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ORVAL J. NEASE

A Gifted Christian Leader

DR. ORVAL J. NEASE was a gifted Christian leader. He was a great preacher—being in constant demand for conventions, revival meetings, and camp meetings where preaching of a high order was expected. At heart, he was an evangelist—his preaching was marked by a passion for lost souls. The gift of teaching was his, also. He was at home in the classroom and knew how to impart knowledge which stimulated and inspired his students. As a pastor, he served with distinction some of the largest churches in our denomination. His people loved him and did not hesitate to bring their needs and problems to him. I was with him in a Sunday-school convention while he was pastor of our First Church in Detroit, Michigan, and had an opportunity there to get a close-up view of his work. From then on, it was no surprise to me that our best pastorates were open to him.

Dr. Nease was an executive. His success in the pastorate indicates this. No man can successfully serve as pastor in our larger churches without executive ability. Further, his activities as college president, executive secretary of our Department of Church Schools, and as general superintendent required executive ability. Again, one must be a leader in order to be an executive. Dr. Nease had outstanding leadership qualities. During most of his ministerial career, he had the task of leadership in some form or another thrust upon him.

Original thinking is always in demand. Dr. Nease had a creative mind. This is proved by his writings while he was editor of our church school periodicals. It was also evident in his articles in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* and in his preaching. His mind was well furnished by nature, and well trained*by study and self-discipline.

Dr. Nease had a pleasing personality, a general bearing which favorably impressed those who came in touch with him. This contributed to his success as a teacher, pastor, preacher, evangelist, executive, and leader. It was easy for him to win friends and influence people.

There were other significant characteristics which added much to the life and work of Dr. Nease. He was enthusiastic about what he was doing. Halfheartedness, or lukewarmness, was foreign to him. Some years ago I heard someone ask him about a certain position which he had. Among other questions, the person inquired if he had lost his enthusiasm for the task yet. He an-

swered, "No," and then added, "When I lose my enthusiasm, I'll resign."

Closely connected with Dr. Nease's enthusiasm was his energy, or drive and perseverance. These words were found on the flyleaf of his Bible: "Sanctified wholly and holy June 20, 1911—holiness church, Owosso, Michigan, after nearly two weeks of consistent, persistent seeking." During the last years of his life he was not well, but he had a work to do, and he drove steadily on. He did not know how to be lazy or to surrender. He had a will to win in the battle against sin, and he ever pressed on with flaming zeal. One of the highest characteristics of greatness is a determination which does not know how to take it easy or give up. With an unswerving purpose and a quick step, Orval J. Nease pursued the goal which his Master had set for him.

Daniel had an excellent spirit; and so did the object of this tribute. He manifested a truly Christian spirit when circumstances were not so pleasant, as well as when they were. He has set all of us an enviable example in this respect.

A gifted Christian leader has been called home. God bless his memory to the good of all of us. He was "not slothful in business," but "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord"—STEPHEN S. WHITE, *Editor*.

I REMEMBER—

THE RECENT death of General Superintendent Orval J. Nease has caused me to live again in memory those brief months in which it was my privilege to know him in the rather intimate way occasioned by our close association in the work of the church.

I remember some gems of wisdom gleaned from expressions of his judgment around the counsel table. I remember his grace and poise as a presiding officer in district assemblies, General Board meetings, and elsewhere. I remember some precious seasons of prayer when the Board of General Superintendents took its burdens to the Lord, at which time Dr. Nease poured out his heart in fervent appeal to God in behalf of the church. And I remember his kindly, courteous attitude toward his colleagues. I remember his eloquent preaching and his enjoyment of a camp-meeting atmosphere. These and many other memories have come trooping through my mind since he went away, and all have made an impression upon me.

But of all the things I recall about Dr. Orval J. Nease, that which impressed me most was a

rather casual statement he made to a mutual friend who was exhorting him to conserve his failing strength and to refrain from exerting himself as he was doing. His reply was, "I have only one desire, and that is to spend all I have in the service of God and the church." He spoke these words not many months before his death. When I heard them, my heart was touched and I inquired of the Lord, "Should not this attitude expressed by our general superintendent characterize all the people called Nazarenes?" God grant that it may be true of us all.—**HARDY C. POWERS, General Superintendent.**

His Spirit Triumphed!

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT ORVAL J. NEASE has triumphed. He has entered into rest. His weary body no more struggles against pain. His mind is at peace. His spirit is enjoying the final victory.

Since I received the news yesterday that he had answered the last bugle call, and for some months before that sad message came, I have been saying to myself, "His dauntless spirit has gained for him another victory." Since December, 1948, he has struggled against great odds physically but he has never given up. No one I have ever known was so eager to do his full share of work and bear his responsibility as was he. Only when it was utterly beyond his power to do it would he yield his work to another.

I visited him in his home last April. In a quiet moment alone he said: "I have raised my family; I have only one cause for desiring to live; that is to serve the Church of the Nazarene. The time and strength I have left I want to give to God for the church." He never was persuaded to spare himself that he might live longer. On the evening of the same day I received the news of his death the mail brought me a letter from Dr. Nease. In it he wrote, "I am happy to tell you that I am progressing very encouragingly; in fact, I am going home from this series of assemblies much better and much stronger than when I left home." As I read those lines I knew he had already spent one day in heaven. I said again, "His courageous spirit carried him through all the way."

Dr. Orval J. Nease was an able preacher of a positive gospel. I first heard him preach when he was pastor of Detroit First Church. I was deeply moved and greatly inspired by his messages. He was interesting, eloquent, and persuasive. Only a few weeks ago someone inquired with earnest solicitude concerning his health, then added, "I love to hear Dr. Nease preach. He gives his heart to the people who listen. His warm, radiant spirit gains a cordial response in my soul."

As a chairman of assemblies he was unexcelled. He was patient, fair-minded, well-poised, and intelligent. It seemed easy and natural for him to preside.

As a colleague he was always encouraging to me. If I needed his counsel, he gave it. If I was distressed that I had not done better in an assignment, he built me up by his understanding attitude, his kind spirit, and his warm hand-clasp. Again and again he proffered every assistance of which he was capable.

My loneliness and heaviness of spirit today are mitigated by a memory of good fellowship in other days. My courage is now and always will be renewed by thoughts of his loving and dauntless spirit.—**G. B. WILLIAMSON, General Superintendent.**

Son of Consolation

YESTERDAY we laid away the body of Dr. Orval J. Nease in its resting place in Pasadena, California, to await the morning of the resurrection. Today we mourn his loss but rejoice in his triumphal entry into the presence of the Lord. Since he is now the guest of God, it is hardly fitting that we should wear the black of doleful mourning.

Dr. Nease was a "son of consolation" throughout our Zion, even as Barnabas in the New Testament Church.

1. He was a man of broad sympathies. I heard him say more than once that it was better to err on the side of mercy than to be critically exact and cold in one's judgment. He seemed more interested in people than in rules.

2. Fundamentally, he loved humanity as such. I once heard his younger brother (Dr. Floyd W. Nease) describe him as a social lion during his college days. This was said partly in jest, but it betrays his basic friendliness. During recent months everywhere I went our preachers and laymen alike would ask in eager, confidential tones, "How is Dr. Nease?"

3. He loved his home and family intensely and felt it part of his assignment to pray for them and be instrumental in accomplishing their salvation—*every one*.

4. He had a venturesome faith. He felt we should run some risks in the work of building the Kingdom. He knew what it was to be faced with a task that was greater than his strength, and at times to be crushed by the assignment, but he refused to retreat into reactionary conservatism.

5. He believed in spontaneity in worship. He observed proper order and forms of worship, but would not let them bind him. Under his leadership the common people felt at liberty to express themselves freely. Personally, he sought in all his ministry for the unction of the Holy Spirit that makes for the overflow.

6. He refused to be enmeshed in nonessentials or confusion. He understood the big issues of our "common salvation" and believed in narrowing our line of defense to those issues—and no more.

7. No service gave him greater joy than preaching. He was an executive, administrator, teacher, and writer, but was happiest when preaching and found his greatest satisfaction in winning souls to Jesus Christ. Here again, his preaching was never quite satisfying until he had led believers into the experience of heart holiness. It was a crisis experience for him, and must be preached clearly and explicitly in order to be sought and found.

8. He died in the battle. During recent months when his physical strength was low and his relatives, friends, and intimate colleagues enjoined him to rest, he would reply with vigor, "But I must do my part." His faith that was stronger than death was with him to the last.—SAMUEL YOUNG, *General Superintendent*.

"Thou Shalt Be Missed"

JONATHAN said to David, "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

Others who were accustomed to sit at the king's table could be away and not be missed. With David it was different. There was a glow and warmth about his presence—David, whose voice could sing in worship, cheer in sorrow, or command in battle; whose hand was soothing when stretched forth to comfort or strong when lifted in defense. Certainly, he could not be absent and not be missed. David was too big, too strong, too good, not to be missed when his seat was empty.

It was my privilege to be intimately acquainted with Dr. Orval J. Nease for over a period of about twenty-five years. I held him in high esteem and loved him as an own brother. I say to Dr. Nease, who has gone on to the more excellent glory, "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

Dr. Nease was a tower of strength to the weak and discouraged. They came to him with confidence; they leaned upon him for guidance and assistance, and were never disappointed. He was a valiant soldier in spiritual conflict.

He loved the standards of the church and always rose to defend them both publicly and privately. Dr. Nease had a strong, abiding faith in the program of God and his church. This faith was a source of strength and inspiration to his loved ones and friends.

He had an unwavering confidence in his fellow men. He could see light on the darkest night and, like the Christian optimist that he was, he believed that grace and time would always bring God's people to a better day.

His poise and ease as a speaker and administrator left him without a peer on the platform.

Dr. Nease was a great preacher of full salvation. There was nothing that thrilled him like preaching in a great revival campaign or camp meeting and seeing the long altar lined with men and women seeking God. He had an unmeasured devotion to Christ, the church, and his loved ones. He proved this across the years by the message he preached and the life he lived.

In character, he was like a tall oak on the hilltop; nothing dwarfed or gnarled about him. He was made of sturdy stuff. He could smile through his tears. He always insisted that what he was for good he was that by the grace of God.

Our church has suffered a great loss in the home-going of Dr. Nease. He was wise and dependable in his counsel. We felt that he was a spiritual seer among us. Both the ministers and the laymen of our church have lost a true friend. Our loss will grow more apparent with the passing of the years. The crushing sense of his absence will rest upon Sister Nease and the immediate family more than anyone else. May the sustaining grace of God be theirs during this time of deep sorrow.

The voice that was lifted in prayer and that spoke in counsel is silent now. The hands that were stretched out to serve and to protect are folded today. But like the gold that cannot be gilded, and the fragrance of the rose that cannot be sweetened, the glow of his godly life and the aroma of his prayers still remain with us.

Yes, Dr. Nease shall be missed down here, but he is safe at home over there, and will be waiting for us "just inside the Eastern Gate."—D. I. VANDERPOOL, *General Superintendent*.

Obituary

ORVAL J. NEASE was born at Nashville, Michigan, December 25, 1891, and died November 7, 1950, at Pasadena, California. He was the eldest of four children—three boys and one girl—born to William O. Nease and Agnes Wotring Nease. He was born into a remarkable family. His father was a fiery evangelist and came to be well known throughout our church in this field. A younger brother, Floyd William Nease, came to notable distinction in our church. He was president of Eastern Nazarene College and an outstanding preacher when his life came to an untimely end.

At the age of eight, Orval J. Nease was first saved. He was sanctified June 20, 1911, at Owosso, Michigan. He was called to preach in 1911 and first licensed to preach in 1912. In 1917 he joined the Church of the Nazarene and was ordained to the ministry in this church, along with his brother, Floyd William Nease, at First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California, on June 23, 1918, by General Superintendent H. F. Reynolds.

Two years of high school training were taken in the public schools of Lansing, Michigan, and then he continued in the high school department of the Bible Holiness Seminary, Owosso, Michigan, where he graduated in 1910. He felt the need of thorough preparation for the ministry and, therefore, entered Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. Later he obtained the Master of Arts de-

gree from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts; and this was followed by more graduate work at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Nease was married to Emma Spring, June 26, 1917. One son, Orval J. Nease, Jr., was born to this union. Mrs. Nease passed away on March 11, 1919.

On June 29, 1920, Dr. Nease was married to Katherine Miller, who was his faithful companion until his death. To this union one son, Robert, was born.

The service of Dr. Nease to the kingdom of God and the Church of the Nazarene extended over a period of thirty-five years. He was pastor at Phoenix, Arizona, First Church, 1917-18; Meridian, Texas, 1918-19; Malden, Massachusetts, 1920-25; Columbus, Ohio, First Church, 1926-28; Detroit, Michigan, First Church, 1933-38. He was president of Pasadena College, Pasadena, California, 1928-33. In 1938 Dr. Nease was elected editor in chief of church school periodicals and executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools for the general church. He continued in this office until he was chosen general superintendent in 1940. He served in this capacity until 1944 and then was elevated to this, the highest office in our church, again in 1948, and continued in the same until his death.

Relatives surviving Dr. Nease are his wife; two sons, Rev. Orval Nease, Jr., pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, Ontario, California, and Robert, of Pasadena College; Mrs. William O. Nease, his mother; and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Herrell, of Pasadena, California; a brother, Byron D., of Glendale, California; and two grandchildren, Joan and Sharon. These, with a great host of friends in this country and around the world, are left to mourn his loss.—STEPHEN S. WHITE.

The Memorial Service

At two o'clock on Friday afternoon, November 10, 1950, twelve hundred people gathered at the First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena, California, to pay their last respects to the life and labors of the late General Superintendent Orval J. Nease.

Among that number were three general superintendents (Dr. Williamson being en route to Australia), twelve district superintendents, five college presidents, five representatives from Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City, and approximately two hundred fifty pastors and evangelists of the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. A. E. Sanner, superintendent of the Los Angeles District, was in charge of the service and gave the tribute for the superintendents of the church. General Superintendent Powers delivered the tribute for the Board of General Superintendents. General Superintendent Young offered prayer and gave the committal at the grave. The sermon was delivered by General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool. Dr. Russell V. DeLong gave the invocation.

