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The Wise Fool

(Luke 12:16-21)

General Superintendent Vanderpool

HE was a specialist on crop production. He could discern the sky and forecast the weather. He knew the perils that threatened an unharvested crop. He realized that his abundant crop was safe only when sheltered by weather-proof barns. To pull down an old barn, draw plans and erect a new one were simple matters to him.

In estimating the yield of a field and appraising its value he was an expert. He saw the wisdom of investing time and money in protective housing for his crop rather than leaving it to the destructive elements which he knew were present. In dealing with material things, truly it could be said that he was a wise man.

He could have served well on the nation's production board. He would have made a strong member on a finance committee or served as chairman of the board of directors of any bank. He could have taught economics in a university, or served well as secretary of agriculture. This man was informed and wise about matters that pertained to earth and time, but was so blind and ignorant about spiritual things that God called him a fool.

A wise fool! A self-made man that used too much of self in the making. God and spiritual things were left out of his life. He thought that the plaintive cry of his hungry soul could be satisfied with a basket of corn and a bale of hay. "I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." This was his idea of soul rest as he faced the uncharted future.

The man was wise about the weather, the soil, and his crops; but an ignoramus about the desires and seasons of the soul. He worked "like mad" to harvest and house his grain before the storms came; but he took it easy about his soul, thinking that he had ample security and an abundance of time. With his soul unhoused and destruction rampant, he smiled like a silly fool while the clouds of death enveloped and carried him away. "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12: 20).

The above picture of a wise fool is being duplicated today by men who are so wrapped up in business and material things that they do not give proper consideration to spiritual matters. To try to hush the cry of a thirsty soul by giving it music, art, ritual, philosophy, travel, or worldly pleasure is as vain and foolish as to try to satisfy it with a basket of corn or a bale of hay!

Man's immortal soul never can be satisfied until it contacts and establishes fellowship with the eternal God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

February 26, 1951

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. Vesey Stemm has resigned his position as minister of music at Youngstown, Ohio, to accept the call to the same employment with First Church and Pastor James E. Hunton at Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. Geren C. Roberts, pastor of the church at Norman, Oklahoma, for the past five years, has been called back into the U.S. Army to serve as a Wing Corps chaplain. He and his family are stationed at Victorville, California. The Roberts' were loved and highly esteemed by the Norman people.

On February 5, the church board of the Elmhurst (California) church voted unanimously to adopt the "ten-per-cent plan" for missionary giving. Rev. J. E. McConnell is the pastor.

Miss Mary E. Latham, of the Department of Church Schools, recently conducted a city-wide Sunday-school institute in First Church, Cleveland, Ohio, for all the Nazarene churches of Cleveland. Following that, from February 1 to 10, Miss Latham was in a district-wide tour of the Indianapolis District in the interest of Sunday schools.

Evangelist O. F. Zachary writes that he has accepted a call to pastor the church in Benton, Illinois.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary, conducted Youth Week services with Pastor George H. D. Reader and church at Georgetown, Illinois. Following that he taught two classes in the Greater Cincinnati Christian Service Training institute, involving seventeen Nazarene churches.

Evangelist R. O. Parry writes that he has accepted the pastorate of the church at Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, until assembly time and is located in the new parsonage, which is to be dedicated on March 4.

Dr. Jarrette Aycock, superintendent of the Kansas City District, was the special speaker for the Virginia District preachers' convention, February 19 to 21; Rev. V. W. Littrell is district superintendent.

Rev. E. R. Darden, pastor of Central Church, Coffeyville, Kansas, has resigned to enroll for the second semester in the Nazarene Theological Seminary.

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The following campaigns were held in February.

(The district, goal, date, superintendent, and campaign manager are given in consecutive order.)

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Kansas—3,000; Feb. 1-28; Ray Hance; John Brockmueller
Ontario—1,500; Feb. 1-28; Ted Martin; R. Bradley Harrison
Houston—1,100; Feb. 1-28; V. H. Lewis; Earl Wassom
Dallas—2,000; Feb. 1-28; Paul H. Garrett; Floyd P. Smith
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Florida—2,500; Feb. 4-Mar 4; John L. Knight; William E. Wineberg
Virginia—1,200; Feb. 5-25; V. W. Littrell; J. E. Compton
Chicago Central—2,859; Feb. 15-Mar. 15; E. O. Chalfant; Robert W. Sheppard
North Dakota—700; Feb. 25-Mar. 18; Harry F. Taplin; Claire W. Kern

Here is the conclusion of the list started last week listing each district and the number of subscriptions as of January 1, 1951.

