

Along with the advantages found in this dating engagement, there are some disadvantages which young people should consider. If this practice is to be entered into by young people, they should be aware of both its advantages and its disadvantages. It is true that *going steady* is looked upon as a normal practice for very young people, but it can have very serious disadvantages as well as advantages.

In the first place, this pre-engagement social monopoly provides an escape from exposure to other valuable and worthwhile persons. It can become a way of narrowing a person's social world very greatly to the point where a young person is voluntarily shut away from other friends of both sexes and the total social life is invested in one person. In this way sometimes very shy young persons can have companionship without requiring themselves to brace up and meet other people socially. Thus their lives are colored by the influ-

ence of only one person rather than many persons. This can be a great disadvantage. If it permits them to get through young manhood or young womanhood without learning to meet other people graciously, they will be lastingly impoverished.

Sometimes it means that they accept the first person they meet as their future marriage partner without honestly looking about to see if there could be a wiser choice. In this way they effectively make their choice of a mate very early in life and without the benefit of wider experience. While they do not profess to have actually become engaged, they still accomplish the same purpose by isolating themselves from all other opportunity.

It is wholesome for young people to have a wide acquaintance. They will be enriched by many persons other than the one they will marry. They will meet some whom they will not dignify with a social date. They will meet some with whom one date will be sufficient. They will meet some whose companionship is rewarding, but whom the closer acquaintance of dating will rule out as marriage partners. They will meet some who disappoint them; but they will meet people, and their personalities will be burnished by the encounter.

Another serious aspect of the monogamous courtship is that it is usually entered into by very young people but has eventual emotional involvements out of proportion to their age and situation. People who are too young for marriage can become so emotionally involved after a period of going steady that breaking up will have much of the same traumatic effect as a divorce. Thus they make themselves vulnerable to the injury of a separation without the protection of a formal engagement or marriage.

Persons too young for marriage are too young for such emotional encounters. Immature emotional lives are intense, precipitate, and eager. They incline to take things very seriously, and cultivated by a long monogamous dating experience, they may put themselves in a position to receive serious injury.

Possibly the most serious factor in teen-age *going steady* is the inclination to too great intimacy. As acquaintance progresses, it is natural that conversation and contact become more intimate. Such acceleration of acquaintance is normal and fine provided the persons involved are old enough, mature enough, well enough educated, and economically secure enough to enter the natural next step, which is marriage.

However, if these emotional involvements advance to where marriage is the only natural next step and they are still unable to get married, frustration will result. When they go steady too young, they arrive too young at the situation demanding marriage. Their eager emotional lives demand progress and discovery, and if they explore life



A Dozen Suggestions for . . .

GOOD *Gifts* TO OUR CHILDREN

FAITH

that they may not feel alone in life's dark hours.

HOPE

that they may not demand too much of today.

LOVE

that they may learn to love without timidity.

GENEROSITY

that they may find the full joy of giving.

COMPASSION

that they may feel the warmth of brotherhood.

UNDERSTANDING

that they may not become impatient with life.

RESPONSIBILITY

that they may make decisions with self-discipline.

REVERENCE

that they may come to know God with intimate wonder.

CALMNESS

that they may not smother life in its own confusion.

LAUGHTER

that they may make living a joyous experience.

INDUSTRY

that they may find pleasure in hard work.

CURIOSITY

that they may never lose the adventure of learning.

By MILO L. ARNOLD

Pastor, Moses Lake, Washington



clear to the place of marriage before time for the doors to open, they find themselves with no legitimate place to go. They are then tempted to bypass the door of marriage and slip around that sacred protection to indulge in adventures and discoveries which they intended to keep for their honeymoon. The result is serious spiritual, emotional, mental, and social injury.

Sometimes when young people, thus long exposed to each other, look objectively at their situation they see that marriage for them would be of

questionable wisdom. Each of them harbors a silent fear that it is a mistake, but they have become so mutually involved that each fears to back out because of what the other knows and might tell about them. What amounts almost to involuntary blackmail pushes them onward into a marriage which is already destined to be disappointing.

If young people are going to *go steady* they need to be mature enough to ask themselves several questions and give serious thought to them. The following four interrogations should be frankly faced:

(a) Are we old enough to go steady without

putting ourselves in the painful situation of arriving emotionally and socially at the normal place for marriage before the door is open?

(b) Will our going steady deprive us of the friendships and exposures to others which we need in preparing us for later life?

(c) Is our practice of going steady taking on the aspects of marriage and creating in us emotional involvements which should exist only when protected by marriage?

(d) Remembering that we are neither engaged nor married, are we going into areas and experiences from which it would be difficult to back out?

Masquerading Wolves

By RICHARD H. SMITH, *Pastor, Indian Head, Maryland*

"I REFUSE to answer on the grounds that it might tend to incriminate me." These words bring into clear focus a most important issue of our day. Fact-finding groups have unveiled a gigantic masquerade. Too frequently men have been offering lip service to one nation while devoting their life energy to a regime diametrically opposed. Every important area of society has been infected by this subversion, including the government, school systems, unions, law-enforcement agencies, and the churches.

This inner decay of disloyalty has caused the collapse of many splendid men, destroyed fine organizations, and toppled great nations. Neither men nor institutions can function effectively while this inner, subtle evil remains unpurged. Jesus taught us that "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation," (Matthew 12:25). He also said, "No man can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24).

A specific example might well be the large number of evangelical churches that have lost their witness and power as a result of unchecked subversion. The dark kingdom of Satan infiltrated the church's lines, and the death toll was sounded when the church began electing worldlings to positions of leadership. History teaches us that a church loses her glory and strength when, like

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As the Rhode Island farmer said, "When I got religion even the cat knew about it." And that is as it should be.

*"He prayeth best who loveth best
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all"* (Coleridge).

—John Paterson

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Samson, she flirts with the worldly Delilah. Hence the loyalty issue cries for attention—even in our beloved Church of the Nazarene.

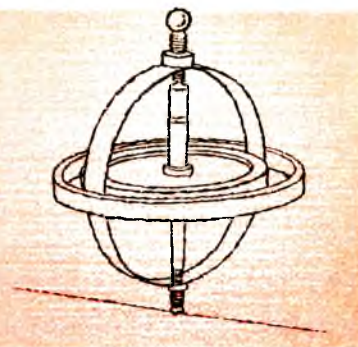
Subversion, disloyalty, and division ultimately destroy churches. The whole truth, however, is that churches collapse because the individual pillars become insecure. Men never have succeeded in loving God and the world at the same time. Adulterated love causes the mortar to lose its strength and become as dust.

Note now the individual who suffers with the disease of disloyalty. Either he becomes careless about Christian responsibilities, a rocking-chair religionist; or he actively promotes an evil influence through a program of *false* witnessing, *destructive* criticism, and *fault* finding with the church's standard and her ministry. How great is the darkness of these lives! Once dedicated to God, they now zealously try to destroy the good in which they formerly believed. Found in their ranks are the opportunists, the timeservers, and the men pleasers. With Christ dethroned and self exalted, these wolves in sheep's clothing can bring a denomination to its knees if they move unchecked, unmasked.

The conclusion, therefore, is quite simple. The challenge of our day screams for a church that is "doing exploits" as well as speaking fine-sounding words. The Church of the Nazarene cannot be dynamic, victorious, and powerful simply by paying tribute to the pioneer greats. The A-bomb of God's Word and loyalty to Christian principles must be used to eradicate every subversive influence. While we stand in the valley of service, let us remember that men remain Christian and churches remain dynamic only so long as they maintain *undivided* loyalty to Christ.