Dr. H. B. Wallin read the obituary and gave personal remarks, as the pastor of Dr. Nease. He also read the scripture at the committal service. The scripture at the church was read by President W. T. Purkiser of Pasadena College, and selected messages of condolence were read by the general church secretary. President Emeritus Dr. H. Orton Wiley of Pasadena College, and long-time friend of Dr. Nease, gave the tribute for the educational institutions of the church. Dr. R. J. Plumb, superintendent of the Southern California District, read a favorite poem of Dr. Nease's accompanied by violin obbligato played by Dr. Roy S. Mellert.

Music was furnished by Professor and Mrs. H. H. Price, who sang "God Was There," and by the cappella choir of Pasadena College under the direction of

Professor C. C. Crill, which sang "I Will Pilot Thee" and "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus." At the grave a men's quartet sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The closing prayer at the church was given by Dr. M. Kimber Moulton, pastor of Los Angeles First Church. At the committal, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, foreign missions secretary, pronounced the benediction.

Many floral tributes from across the nation banked the entire front of the church, giving beautiful evidence of the love and esteem in which General Superintendent Nease was held by the people called Nazarenes. The family received approximately 150 telegrams of condolence from thirty states in the Union, three provinces of Canada, and fourteen foreign countries.

Amid the natural simplicity of Mountain View Cemetery at Pasadena and surrounded by the "eternal hills," so magnificently viewed from the earthly home of Dr. Nease, he was tenderly laid to rest to await the morning of the resurrection.—S. T. LUDWIG, *General Church Secretary*.

T R I B U T E S

"My Daddy, Too!"

A daughter-in-law often is made to feel the "in-law" side of things to a great extent, but such was not the case between Daddy and me. Being Daddy's only daughter was a wonderful privilege, and we both enjoyed this father-daughter relationship to the fullest. We laughed together many times when people would take me for his very own daughter, and comment, "My, your girl looks so much like you!"

He would just smile that wonderful smile and say, "Yes, I think she does too," as his freckled hand took my own, and that wonderful warm feeling would come over me that I belonged to this greathearted man whom we called Daddy.

He was so much fun as a Daddy. He always had time and indeed looked forward to an occasional shopping spree for some blue-ruffled curtains or a new dress for Mother, or some little gadget for one of the boys.

His grandchildren adored him. It was always too long to wait until Grandpa would be home again from his assemblies, sitting on the floor, pouring out before his wide-eyed grandchildren all the pretty things from his suitcases. You see, he knew all of our sizes and the colors we liked best, and he never returned home from his travels without a suitcase full of love and affection for his family.

Mother gave me his eyeglasses the other day, and somehow I think I'll see things a little more clearly now. My perspective should be just a little better, and I am praying that the Lord will help me to look and see and live that wonderful, positive, holy life that my Daddy lived. I loved him so much as a daughter, and somehow I feel that he is not far from me today, saying, "Honey girl, it's all right!"—ANN NEASE.

The home-going of Dr. Orval J. Nease is a distinct loss to the church. He loved the cause of holiness and the Church of the Nazarene better than life itself, and spared not himself to advance the Kingdom interests. In him the dynamic spirit of the gospel messenger and the humility of the servant of God came to focus. For many years he was a personal friend and a brother beloved.—S. T. LUDWIG, *General Church Secretary*.

My life has been enriched for having known Dr. Orval J. Nease. His wonderful spirit and his Christian attitude were an inspiration to those who knew him best. As general superintendent, he was patient and kind to those over whom he had authority. He was easily approached and his advice was sound. As a Christian brother, he was faithful and loyal to Christ and the Kingdom. As a friend, he was true and devoted, always ready to do for others without seeming to think of his own needs. When I heard that Dr. Nease had fallen at his post of duty I was reminded that the Master said, "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." Truly, Dr. Nease has lost his life in the service of the Master, but in so doing he has found it again in the presence of the One he loved and served so faithfully and so well.—**JOHN STOCKTON, General Treasurer.**

With the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease, one of God's own men has been called home. Whether he served as pastor, evangelist, college president, editor of church school periodicals, or general superintendent, Dr. Nease served God and sought to win souls. Although he served as head of the Department of Church Schools for only two years, significant progress was made under his leadership. A decade later the effects of his work are still apparent. When invested with the responsibilities of high office, Dr. Nease gave himself without reserve for the cause of Christ and the church. When that leadership passed to others, Dr. Nease stayed with our army and fought on faithfully as a soldier without rank. When called again to generalship, he gave his "last full measure of devotion." All honor to Orval J. Nease, "a good soldier of Jesus Christ."—**A. F. HARPER, Editor in Chief of Church School Periodicals.**

Dr. Nease was a tenderhearted and masterful preacher whose personality and message moved and melted men. A firm believer in the fact that Christ died for all men, he continually urged the church to face its world responsibility with self-denial and abandon. Thousands of people at home and abroad have been influenced by his fruitful ministry and mourn the loss of such a stalwart Christian leader. Persistence and diligence characterized his service to Christ and the church. His last foreign visitation trip was marked by unusual scenes of salvation in Korea, China, and Japan. A great preacher and faithful servant of Jesus Christ has been rewarded.—**REMISS REHFELDT, Foreign Missions Secretary.**

Dr. Orval J. Nease was a Christian gentleman. It was my privilege to know him from his college days until his untimely death. We were closely associated and shared our victories and defeats, our felicities and heartbreaks. Many times we rejoiced together and wept together. Never did I know him to manifest an unchristian spirit. My last conversation with him was in my office. We discussed a mutual friend who had fallen by the way. He was deeply moved. He slipped into his own office, closed the door, and broke into a wail of anguish. This heartbroken cry was the last time I heard his voice before his death. Such was the tender heart of this dying man who loved God and loved his brethren.—**ROY F. SMEE, Secretary of Home Missions and Evangelism.**

The Publishing House staff feels keenly the loss of Dr. Orval J. Nease. Because of his tenure as editor in chief of church school periodicals, his understanding of our problems was of inestimable value. The warmth of his fellowship and the sincerity of his interest made our association a genuine delight. While we shall miss him,

we are determined that his example shall spur us to renewed intensity in our efforts to promote the kingdom of God.—**M. LUNN, Manager of Nazarene Publishing House.**

He walked in company with his Lord. Words of admiration flow freely and profusely as my mind centers its attention upon Dr. Orval J. Nease. Since he was the embodiment of Christian virtues and graces, it is easy for the heart to become flooded with expressions of appreciation where Dr. Nease is concerned. He always proved himself a friend when he had to go out of the way to do so. He took sides against himself in order to take the side of someone who needed his support. He displayed an undiscourageable optimism that enabled him to carry through in spite of overwhelming obstacles. He carried heavy burdens gracefully, and he mastered the Christlike attitude perfectly. He was able to do all of this because he walked in company with his Lord.—**MENDELL TAYLOR, General N.Y.P.S. President.**

The life of Dr. Nease crossed the paths of many of the youth of the Church of the Nazarene. As pastor, college president, church schools executive, and as general superintendent, the force of his life and the optimism which radiated from his face were felt by many. His friendly smile will linger long in our memories and the strength of his leadership will guide us in days yet to come. He was a representative Nazarene, and his loyalty to the church and his devotion to her cause will be twin stars to guide the generation which is to follow.—**LAURISTON J. DU BOIS, General N.Y.P.S. Secretary.**

It was my inestimable privilege to have been with our general superintendent, Dr. Orval J. Nease, during several of his last district assemblies. I shall ever remember him as one of the kindest, most thoughtful and courteous Christian men that I have been privileged to know.—**LOUISE R. CHAPMAN, General W.F.M.S. President.**

A small man's influence vanishes at his death; but a great man really begins to live in the memories of people after he has gone from this earth. Dr. Orval J. Nease will ever influence our lives because of his passion for souls, his keen interest in and understanding of people, and his loyalty to the principles of right. The Spanish department has lost a great friend and faithful supporter. We shall endeavor to follow his example and, by doing so, we shall be better Christians.—**HONORATO REZA, Editor of Spanish Publications.**

We feel deeply the passing of Dr. O. J. Nease. During the years of our more intimate contacts with him, we have come to deeply appreciate him as a man and as a leader in the church. He was an able minister of God's Word, a friend to mankind, and a courageous soul. His wise counsels will continue to guide us, the memory of his ministry will inspire us, and the fortitude of his spirit will help to sustain us. May his memory live long to bless us.—**T. W. WILLINGHAM, Executive Director of Nazarene Radio League.**

Nazarenes everywhere share again the shock and sense of loss in the passing of another leader, General Superintendent Orval J. Nease. Never has one of our number put up a more valiant and sacrificial fight to live and serve; but the Master has called him rather to his rest, coronation, and reward. In the home-going of Dr. Nease, we have lost a leader who gave his best in the support of the whole mission and endeavor of

the church; the holiness movement has lost a consistent and effective preacher of second-blessing holiness; and, speaking more directly and intimately, Nazarene Theological Seminary has lost a loyal and enthusiastic friend.—HUGH C. BENNER, *President of Nazarene Theological Seminary.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease possessed the happy combination in qualifications of being a great preacher as well as an outstanding teacher. His insight into the things of the Spirit was deep and profound, and his insight into the spirit of man was equally penetrating. He was a man, too, of sweeping imagination and extraordinary power of graphic speech; but more than all this, there was in him one of the great hearts of the church. We all feel we have lost a personal friend as well as a church leader.—ROY H. CANTRELL, *President of Bethany-Peniel College.*

I can see Orval J. Nease as a ruddy-cheeked, strong, vigorous young man, a fellow pastor with me. He was strong, commanding, and generous. I can see him at the head of the Sunday-school department of our general church—a capable, intellectual, successful leader. I can see him in the highest office and responsibility our church can give to any of its worthy sons, a general superintendent; still he remained the same genial, broad-minded, and determined leader he always was. He loved his home and family; he bore the realities of life only as a great man can. He leaves to the church a fragrance of life and a service that will abide and grow as the years pass. God bless his memory.—E. E. MARTIN, *President of Canadian Nazarene College.*

In the death of Dr. Orval J. Nease, the Church of the Nazarene has lost a leader of sterling character and broad experience. He served with distinction as pastor, evangelist, educator, and administrator. He will be long remembered for his flaming evangelistic spirit, his intense zeal, and his ardent passion for the cause of holiness. The inspiration of his devotion will continue to live on in the life of the church he loved.—EDWARD S. MANN, *President of Eastern Nazarene College.*

It was a privilege to have the acquaintance of Dr. Nease throughout a number of years. I enjoyed his fellowship and appreciated the contribution he made to the Church of the Nazarene and the cause of holiness. His wide and varied ministry has helped many people in spiritual progress and development.—LEWIS T. CORLETT, *President of Northwest Nazarene College.*

Another one of our good and great leaders has heard the summons to come up higher. Our loss is heaven's gain. The church militant has transferred an able warrior of the Cross to the glorious church triumphant. Dr. Orval J. Nease, general superintendent, was a great expositor of the Bible. His keen analysis and clear-cut illustrations illuminated the Word of God until each verse stood out with beauty and clarity. He was an evangelist of rare ability and a master of assemblies. He was a sincere friend, and we who remain pay humble tribute to this servant of God and of the Church of the Nazarene.—HAROLD W. REED, *President of Olivet Nazarene College.*

In the home-going of Dr. Orval J. Nease, the educational institutions of the Church of the Nazarene lost a true friend. Dr. Nease not only gave six years of his life in direct service in the ministry of Christian education; but also in his years as pastor, evangelist, editor,

and general superintendent he carried the educational work of the church close to his great heart. As a former colleague, personal friend, and church leader, Dr. Nease's counsel was always sought and appreciated. He, being dead, shall yet speak through lives he has touched and blessed on campus and in classroom.—W. T. PURKISER, *President of Pasadena College.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease possessed the rare quality of friendliness. He was friendly to more people than almost anybody else whom I have known. His friendliness was evidently backed by a love that loved people in spite of their faults and even in spite of their lack of friendship for him. I think he had a special devotion and feeling of responsibility to be kind toward his friends and also toward his enemies. His habit of calling a person "neighbor" evidently indicated that he felt himself a neighbor to everybody, and I shall not soon forget the appreciation that I had for Dr. Nease's spirit, which was often expressed with the statement, "Bless his heart!" This statement was often made about those whom you would expect him to criticize.—A. B. MACKEY, *President of Trevecca Nazarene College.*

In a survey of almost thirty years of acquaintance with Dr. Orval J. Nease, one could not keep from being deeply impressed by his unusual talents, mental capabilities, and thorough training. Also, his tender, sympathetic, and Christlike attitude while under pressure and heavy responsibility were indications of his deep spiritual concepts as to what the mind of Christ should include. It was our privilege to be in one of his last district assemblies where, in the ordination service, despite the weakness of his body, the presence and glory of the Lord were so evident that those present

ORVAL J. NEASE

(1891-1950)

*He has answered the silver bugle
From across the river wide and deep,
And there is sunset for a soldier,
And sunset for us who weep.*

*But effulgent through the shadows
Where the mystic river dips
The splendor of a golden vessel anchored
In the harbor of the Apocalypse.*

*There is music like Niagara
Thundering down from heaven's dome,
Coronation music—crown awaiting—
Another pilgrim has come home!*

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*I knew him as a leader,
Blest with attributes strong and brave,
And his influence cannot be harnessed
To the dimensions of a grave*

*For in the vineyards where he labored
And told the news of God's sweet peace,
Nazarenes will perpetuate the memory
Of a man named Orval Nease.*

—CHARLES HASTINGS SMITH

never shall forget that sacred occasion. We join the church in mourning the passing of a great leader and a beloved brother.—EDWIN E. HALE, *President of the Nazarene Bible Institute.*