Mississippi	314
Missouri	899
Nebraska	750
Nevada-Utah	104
New England	2,129
New Mexico	106
New York	893
North Carolina	1,117
North Dakota	695
Northeastern Indiana	2,088
Northern California	2,088
Northwest	1,670
Northwest Indiana	1,138
Northwest Oklahoma	1,261
Northwestern Illinois	1,335
Ontario	850
Oregon Pacific	2,763
Pittsburgh	3,741
Rocky Mountain	391
San Antonio	666
South Carolina	183
South Dakota	695
Southern California	2,926
Southwest Indiana	1,510
Southwest Oklahoma	1,673
Tennessee	1,239
Virginia	1,123
Washington Pacific	603
Washington-Philadelphia	1,818
West Virginia	2,631
Western Ohio	5,807
Wisconsin	798

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Fellowship Meeting on the Appian Way

By A. M. Quick*

THAT was a great fellowship meeting. I don't know how long it lasted, but apparently it extended right from the Appii Forum all along the Appian Way to the city of Rome! We read about it in Acts 28:14-15: ". . . and so we went toward Rome. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage."

The last lap of their slow boat journey had been from Rhegium to Puteoli. I wonder what Paul thought during that last day on the boat as the south wind caught their sails and carried them closer to their destination. No doubt he was tired—who wouldn't be? As he paced the deck or sat perhaps on a convenient coil of rope and watched the Italian coast slip by and listened to the music made by the ship's prow as it plowed through the blue waters of the Mediterranean, I wonder if there was a sense of discouragement, a depression of spirit, a reaction to the tremendous strain he had been under.

The howling mob at Jerusalem, the imprisonment for two years at Caesarea under that old grafter Felix, the emotional ordeal of appearing before Festus, Agrippa and Bernice, the arduous preparation and the trying voyage, shipwreck and multiplied dangers! And always the vision of the Imperial City hovering over all his thought—Rome! Rome, the center of the heathen world; Rome, the seat of imperial power; terrible, fascinating Rome!—where he was to appear before the cruel and wicked Nero, and where possibly death awaited him!

I know a few things about the devil, and I think the old enemy marshaled his forces against the weary soldier of the Cross. His black demons flapped their wings about his head and tried to hide the sunlight from his spiritual vision. He used all his powers to deepen the depression of spirit which was the natural result of weariness of body. He hurled a thousand suggestions of discouragement and futility against the little Jew who had blazoned the name of Jesus of Nazareth from Damascus and Jerusalem, from Syrian Antioch to Cyprus, through Asia Minor and Greece, and now was about to set foot in the very homeland of the Caesars.

For I think that the devil saw in him, not a prisoner in bonds, not just another individual item in the continual stream of traffic that flowed to and from Rome, but he saw a threat to his power. Perhaps he had a horrifying vision of the cross of Christ replacing the imperial eagle on the banners of the world. No wonder he got after Paul!

But how wonderfully the dear Lord looks after His children! When the ship drew into Puteoli

Luke says: "We found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days." How this was arranged we do not know, but apparently in the fellowship of the little company of believers Paul and his company were entertained and then resumed their trip to Rome. And the brethren in Rome heard that they were coming up the great Appian Way and came out to meet them. How did they know? Well, the Word doesn't tell us, but it looks as though the believers in Puteoli sent a swift messenger to the church at Rome and told them who was coming; and so great was their interest in their brother in Christ, this prisoner on his way to trial, that they set out to meet him, very likely walking—some of them the whole forty-three miles to Appii Forum, and the older and less sturdy of the group getting as far as The Three Taverns, which was "only" thirty-three miles.

But what a welcome meeting that would be! Old friends, some of them, who had been converted under his ministry, at Philippi or Corinth and had since moved to Rome. Andronicus, Amplias, Urbane, Stachys, and others mentioned in that last chapter of Romans may have been in that company. Then we read that sweet phrase in the fifteenth verse of this twenty-eighth chapter of Acts: "Whom when Paul saw, he *thanked God, and took courage.*" Praise the Lord! There are times when nothing else helps so much in the struggle as the fellowship and prayers of God's

The Truth Shall Win

By Haldor Lillenas

*God's truth is like a hammer
That rocks asunder break;
Before it error's mountain
Must crumble and must quake.
It marches on to victory,
Tho' trampled in the dust.
Yes, truth shall win forevermore.
It must, it must, it must!*

*They say there's no Creator,
That earth swung into space,
And by its own attraction
It chanced to take its place.
But God is its Creator.
His word shall never rust,
And truth shall win forevermore.
It must, it must, it must!*

*They say our Lord and Saviour
Was human, not divine;
His life but an example,
A guiding star to shine.
But there is full atonement
When in His blood we trust.
God's truth shall win forevermore,
It must, it must, it must!*

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people. How they prayed and sang and shook his hand and listened eagerly to his words! Courage flowed back into the old warrior's heart. The demons fled, the sun shone, the eternal God was his Refuge, and underneath were the everlasting arms!

Look out, Rome! The ringleader of the folks who have turned the world upside down is coming to you also. A little Jew is walking up the Appian Way toward the key position of heathendom. His only weapon is the cross of the Divine Sacrifice, the message of the One who died and rose again for man's sin, the story of the Saviour. But because of that message empires shall tremble and fall, the old gods of east and west shall be ground to dust, and westward, ever westward, the "good news" shall spread until nations yet unborn shall hear, and to the far corners of the earth men shall bow their hearts before the Christ whom Paul preached. Hallelujah!