It is not too late to cry, "Wolf!"

The Stabilizing Power of the Unseen



By JAMES A. HAMILTON, *Pastor, Southeast Church, Charleston, West Virginia*

He endured, as seeing him who is invisible (Hebrews 11:27).

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is the Old Testament honor roll in a New Testament setting. It is a "Who's Who in Israel." Here are the names of several men and women whose careers clearly reveal faith as a working principle in life.

For example, Moses was a great leader, a great diplomat, a great soldier. However, these characteristics are not even mentioned. He gains his place in this "Who's Who in Israel" because, by faith, he made a choice.

Take another look at the text. Moffatt's translation is strong and emphatic. It reads, "Like one who saw the King Invisible, he never flinched." Moses faced long years of grinding monotony, bitter disappointment, cruel misunderstanding, and unending toil; but through it all "he never flinched."

In this world, each of us is called upon to make important decisions; we battle fiery temptations; we must go through harassing experiences. This being true, we need something to stabilize and steady us.

There are three great unseen forces that we can rely upon to support and steady us in our journey to the Celestial City.

A Great Faith Will Do It

Faith cannot be seen. We see what it does, but faith itself is one of the invisible forces men can call upon to help them achieve the impossible.

Men tumble in when they do not have a great faith. Columbus, facing mutiny after weeks of sailing, wrote in his log, "This day we sailed westward." Cyrus Field, after failing twenty-eight times in his attempt to lay a cable across the Atlantic, tried the twenty-ninth time and succeeded. A superb faith kept these men on their feet.

Livingstone turned his back on England and home and friends; he turned away from Stanley, and made for the heart of Africa again. He never flinched. A sublime faith steadied him.

A Great Love Will Do It

No one ever saw love. We know what love does, but it is one of the invisible forces that move effectively on human hearts. It has been said that

"no one lives truly who does not love passionately." Jesus was talking about a passionate love when He spoke of loving God with all the soul, mind, and strength. Love for God and our fellow man will enable us to stand the cold winds and storms of adversity and sorrow, and fight through the most difficult battles.

A Great Purpose Will Do It

No one ever saw another man's purpose. It is something he keeps hidden away in his own heart, perhaps never saying anything about it at all. But how it steadies him in the trying time!

"This one thing I do" was an idea that became an obsession with Paul. He was so intent on reaching his goal that distracting things about him were of little concern.

At an Olympic game in Amsterdam, one summer, a splendid runner lost in the last ten yards, all because he did not keep his eyes on the tape stretched just ahead of him. He looked behind, lost his stride, was overtaken, and beaten by inches.

Remember Lot's Wife!

*Not much in Holy Writ is said
Of Lot's wife and her chance—
But as she fled from burning Sodom,
Her heart she left in the backward glance.*

*With that cursory, flashing look
God called her swift journey to halt;
Her name—a florid reminder;
Her body—a pillar of salt!*

*Yes, life has its warning signals,
Red lights for rocks and shoals;
But retrospect for "the old life"
Has doomed and entombed countless souls.*

*Does your heart crave the pleasures of Sodom?
Do you long for the world that is rife?
Surrender to Christ for deliv'rance;
If not—"Remember Lot's wife!"*

By OVELLA S. SHAFER

Foolish Faith

By JOSEPH D. WRIGHT, Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho

FOOLISH FAITH is dangerous, and in the end is bound to bring its possessor to disaster.

There is a faith that is built on the reality of God's promises, and there is a faith that is constructed on the figments of man's imagination and self-deceit. Both are faith, real faith, yet in results they are as far apart as the east is from the west.

There is a Biblical story recorded in I Kings 13: 1-22 which tells of a foolish faith founded on the deceitful words of another. The prophet referred to in this story had complete faith in God, knowing He would never fail His word. But the tragedy was that he was deceived into accepting a lie as God's word. The result canceled the godly influence which had been his, and proved to be a fatal mistake.

Among the great tragedies of a foolish faith is a serene trust in God to do what you can and should do yourself. Pure laziness motivates many to this end. We live in a lazy day and age. We have been conditioned to get by with as little effort as possible. Either consciously or subconsciously we expect machines to do the work our fathers did while we live by our ingenuity and brains. Multitudes have forgotten what real work is, while multitudes of others have never experienced it and are afraid to try.

The result has been the development of an attitude that discourages men from attempting the difficult or hard job. This attitude has carried into the realm of man's spiritual life—Leave the difficult to God, why should I try? True, this attitude displays a sort of faith in God, but it also displays an ignorance of God's plan and wisdom in facing men with the difficult.

Man is morally obligated to do for himself what his physical and mental abilities will allow. God gives us the equipment for life, then justly expects us to use it. To say you can't do what you should do and what God asks you to do is a reflection on the justice of God. No man can believe in God as he should and not believe His grace is sufficient. Furthermore, failure to mix your all-out effort

with His sufficient grace limits God in doing anything further for you. God does not give more grace and strength until you have used every ounce you already possess, because until you have used what you have, all of it, you do not need more.

Few Christians have really tested the limits of their abilities. The Church and people who call themselves Christian are capable of doing much more than is being done. This cannot be done without God's help, true; but neither can it be done without intense human effort. God has not failed. In the grace and strength He has already given, hundreds more can and should be won. The Church is not suffering from a lack of man power, finances, or numbers. God has put enough money in the pockets of Christians to do everything He wants them to do, both locally and generally. There is enough man power and ingenuity in every church to furnish equipment and accommodations sufficient to the need of the town or com-

A World to Win

*I shall not yield to woes that seem
A dreadful destiny.*

*Beyond my dearest hope or dream,
Christ still can give to me
A newborn self to praise Him yet,
A cause for me to serve.*

*I shall not question nor forget—
My love must never swerve.*

*I shall have faith! In each crusade
There always is a cross.*

*I shall not doubt nor be afraid
Tho' wildest tempests toss—
But trust with faith that grows not dim.
There is a world to win, for Him!*

By BERNIECE AYERS HALL

munity. There are enough people in the smallest church to win one hundred souls to Christ in the course of two years.

Perhaps the greatest curse of the Church today is a foolish faith that is blighting the lives and efforts of her constituency. Thousands of church members are serene in their belief that their church cannot grow because God doesn't want it to grow. Thousands more are convinced that God wants their church to be small so it will be more spiritual. But God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." To consider smallness as the essence of spirituality is pure folly and a flimsy excuse for laziness. A church of one thousand persons on fire for God is twenty times stronger, and more, than a church of one hundred.

Again, a foolish faith lulls men into believing that God's will is the only thing that can really happen, and therefore that which happens is God's will. Such a faith is the sleeping pill of the devil, putting men to sleep while sin steals their souls and the souls of their families. Only a foolish faith would believe that only God's will is done in a world that is as saturated and controlled by sin as is this world. To live by such a philosophy would be but to legalize all the sin, immorality, and filth in this world and credit it to God.

Many are resting content in things the way they are, having once prayed for God's will to be done, but having never searched out His will, and having never done it if they had sought and found it.