Dr. Nease has answered that final call that comes to man; but he surely was in divine favor with the One who summoned him, for he had answered the call of Christ and the church on so many previous occasions. Those calls had come to ask him to serve in major positions of responsibility, such as minister in many of our larger churches, president of Pasadena College, editor in chief of our church school publications, executive secretary of the Department of Church Schools, and finally as one of our devoted and earnest general superintendents. Surely one of God's men has been called home.—VERNAL H. CARMICHAEL, *lay member of the General Board.*

A beloved leader of the church and a friend of the common folk has been taken from us. His warm and friendly personality responded to the pains and woes of our people as well as to their joys and hopes. His was an understanding heart and a helping hand that made him a host of friends wherever he went. His brave struggle to carry his share of responsibility despite the weakness of his body depicted the iron in his soul. He gloried in his work for the church he loved and counted service for Christ the one value in life.—J. B. DEISENROTH, *lay member of the General Board.*

One of the things I remember so clearly in my contacts with Dr. Orval J. Nease was his genuine friendliness to children and adults alike. He showed an interest in the problems of all, regardless of their seeming magnitude or lack of it. This friendly interest was sincere and came from the depth of his heart. Our entire family will cherish his memory.—J. R. MANGUM, *lay member of the General Board.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease was a true friend, always kind and sympathetic with the problems of others. His home-going will enrich heaven, and adds to that long list of loved ones beckoning us heavenward.—L. D. MITCHELL, *lay member of the General Board.*

The life and character of Dr. Orval J. Nease will always stand as an example of what a real Christian gentleman should be. He was kind and sympathetic to men in all walks of life. His love for the work of the kingdom of God and his loyalty to the Church of the Nazarene were unflinching. He was a dear friend to me, and his passing is as the loss of a brother. May God bless his memory.—A. E. RAMQUIST, *lay member of the General Board.*

When you watch a man make an outstanding success first as a pastor, then a college president, and finally a general superintendent, you know he is a man of extraordinary capabilities. In the case of Dr. Orval J. Nease, without question he possessed unusual ability coupled with a keen insight. In addition, however, he seemed to be able to pull down from the skies a vast amount of spiritual strength that gave him a large heart and a mind guided by Heaven. As though these characteristics were not enough, added thereto he possessed a friendliness that brought warmth to those who crossed his pathway. From a purely selfish standpoint, I have lost one of my best friends; but far greater, the church has lost an outstanding leader.—LEONARD SPANGENBERG, *lay member of the General Board.*

From Our District Superintendents

There perhaps is none who has lived among us who exemplified more of the spirit of Christ than did the late Dr. Orval J. Nease. He preached with a burning heart and fervency that caused scores to turn to Jesus, and his consistent daily life was a living sermon. My own life was greatly enriched by knowing him. Though the Lord saw best to promote him, his spirit and godly influence will continue to live among us and bear fruitage in the kingdom of God.—ORVILLE W. JENKINS, *Abilene.*

The entire Akron District mourns the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease to his eternal reward. He was loved, appreciated, and held in high esteem by his many friends of this district. We shall miss him and his fine spirit of fellowship and interest in the work of the Kingdom. He was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. We shall always remember him as our good friend and Christian brother.—O. L. BENEDUM, *Akron.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease: man of God, mighty preacher of God's Word, brother beloved! The inspiration of his godly life, stirring ministry, and challenging leadership lingers with us. He has joined the ranks of the church triumphant; but the influence of his Christian example spurs us on to continued diligence in the ranks of the church militant. How we loved him! We shall miss him.—OTTO STUCKI, *Alabama.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease will be missed as all great and good men are missed, for he filled a unique place in the society of the Church of the Nazarene. We shall always remember his winsome smile and the contagion of his brotherly spirit. It was always easy to talk with Dr. Nease, man to man, and in his soul resided the true spirit of democracy. May the mantle of his consecration fall upon his noble sons; and may we each pray for grace to keep us as devoted to the Master.—M. L. MANN, *Arizona.*

"A verray parfit gentil knight." These words of Chaucer describe the impression made upon me by Dr. Nease. His gracious, Christlike personality left an indelible memory in the minds of all British Nazarenes privileged to meet him. The impact and influence of his genuine goodness bridged the distances and was felt by us here across the ocean. Receiving word that I was seriously ill in Scotland, as he entered his class in Pasadena, he led them in a fervent prayer meeting on my behalf. God answered that prayer in a miraculous way. A prince in Israel has fallen, but his memory shall live with us forever.—GEORGE FRAME, *British Isles.*

Dr. Orval J. Nease was well loved in Western Canada. We had just had correspondence about his coming to us for some holiness conventions. We Canadian Nazarenes shall always remember his strong personality, rugged and loyal faith, but above all, his sincere and selfless character. We shall miss his leadership and great pulpit ministry in the church; but scriptural holiness, which was his great preaching theme, is our battle cry as we march on for God in this Mid-Century Crusade for Souls.—EDWARD LAWLOR, *Canada West.*

Again our hearts have been saddened at the passing of one of our devoted leaders of the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Nease endeared himself to the Central Ohio Nazarenes by his great messages, wise counsel, and beautiful spirit in the district assembly of 1948, and in the preachers' meeting of a few months ago. His wise counsel and active leadership in difficult problems were appreci-

ated. A great man and a beautiful Christian has been promoted to the church triumphant. May God bless his memory.—HARVEY S. GALLOWAY, *Central Ohio*.

Dr. O. J. Nease was a great and good man, and labored and toiled and finally gave his life for our Nazarene cause. He will be greatly missed in our ranks—a great preacher, an able, fine leader, a true friend, and a devoted brother who bore the Cross and is now shouting around God's great white throne, where all is holiness.—E. O. CHALFANT, *Chicago Central*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease possessed in an unusual proportion the qualities of true greatness. He knew how to be exalted and abased without disruption of his smooth and even ongoing in the will and work of God. I saw him exalted and he was humble; and I saw him under great pressure, and he was true. To me he was a splendid example of spiritual poise and power. My ministry is enriched that he was my leader. My life is blessed that he was my brother. I have been honored that he was my friend. I loved and admired Dr. Nease as one of the greatest men I ever have known.—C. B. COX, *Colorado*.

Our church has suffered another loss in the going of Dr. O. J. Nease. I first met him in the late 1920's in Bethany, Oklahoma, and learned to admire and respect him for the man and leader that he was. His work in the various fields of labor has been noted and appreciated. He has left his own characteristic mark upon the whole denomination. I last heard him preach on the text, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." A leader, a friend, a counselor, and a brother has challenged us by his godly life and ministry. He gave an uncomplaining contribution to the cause of holiness.—PAUL H. GARRETT, *Dallas*.

In the home-going of General Superintendent Nease our church has lost a great general, and I have lost a warm, understanding friend and Christian brother. He was great enough to represent our denomination well before the rulers of nations, humble and human enough that the poorest of earth felt comfortable in his presence, courteous enough that none was offended or felt slighted, holy enough to practice the Golden Rule in all his relations with those with whom God called him to labor, and loved God enough to labor on with a sick body until he literally fell in the battle. May God bless his memory.—VICTOR E. GRAY, *East Tennessee*.

A faithful and noble warrior has laid aside his instruments of warfare, bidden good-by to his comrades in the fight, and has at last realized the ultimate and consummate fruits of eternal victory. In the home-going of Dr. O. J. Nease, the Church of the Nazarene has lost a strong, enthusiastic leader, an excellent preacher of the Word that he loved, an efficient administrator, a loyal and ardent booster and supporter, and a dynamic exponent of her singular and distinctive message of full salvation. Dr. Nease was tender in his counsel, wise in his advice, sympathetic in his attitude, positive in his convictions, and unflinching in his response to the call to duty. May the sweet and fervent spirit of this godly servant be a challenge to all who knew him and mourn his graduation to and matriculation in the church triumphant.—GLEN JONES, *Eastern Oklahoma*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease held his last assembly in Florida, and preached with power and unction. He punctuated the assembly with emphasis which his heart felt necessary; sometimes in a vein of wit and humor, sometimes with all

seriousness, but always with the spirit of love and tenderness. His ordination message was a fitting climax to his useful life—he was at the end; and could have said (and possibly did), "I have finished my course." A few days later Dr. Orval J. Nease had passed into the "more excellent glory." Florida shall not soon forget his visit!—JOHN L. KNIGHT, *Florida*.

Word of the home-going of Dr. Nease came as a tremendous shock to me. Only a few days ago he presided at our district assembly with such poise and dignity, and was so wonderfully used of God to bless our people—it seems impossible that he is gone. The denomination has lost a big soul, a great leader, and a masterful preacher of the Word; and I have lost a real friend. The entire Georgia District feels this great loss deeply.—MACK ANDERSON, *Georgia*.

As words of ministry receive their quality, strength, and durability from the life of the minister, so the life ministry of Dr. O. J. Nease, masterful preacher, will live on in the very warp and woof of the Church of the Nazarene. His creed and deeds will continue to assist us all as we carry on for our Lord. Thus through the years His reward shall still increase in the "Better Land." We miss a great leader, but journey on to the reuniting day in the presence of our King.—V. H. LEWIS, *Houston*.

I feel a personal loss in the home-going of Dr. Orval J. Nease, whose influence has helped me to be a better Christian. To know Dr. Nease was to love him. His tender words and genial spirit brought a deep feeling of humility. Dr. Nease abounded in the grace of forgiveness, humility, sincerity, and love. The church has lost a good man. God bless his memory.—J. A. McNATT, *Idaho-Oregon*.

Dr. O. J. Nease was a real gentleman, a sincere Christian, a Spirit-filled preacher, and an able administrator. He gave his best and his all to the cause of Christ and the church. His Christlike spirit sets for us a high example, and his will to press on in spite of bodily weakness challenges us to do our best. Illinois District will greatly miss him. Our loss is heaven's gain.—W. S. PURINTON, *Illinois*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease was a brother beloved, a wise leader and counselor, a Bible Christian, a true friend who kept a steady course across life's tempestuous sea and has now reached the eternal harbor. I never saw him when his spirit, actions, and words were not as become true holiness. A few weeks ago, though frail in body, he presided at our assembly with grace and wisdom. He blessed us with messages that ran true to the Book and our church. We will all press on and meet him in the morning.—J. W. SHORT, *Indianapolis*.

When I first met Dr. Orval J. Nease in Ohio about twenty-three years ago, he was not only one of the leading pastors in our church, but also a man with a strong physique. I think I have known of no one who has given more of his physical strength in his service for the Lord than Dr. Nease; he actually gave his life for the cause he loved—his church. He had a great spirit and it was impossible to know him and not to love him. God give us many more men in our church with his spirit and courage.—GENE E. PHILLIPS, *Iowa*.

The passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease was a loss to the church, and also to his friends. There was a graciousness about him that drew and held your heart. We were assigned adjoining seats in chapel when young men in

Pasadena College; since those days he has been my friend. I loved him. May God bless his memory.—JARRETTE AYCOCK, *Kansas City*.

The loss of Dr. Nease has brought sadness to our great church. I had known this good man for about twenty years, and he was one of those men that you just naturally liked even when you first met him. He loved our great church and literally gave his life for it. He was a great preacher and an excellent leader. I have lost a friend. We shall all miss him.—L. T. WELLS, *Kentucky*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease was deep in the affections of his fellow townsmen in Pasadena, and in the hearts of the Nazarenes of the California districts, where he was at home. In the multiple role which he fulfilled so well in many responsible positions of the church, perhaps the one in which he excelled was that of a dynamic preacher of the gospel of Christ. He preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and always with a meaningful message. We shall miss him greatly.—A. E. SANNER, *Los Angeles*.

"Dr. Nease is gone" were the sad words I received on November 8. I knew him as a friendly, agreeable, lovable man. He was a great preacher, and the pulpit was his throne. Preaching was his strongest point as I knew him. His voice will be missed among the Nazarenes throughout this nation.—ELBERT DODD, *Louisiana*.

It has been my privilege to be acquainted with Dr. Orval J. Nease for the past ten years. I enjoyed his friendly attitude and concern for the things of the Kingdom. In his passing we have lost a good man and leader. As he walked, may we walk the Christian way. We mourn his passing, but not as those who have no hope.—J. H. MACGREGOR, *Maritime*.

To have been long in the presence of Dr. Orval J. Nease was to feel his soul passion to reach the unsaved with the gospel. His personality was charged with vitality. His radiant countenance and full, strong voice were full of feeling and force, and his audience was always conscious of hearing God's man and message. His was a life of power, a life strong to climb towards God, a life strong to stoop to bear the burdens of his brethren, a life strong to sway and reach the world. Dr. Nease was a true friend, a strong church leader, and champion of the doctrine and experience of holiness. He needs no monument of stone to perpetuate his memory. He has a more enduring memorial in the hearts of the multiplied thousands who were won to Christ through his ministry. These memorials shall abide and call him "blessed" in the city of our God. It is my prayer that the spirit and soul passion of this native son of Michigan shall fall upon the Michigan District, enabling us to reach the unchurched of this great state which he loved so dearly.—ORVILLE L. MAISH, *Michigan*.

Another gallant general superintendent has given the last full measure of devotion for Christ and the church. His kindly, tender spirit will live on to bless and encourage.—ARTHUR C. MORGAN, *Minnesota*.

I feel so unworthy to offer any word of praise to the departed prince in Israel, Dr. O. J. Nease, that I shall refrain from many words. To me, he was an example of all we preach. The church has not produced a greater man in my generation.—J. D. SAXON, *Mississippi*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease was a warmhearted person with a zest for living. Service to God and the church he loved was voluntarily given in spite of many years of suffering and pain. His was a spirit of triumphant brotherhood. He was recognized as one of the outstanding preachers and leaders of our church; his preaching, advice, and leadership were sought across the nation. He was more to us than an efficient, enthusiastic executive; he was a Christian, a lover of Christ and the church in our midst, who gave meaning to his faith and convictions. He stood ready to help all.—E. D. SIMPSON, *Missouri*.