The Church professes to believe in God, but doesn't act like it. The Church prays for God's will, but doesn't seek it or do it. The Church prays for the salvation of sinners, but doesn't care enough to go after them. The Church prays for the election of good men, but doesn't vote for them. The Church expects a revival, but doesn't pay the price. The Church builds beautiful sanctuaries and Sunday school units for its children but does not encourage them to attend. The Church hires a preacher to preach the truth, but refuses to listen and obey. Does the sinner not have good reason to ask why he should join a church that is possessed of an even more foolish faith than his own?

Think not that the Church will stand guiltless before her God. Thousands of people are not in Sunday school because of the Church's foolish faith. Millions of people have never sensed a need of God and are being lost because the Church is resting in its foolish faith.

Foolish faith only converts such a church into a broad pathway to hell. The Church of the Nazarene cannot ward off its doom if it falls a victim to such foolish faith. It is time for Nazarenes everywhere to put their faith to the test. *Is yours a foolish faith?*



MARK of Distinction

By Evangelist DAVID K. WACHTEL

PSYCHOLOGISTS tell us that, in order to survive and grow, a movement of any kind (religious, political, or other) must have two all-important qualities: first, a "mark of distinction"; second, a "sense of mission." And the mission must perform some necessary function for mankind. In the case of a church that function must be spiritual rather than social, charitable, or educational, since these are available elsewhere.

The Church of the Nazarene from its earliest days has had both. Our "mark of distinction" has been our *evangelistic fervor*—freedom in worship; happy, "lifting" singing; fervent, warmhearted, "fire-brand" preaching, and an atmosphere which encouraged a "shout in the camp." Phineas Bresee was emphasizing that "mark of distinction" when he advised, "Keep the glory down." Other movements have been known for other distinctive characteristics, such as peculiar dress, odd ways of life, or preaching which by their legalistic emphasis reduced Christianity to an ethical system. But that evangelistic fervor (E. O. Chalfant called it the "Nazarene swing") has been our "Mark of distinction."

"Uncle Bud" Robinson gave expression to our "sense of mission" almost every time he spoke. Again and again he said, "God raised up the Church of the Nazarene to spread scriptural holiness over these lands." It was not "Wesleyan holiness"—though I am sure "Uncle Bud" had proper respect for the Wesleys. It was not even "holiness with standards," though no man ever fought more fiercely for the standards he believed in than "Uncle Bud." The emphasis was on the word "scriptural," and that emphasis provided the spiritual function psychologists tell us we must have. We were doing a job God called us to do—"spreading *scriptural* holiness over these lands."

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The church is invincible so long as these necessary qualities remain. Let us maintain our "mark of distinction"—genuine evangelistic fervor. Let us hold fast to our "sense of mission"—spreading scriptural holiness over these lands. Let us function as an evangelistic agency, "making disciples" and leading them into the experience of scriptural holiness. Keep these, and we have kept the things which made us great, which have brought us safe thus far, as well as that which can provide motivation for sacrifice and service in the tomorrows.

Lose these, and we lose all! The psychological law refuses to be ignored (even if there were no spiritual principles). Let even a little of the liturgical push aside that "Nazarene swing," let the emphasis be on anything other than scriptural holiness, cease to function as an evangelistic movement, and slow death would come. Motivation would be inadequate for the task of keeping ourselves alive. In our hearts we would know there was no real reason for our existence. Our sun would set!

But it is morning—and "the sun never sets in the morning!"

his missionary work, they couldn't take his peace and his restful faith. Among the last words he wrote are: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day" (II Timothy 1:12; 4:7-8).

There was nothing halfhearted about this! Through all the varied circumstances of a stormy life, Paul lived by the consistent purpose and unwavering commitment to the will of God which he associated with Christian perfection (Philippians 3:13-15). Wholehearted holiness is God's answer to the wavering, vacillating, uncommitted sort of existence some people call Christianity. May God give us more of it as we try "to serve this present age."

The Least I Can Do

By J. C. WOLSTENHOLM, Pastor, Pierre, South Dakota

A LITTLE BOY walked by my house this cold night. He was a stranger to me, but I gave him a friendly greeting. He did not respond, which seems strange in this small town. And then I thought, Well, it's the least I can do. It seemed to me that the Lord spoke to me and said, "Are you satisfied with the least you can do?" It has become a question that reaches the depths of my heart as I review my service for the Lord.

There are a host of people walking beside us on the road of life. They are young and old, rich and poor, and all included in the *whosoever* of the gospel. They are walking through our homes, our Sunday schools, our churches, and our communities. Have we surrounded them with only minimum efforts in getting the message of salvation to their hearts?

It may be true that we have faithfully paid our tithe. Is not this the least we can do to spread the "Good News" to the ends of the earth? To rise above the minimum assigned by the law to the maximum asked by love, we must give liberal offerings, for there are so many passing by who have never known the "love of Christ, which passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19).

It may be true that we have given time and

talents into the regular services of the church, but we must rouse ourselves to greater effort and "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). People are walking beside us bound for the judgment. Mediocre minimums will never do. Our best efforts must be put forth, if these people are to be won to Christ. We must become "all things to all men" in order to save some. To the one who sorrows, we must give some time to help ease his heavy burden. For the one who is sick, we must call, send a card, or give a helping hand to let him know he is not forgotten as pain and disease plague his body. For the one who has held himself aloof from our friendship, we must find a way to break down the barrier. And that poor man on the street—we must let him know, too, that we care about his problems and that there is One who cared enough to die for him.

That little boy has gone on down the street now. Perhaps I shall never see him again. But if I do, I will be sure to do more than the least I can do. I will put forth maximum effort to win him to Christ. But my prayer is that this will be true of every boy and girl, and every man and woman, who passes my way. May I never be satisfied with just the least I can do.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The districts shown report the following churches as having received the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. This is presented on the basis of members received by profession of faith during the assembly year. The groups and qualification standards are shown as follows:

GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN REQUIRED
I	1- 24	4
II	25- 74	8
III	75-149	12
IV	150-299	18
V	300 and above	25

Church	Pastor	Membership at last Assembly	Gain
AKRON			
Byesville	E. Stenger	14	7
Goshen	N. Stover	16	4
Akron Trinity	R. Moulton	23	10
Brilliant	D. Sterling	23	4
Canaan Hill	D. Pritt	23	7
Youngstown	Boardman R. Parry	23	5
Youngstown Wickliffe	C. Carmichael	28	9
Canton Calvary	J. Killgore	31	13
Newton Falls	G. Gales	35	13
Cleveland Calvary	E. Herron	43	12
Cleveland Central	C. Stouffer	52	8
Clinton	Irwin Harris	53	20
Warren Morgandale	Wm. Restrck	67	14
Wadsworth	L. Morgan	124	14
Greentown	Roy Watson	126	12
Alliance	J. McCaskell	134	34
Toronto	John Eppler	148	24
Akron Arlington	Wm. Thompson	201	18
E. Liverpool First	James Hunkon	485	27
CANADA ATLANTIC			
St. John's, Nfld.	V. Williams	0	5
Windsor	Gerald Huff	39	8
Summerside, P.E.I.	Philip Chatte	57	10
GEORGIA			
Albany Northside	Chester Roberts	0	12
Swainsboro	Billy Ring	0	10
Waynesville	H. Strickland	0	7
Americus	Henry Mills, Sr.	6	8
South Trion	Marshall Lambert	7	9
Thomaston	Frank Chapman	16	4
Columbus Grace	R. L. Pitts	35	18
Valdosta S.S.	G. McCommon	39	9
Marietta	Ralph Herrick	48	18
Harrisburg	Eugene Jay	56	11
Columbus Downtown	Robert Huff	71	10
Tenille	J. Lindsey	75	17
Gainesville	Hugh Mincey	83	14
Mt. Olive	James Hawkins	119	19
JOPLIN			
Garnett	Tom Nees	0	5
Fredonia	Homer Gilbert	22	11
Mansfield	Paul Buchanan	36	12
Highway	John Moles	63	33
Chanute	Claude Pittenger	90	12
Iola	Wilson Baker	130	12
Independence	Robert Leffel	163	18
Coffeyville First	Sam Stearman	165	19
Carthage First	Wendell Paris	276	21
NEW YORK			
Spring Valley	Raymond Hedges	34	11
Poughkeepsie	Jay Bergers	49	9
Brightwaters	Robert Utter	49	8
Kingston	Willis Scott	88	12
East Rockaway	Herbert Rogers	129	13
SOUTH AFRICA			
Ventersdorp	R. Hurni	6	4
Stilfontein	Pieter Schoeman	7	18
Lusaka	J. Scheepers	24	4
Rustenburg	D. Raath	24	6
Johannesburg	W. Siebbeles	33	9
Primrose	G. Rensburg	39	17
Potchefstroom	L. Kriel	49	20
SOUTHEAST OKLAHOMA			
Maud	W. Ledbetter	11	5

Harrah	Thomas Gilham	50	11
Seminole	Wilbur Brannon	81	12
Oklahoma City Zion	J. Andrew	100	18
Midwest City 1st	Nolan Culbertson	130	14
Holdenville	Clarence Parker	146	12
SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA			
Wynnewood	L. Gilley	10	9
Purcell	Dewayne Hicks	11	7
Tuttle	Charles Smith	26	8
Waurika	E. Rawlings	41	9
Pauls Valley	O. Milburn	66	8
Carnegie	Robert Williams	72	8
Duncan Oak Ave.	W. Lynch	110	13
Okla. City First	James Snow	555	35

is much political unrest in many of these countries, and often our missionary work is hindered and the lives of missionaries endangered by the activities of those who would seek to overthrow the established governments of these countries.

New Work in Chile

By IRA TAYLOR, Bolivia

I am writing this from Arica, Chile, where I have been caring for the work which has recently requested our help. On Sundays we have a good congregation in our main church here—around seventy-five. Every night of the week there is a service in some outside congregation or group, generally in a home. It is real pioneer work, but not new to us, as we had the privilege of doing a lot of that in Peru.

Bible school in Bolivia, where we teach between trips to Arica, closes the first of November. Most of our past two years of work has been at the Bible school. We believe that the school is now getting to the place where we have an adequate staff to do efficient work in building a future Church of the Nazarene in Bolivia. We rejoice in its material advance, better buildings and facilities, and scholastic progress. But most of all we thank the Lord for real growth in spirituality. This year more than any we have seen real outpourings of the Spirit. The visit of Dr. Paul Updike, of our assembly evangelist, Brother Julca, from Peru, and messages by our own teaching staff have been wonderfully used of God in helping many of our students to find an established sanctifying experience. Some of our young people are really "on fire."

In September we had our annual council meeting on the property we recently bought in Chulumani in the low country, half a day's drive from La Paz. The balmy, tropical air at five thousand feet was a welcome relief to all. We got more done and all returned to La Paz feeling better for this respite from the altitude.

New Nurses in Our India Hospital

Sunitibai has been to Indore this year to take the ward sister's course in graduate training. Now she is back to resume her duties and help with the teaching in the Nurses' Training School. She will be a big help to us. Please remember Sunitibai in your prayers as she undertakes these new responsibilities.

Estherbai too is staying with us and,



Sunday Nights Left

OF

FOURTEEN SUNDAY NIGHTS OF EVANGELISM

Your presence is needed to help keep the fires of evangelism burning on Sunday nights.

Be sure your travel and hotel reservations are made for your trip to the Conference on Evangelism, January 3, 4, and 5, 1962, in the Music Hall, Kansas City, Missouri.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, Secretary

Note from Italy

Rev. Robert J. Cerrato has been appointed district superintendent of the Italy field. He assumed his duties on November 13, 1961, and will continue to make his home in Florence, Italy.

Rev. Alfredo Del Rosso, former superintendent for twelve years, will now give full time to the pastorate of the church at Civitavecchia, Italy.

The prayers of Nazarenes everywhere are solicited on behalf of our Nazarene work in Italy.

DR. HARDY C. POWERS

General Superintendent

GEORGE COULTER

Executive Secretary

Department of Foreign Missions

Prayer Request

Remember to pray for the nations of Central and South America. There

when you read this, will be beginning her ward sister's course. She will be faced with many problems this next year, not the least of which is the fact that her family do not understand her decision to remain with us, nor do they fully support her in that decision. Families are close-knit units here and Esther-bai will feel very keenly the lack of family approval and support. Pray for her that she may have the extra grace and strength from God that she needs in order to do His will.

Nalinibai has completed her graduate training now. This is a wonderful answer to prayer. She first started the sister tutor training course in 1956, but fell ill with tuberculosis in the middle of it, and was in bed for several months. In 1959 the course was offered again, and we wanted her to finish then, but she prayed about it and felt she shouldn't go because it would leave me alone with the teaching, as Miss Darling was on furlough. Then last summer the principal of the graduate school asked special permission from the board to take Nalinibai in and let her finish her course before the principal left for furlough. This fitted in a little better for us, for Miss Darling would arrive back from furlough before Nalinibai left us. We were thrilled to have the opportunity for Nalinibai to complete her training. Now she has her certificate and is a fully registered sister tutor. Thank God for His faithfulness!—ESTHER HOWARD, *India*.

Trinidad Vignette

We are keeping busy here in Trinidad. Vacation Bible schools kept us on the go during August. In our main church they had more than 530 in attendance some mornings. It is a strange experience to hear a pastor plead that no more children be invited to come to vacation Bible school. But I couldn't blame him. They were crowded beyond capacity and the teachers could not spread themselves any thinner, and still teach anything.—WESLEY HARMON, *Trinidad*.

SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

PAUL SKILES, *Secretary*

Gleanings

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Chaplain Donnelly's Report:

"I am again privileged to have a very unique assignment, and one which I have been most anxious to receive. To my knowledge, this is the only chaplain assignment in the air force where the chaplain is *officially* designated a member of a clinical team. I was especially interested in duty with this organization in order to obtain clinical experience

Attend your Mid-Quadrennium

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- Music—to Inspire
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"Spirit-inspired Evangelism"

in the field of group counseling and group psychotherapy.

"In the Retraining Group first and foremost the individual receives counseling and treatment from the psycholo-



gists, psychiatrists, social caseworkers, and chaplains. The counseling is directed toward the individual's assumption of responsibilities.

"A great deal of my time is spent in clinical work, evaluating, measuring, and assessing the personality and character of the trainee in relation to his ethical and moral stability. Few clergymen have the unlimited opportunity for dynamic Christian service that is mine here. Through a specific personalized program of therapy and correction men with real problems are brought into a vital spiritual experience. Throughout a daily schedule beginning with a 'morning devotion' at 0745 and continuing with *diagnostic interviews, therapeutic counseling*, and group discussion classes of moral and ethical content, I have the perfectly programmed privilege to honor and glorify the blessed Christ and to lead men to Him.

"Needless to say, I do not have time on my hands. I spend eight or ten hours per day in interpersonal relationships with the trainees. An average of four additional hours in the early morning and late evening each day is required for writing up case reports and in preparation activities. This is the most demanding duty I have had but also the most rewarding."