Nebraska District joins with the entire church in extending sympathy and prayers to all the thousands of friends of our beloved Dr. O. J. Nease. We too shall miss the contagion of his spirit and the genuineness of his love to God and the church. We had anticipated his visit to us this coming summer, but now we shall postpone that assembly until we meet around the Sea of Glass in the New Jerusalem. Our people welcomed him as one who promoted the true spirit of Christ and the full gospel. Many friends of the Church of the Nazarene in this area were always on hand to hear him and to rejoice with us in the blessing of his godly touch. Though stilled is his voice and his bodily presence shall no more greet us, yet his spirit will linger among us to stir our activities in greater accomplishments for God and the church.—L. A. OGDEN, *Nebraska*.

In the years of my acquaintance with Dr. Nease, the richness of his life has been a spiritual blessing and uplift in every contact. Knowing him has been proof of the experience and ethics of entire sanctification. My prayer is that the example left will be the inspiration and incentive to a closer walk with God.—RAYMOND B. SHERWOOD, *Nevada-Utah*.

Dr. Nease was well known in New England, although his health prevented his coming to our assemblies in recent years. He was held in high esteem by our people throughout the district and especially by members and friends of the Malden Church, where he served as pastor for five years. While it was not my privilege to be closely associated with him, I have known and admired him for many years. We feel that we have lost a personal friend as well as a great leader.—J. C. ALBRIGHT, *New England*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease was loved and appreciated by the New Mexico District. His Christlike spirit and his deep devotion to the cause of Christ and the church he loved have made an impression upon us that we shall never forget. The prayer of our hearts is that we shall hold up the Blood-stained banner and be the torchbearers that God would have us to be. We are poorer, but heaven is richer.—R. C. GUNSTREAM, *New Mexico*.

To have had Dr. Orval J. Nease as a friend is to know the very best in congenial, kindly, gracious, helpful, and happy Christian relationships. His optimistic spirit, his world-wide vision and interest, his passionate concern that even the lowliest be heard, and his genuine friendliness to all men caused him to be loved by everyone who really knew him, and makes us feel so keenly our loss at his departure.—OSCAR J. FINCH, *New York*.

With the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease, the Indians and missionaries of the North American Indian District have lost a true friend. When Dr. Nease presided at the last Indian Assembly, he captured the hearts of the Indians attending. This was remarkable because an Indian is very slow to respond to one he has never

met before. But Dr. Nease's kind and sympathetic manners and his wonderful smile made the Indians love him right from the start. His memory shall be treasured by these Indian and missionary friends.—D. SWARTH, *North American Indian*.

The inadequacy of human language is so keenly realized when effort is made to pay tribute to a great personality. Just such a personality was Dr. Orval J. Nease, beloved general superintendent, and his home-going leaves us all with a deep sense of loss; and with Dr. Nease, that sense of loss is personal as well as a loss sensed church-wide. He was one of God's great men. His spirit made us all want to be better. The impact of his life was an inspiration. His leadership was appreciated, and the loss of such leadership is always keenly realized. Knowing and serving with him made the desire and hope for heaven stronger and brighter.—C. E. SHUMAKE, *North Carolina*.

Another "General" has fallen in battle. The last time I heard Dr. Nease preach was on New Year's morning, 1950, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, First Church. Even at that time he was not a well man, but God used him to stir our hearts. "He being dead yet speaketh." May God bless his memory to the Church of the Nazarene; and may God help us as we fill in the gap, and move onward for King Jesus. May a portion of his mantle fall upon each of us until we meet again.—HARRY F. TAPLIN, *North Dakota*.

While Northeastern Indiana knew of the serious illness of Dr. O. J. Nease, his passing came as a great shock to us. His work in our preachers' meeting one year ago endeared him to us in the area where he spent memorable years of his boyhood. He was a master among preachers, with a dynamic, rock-ribbed character of soul and a message rich in the content of Wesleyan holiness. He was human, yet so filled with the Spirit of Jesus that we feel we have lost a great friend, and our beloved Zion has lost a great leader.—PAUL UPDIKE, *Northeastern Indiana*.

Old Testament words ring in my heart as I think of the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?" Princely in his person, princely in his friendships, princely in his ministry, princely in his spirit—Dr. Nease was indeed a prince who had "power with God and with men." Though he is missed from his place by the church which he loved and served, Christian faith and hope give calm assurance that he now serves in the magnificence of that heavenly court.—GEORGE COULTER, *Northern California*.

As I knew him: First as a college student at Pasadena College, when he was a member of a "club," a bachelors' quarters. His brother Floyd was one of the household club. He was a thoroughgoing student, as evidenced by his attainments. As a pastor—when he pastored such churches as Malden, Massachusetts; Columbus, Ohio, First; and Detroit, Michigan, First—his pastorates were outstanding in the work accomplished. As a family man—for he was very devoted to his wife and children, and the response was their loving attachment to him. As a college president, of Pasadena College, where he made great advancements in the physical and scholastic attainments for the college. As editor in chief of our Sunday-school periodicals. He was an able and worthy successor of Dr. E. P. Ellyson in this department which serves the general church so effectively. As a general superin-

tendent in our beloved Zion, where he proved himself as a champion of all we stand for, ever pointing out the "old paths" and emphasizing the need of holding to the doctrines and practices which have made us a distinctive denomination. We shall miss him, yes, our whole church.—GEORGE J. FRANKLIN, *Northwest Indiana*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease will always be to me an example of the true Christian spirit. His well-rounded interest in every phase of living made his ministry blessed and appreciated. I especially loved him for the way he "stood up and took it." He proved in the crucible of life that the Sermon on the Mount will work. Many of our leaders will be remembered for what they have done; he will always live in our hearts for what he was.—T. E. MARTIN, *Ontario*.

It was my great privilege to know Dr. Orval J. Nease intimately as a roommate and friend at Pasadena College, over thirty-five years ago. During these intervening years I have served as his pastor and associate in many Kingdom endeavors. His unswerving loyalty and devotion to friends and, above all, to God and our church, is a treasured memory. I knew well and shared the influence of his tender, sympathetic spirit and the deep spiritual quality of his soul. I never have known a better Christian and one whose motives and purposes more truly reflected the love of Christ. We deeply regret that the anticipated visit to our Oregon Pacific assembly will not be possible. However, we shall look forward to meeting him in the great "General Assembly" above.—WEAVER W. HESS, *Oregon Pacific*.

Dr. Nease was a man of the people, approachable and sympathetic, a man with a great heart who loved men. It was tragic to see the flower of his strength wane during the last year, leaving but the shadow of former physical strength and endurance. He will be a man long remembered as exemplary of the life of holiness he both lived so radiantly and expounded so forcefully from the Word.—ALVIN L. McQUAY, *Rocky Mountain*.

The news of the death of Dr. Nease was somewhat of a shock, even though I realized at our recent assembly that he was a very sick man. Little however did I realize that he would so soon be in that "General Assembly" with the Blood-washed and redeemed saints in glory. He was a brave soldier, a real warrior, a courageous brother, a great leader, and a dynamic preacher. Our church has suffered a great loss in his passing; but I am sure that his spirit, his vision, and his challenge will live long in our hearts and stir us to greater activity for souls and the church he lived and died for.—HADLEY HALL, *San Antonio*.

We were saddened but not greatly surprised to hear the news of the passing of Dr. Nease. We were all enriched at our recent assembly by the ministry of Dr. Nease, and the ordination service was one of the best I ever have attended. Although he was feeble in body, the message was wonderful, and his tender spirit could be felt by all.—C. M. KELLY, *South Carolina*.

The translation of Dr. Nease has been a personal loss to me. He was a source of great encouragement to me in the very beginning of my ministry. His wholesome advice, kindly counsel, his superb preaching, beautiful spirit, and godly walk have been a genuine source of inspiration and indeed a challenge to me. I shall cherish his memory.—W. H. DEITZ, *South Dakota*.

Dr. Orval J. Nease was a matchless preacher of God's Word, a soul winner of unusual ability, an outstanding minister in four fields of labor—pastoral, editorial, school executive, and the general superintendency. He was great in his friendship. His heart was always warm and his personality admirable. He was great in four other fields—as a son, as a brother in the flesh, as a husband, and as a loyal and devoted father. To really know him was to love him.—R. J. PLUMB, *Southern California*.

My acquaintanceship with Orval J. Nease began in the city of Spokane, Washington, about 1910, where he was with his father in a tent meeting. His enjoyment of a real experience of salvation as a young man encouraged me to seek such an experience for myself. Since that time our relationships have been many and varied. To me, Dr. O. J. Nease was in real life the embodiment of the experience of heart holiness. In the storm and stress of life he kept the poise of an experience rooted deep in the love of God. It remains for me to live the same kind of life.—IRA L. TRUE, Sr., *Southwest Mexican*.

Truly, another great leader and preacher has fallen in the ranks of our general leadership in the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease. His home-going will be mourned by Nazarenes and friends across the nation and in foreign lands. I considered him one of the ablest preachers in our church, and always enjoyed his rich ministry. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith, he finished the race that was set before him, and now he is with Him who redeemed his soul.—W. T. JOHNSON, *Southwest Oklahoma*.

The memory of Orval J. Nease will linger long with Nazarenes around the world. He was appreciated as an able church administrator and presiding officer, loved as an example of graciousness and Christlikeness. Few men will ever hold the place in the hearts of the common people of the church which was his. I admired him, appreciated his leadership, but above all I loved him.—D. K. WACHTEL, *Tennessee*.

My first impression of our beloved Dr. O. J. Nease came through a letter received from him while we were in Peru, before we ever had met him. The letter gave eloquent testimony to his great interest in missions, his friendliness, his interest in people—taking time in the midst of busy labors in the Lord's vineyard to write a personal letter to an unknown missionary. Later knowledge only served to confirm that first impression that he was greatly beloved because he loved—with a great host of friends because he himself was so friendly.—EDWARD G. WYMAN, *Texas-Mexican*.

I have known Dr. O. J. Nease for a period of over twenty years. My impression of him throughout these many years has never changed. He always impressed me as a great leader, kind as to his spirit, big as to his soul. He, by his life and ministry, demonstrated fully the grace of holiness. He always presided in his district assemblies with grace and ability. He was a wise counselor and a great general superintendent. The Church of the Nazarene has suffered a great loss in his home-going; personally, I have lost a good friend.—V. W. LITRELL, *Virginia*.

The spirit of Dr. Nease was as the candle of the Lord. His life was a demonstration and fulfillment of the scripture, "The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." His body was buried in peace, but his name liveth forever—

more. I believe he is today beginning to reap, in a new way, the bountiful fruit of his rich ministry and life in that beautiful land where the rainbow never fades; where he shall live eternally with Christ and loved ones who meet him in that land beyond the sunset.—B. V. SEALS, *Washington Pacific*.

The militant, marching forces of the Church of the Nazarene have suffered the loss of five "Generals" in as many years. Once more Nazarene hearts are bowed in grief through the untimely passing of our beloved Dr. Nease. His life, in Carlyle's words, may have been "a little gleam of time between two eternities," but God made that "little gleam" the very light of life. That gleam of light shining from his consecrated life supplied a shaft of radiant hope which many who once sat in darkness have seen and, having seen, are this day journeying with songs of joy and victory as they approach the City of God. These hosts, crowned at last in that great day, shall rise up to call Orval J. Nease blessed. "His works do follow him."—ERNEST E. GROSSE, *Washington-Philadelphia*.

We of the West Virginia District regret the passing of Dr. Orval J. Nease. We feel we have lost a leader, and also a friend and a brother.—EDWARD C. ONEY, *West Virginia*.

It does not seem possible that Dr. Nease is gone from us. Time thus flies. A quarter of a century ago, as the new district superintendent of Ohio, I phoned Dr. Nease in Malden, Massachusetts, notifying him of his call to the pastorate of First Church in Columbus, Ohio. He was a good pastor and well loved. He was of much assistance in the starting of the great Ohio camp, and also in the beginning of several churches in Columbus. When Dr. H. Orton Wiley was elected to the editorship of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, I was privileged to recommend Dr. Nease for the presidency of Pasadena College. Thus, an acquaintance and contact of more than twenty-five years has been closed for now by the death of this beloved leader. It was a joy to have Dr. Nease dated for our preachers' meeting this fall, a date he could not keep because of ill health; but with the cancellation of this date was the promise to be with us at our assembly. Now it will be the "General Assembly" of the Blood-washed!—CHARLES A. GIBSON, *Wisconsin*.

The Following Tributes Were Gathered From Personal Letters and Telegrams Received by Mrs. Nease and Family

Convey to Mrs. Nease and family deep sorrow and sympathy of Bremersdorp missionaries.—DR. DAVID HYNØ.

Our prayer and sympathy in your great loss.—C. H. STRICKLAND, *South Africa*.

Our sympathy and prayers in this moment of distress. We greatly appreciated Dr. Nease.—JOSE AND RUTH LEBRON-VELAZQUEZ, *Puerto Rico*.