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Canada Central District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting of the Canada Central District was held October 16 to 18, in the Newmarket church, developing into one of the finest meetings of recent years.

The guest speakers were Dr. William Greathouse, pastor of First Church in Nashville, Tennessee; and Rev. Alpin Bowes, of the Department of Church Extension. Although speaking on widely differing themes, both men were used of God to refresh and challenge the hearts of the pastors present. Dr. Greathouse gave a series of outstanding studies on John Wesley which both stirred the mind and blessed the heart. Brother Bowes had arranged a comprehensive display of church architecture, as well as speaking and showing slides on "The Church Building." The contributions of both men will be long remembered and appreciated.

Dr. Arnold Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College, briefed the pastors on the progress of the college since its move to Winnipeg, Manitoba. The optimism of this good man is infectious.

An especially thrilling point about the meeting was the almost 100 per cent attendance of the pastors. This is indicative of the high esteem held for our capable district superintendent, Rev. Bruce T. Taylor. The pastors of this district are confident in his leadership, and look for greater days, as Canada Central District continues to uphold the message of holiness to the heart of Canada.—JAMES A. TAYLOR, *Reporter*.

West Virginia District Preachers' Meeting

The annual preachers' meeting of the West Virginia District met in the city of Beckley with more than one hundred pastors, wives, and evangelists present. Rev. Carl W. Gray, Jr., and wife did a grand job of entertaining, and afforded us every convenience.

The convention began on Monday evening, October 30, with a banquet,

and the address of welcome was given by the president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Tuesday morning the mayor of Beckley, the Honorable Cecil Miller, welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city and promised us every courtesy available. Rev. H. Harvey Hendershot, our beloved district superintendent, presided at the meetings with grace and efficiency.

Dr. Samuel Young, general superintendent, was the special speaker. Once again Dr. Young endeared himself to the hearts of West Virginia Nazarenes with his scriptural messages filled with wit and wisdom.

The papers presented by the pastors were outstanding and helpful. Special singing during the convention was highlighted by the preachers' wives' choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Baggett.

Superintendent Hendershot and wife received a nice love offering, just another token of esteem shown for the wonderful work they are doing on the district.

The convention adjourned Thursday noon, after a wonderful Communion service in which the presence of the Lord was truly felt by all those present. The pastors of the West Virginia District are back of the whole program of the church, and the emphasis of "Evangelism First" has a deeper meaning than ever before.—PAUL DARULLA, *Reporter*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Stanford, Kentucky—In October we had a one-week revival with District Superintendent D. D. Lewis as our evangelist. We began on Monday night with the house filled, and during the week ten seekers received definite help from God at the altar of prayer. On Saturday night, in a healing service, three testified to receiving help from God. Two fine people were received into the church, making seven on profession of faith and one by transfer since our district assembly. The church is in good spiritual condition, and we are now trying to secure a lot on which to erect a new building. One year ago, August 21, when we came as pastor, we had twelve in Sunday school; and on October 15 we had fifty-nine, with an average of fifty for the year.—J. W. SHERON, *Pastor*.

Greenville, Texas—Peniel Church observed "Laymen's Day" on Sunday, October 15, with three laymen participating in the evening service. One layman was in charge, another conducted an old-fashioned testimony service—which caught fire and we had a real Pentecost—and a third brought a message which was a blessing to all. The service closed with a great season of prayer around the altar; it was a time of refreshing. Our people have a mind to work and the church is taking on new life, with God giving us some wonderful services. Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Campbell are doing a splendid job, and the "Shining Lights on Sunday Nights" emphasis is paying off in increased attendance on Sunday night.—MRS. NARVEL GASWAY, *Reporter*.

Marienthal, Kansas—Fifteen months ago we came here to pastor the Sunnyside Church and found a wonderful group of people. Soon after our coming, the West Kansas Holiness Association revival was held in our church, with Dr. Ray Hance and Dwight and Norma Jean Meredith as the special workers. God gave many souls in this meeting. In January we had a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. J. W. South. God blessed their preaching and singing, several souls found victory at the altar, and the church was uplifted. In October we had a revival with Evangelist "Dick" Law. God used Brother Law's messages to awaken souls to their need, and more than thirty people sought the Lord for pardon or heart purity. Our people prayed, fasted, and carried a burden for souls. We give God praise for His blessings.—RUSSEL R. MCCOLLOM, *Pastor*.

Anchorage, Alaska—The Greater Anchorage area experienced a very successful city-wide campaign with Dr. Russell V. DeLong as speaker, and Rev. J. Stratton Shufelt as soloist and song leader. Many souls were saved, and the churches were strengthened in the Lord. Dr. DeLong was well received, and his ministry appreciated by all the civic groups of the area as well as the Ministerial Association, as he took time to speak to all these groups in addition to the regular services. Dr. DeLong has a needed message in this hour of world crisis. All the services were well attended and some nights the crowds overflowed the large auditorium.—M. R. KORODY, *Reporter*.

Rev. A. C. Rowland writes from Nashville: "After a serious and almost fatal heart attack we had to resign our work as pastor, on the advice of one of the best doctors in the South. God did undertake, in answer to prayer, and we received a miraculous physical touch. Both arms, frozen from the shoulders to elbows, were instantly healed by the Lord. We say 'thanks' for all the prayers, cards, and flowers. For some reason God has spared our life. Although we have had to resign as pastor, doctors do urge that we continue to do some preaching. Recently I have preached at Shelbyville, with Rev. J. E. White, and Fulton, Kentucky, with Rev. Troy Daggett; Annapolis, with Rev. Everett Lewis, and Flat River, Esther, Missouri, with Rev. C. F. Transue; Paducah, Kentucky, with Rev. Earl Coopridge; Dexter, with Rev. Ralph Lachance. St. Louis with Rev. Glen Pace, and at this writing in Piedmont, Missouri, with Rev. F. A. Welsh. We thank the Lord for His continued blessings in giving some wonderful altar services. I am resigned to do His will, and believe He has spared me for a task to help our church in keeping 'Evangelism First.' Write me at my home address, 408 Veritas Street, Nashville 11, Tennessee."

Rev. Oscar Stallings writes: "After twenty-two years of pastoral and evangelistic preaching, I have resigned as pastor of our Parkdale Church in Pon-

tiac, Michigan, to enter the field of full-time evangelism. I was a member of the Arkansas District for fourteen years, and have been on the Eastern Michigan District for eight years. I shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write me, 360 Center Street (north Center), Bradley, Illinois."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Rev. Frank Brinkley, pastor of our church in Beatrice, Nebraska, has a beautiful new building, on eight, well-located, donated lots; the building was erected at a cost of half its value. It was a joy to be with the Brinkleys, as we had been with them in two other pastorates. They are good people, sincere, devout, and aggressive. It seems that the Beatrice church is on the way to a new day after forty years' history. We had eight blessed days with Pastor Wendell Paris and church in Carthage, Missouri. Rev. Curtis Smith was with us on the first Sunday in the interests of Bethany Nazarene College; more than \$1,750 was pledged. We enjoyed having the college quartet with us for the second Sunday. There were 324 present in Sunday school. The congregation has purchased a new location for the church. The convention was well attended, and Pastor Paris and wife are excellent leaders. The choir, the attendance, and the boys and girls who found Christ, all make a memory that will linger with us. It was a blessing to be in the home of District Superintendent Dean Baldwin and wife; they are devout and aggressive leaders."