The telegram informing us of Dr. Nease's death is sad and painful news to us, for the Philippines truly has lost a friend; also we have lost a spiritual father. But our loss is heaven's gain. May God bless his memory, and I am sure he will live long in the minds and hearts of the people. He certainly gave himself unstintingly to

the church and its work.—JOSEPH S. PITTS, *Baguio City, P. I.*

Personally I feel that I have lost not only a great church leader but also a dear friend in the death of Dr. Nease. The work of the Philippines was very close to his heart—two years ago when he visited us in China he told us of what an opportunity he considered it. We pray that the zeal for the salvation of souls and the welfare for the church which possessed Dr. Nease may be our portion.—JOHN AND LILLIAN PATTEE, *now in the Philippines.*

Just heard the news which cuts my heart . . . All we Koreans waited for him to help us. I am glad that I had the privilege to see him and be with him before I left there. It is sad, but we have a living hope to see him again.—ROBERT CHUNG, *now in U.S.A.*

Heartfelt sympathy. God bless and sustain you. Am praying for you.—ETA INNIS SHIRLEY, *former missionary, now in Benton, Illinois.*

Our deep, heartfelt sympathy for you at this time of sorrow in the loss of your loved one. There is no question but that the Chinese people, both in China and in this country, have lost one of their most ardent friends. We feel we have lost one of our most appreciated and understanding friends. We have valued his supervision so much. We shall sorely miss his advice and guidance in our work with the Chinese.—H. A. WIESE AND WIFE, *former missionaries in China.*

Have just learned upon returning from an extended field trip of the death of General Superintendent Nease. The Wesleyan Methodist Church of America extends its sympathy in this hour of your loss.—ROY S. NICHOLSON, *President.*

The members of the board of directors of the Christians' Mutual send our deep sympathy in your loss and ours.—MELZA H. BROWN, *President.*

Tonight we feel the loss of a revered friend. Tonight our church is bereft of a courageous leader. But through the hurt, we realize that his is the victory after a valiant fight.—DR. AND MRS. HOWARD HAMLIN.

Greatly saddened by the news of Dr. Nease's death. Our hearts go out to you in deepest sympathy. We are praying that God will sustain and comfort you in this hour of deepest sorrow.—MRS. R. T. WILLIAMS, SR., and REV. AND MRS. R. T. WILLIAMS, JR.

A faithful, godly man has just gone home, a very special friend of mine.—E. P. ELLYSON.

We are deeply grieved over the passing of Dr. Nease. He was highly esteemed by Los Angeles First Church. He was a splendid Christian gentleman, always extremely friendly, serving others, fully devoted to his beloved church; an able executive and an anointed, brilliant holiness preacher. He has an abundant reward. The church has suffered a great loss, and I have lost a kindly friend.—M. KIMBER MOULTON, *Pastor.*

Grieved to hear of Dr. Nease's home-going. We refuse to think only in terms of tragic loss. The church has been enriched with gracious leadership; our lives have been strengthened by his warmhearted friendship.—E. W. MARTIN AND FAMILY, *First Church, Detroit, Michigan.*

NOTICE

The general superintendents have set aside a week, December 31 to January 7, as a week of prayer. All of us should rally to this call since the whole world is facing one of its gravest crises. Every individual, every family, and every church should give attention to this time of prayer. Pray for a revival, pray for the church, pray for the boys on the battlefield, pray for the nations, pray for the world. Pray! Pray! Pray!

STEPHEN S. WHITE, *Editor*

We are so grieved to learn of the going of our beloved general superintendent, Dr. Nease.—J. W. MOORE (member of the General Board) AND WIFE.

The people of Columbus First Church (Ohio) join in this hour of bereavement. The church has lost another great leader. Our loss is heaven's gain. God bless his memory.—MILES A. SIMMONS, *Pastor.*

Dr. Nease had qualities of manhood, traits of character, and depth of Christian experience possessed only by the few. He was pure in heart, holy in character, magnanimous in spirit, and patient in suffering.—A. S. LONDON AND WIFE.

In the home-going of Dr. Nease, our church has lost a great pillar of strength, and we have lost one of our best-loved friends.—RAYMOND AND MOLLIE BROWNING.

Dr. Nease was our highly esteemed pastor, general church leader, and faithful friend. His wise counsel and sympathetic heart will be a long-cherished memory. We never can forget his great contribution to our Christian life.—HARLAN R. HEINMILLER AND WIFE, *Detroit, Michigan.*

Since the first visit that Dr. Nease made to Nashville First Church, he has been dearly beloved and held in highest esteem by the congregation of the church. Through these years the people of First Church have maintained a sustained confidence in him, in his integrity as a Christian, and his ability as a leader. Words are powerless to express our grief and sense of loss in his passing.—EDWARD K. HARDY, *Pastor.*

Members and friends of Detroit First Church extend their sympathy in this time . . . Dr. Nease's many years of rich ministry at our church will be a long-cherished memory.—DETROIT FIRST CHURCH.

We had anticipated having Dr. Nease to speak at the ground-breaking service on November 26. Our disappointment is great. . . . We shall always remember Dr. Nease and his messages to our people.—WILBUR J. LEE, *Pastor of Chinese Church of the Nazarene of Los Angeles.*

We were deeply saddened at the news of the home-going of our dear friend and leader, Dr. Nease. We had asked the Lord, if it were His good will and wisdom, to spare our friend to us. But it seemed best to our Father to promote him to the General Assembly and Church of the First Born which are written in heaven. Personally, we loved Dr. Nease more than we were able to express to him. We appreciated him for the personal friendliness

and helpfulness that he has shared with us down through the years ever since we first became more intimately acquainted with him when we served under him in the Department of Church Schools.—ROY E. SWIM, *Department of Church Schools.*

I was shocked to hear of Brother Nease's home-going. . . . In this case we need not sorrow as others who have no hope, knowing that for him this translation means the end of all burdens, sorrows, and worries and that he is now in the presence of Him whom he loved and served.—CORNELIUS P. HAGGARD, *President of Pacific Bible College.*

It was shocking to learn that our church has lost another of its stalwart generals in the passing of Dr. Nease. He was one of the most courteous, sweet-spirited, Christian gentleman of a lifetime acquaintance. He enjoyed a superlative degree of his Master's sanctifying grace. He suffered the crucial tests of life in the spirit of a magnanimous soul. His style of ministry was that of a mellow, soaring orator. In spirit, he was gentle as a child and kind as a father. In service he was the personification of sacrifice. He was all that could be desired in a clergyman, executive, and friend. Our loss is profoundly great.—FRED M. WEATHERFORD, *Nazarene elder.*

There is no man in the years of my fellowship with the children of God that I have appreciated more than Brother Nease, and loved him as a brother in the ministry and as a Christian whose faith never faltered in the Saviour.—T. M. ANDERSON.

It was just twenty-one years ago that Rev. Orval J. Nease closed a five-year pastorate with the church at Malden, Massachusetts, to go to Columbus, Ohio. He was well liked in the Malden church and throughout the community. Rev. Nease came to Malden shortly after being discharged from the U. S. Army at the close of World War I, to serve as assistant pastor while continuing his education at Boston University. He devoted considerable time to young people's work of the church and was active throughout the New England District in church extension work and at the North Reading camp. He is remembered especially by the people of the Malden church for his humility of spirit, and the members of

the church who remember him as pastor sincerely regret his untimely departure from this life. While here, he was a young man of buoyant spirits, never discouraged, but looking ahead with hope and courage.—HAROLD H. HARDING, *layman of Malden Church.*

I cannot begin to tell you the heaviness of my heart in the announcement of Brother Nease's home-going. I feel I have lost one of my best friends, and the church one of its greatest leaders. Surely, a prince in Israel has fallen.—EVANGELIST J. E. WILLIAMS.

In the death of Dr. Nease, we have all lost a true friend and brother. His leadership will be missed so much by our church. His greatness of spirit was so evident while I was a student at Pasadena College . . . with his magnanimity, he sought to understand a student who was terribly confused and uncertain. I ever shall think of him with gratitude for the time he took to help me find my way. He never was too busy to help anyone out. Many a soul is going to feel his passing.—NEAL C. DIRKSE, *former student.*

The passing of Dr. Nease came as a real blow to us, and especially at a time when I feel the church needed him so. I always felt that in him I had one of my dearest and best friends. God bless his memory.—HAROLD DANIELS AND WIFE, *Ashland, Kentucky.*

I have thanked God over and over that I was privileged to have those four weeks of fellowship with Dr. Nease in the South (at his last district assemblies). I have always considered him one of the outstanding men of my acquaintance. His ministry has been so helpful to me. I shall really miss him.—ELVIN A. HICKS, *Publishing House representative.*

I wish to express for the General Board of the Pilgrim Holiness Church our deepest regrets over the death of Dr. Orval J. Nease, as well as our sympathy for all who feel the loss so keenly. I have known Dr. Nease for forty-five years. Many of our leaders were well acquainted with him. We feel this very deeply and want the leaders of the Church of the Nazarene to know that we share this burden and sorrow with you.—L. W. STURK, *General Superintendent, Pilgrim Holiness Church.*

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smees, Secretary

NEW CHURCHES

ANOTHER new church has been organized on the Kentucky District at Vanceburg. This church is the result of the home missionary spirit of First Church in Ashland, Kentucky, and its pastor, Rev. Harold Daniels. They have begun with twelve adult charter members; and Rev. and Mrs. Jess Oakley, members of Ashland church, are acting as pastor. Ashland First Church is also sponsoring a mission in its own city, which has a Sunday school of about sixty-five or seventy. This spirit will bring great blessings to the mother church, and we know that it has helped District

Superintendent L. T. Wells in organizing thirteen new churches on the district this quadrennium.

District Superintendent E. D. Simpson has organized a new church on the Missouri District at Ferguson, a suburb of St. Louis.

On November 5 the Williams Memorial Church was organized in Bethany, Oklahoma, with ninety-seven charter members. This is the thirteenth new church this quadrennium for Superintendent Mark R. Moore and the Northwest Oklahoma District.

Brother Moore has a prayer meeting started in another town on his district and has purchased property on which to build a church. Lumber for the new church will come from an old roller mill the district purchased for that purpose. Pioneering days in home missions are not over! The Church of the Nazarene is reaching forward for God and souls!

Superintendent Paul H. Garrett has organized the Grace Church in Tyler, Texas. This is the sixth new church this quadrennium for the Dallas District.

Superintendent C. M. Kelly organized a new church at Swansea, South Carolina. Rev. James Miller is the new pastor. They are worshiping in a large rented hall, with pastor's living quarters also included. South

Carolina has thirteen new churches this quadrennium. Its quota for the entire four years is twelve.

The twenty-first new church this quadrennium has been organized on the Tennessee District at Waverly. District Superintendent D. K. Wachtel writes, "Prospects are much the best of any on this district." Instead of an every-church tour for home missions, the district had a "Home Missions Day," when pastors exchanged pulpits, preached on home missions,

and raised money for the district's home missionary program. Results of this method were excellent.

Superintendent Edward C. Oney has organized three more churches on the West Virginia District. There were twelve charter members at Williamson, where Rev. C. C. Stanley is the pastor. Lee Creek (near Rockport) began with eighteen members. Rev. L. C. Provance is the pastor. Harmon's Creek (near Charleston) had nineteen charter members. Rev. Nora Graham is the pastor. West

Virginia has eleven new churches this quadrennium.

Superintendent Charles A. Gibson has organized a new church at Ne-koosa in central Wisconsin. This is the fifth new church for the Wisconsin District this quadrennium.

In our new work among the Europeans of South Africa, a church has been organized by Superintendent Charles H. Strickland at Blyvooruitzicht in Transvaal. This is the eighth organization on this field.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Christmas in Palestine

Palestine is the home of the first Christmas. Ever since its origin when the first Christmas was celebrated on the shepherds' field and in the manger in Bethlehem, the people of Palestine have celebrated Christmas in some way or other. For some years past the custom in Palestine has been to celebrate Christmas at different dates—Roman Catholic and Protestant bodies on December 25, while other Eastern churches on different dates in January. The Christmas bells of Bethlehem, the service in shepherds' field, all-night services of the different Eastern churches, are the activities of Christmas Eve. Early Christmas morn people return to towns and villages from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem and begin house-to-house visitation of friends, relatives, and neighbors. It has been the custom of our Nazarene congregations to attend our early morning Christmas services at our missions and devote the rest of the day to visiting.

But the Christmas seasons of the last three years have not been happy and normal seasons for the Gentile population of Palestine. Fighting has uprooted them from their homes, stores, offices, farms, and countryside. Today there are seven hundred thousand Palestine refugees, most of them homeless, destitute, many thousands of whom are living under tents in camps in the different parts of this Transjordan country. The heat of summer and the piercing cold of winter have taken quite a toll of lives of children and aged. Men who a few years ago were well off are today homeless and hopeless and are living with United Nations relief rations. They have waited for three years for some kind of settlement of the Palestine question, when they hoped they

could return to their towns, villages, and homes; but hopes are giving way to despair. Time and again during the day our doorbell rings, and we hear the cry, "*Ana Jouan, Ana Jouan.*" ("I am hungry. I am a refugee from such and such a village or town in Palestine. Please give me work or bread.")

It is a Christmas like this that we are facing as we look forward to December 25, 1950. Kindly remember in prayer the war-torn, grief-stricken, and hopeless people of Palestine during this Christmas season. As we have Christmas programs in our schools, early morning services in our churches, distribute used clothing and relief, and as we visit or receive visitors, it is our one and only desire that Babe Jesus of Christmas may be Saviour Jesus in the hearts of those to whom we minister.—S. C. KRIKORIAN, *Palestine.*

Join Me in Prayer

When our baby boy was six months old, his hernia strangulated while we were traveling home from the hills on the train. For thirty hours we were without medical aid, and God did not see fit to answer our desperate prayers for help. We found a Hindu surgeon fifty miles from home who was willing to do an emergency operation on Grant in the local Indian hospital. Before turning him over to these unknown men, we laid him on a small table near the operating room and prayed for our baby and for God to guide these men. They reverently bowed their heads. One hour later our baby was brought back from the operating room in the arms of an attendant, bright and conscious.

He spent a good night, but at eight in the morning went into shock, and by the time we got to his little bed he

was nearly dead. I sat beside him quietly weeping and praying while the doctors looked on in bewilderment. He was dying and they were helpless, having done all they could to save him. Then a miracle happened. Slowly his color began to change and life came back to him. They watched in astonishment as this little fellow fought for his life in that hot, dusty room. For three days the battle went on, and our hearts were torn to pieces with grief and uncertainty. But God in His great love gave our little boy back to us. Those Hindu doctors saw a miracle from God.

About two months after this experience, when Grant was nearly well, God put a definite burden on my heart for this Hindu surgeon living fifty miles from Basim. I firmly believe God is able to save this surgeon, and I wish many of you would put him on your prayer list and pray for Dr. Kamath (pronounced like Comet) *by name*. Will you do it? Our God is able to save to the uttermost. He will guide us and help us to win Dr. Kamath to himself. Every moment of sorrow and anguish will be infinitely worth while if this man is won to our Lord. Join me in prayer.—HAZEL LEE, *India.*

Armed with Christ

We have a new Constitution now, the ninth Article of which declares the permanent disarmament of Japan. At this moment when we are passing through the atomic age we feel it is better to be armed with Christ than with atomic bombs.—DR. ΤΟΥΟΙΚΚΟ KAGAWA.

Famine in China

One of the worst famines in history is now sweeping over China, causing suffering and agony beyond the comprehension of most Americans. Ninety per cent of the Chinese do not want Communism; but, because it has been forced upon them, some Americans say, "Let them die." They have been spared the sights that missionaries see in China.—*Selected.*

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

TWO national temperance bodies, meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, united on November 20. The National Temperance Movement with headquarters in Chicago and the Temperance League of America with headquarters in Washington merged into the National Temperance League, Incorporated.

Plans for the merger have been under way for more than a year, and their consummation joins two great temperance movements into a strong national body which already has representation in nearly all the states of the Union. Aggressive promotion of total abstinence with prohibition as one of the ultimate goals is the basic program of the newly elected board of directors.

The merger took place in connection with the first biannual convention of the new National Temperance League. Dr. Sam Morris, known widely by his radio program, "The Voice of Temperance," gave the keynote address. An address by the former track star, Glen Cunningham, was the climax of the convention. Both of these addresses, as well as the business sessions, were characterized by a deep religious note. In addition, they emphasized individual responsibility, not only for personal abstinence from the use of alcoholic liquors, but for aggressive leadership in educational work and interest in selection of qualified public officials. Mr. R. R. Hodges, from headquarters in Kansas City, represented the Church of the Nazarene at the merger.

The new National Council of Churches, a merger of the Federal Council of Churches and several interdenominational agencies, is the occasion of some readjustment in the church world. For example, the Free Methodist church, which has never been a member of the Federal Council, was affected by the merging of some interdenominational agencies with it, since several of its departments had had affiliations with some of these agencies. At its annual sessions at Winona Lake, Indiana, the Free Methodist Board of Administration severed connection with all agencies participating in the merger.

Christmas greeting cards are employing religious themes much more this year than has been the case for some time. It is estimated that 13 per cent of those sent in 1948 were

religious and 19 per cent of those sent in 1949. Of the billion and a half cards which postmen are likely to handle this year, it is said that 22 per cent have religious themes.

Incidentally, since Christmas cards with religious themes are plentiful, why not take special interest in sending this kind this year?

One of the greatest foes to the American home, perhaps next to divorce and a contributing cause of divorce, is migration. The *Gospel Trumpet* quotes figures from the recent census

which show that in ten years 52 per cent of U. S. citizens have moved. A very large proportion of the migrants have gone to the west coast and Florida.

According to the state law, towns in Missouri whose population ranges from 500 to 20,000 must vote liquor-by-the-drink into effect or it is automatically prohibited. However, after the 20,000 mark is passed, open saloons in such towns are automatically legal unless prohibited by a vote of citizens.

In accordance with this law, a group of ministers and laymen in Columbia, Missouri, are working to get a vote there as soon as possible in the new year. This university town passed the 20,000 mark in the 1950 census, which becomes official January 1, 1951.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. A fifteen-year-old boy was gloriously saved through the efforts of people in one of our churches. He gave a wonderful testimony and was praying for his unsaved mother and father when suddenly they forbade him to attend the Church of the Nazarene or fellowship with any of its members. What can he do?

A. Of course, this boy faces a difficult situation. He should respect his parents, and yet he needs to attend the church where he was saved. He should be encouraged to pray and hold steady—if he can be contacted in any way. And the people of the church where he was saved should pray mightily for him. It might be that the pastor or some layman with good religion and common sense could call on the parents and talk to them about the matter. As a last resort, I would urge the boy to go to some other good, spiritual church until he is old enough to be on his own and come to the Church of the Nazarene. I can't help but believe, however, that God can and will help in such situations as this one if there is united and sincere prayer to that end.

Q. Is it all right for members of one Church of the Nazarene to visit another Church of the Nazarene in which they have close relatives—not every Sunday—but occasionally?

A. One might do it occasionally, with emphasis on occasionally. Church members who gad about are a weariness to the flesh—both to pastors and to God. Churches can't be built on religious tramps. Join a

church, if you are a Christian, and have backbone enough to attend it as a rule; or just confess that your church could not carry on if all of its members were as disloyal as you.

Q. What is a Sabbath day's journey?

A. It was a journey which was so limited that it was thought of as proper for one to take on the Sabbath. According to one estimate, this distance, as the crow flies, was 2,250 English feet. In actual travel, however, it would be considerably more.

Q. I read in a book that the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistles were not put in the form of the New Testament until five hundred years after Pentecost. Is this true, and if not, when were they collected and called the New Testament?

A. Your question has to do with quite a technical problem. It must always be remembered that neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament was handed down from the skies, or from God, in a completed form, or just as it is now. The books of the Old and New Testaments gradually made their way into the canon, that is, into the group of books which the Church thought of as divinely inspired. I believe that God directed this process through His Holy Spirit. There were many apostolic writings and perhaps some books by the Apostolic Fathers which might be thought of as clamoring for entrance into the canon of the New Testament,

but finally only twenty-seven of them actually were included. This development was practically completed by the middle of the second century of the Christian era, although there were still disputes about a few of the books until the middle of the fourth century. Here is a significant statement from one authority which substantiates what I have said: "From the

first inception of the canon, soon after the middle of the second century, Christians have been substantially agreed upon the books which may be regarded as constituting the organism of the New Testament." It should be remembered, also, that there was a belief in a written rule of faith reaching back to apostolic times. The Church, however (I be-

lieve under the direction of the Holy Spirit), took its time in deciding just what books should finally be considered as embodying this written rule of faith. Some were accepted while they were still in oral form, but not all were completely decided upon as a part of the canon by the Christian Church as a whole until in the fourth century.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

365 Days for Christ

IN A RECENT magazine I read, and subsequently took, a quiz. One of the questions asked was, "If you had but twenty-four hours to live, how would you spend them?" Should you give quickly the first answer which comes to your mind even as I did, I believe you will be surprised at your response. The main object of the question is to find out if what you planned to do tomorrow is what you would be satisfied to do should you know you would live no longer than tomorrow.

I feel sure that if all of us would ask ourselves the above question each night as we lie down to sleep we would make every day of the next year count for God! Although we all expect to live longer than twenty-four hours, yet many of us will die during this next year with practically no warning, either because of accidents or from natural causes. If one is to be sure he spends his last hours as he would have wished he had should he die before he had planned, he must be sure he spends all of his hours in the very best way he knows how. Every day must be a red-letter day.

Each year as I turn to another calendar, I am made to tremble. That new calendar means that I have lived another year. I have either worked and accomplished things for the Lord, or I have neglected the work which has come to my hands and have wasted hours which should have been spent doing good.

Although the Lord has not come during this past year, I do know His coming draweth nearer each day and every year. I do not like to look upon the mistakes of the past year, nor do I like to dwell too long upon the successes of the past year. In the one case I fear becoming discouraged, and in the other case I fear becoming too satisfied and so settling back on my oars.

It may be we will have another 365 days to live and work for Christ. But moments are so fleeting that before we realize it the 365 days will be o'er. The day of the Lord may have come.

What a year we would live if we lived every twenty-four hours of the next 365 days as we would wish to live our last twenty-four hours!

P.K.'s in Texas:

Leaving Texas!

We moved from Texas in 1918—that was a long, long time ago! I loved Texas and have many fond memories of that great state. And I guess I never will forget it, for if I were going to forget it I imagine I would have done a pretty good job of it by now.

I still can remember the first taste I had of sweet gum—that was in Texas. I still remember that first time I ever chewed on ribbon cane—that was in Texas. I remember tasting the first fig I ever ate—that was in Texas. I remember picking daisies by the great handfuls in the summertime back in the woods which were across the railroad tracks behind our house. I remember our old cow which was always running away, and the time she ran away once too often and was hit by the train.

Then there was the evening when the school had a mulligan stew out in the woods. When the woman in charge of the stew poured out a bowlful for me, she poured in a wad of chewing gum—I had never been allowed to chew gum and believed it was filthy. Imagine my delight in receiving my first gum in the stew. I didn't eat a bite—lost my appetite!

I remember the night my Sunday-school teacher went to the altar. All of us six Junior girls thought she was a wonderful Christian, but when she went to the altar we all crowded

around her and prayed and cried like old-timers.

I remember old Dr. Godbey coming in for the revival he had promised to hold and had not written about it for a year. He was on time, for he had promised.

I remember the camp meetings held out on the old campground. When the people got saved, they shouted all over the tabernacle. I remember the singing! Everybody sang at the top of his voice; and little women and big women, old men and young men, shouted up and down the aisles until, as a child, I felt the Lord was right down there with us.

I remember watching my father and others of the college plead with grown young people to come to the altar, and I remember how wonderful it was when they came down and prayed through.

There are so many other things I remember. Yes, boys and girls, you are already living your lives. Today is important. The happenings of today will stay with you in the tomorrows. What you see and admire in folks today will no doubt become part of you and your actions when you are grown. Be sure you take the right attitude toward everything you see and do while you are young. Some of the best years of your lives are now.

Yes, I moved from Texas—but I took part of Texas with me and still have it deep down in my heart!

The Pastor's Sermon:

He has given his life to God and to his fellow men. This last week he kneeled and begged for words to say. Thoughts began to come, sentences of comfort or challenge burned in his heart—food for his flock!

What is it worth? Because of it, one brand might be snatched from the fire. The pastor himself would not take a million dollars for it. It is from God; it is for this people; it is for today!

Therefore, let us listen!

—C. B. McCaull

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

Evangelist Edward E. Mieras sends word: "Marvelous outpouring of the Spirit upon the six-day Thanksgiving revival at C. Warren Jones Indian School, Lindrith, New Mexico. Earnest praying, confessions, restitutions brought clean sweep of victory. Most promising student body, beautiful spirit of harmony throughout. Prospects bright for the future. Pray much for our American Indian work."

Dr. H. C. Benner, Dr. L. A. Reed, and Dr. Mendell Taylor, all of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, invaded Nashville, Tennessee, during a recent week end, by invitation of the fine district superintendent, Rev. D. K. Wachtel. The invasion was in the interests of the Seminary building campaign, and God gave great victory in the effort. First Church, Nashville, gave approximately \$2,500. In fourteen services held, nearly all quotas were reached and oversubscribed, and over \$5,000 was given by the good Nashville Nazarenes in this one-day effort. To God be all the glory!

Rev. E. J. Fleming, retired Nazarene elder, and for years general church secretary, has now moved to Spokane, Washington, where he and Mrs. Fleming plan to spend the rest of their lives. Their address is W. 1827 Carlisle.

Pastor William C. Allshouse of Dallas, Texas, sends word: "Dallas First Church just closed a gracious revival under the ministry of Rev. Paul Stewart and Mrs. Margaret Higgs. Contrary to report, Brother Stewart is very much alive and did some great preaching. Mrs. Higgs thrilled us with her music. A good number of souls prayed through to victory."

Evangelist Claude W. Jones writes that he has left the evangelistic field to accept the call to pastor the church in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

Pastor Harold L. Frye of Fayette, Ohio, sends word that "in spite of the blizzard and only sixty-one in Sunday school, we had a Thanksgiving Offering of \$450. We do give the Lord all the praise and glory."

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Spruce of Bethany, Oklahoma, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. This honored couple were married November 20,

THANKS!

It has been impossible to acknowledge individually the expressions of sympathy from the many friends who so kindly remembered us at the time of our sorrow in the sudden passing of Chaplain (Byron) Lee. We are therefore taking this means of thanking one and all for their interest and prayers. The Lord has wonderfully helped us.

MRS. BETTIE LEE,
MICHAEL, JOY, and MARILYN

1900, at Floresville, Texas, where they lived for approximately forty-five years. In 1918 they, with four of their children, joined the Church of the Nazarene, San Antonio, Texas. In 1926, Rev. Spruce was ordained an elder. All of their children were present for the anniversary celebration; Eunice McClain, teacher, Olivet Nazarene College; Constance Spruce and Carol Lundy, teachers, Bethany-Peniel College; Rhoda Newman, teacher, McGregory, Texas; Hearne Spruce, Nazarene pastor, Corpus Christi; and Fletcher Spruce, Nazarene pastor at Texarkana, Texas. Several scores of other relatives and friends joined in the celebration, extending congratulations and best wishes.

The Doke-Ogden Evangelistic Party reports: "It has been our privilege to work with the good folk of North Dakota, at Hurdsfield and Denhoff. Rev. Rudolph Santer is doing a fine piece of home mission work at Hurdsfield. The attendance was good, a number of new contacts were made, and God was present to convict and meet the need of souls. Bad weather hindered the meeting at Denhoff, but the good country folk came and boosted, and Rev. Donald Reynolds is much appreciated there. We are now in a meeting with Pastor Ova and people at Fessenden. We appreciate the faithful, sacrificing North Dakota Nazarenes."

Nome, Alaska—This Bering Sea outpost of the Church of the Nazarene recently closed a blessed week of special evangelistic services with the pastor of our Anchorage church, Rev. M. R. Korody, serving as the evangelist. A fearless preacher, Brother Korody struck telling blows against the worldly sins which are so in evidence in this frontier town. Concentrating the last four messages on holiness, we saw many hands raised asking prayer for the blessing which goes "deeper than the stain has gone." The hearts of some were so

burdened that they came to the parsonage at all hours seeking help. The success of the meeting can be due but to one thing: the fasting and prayer which went up from the hearts of the godly members and friends of this church. Due to some advance publicity on Brother Korody's Roman Catholic background, even the local Catholic priest paid a visit to the parsonage. Before he could get away he had heard the testimony to heart purity which God's servant ever has on his lips. We are looking and praying for a glorious harvest of sanctified hearts in the days to come.—Clark H. Lewis, Pastor.