Somerset, Pennsylvania—Recently our church enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist G. F. Underwood and wife as the special workers. They are a good team, and their ministry was a blessing to the church. The morning prayer meetings were blessed of God and resulted in many victories in the services. We have a fine group of spiritual people, and all departments of the work are moving ahead.—GEORGE EMMITT, *Pastor*.

Evansville, Indiana—We give God the praise for the victories won and new people reached in the recent revival in Grace Church with Rev. Clyde B. Rodgers as the evangelist. We greatly appreciated the old-fashioned, Spirit-anointed messages of the evangelist. They are just what our church needs today. Brother Rodgers' singing and chalk artistry were also used to be a blessing to the people.—PHYLLIS WELDEN, *Secretary*.

Bennettsville, South Carolina—Recently our church had a week's revival with Evangelist J. C. Crabtree. Without a doubt, this was the most soul-stirring revival ever held in our church. Brother Crabtree preached with the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and his Bible-centered messages brought conviction to hearts night after night. Again and again the altar was lined with seekers, and God honored with victory. The closing day will be long remembered by our people, and the climax came with seven members coming into the church on profession of faith. God honored the

prayers of our people and the largest crowds in years attended the services. Brother Crabtree endeared himself to the hearts of the people, and has been given a call to return.—L. L. JENKINS, *Pastor*.

Rev. Forest Hill writes: "After pastoring our church at Oak Harbor for three years, I have accepted the work of our Lakewood Church in Tacoma, Washington. This presents a great challenge since we are the nearest of our Nazarene churches to Fort Lewis and McChord Air Force Base. If you have friends or relatives stationed in either place, please send us their names and addresses and we will do everything we can to help them. Our church is located at 9308 Meadow Road, S.W., and the pastor's address is 9012 Dalwyn Court, S.W.; telephone is JU 8-0808."

Evangelists C. C. and Flora N. Chatfield write: "It is a great joy to report that we are still on the firing line and active in the service of the Lord. Recently we had a good meeting with the Ratliffs at Brownstown, Indiana. Pastors and people stood back of the meeting in every way. Just before that we were at our church in Mitchell. God met with us in a signal manner, with Pastor Grant Barton leading his people forward. At this writing we are with our Northside Church in Elkhart, and God is giving victory. We have sold our home and moved: our new address is P.O. Box 572, Columbus, Indiana. We will be at this address over the holidays. It is a real joy to serve God and the church."

Nashville, Michigan—Several new people found victory in God in our recent revival with Evangelist Marvin S. Cooper as the special worker. We reached an all-time high for Sunday night attendance. We appreciated the godly spirit and influence of Brother Cooper, and our church is marching forward.—ALLEN COBB, *Pastor*.

Follansbec, West Virginia—God blessed in each service with His presence in our recent revival with the Fowler Evangelistic Party as the special workers. God gave several seekers during the meeting and, on the closing night, seventeen came to the altar, seeking God for pardon or heart purity. Four new members were received into the church. Brother Fowler's Spirit-anointed, Bible preaching and the special music and singing of the party were deeply appreciated by our people. The spirit of revival continues in our Sunday services.—LLOYD C. PROVANCE, *Pastor*.

Robinson, Illinois—First Church recently had a very good revival with Evangelist Carl Kruse and wife as the special workers. The church received much help from their ministry, and there were several seekers at the altar. Our church is moving forward for God and lost souls.—CLAYTON E. ALLEN, *Pastor*.

Mrs. William Wills, secretary of the church in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, writes: "Our pastor, Rev. Carl E. Harr, has been chosen instructor in the 'week-

day religious education program' in the public schools systems in Wyandot County. By accepting this position, Brother Harr will be reaching more than six hundred children in the fourth and fifth grades one day each week with this Bible course; this outreach includes six public schools. We feel this is a wonderful opportunity to spread the gospel and another way to reach unchurched homes."

Salem, Indiana—God greatly used Rev. and Mrs. Marcellus Crider in giving us one of the greatest revivals, October 11 to 22, in the history of our church. Their singing was an inspiration to all, and Brother Crider's Spirit-inspired, old-fashioned, Bible preaching was honored by the Lord. High lights of the revival were: 25 seekers at the altar on the closing Sunday morning, giving a total of 56 seekers; Sunday school attendance record broken three times during October, with 246 present on October 22, and the evangelist raised a love offering of one hundred dollars for the pastor and wife. The church maintains a spiritual glow of revival, with a good number in prayer meeting, and special manifestation of God on the Sunday morning service following the revival.—RAY WILSON, *Pastor*.

Song Evangelist George Waterman writes: "In October, I was in a blessed meeting with Pastor Casey and the good people of the church in Windham, Maine. Evangelist Shelia Graham was anointed of the Spirit, and God came on the services in the old-fashioned way. I have open dates for the spring and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write me, 85 Wendell Street, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts."

Scott City, Kansas—Our recent revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Carl Brockmueller was the greatest in the history of the church. More than eighty visitors attended the services, twenty-nine people sought the Lord and prayed through to good victory for pardon or heart purity, and a love offering of \$200 was raised for the pastor to apply on his car. The church is united and moving forward. This church has thirty-three members, and last year averaged forty-five in Sunday school. This revival was in answer to more than a year of special days of prayer and fasting on the part of many of our good people.—DANIEL COLBY, *Pastor*.

Mr. Jay Nichols and his family were honored on Sunday, October 29, at First Church of the Nazarene in Richmond, Indiana, with a special program and the gift of a portrait of the Nichols family. After serving as church treasurer for twenty-six years, Mr. Nichols had asked to be relieved of the job. The program was in recognition of his services to the church. His family includes his wife, Ethel; a son, William, a Nazarene minister; and a daughter, Barbara—with the son's wife and two children.

Middleport, Ohio—Rev. John W. Harold, evangelist for our twelve-day meeting, preached holiness messages in each service with the anointing of the Holy

Spirit. The church had prepared well, with prayer bands praying and fasting, along with cottage prayer meetings preceding the revival. Nearly sixty seekers prayed through to God, with many seeking and finding heart purity. On the closing Sunday we baptized five in the Ohio River, and received six on profession of faith into church membership. This makes thirty new members during our two-year ministry at Middleport. We give God praise for His help and blessings.—CLYDE J. BARTLETT, *Pastor*.

Evangelist E. L. Latham reports: "Recently I had a good revival campaign in Carterville, Illinois, with Pastor C. L. Chapman. Wonderful spirit of prayer prevailed throughout the meeting, and God gave some good victories at the altar. We had ninety-one in Sunday school on the closing day. This is one of the oldest churches in our denomination, having been organized in 1911. The work is moving forward under the leadership of Pastor Chapman. At this writing I am in a meeting in Lowell, Indiana, with Pastor Raymond Buskirk, and already twenty-three persons have sought God at the altar for pardon or heart purity. I have an open date, January 9 to 21, and also March 6 to 18. I travel alone and can furnish own house trailer, if necessary; will go anywhere for free-will offering. Write me, Nazarene Acres, Mechanicsburg, Illinois."