Cleburne, Texas—November 19 was a great day for our church—it marked the close of the first revival in our new church. The special workers were Evangelist Carl H. Kruse and wife. God blessed with a good spirit all during the revival and there were several confessions. Brother Kruse's messages were searching and outstanding, a help and blessing to all. Mrs. Kruse, as children's worker and song evangelist, was at her best. The interest increased among both children and adults at each service. Mrs. Kruse's felt-o-graph pictures and stories were very impressive, and the Lord used both Brother and Sister Kruse to be a blessing and to present a real challenge. We thank God for His blessings, and the increase in both Sunday-school and church attendance.—T. Frank Keese, Pastor.

Jerome, Pennsylvania—Our church recently enjoyed a very successful revival with Evangelist E. R. Ferguson and wife. The preaching was excellent, there were a number of seekers (one of whom had been backslidden for years), and the morning services especially were filled with the blessing and glory of God. The singing of Mrs. Ferguson was of the best, and added greatly to the services. We thank God for these fine workers. The revival was preceded by much visitation on the part of the Sunday-school group, led by our splendid pastor, Rev. C. Collier, whose holy life and passion for the lost are a constant challenge to his people.—Arthur Brown, Reporter.

Mendota, Illinois—Recently we enjoyed a very good revival with Evangelist W. W. Geeding and wife. A large number of new people attended these services, and a number of new contacts were made, resulting in the best attendance of any meeting during our pastorate here. Twenty people prayed through at the altar, some of whom never had been saved before. One Sunday morning service was devoted to Mrs. Geeding's giving an address in full Indian costume, telling of their work among the American Indians. This service was outstanding, with former Sunday-school records broken in our new location. This was our second meeting with the

Geedings, and the church has asked them to return. They are faithful workers, and boost all departments. We press forward with new courage, happy to have a part in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene on the Northwestern Illinois District under the efficient leadership of Superintendent L. E. Eckley.—W. G. Rodefer, Pastor.

Pastor Herman E. Ward reports from Dalton, Georgia: "Since coming here nine months ago, we have had a wonderful time in the Lord's work. We have found an aggressive people who love the Lord and the cause of holiness. Recently we have built and completed a new, six-room parsonage, with every modern convenience; also are finishing up the work on our nice church. A few months ago we had a one-week youth revival with Rev. H. H. Hendershot of Belle, West Virginia, as the preacher; the meeting was a blessing. Since that revival we have added seven members to the church. In November we had a two-week revival campaign with Evangelists Eddie and Ann Burnem. God gave several victories and the church was greatly encouraged. The Burnems are of the best; we appreciate the burden they carry, and their enthusiasm for the Sunday school. On the last Sunday we broke all previous records with 241 present in Sunday school."

Rev. Fred Sweet writes: "Recently I closed a good meeting with Pastor James Todd and our church in Pascagoula, Mississippi; also had a good meeting at Hudson, Louisiana, with Rev. W. V. Neill. In both meetings a number of souls sought the Lord and prayed through for pardon and heart purity. I am now giving full time to evangelism. Write me, Box 58, Many, Louisiana."

Kirbyville, Texas—Coming here from our assembly we found that our predecessor, Rev. Robert Nye, had done a marvelous piece of work. We had a fine and co-operative group of Nazarenes and friends of the church with whom to work. This was the first home mission project of Houston District after it was set apart as a district. We have an attractive church building, in a good location, and a beautiful, five-room parsonage next to the church. On this property we owe only a little over two thousand dollars. We have a spiritual N.Y.P.S., a good W.F.M.S., and an enthusiastic Junior Society. For October we had the record average in Sunday school. With the pastor as evangelist, we have had a good revival with twenty-nine professions, good attendance, and an increase in membership. Our church trio, quartet, and other local talent furnished the special music. We give God praise for His blessings. If you have friends here, write us % Box 361, and we shall be glad to contact them.—N. Becton Cain, Pastor.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman K. Oke

Topic for Dec. 31: Growing Through Fellowship with Christ

Scripture: John 15:1-5; Phil. 3:8-16

GOLDEN TEXT: *This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13-14).*

Paul was a *specialist in spirituality* and he outlines his policy in those tingling words, "This one thing I do." It reminds us of the words of David in Psalms 27, "One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after."

Because of his many brilliant talents Paul could easily have become famous in several fields of achievement. Few men in history have been more richly endowed intellectually. But he chose to concentrate rather

than spread out his abilities. He might have carved out an immortal place among the great philosophers; he could have been the religious leader of his nation; as a teacher he could have had people coming from far to sit at his feet, even as he came to sit at the feet of the renowned Gamaliel. But Paul decided to concentrate on deep spirituality and made a career out of the Christian life. Bringing all his richness of talent to focus, he chose sainthood as the one thing essential. With unflagging zeal he strained every nerve and fiber of his soul as he pressed toward "the prize." The world is not over-run with spiritual specialists!

(Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education.)

Covington, Kentucky—Since the assembly last August, Eastside Church has made some fine improvements on our building. We tore down the old wall of the brick building, building onto the block structure, making it thirty-six feet longer, also modernizing the front, so that now the building has the appearance of a church. We made a new, larger platform (12 x 24 feet), making room for the choir, which has added to the singing, as well as beautifying the church. One of the great attractions is the

eighteen-foot altar, which we have seen well filled with seekers since we built it. We now have a seating capacity in the church of nearly three hundred people. Early in September the people gave the pastor a five-dollar-per-week increase in salary. On November 5 we closed a good revival with Evangelist W. T. Elkins. God blessed and gave a good number of seekers praying through to victory. Finances came in well, with a good love offering for the pastor and family.—W. M. Hodge, Pastor.

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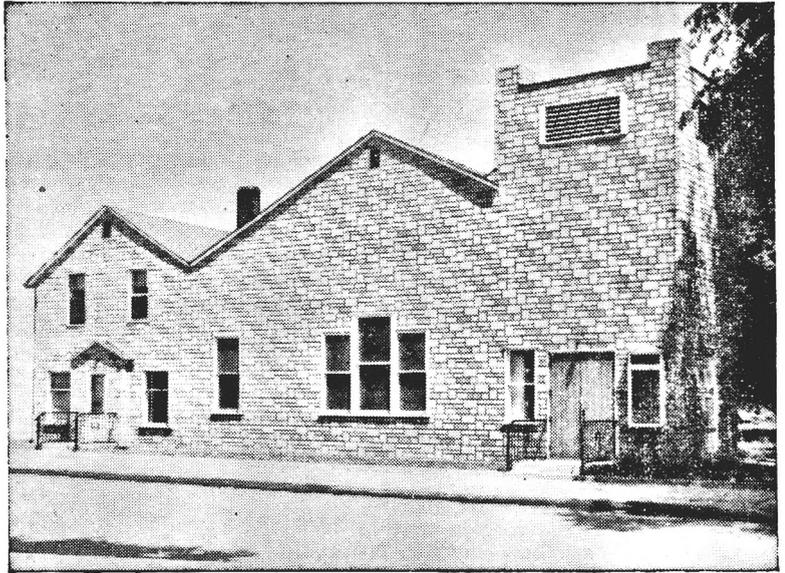
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In August of 1946 we came to pastor this church—one of the five oldest churches in the state. We found a people who loved God and for the most part were loyal to the doctrines and program of the church. Soon we felt the leading of the Spirit to do something toward improving the property. At a special meeting of the congregation, they voted to proceed with the suggested plans for remodeling. The auditorium has been enlarged and renovated; the basement Sunday-school rooms have been rebuilt; modern, forced-air heating plants have been installed in both church and the adjoining parsonage; and the exterior appearance has been completely changed. When the project was inaugurated, we had about five hundred dollars in the building fund. The labor was about 90 per cent donated by the men of the church, and the people as a whole sacrificed greatly to see the project completed. Today, there is less than one thousand dollars indebtedness, and the mortgage is being discharged ahead of schedule. We hope soon to be able to annex the parsonage (the part of the building on the left) for a Sunday-school building and to se-



cure another parsonage. We are deeply indebted to our predecessors for their tireless and constructive work

in laying the foundation on which to build. God is blessing, and we love Him.—Lorne J. Lee, Pastor.

Frostburg, Maryland—In November our church had a most profitable revival with Evangelist Clifton T. Thomas and wife. These consecrated workers are blessed with a variety of talent. They sing solos and duets; Mrs. Thomas plays the piano, the vibra-harp, and the accordion; and Brother Thomas does chalk drawing as well as preaches. The Thomases carry a burden for the lost, and Brother Thomas preaches the truth of God's Word in a clear, concise way. God blessed, backsliders were reclaimed, and a number were saved for the first time; most gratifying was the fact that 90 per cent of those saved went on to be sanctified wholly. The Thomases used the unique plan of a "penny a pound" love offering for the pastor and wife; this brought in 8,135 pennies on the last Sunday. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Thomases with us.—Boyd W. Davis, Pastor.

The Nazarene young people of Northwest Indiana met for a great district youth rally in Hammond First Church on November 3. Rev. J. Fred Parker, editor of *Conquest*, brought a very inspiring message. The choirs of Valparaiso and Hammond First Church united to provide music for the occasion, and Rev. Darrell Slack, pastor of Gary First Church, sang a solo. District Superintendent George Franklin and wife were present to lend their enthusiastic support to the youth program. Rev. Kenneth Coil, our very efficient district president, presided and brought to us a resume of many interesting events planned for this year. Two

of the outstanding features of the planned program are a high-school caravan to Olivet Nazarene College, and another district-wide youth rally in April at Lafayette. The district N.Y.P.S. is moving forward, for which we give God the praise.—Mrs. L. L. Zimmerman, Reporter.

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida—God is blessing our work in a wonderful way, and we are seeing progress along all lines. We have been blessed by the gracious ministry and leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. George Kercher; recently the church gave him a unanimous call for another year. We are at present erecting a new church building with a seating capacity of five hundred; our present building will be used to meet our growing Sunday-school needs. Recently we had a fruitful revival with Evangelist C. W. Davis, and on the closing Sunday all previous Sunday-school attendance records were broken.—Reporter.

Goshen, Indiana—Having accepted a call from this church, we moved to the field on August 14. We found a group of good, loyal people, who have been very kind and generous in the matter of redecorating and improving the parsonage since our arrival. In October, we had a good revival with Evangelist H. W. Cornelius and wife. Many of our young people received help at the altar, as well as some of the older folk. In one instance a father, mother, and two children all were reclaimed at the altar of prayer. On the closing Sunday we had a record-breaking Sunday-school rally with 201 present; the old record was

180. The penny offering in the rally of \$55.34 was applied toward the debt on the Sunday-school annex. Our people have accepted the ten-per cent plan of General Budget giving, and as a result God has blessed the church in every way. We are enjoying our work here.—Donald K. Ault, Pastor.

Pastor Frank McConnell of Williams Memorial Church, Bethany, Oklahoma, writes: "It was my privilege to be the speaker at the New Mexico District Sunday-school convention, November 6 to 8, at Roswell. District Church School Chairman Harold W. Morris and District Superintendent R. C. Gunstream really had a good program worked out. All but three pastors were present, also many of the Sunday-school superintendents, and a good representation of teachers. They are an enthusiastic group, standing solidly back of their aggressive district superintendent."

South Flint (Michigan) Church recently had a profitable revival with Evangelist Ralph Rice as preacher, and Rev. and Mrs. M. D. Wrightsman in charge of the music. The Wrightsmans inspired the people with their music and singing, and Brother Rice stirred and moved the people with his powerful preaching of the old-fashioned gospel. A number of souls were saved, some sanctified, and the church was helped and blessed. A lovely offering was given to the pastor and wife on the closing night. We are in our sixth year here and enjoying our work with this fine people, who have been good to us. The Lord

has blessed in many ways. We have received about seventy-five members during this time; the Sunday school has had a substantial increase; and a fine choir has been organized, which is now under the direction of Don Wayland. Many improvements have been made on the church and parsonage, and all indebtedness will have been liquidated by the end of 1950. We love the Lord and this good people.—George L. Johnston, Pastor.

Pastor Bernard P. Hertel reports: "On December 3 we brought to a close five and one-half years of pastoring our First Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to accept a call to our church at Redding, California. God wonderfully blessed our efforts at Sioux Falls, and we saw the Sunday school double in size, the General Budget increased from \$75 to \$550, and the district budget increased from \$150 to \$330; other giving increased proportionately. Also, God gave us hundreds of seekers, with nearly one hundred people uniting with the Church of the Nazarene (many of these transferred, since we had a transient population there). The church purchased a good parsonage, and during the past two years erected a nice church building valued at \$35,000; the debt is only \$11,000, being paid out at eighty dollars per month. We enjoyed working under the leadership of District Superintendent W. H. Deitz, and praise God for His many blessings. We assume our work at Redding on December 10."

Rev. Lowell L. Yeatts writes: "After serving as pastor for twelve and one-half years, I have resigned my pastorate at Stone Bluff, Indiana, and am now giving full time to the evangelistic field. I am now available for holiness conventions and revivals; shall be glad to go anywhere to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Write me, 325 West Sixth Street, Peru, Indiana."

Irvine, Kentucky—Calvary Church closed its first revival on November 19; in every way it was a success. Scheduled to close November 12, because of the good revival spirit, the meeting continued a third week. Evangelist W. E. Haggard is an outstanding preacher, and brought inspiring gospel messages from night to night. Forty-three seekers bowed at the altar of prayer, twelve new members were added to the church, and the Sunday-school record was broken with 113 present. During the meeting, pastor and people made 1,758 visitation calls. The pastor's salary was raised, and plans are in effect for a new church building. Calvary Church was organized last July with thirty-three people present in the first service. We thank God for the splendid increase and progress in the church.—Roy Wells, Pastor.

Song Evangelist Walter C. Schultz writes: "I am now in full-time service again after having been ill. My last three meetings—in Bowling Green, Kentucky; Evansville, Indiana; and Pontiac, Michigan—closed with great victory and many souls finding God. I have open time January 1 to March 18, and shall be glad to go anywhere for freewill offerings. I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and our fine pastors. Write me, 707 S. Chipman Street, Owosso, Michigan."

Evangelist O. F. Ring writes that he has an open date, January 2 to 14, which he'd like to slate in the Southern states. Write him at Intercession City, Florida.

Evangelists Dorrance and Esther Nichols write: "Our rearranged schedule leaves January 3 to 14 open; would be glad to slate this time anywhere in eastern half of nation. We provide complete program—preaching, music, and singing, and travel by house-trailer. Write us, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania."

Evangelist John Shoemaker writes: "Due to cancellation, I have January 16 to 28 open. I'd like to slate this time in the Midwest. I am prepared to carry the complete program of preaching, singing, and special music. Write me at 723½ N. Bushnell Avenue, Alhambra, California."

Evangelist L. H. Newcomb writes: "I am now planning my winter and spring slate and have some open time in February and March. Write me, P. O. Box 946, Vivian, Louisiana."

Pastor A. G. Jeffries writes from Modesto, California: "In November we had a county-wide 'United Crusade for Christ' with some sixty churches participating. The tent, which seated better than twenty-five hundred, was filled to capacity a number of times. Scores and hundreds responded to the gospel appeal, and many of these found Christ. Our city was stirred and moved upon by the Spirit of God. Dr. Russell V. DeLong was at his best, preaching magnificently under the anointing of

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God. Many people heard real gospel preaching for the first time and responded to the wooings of the Spirit. We feel that our own church was immensely helped and our position in the community strengthened. These are good days for Modesto Church of the Nazarene; God is moving in our midst, souls are being saved and sanctified, and we are enjoying divine favor. Recently we embarked on a building program which will double the capacity of our sanctuary, also double the facilities for our Sunday school."

Chicago Heights, Illinois—Evangelist James Crabtree was used of the Lord in an effective ministry in our church. God blessed and gave many unusual victories, and the church was greatly strengthened.—Byron M. Carmony, Pastor.

Evangelists A. F. and Leonora T. Balsmeier write: "We have open dates January 11 to 21, and February 7 to 18, which we'd like to fill somewhere between Kansas City, Missouri, and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Write us at our home address, P. O. Box 745, 219½ East Second Street, Hutchinson, Kansas."

Song Evangelist Christine Weber writes: "I will be available for revivals and week-end meetings after January 1; am willing to work and go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 5262A North 38th Street, Milwaukee 9, Wisconsin."

Maysville, Kentucky—On November 12 we closed a great revival; altars lined time and time again, and many new friends made for the church. Evangelist M. F. Fezell and James and Juanita Carmickel were the special workers, and they are among the best. Brother Fezell is a man of prayer, carries a burden, and preaches with the anointing of the Spirit. The Carmickels are very fine singers and musicians, and Sister Carmickel is an extra good children's worker. We greatly appreciated the ministry of all these workers. Our new building is ready for the roof, and our people are united to go forward in every way. We are beginning the first of a three-year call, and are in love with this wonderful people.—E. L. Bryant, Pastor.

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "God is blessing our labors in the field of evangelism. Our last three engagements were: with the Westbrook Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Rev. Marvin Jones, pastor; at Jackson, Georgia, with Pastor R. W. Goodwin; and at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with Rev. George Kercher, pastor. We enjoyed the fellowship and labor with these fine pastors and churches. At each place we witnessed good salvation revivals, and were invited to return for meetings. We are now in a good revival at Many,

Louisiana, with Pastor G. H. Taylor. This is the home place of Dr. R. T. Williams; and on Thanksgiving Day, we preached from the very spot where it is said he preached his first sermon. We are happy and busy in God's service, and praise Him for victories won. Our address now is 930 N. Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado."

Orlando, Florida—Central Church has had a very successful revival with Evangelist E. R. Ferguson and wife. Crowds came to hear the evangelistic preaching of Brother Ferguson, and more than fifty souls sought God at the altar of prayer. A fine group of members and friends make up Central Church. Twenty-two adult members were added to the church this assembly year, and the Sunday school broke all records in average attendance and became a "four-star" Sunday school for the first time. We believe we have the oldest active Nazarene in the person of Hon. S. Edmond Slocum, ninety-two years old, yet drives his car to church every Sunday; he is a former member of the General Board. We raised \$17,000 for all purposes this year, and face the future with faith, hope, and confidence in God. Rev. James D. Blackmon is serving his second year as pastor of this fine group of folks, under the direction of our capable and godly district superintendent, Rev. John L. Knight.—J. M. Chamberlin, Secretary.

Washington, D.C.—No city in America is in greater need of an old-fashioned, Heaven-sent revival than our nation's capital. In spite of the fact that liquor flows freely and crime is at a high rate, God is giving revivals. First Church recently experienced one of the best revivals in many years. Dr. Don Householder was the evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rushford, singers and musicians. The Spirit-filled ministry of these workers was wonderfully and mightily used of God. In many services, the altar was lined end-to-end with scores of precious souls seeking God for peace and pardon. On the closing night, the Holy Spirit came to the hearts of the people until pungent conviction moved folks to run to the altar. The altar was filled, the front row of pews, and folks even knelt in the aisles, seeking God. The attendance was exceptionally fine; at most of the services the church was filled to capacity. Three week-night services and two Sunday evening services were broadcast over radio station WOL, the "Voice of Washington." On the Sunday after the revival, the pastor received twelve persons into church membership. First Church continues to be a great center of holiness evangelism in the nation's capital. The movings of the Spirit, the crowded conditions, and the fields which are white unto harvest have challenged the good people of First Church to launch out into

a greater field of usefulness. A new location has been purchased at Sixteenth and Webster Streets, N.W., where a new church at a cost of \$250,000 will be erected within the next few months. God is with us, and we are moving ahead!—Roy F. Stevens, Pastor.

Richmond, Kentucky—First Church is rejoicing in the Lord over the victories of the past year. During our first thirteen months here, God has given us a great revival, and 33 members have been received, making our present membership 218. The Sunday school averaged 257 for last year. The new \$16,000 parsonage—a long-standing need—has been completed. The lot on which it is built cost \$2,300; the house has seven rooms, two baths, and forced-air gas furnace with house equipped with draperies throughout. One member made and paid a pledge of \$2,010 on this property. We praise God for His hand upon us, and for this wonderful people. They have given us a unanimous call for another year, and are co-operating in a very fine way. We have tackled the indebtedness on the new three-story Sunday-school annex, and on the first Sunday of November the offering was \$247 for that purpose. Our fall meeting, with Rev. R. L. Ihrig of Newport as the preacher, was a great help to the church. Charles Terrill was the song evangelist, and the work of these men was very much appreciated.—Asa H. Sparks, Pastor.

Peoria, Illinois—North Side Church had a fall revival meeting with Evangelist James Miller, and much good was accomplished. Brother Miller certainly gave us some wonderful, encouraging, stirring, and strengthening messages. We appreciated his faithful, old-time messages on holiness and the art of prayer and fasting.—J. Russell Gravvat, Pastor.

Norfolk, Virginia—Central Church is thanking God for the victories of our recent revival, with our pastor, Rev. J. E. Compton, as the evangelist, and Mrs. Margaret Higgs as singer. Sister Higgs's gospel messages in song were a blessing to all of us. Our pastor preached old-fashioned holiness with the anointing of the Spirit, and God blessed with seekers at the altar in nearly every service. Just prior to, and during, the meeting sixty-five souls prayed through to God in the old-fashioned way, and twelve members were added to the church. The attendance was remarkably good, with many attending our church for the first time. A loving spirit prevailed. There is marked progress in every department of the work, and our young people are entering heartily into the visitation campaign led by the pastor. All services are being well attended, finances are increasing, and all obligations are being met.—Mrs. B. F. Gray, Reporter.

Evangelist F. C. Savage reports: "Happy to report victory in Jesus, and in His glad service. Recently we had two of the greatest revivals we have seen in some years. At Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, we saw a great visitation of the power of God; in one day, twenty-three souls prayed through to definite victory. There was a total of sixty-three seekers, with a fine class added to the church. The secret of this revival was much fasting and prayer by Pastor F. C. Burchell and his fine people. At Greensboro, Pennsylvania, with Pastor Joseph F. Bailey, we also saw a great visitation of God, with much prayer and fasting. There was a total of seventy-five seekers, a nice class added to the church, and a gain of one hundred in Sunday school over the two Sundays, having 249 present on the last Sunday. We give God all the glory. I am in the closing of forty years in the active ministry, thirty-nine of those years as active pastor and evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. If I can be of service in any church, write me, P. O. Box 207, Kokomo, Indiana."

Evangelist F. P. Cassidy writes that he has an open date January 8 to 21, also February 19 to March 4, which he'd be glad to slate with any church. Write him, 814 Idlewild Court, Lexington, Kentucky.

Evangelists Charles W. and Mary Ogden write that they will be closing a meeting on February 11, then have an open date, February 14 to 25. Write them, 4105 Washington Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Dr. Basil Miller, who holds a unique place as a religious writer, has been out of the active ministry for some years because of his health. God wonderfully healed him recently, and he is now able to do convention work again. With his wide experience, his devotion to the cause of holiness, his breadth of intellectual understanding and insight, and his preaching gifts, I am sure that he will greatly bless and inspire any church to which he may be called to minister. His address is 86 E. Loma Alta Drive, Altadena, California.—Stephen S. White, Editor.

Miss Mary Linda Jeffries is a commissioned song evangelist on this district. She is talented and spiritual and will be a blessing to our people in revival work. She attended Olivet Nazarene College. I wish to commend her to our people, believing she will be a real blessing to all who may desire her services. Address her, 823 Love Lane, Waynesville, North Carolina.—C. E. Shumake, Superintendent of North Carolina District.

NOTICE—If you have any old Methodist and holiness books and papers, both bound and unbound copies—would buy old libraries—please contact me at 402 First Street, Pineville, Louisiana.—Rev. G. A. Prichard.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Harrison Davis, Jr., of Tokyo, Japan, a son, Paul Donald, on September 18.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Psaute of Kankakee, Illinois, a son, Robert William, on September 19.

—to Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Cass of Gordonsville, Tennessee, a daughter, Donna Gayle, on October 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Georges Chevalier of Birmingham, Alabama, a daughter, Jennifer Lee, on November 7.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie C. Poe of West Helena, Arkansas, a son, Benjamin Arnold, on November 21.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Pitts of Alexandria, Indiana, a son, Brent Alan, on November 25.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss June Ester and Mr. Ernest E. Hines of Wichita, Kansas, were united in marriage on September 9, in the Church of the Nazarene at Clearwater, with Rev. Korwin Korb officiating.

Miss Patrica Louise Willis and Jack Edwin Buckner were united in marriage on November 21, in Goss Memorial Methodist Church, with Rev. James D. Blackmon, pastor of Central Church of the Nazarene, Orlando, Florida, officiating.

Miss Velma Lorene Rebman and Mr. Glenn Snider, both of Weiser, Idaho, were united in marriage on November 23, in the Weiser Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Carl H. Marble, pastor, officiating.

Miss Lois Mae Ervin and Mr. Albert Glenn Raney, both of Weiser, Idaho, were united in marriage on November 24, in the Weiser Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Carl H. Marble, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a preacher in Alabama, in home mission work in that town, that they may be able to get a Nazarene work started;

by a mother in Ohio that she may draw closer to God, and for her son on the battle lines and not ready to meet God;

by a friend in Illinois for a speedy reconciliation and adjustment with a friend, also that her family may see the way of holiness;

by a lady in Michigan whose husband has lost interest in the church, that she may have the courage to be true and that he may come back to God;

by a lady from Missouri that she may make the proper restitution after a recent glorious reclamation from sin—that her husband may be thoroughly restored to a Christian life, also that his health be restored—that their two sons may be awakened to the "Great Reality" of life—for their daughter and husband, and eighteen-month-old daughter, seriously ill and doctor is afraid it might be epilepsy—that God may help all of them in this great hour of need.

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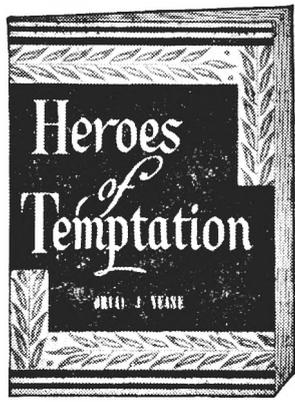
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Life's Tapestry

(To my brother, Orval J. Nease)

Needlework is a curious pastime;
An amateur can't quite understand
How the one who handles the needle
Knows the stitches, the ply of the strand.

Who can tell the way of the pattern,
Where this line begins, that one ends?
What a confusion of threads, knots, and tangles!
No plan, no perspective of artistic blend!

Such is the view when seen from the wrong side:
Wild clash of colors and unfinished seams;
Nothing but loose ends, what havoc of effort—
Surely this can't be a great artist's dream!

But, oh, the one who guides the needle
Knows always the pattern, the way of the line;
Here color, there shadow, threads blending and ending,
Now change of stitches the work to define.

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The Hand that weaves the skeins of life
Knows which colors never fade,
Knows the tensile strength of each thread,
Knows just how the pattern's made.

The same Hand severs the mortal strand,
Rethreads in immortality,
To complete the eternal vision
Of the Weaver of life's tapestry.

It is He who bids us look up—
Look with faith beyond our tears,
To the pattern's finished beauty.
Its perfection then appears!

(Based on one of Dr. Nease's sermon illustrations, with text Romans 8:28, in which he told of his confusion in trying to understand his wife's needlework, but how it was always perfect when he saw the rose pattern from the right side); written by ELIZABETH HERRELL.