Houston, Texas—A spirit of revival continues and increases in the Lake Forest Church. Recently we enjoyed a twelve-day revival with Evangelist W. J. Strack. He is an old-fashioned holiness preacher with a timeless, dynamic message which the Holy Spirit uses to convict the unbeliever and spur the Christian on to greater maturity. Attendance was good, with many visitors in the services, and a good number of people sought and found definite victory in God at the altar of prayer. There is a prevailing spirit of unity among our people, and we look to God for greater victories under the consecrated leadership of Pastor Raymond Lee Wilson and wife.—MRS. W. M. REX, *Reporter*.

Evangelist W. C. Raker writes: "Following the convention on evangelism in Kansas City early in January, Wife and I will be going west for revivals. Before returning to Anadarko, Oklahoma, on February 15 to begin our eastern slate, we have some open time we'd like to slate in the West. Write us, Box 106, Lewistown, Illinois."

Evangelist Henry B. Wallin reports: "Since entering the field of evangelism on January 4 of this year, I have conducted thirteen campaigns in California, with over four hundred people seeking spiritual help at the altar, more than fifty new family altars erected, scores anointed for healing, and my own soul has been richly blessed as I ministered. In all except one of these campaigns my wife has joined me, giving the travelogue of our ministry in Japan, and witnessing many young people dedicating themselves for full-time service. I have an open date in January which I would like

to slate in California; then the fall of '62 is open. Write me, 1414 N. Hill Avenue, Pasadena, California."

Kingfisher, Oklahoma—In service after service there were seekers at the altar during our recent ten-day revival campaign with Evangelist James W. Humble. The power of the presence of God was manifested as seekers testified to having received God's grace in definite saving or sanctifying power. Brother Humble's Spirit-anointed ministry was much appreciated, and this church presses forward in harmony and unity. —MERRILL M. MORGAN, *Pastor*.

Fulton, Kentucky—Rev. A. C. Rowland, now working in the evangelistic field, was with us in a recent week-end revival—one of the best the church has had for several years, the people said. His stirring messages gave our people a new vision for lost souls, and people were saved and sanctified with some entire families praying through to God. We thank God for the ministry of Brother Rowland with us.—T. J. DAGGETT, *Pastor*.

Chesterhill, Ohio—Recently our church had a very successful three-week revival. Evangelist Bob Palmer thrilled and challenged our hearts as he preached the glorious gospel. God honored his faithful, heart-searching messages, and his burden for souls, with the manifest presence of the Spirit in the services. Our church and people received definite spiritual help. Pastor and people are determined to keep "Evangelism First."—OPAL CRUM, *Pastor*.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By J. W. ELLIS

Topic for December 17: We Grow Through Worship and Prayer

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:26-80 (Printed: Luke 1:39-55)

GOLDEN TEXT: *My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour* (Luke 1:46-47).

"How shall this be?" asked Mary of the angel Gabriel.

"The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God," replied Gabriel.

"The incredible had been made plain! The impossible had become possible! Nothing now for the handmaid of the Lord to do but to humbly acquiesce . . . "Be it unto me according to thy word."

Gabriel departed to be with God. Mary departed to be with Elisabeth. Into the hill country "with haste" she went with a heart full of praise and a mind full of excitement. The rocks took on new strength in their silence; the hills became unusually friendly in their understanding; the trees took on new glory as they reached higher into the heavens; and the birds sang full-throated as if they had just discovered a new song.

Cousin Mary greeted Cousin Elisabeth . . . and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. Could she help but sing of Cousin Mary? "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

Replied Mary with free and happy spirit, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

Throughout those indescribably beautiful days, Mary's heart leaped like deer through a clear forest and up a high hill; her soul was enraptured as one deep in the sanctuary with the eternal God; her spirit grew as one fed from the hidden springs of the valley.

She was one overshadowed by the Holy Ghost. And in her response to God we

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January 7—"Life's Most Important Question," by *Russell V. DeLong*

find a pattern into the way more excellent. Childlike was she in trust and obedience. In her adoration of God we find true worship. As David, she beheld the "beauty of the Lord." Prayer seemed to be the breath of her life.

If we are to grow in the likeness of Christ (and oh! how our hearts cry out!), we too must learn the art of worship and prayer. A disciplined art it is. Simple in its profundity, yet only the strong in spirit reap its rewards. What is worship? Position of body, you say? Attendance at church? Singing the hymns? Attention to liturgy? Not necessarily. Worship is a spiritual exercise, hence not so much a position of body as it is position of spirit . . . and prayer. It is the voice of the worshiper in the spirit of truth.

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Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

—Rev. Aubrey Ponce, who has been pastoring on the Alaska District, is returning to the south forth-eight states and is entering the evangelistic field. Brother Ponce is a faithful minister in the church, and loves the souls of men. He is a fine evangelist and any church will receive blessing and help from his work as an evangelist. Address him, 4361 San Juan Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida.—Bert Daniels, Superintendent of Alaska District.

BORN

to Rev. and Mrs. Albert Pemble of Lau Claire, Wisconsin, a daughter, Valerie Sue, on November 7.

—to Samuel and Lovetta (Cornell) Meyersburg of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Daniel Scott, on October 31.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Earl R. Baker of Van Buren, Arkansas, a daughter, Joy Celeste, on October 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Meyers of Butte, Montana, a son, Randall Wayne, on October 26.

—to Don L. and Lois (Cramer) Morgan of Deep River, Iowa, a son, Jack Cramer, on October 15.

—to Merwyn D. and M. Denise (Sherrill) Matson of Portland, Oregon, a daughter, Shaunna Lynn, on October 22.

ADOPTED

—by Gene E. and D. Louise (Jagger) Bowen of Denver, Colorado, a baby boy, on October 17, named Randall Eugene; he was born on July 18.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

by a friend in Oklahoma for an "unspoken request—extremely urgent";

by a reader in Michigan, has had a nervous breakdown and longs "for peace and quietness of soul and mind; tensions seem to keep me from claiming the promises of God";

by a reader in Oklahoma, a Nazarene, for a "very urgent unspoken request"—that God will help with regard to this problem.

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Albany	June 27 and 28
Eastern Michigan	July 11 and 12
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Akron	August 1 and 2
Dallas	August 8 and 9
Kansas City	August 29 and 30
South Arkansas	September 19 and 20

G. B. WILLIAMSON:

Northwest	May 2 and 3
Canada Pacific	May 10 and 11
Alaska	May 17 and 18
Canada Atlantic	June 21 and 22
Canada Central	June 28 and 29
Canada West	July 5 and 6
Northeastern Indiana	July 11 to 13
Chicago Central	July 18 and 19
Kentucky	August 8 and 9
Houston	August 22 and 23
South Carolina	September 12 and 13
North Carolina	September 19 and 20
New York	September 28 and 29

SAMUEL YOUNG:

Washington Pacific	May 2 and 3
Northern California	May 9 to 11
Los Angeles	May 16 to 18
New England	June 20 and 21
Maine	June 27 and 28
Southwestern Ohio	July 4 and 5
Oregon Pacific	July 18 to 20
Northwest Oklahoma	July 25 and 26
Iowa	August 8 and 9
Indianapolis	August 23 and 24
Louisiana	August 29 and 30
Southwest Oklahoma	September 19 and 20

D. I. VANDERPOOL:

San Antonio	May 2 and 3
Mississippi	May 9 and 10
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South Dakota	June 20 and 21
North Dakota	June 28 and 29
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Virginia	August 9 and 10
Missouri	August 15 and 16
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HUGH C. BENNER:

Washington	May 2 and 3
Philadelphia	May 9 and 10
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Minnesota	July 12 and 13
Colorado	July 19 and 20
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V. H. LEWIS:

Abilene	May 9 to 11
Florida	May 14 and 15
Alabama	May 23 and 24
Nevada-Utah	June 13 and 14
Nebraska	June 28 and 29
Michigan	July 11 and 12
Pittsburgh	July 18 to 20
Illinois	July 25 to 27
Kansas	August 1 to 3
Georgia	September 12 and 13
Joplin	September 19 and 20

the Answer corner

Conducted by **W. T. PURKISER, Editor**

Rayburn's Illness Poses Possibility of Three Catholic Government Leaders*

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS)—The incurable illness of House Speaker Sam Rayburn poses the definite possibility that in the next session of Congress the leadership positions of both the House of Representatives and Senate, as well as the White House, will be held by men who are Roman Catholics. The person most naturally in line for the speaker's chair is Rep. John McCormack (D.-Mass.) He has served as majority leader of the House and recently became acting speaker when Mr. Rayburn was forced to return to Texas because of his health.

President Kennedy and Senator Mike Mansfield (D.-Mont.), both Catholics, have held their positions of leadership during one full session of Congress.

One thing which makes the situation of particular interest is the fact that Mr. McCormack has often been called "the spokesman of the Roman Catholic hierarchy" in the U.S. Congress. There is considerable opinion that the bill to provide federal aid to education might have been treated differently if Mr. McCormack had been speaker during the past session. The speaker is chosen by the members of the House.

*Mr. Rayburn died November 16.

John Elected as New Bishop of Free Methodist Church

WINONA LAKE, IND. (CNS)—Rev. Edward C. John, of Perry, Michigan, was elected a bishop of the Free Methodist church at a recent meeting here of the Board of Administration. He will succeed Bishop C. V. Fairbairn, who announced his retirement at the meeting. The new bishop assumed office on November 1.

The Free Methodist church has four bishops. Prior to his election, Bishop John was a superintendent in the East Michigan Conference. As a part of his new responsibilities he will serve as chairman of the Commission on Christian Education.

U.S. Churches Rush Aid to Stricken British Honduras

Acting within 48 hours after news was received of the ravages of Hurricane Hattie in British Honduras, Church World Service flew 700 blankets to the inundated capital of the British Caribbean colony. Also assured for immediate use in the disaster area was an initial \$6,000 for relief work.

An agency spokesman stated that it had not yet been able to ascertain whether some 30,000 pounds of C.W.S. food, clothing, and bedding already in Belize are still in usable condition. Church World Service has been carrying

Will you please explain I Peter 3:19, "By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison"?

This is admittedly a very difficult verse. John Wesley and Adam Clarke believed (from verse 20) that it means that Christ in the Spirit had preached through Noah to the generation that lived before the Flood, whose spirits are now in prison under the judgment of God. Many others read this verse in the light of Acts 2:27 and 31; Romans 10:6-7; and Ephesians 4:8-10, and take it to mean what is referred to in the Apostles' Creed in the phrase "He descended into hell."

In harmony with this last interpretation, Dr. H. Orton Wiley quotes W. B. Pope: "In the interval [between the crucifixion and the resurrection of Christ] the Redeemer asserted his authority and Lordship in the vast region where the congregation of the dead is the great aggregate of mankind" (*Christian Theology*, II, 203-4). The purpose of the "preaching" is not clear. Selwyn thinks it means that Christ proclaimed in the spirit world the triumph of His cross and coming resurrection.

Is it right for a Sunday school board to put in teachers who are saved but not sanctified, and who say that we get everything when we are saved?

It is not.

The *Manual* states that the officers and teachers in the Sunday school shall be "in full harmony with the doctrines and polity of the Church of the Nazarene" (Paragraph 143, 1960 *Manual*).

I can understand enlisting the help of young Christians who are living exemplary lives and who are not yet sanc-

tified, particularly in teaching classes of younger children. But I can think of no good reason for permitting a person to teach who has taken the definite stand that "we get everything when we are saved." To me, such a person would be totally unqualified as an interpreter of God's Word.

In Genesis 1:7, what is the meaning of the "waters . . . above the firmament"?

Adam Clarke says, "Our translators, by following the *firmamentum* of the Vulgate (the Latin translation of the Bible) . . . have deprived this passage of all sense and meaning. The Hebrew word *rakia*, from *raka*, to spread out as the curtains of a tent or pavilion, simply signifies an *expanse* or *space*, and conse-

quently that circumbient space or expansion separating the clouds, which are in the higher regions of it, from the seas, etc., which are below it. This we call the *atmosphere*." The "waters . . . above the firmament" would then be the clouds.

In Romans 8:17 do we become "joint-heirs with Christ" only as we "suffer with him"? Just what does this last part mean?

If you are asking whether we become "joint-heirs with Christ" as a result of suffering with Him, I should say no. We become joint heirs of God as a result of being born again and adopted into the family of God (vv. 14-16). Adoption under ancient law carried all

the rights and privileges of natural sonship. The suffering with Christ is associated with being "glorified together." It comes as a result of the Spiritual rebirth and adoption, and not the reverse.

Was Saul of Tarsus sanctified when Ananias laid hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:17)?

I believe he was. That he *was* sanctified is seen in his personal testimony in Romans 8:2, "For the law [principle] of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law [principle]

of sin and death"; and I Thessalonians 2:10, "We are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe."

on a distribution program for the neediest in British Honduras for some years.

Hurricane Hattie, according to reports reaching C.W.S., brought winds of 200 miles an hour and giant tidal waves

crashing into the capital. However, difficulties in communication prevented more exact reports of the disaster needs from reaching the New York office immediately.



The new chapel at Haltom City, Texas, is a part of a district home mission program directed by District Superintendent Raymond Hurn on the Abilene District. It is planned to build four or five similar chapels on the district each year. The Haltom City church was organized in June. One hundred seventy were present for the dedication service, with Mayor J. C. Gunter bringing words of welcome and Rev. Hurn preaching the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Dee Freeborn is the pastor.



The Villa Heights Church of the Nazarene in Roanoke, Virginia, was dedicated on September 10 by General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool, assisted by District Superintendent V. W. Littrell. The sanctuary seats 250, and there are 14 classrooms and offices which will accommodate approximately 250 in Sunday school. The estimated value of the new building is \$70,000, with an indebtedness of approximately one-third the value. A substantial saving in cost of construction resulted from the work of Pastor Loren W. Gould acting as contractor.

California visitors Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gilmore of Pasadena watch Production Manager Arch Edwards demonstrate a new hydraulic cutter which has been installed in the Nazarene Publishing House. Mr. Gilmore, a contractor, built the Publishing House Pasadena branch, the new Pasadena First Church, and is constructing the administration building at Pasadena College.



Constructed of Bedford stone, and seating 400 on the main floor, the new building of the First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville, Indiana, was dedicated on October 1 by General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner, assisted by District Superintendent Luther Cantwell. The educational unit has a chapel seating 150 and 16 classrooms. The congregation is growing with an average of 236 in Sunday school during a recent month. Rev. C. D. Gadow is the pastor.

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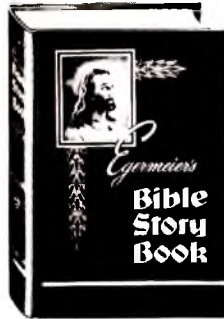


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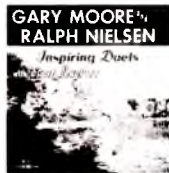
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