Do you love Him? The Easter Offering on Sunday, March 25, offers a concrete way to express this love.

The Gentleness of Jesus

By Peter Wiseman*

He answered him nothing. This statement illustrates the gentleness of Jesus. Of course, some will say that Jesus drove the money-changers out of the Temple, and that on another occasion He looked on the people, being angry because of the hardness of their hearts. Jesus' being firm and having righteous anger does not prove in the least that He was not always gentle. In all His dealing with situations, He always showed complete control.

Jesus was gentle with the sinful and the erring. When the poor, unfortunate woman was brought before Him by that religious group, He said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone." They then went out from His presence one by one. Being left alone with the woman, He said, "Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?" She said, "No man, Lord." And the Lord replied, "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Jesus, the embodiment of the gentleness of God the Father, revealed this wonderful grace of disposition in His earthly life. Paul might have thought of this when he said, "Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God as a sweet-smelling savour" (Eph. 5:1-2).

Be imitators of the gentle God as revealed in Christ! What need there is of this heavenly disposition to be revealed in Christian deportment these days! Lord Jesus, make us gentle!

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WAYS

In Which Laymen May Boost Their Pastor

By Merwin Moorehead*

THERE are many ways in which we as laymen may boost our pastors, but let us consider five that I believe are most important. They are: (1) prayer; (2) attendance; (3) taking part, or co-operation; (4) attitude, and (5) giving. Although I believe prayer should head the list, the others are of equal importance.

I

Let us consider *prayer* first. James said, "Pray one for another." Doesn't this mean to pray for our pastor too? We know from experience that it helps to have someone, or a number, praying for us; and surely it means much to a pastor to know that his saved and sanctified members are praying for him! "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Prayer does much, but prayer alone is not enough.

II

We must also have *attendance*. We will boost our pastor by attending the prayer meeting. What a glorious time any pastor would have if he found *all* of his members at one regular Wednesday night prayer meeting! When we join the church we pledge ourselves to obey the rules: "(5) Attending faithfully all the ordinances of God, and the means of grace, including the public worship . . ." (General Rules, *Church Manual*). Let us also put forth serious effort to attend the special prayer meetings. Laymen, suppose you were the leader, and called a special service and only two or three came! Nearly all of us go to the things we want to!

Sunday-school teachers especially can boost by their regular attendance. All of us will encourage our pastor by regular attendance—at the Sunday evening service as well as the Sunday morning service. I don't believe any pastor likes a "floating" congregation. Regularity is largely habit anyway. Let us boost our pastor by regular attendance at all the services: prayer meetings, revival services, board meetings, council meetings, or any other meeting pertaining to the church. I believe this is our duty and responsibility as Christians and church members.

III

Taking part, or co-operation. We are part of a great organization. It is our church—let us take part in it! Take part in the regular services; sing, pray, testify, sing a special song, give an object lesson, take part in the N.Y.P.S., the missionary services, teach a Sunday-school class, or be a substitute teacher. There is work to be done around any church—mow the lawn, clean up the church, paint the parsonage, etc. The property is "ours"

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as much as the pastor's. Of course in a building program we all have to co-operate. It is much easier for the pastor when there are a number helping him. His spirit will be much lighter than if he were working alone.

IV

Another way of boosting the pastor is by our *attitude*. Sometimes I believe we can *kill* our pastor more quickly by our attitude than in any other way. In the services, it will encourage him if we use the front seats where it is easier to be attentive; say "Amen" or nod your head (but keep your eyes open when you do it)! Tell him he preached a good sermon. If every layman had opportunity to take complete charge of one service, he would appreciate the leader more.

Our attitude outside of the services is important too. It *does not* boost a pastor to talk over his faults around the family dinner table, especially with the children listening. I don't believe even Mother and Dad, when alone, get blessed talking over the pastor's faults! Tell them to the Lord. He has a way of working people over and "fixing them up" or fixing us up, whichever the need may be. No one can boost his pastor from the "miff tree." The pastor is on the ground, and you have to be there too to boost him.

V

Giving. I won't say anything about tithes—we pay them, not give them! Sometimes we need to give extra money, extra time, and extra service. Especially is this true in a building program. Also, let's give our pastor a vacation, give him a love offering. Leave at the parsonage a box of apples, a ham, a quarter of a beef; fill the pastor's gas tank, or even give him a ten- or twenty-dollar bill when you think he might need it.

In conclusion, let's note again these five ways in which as laymen we may boost our pastors: (1) through prayer; (2) by regular attendance at all the meetings; (3) by taking part and co-operating; (4) by our attitude, and (5) by giving. Let us practice the "Golden Rule" by putting ourselves in the pastor's place!



"Last night was the final service of the revival in Basim. God surely came into our midst. A Hindu man, for whom we had been praying ever since coming to India, received real victory and is ready now to 'leave all.' He has been a hindrance to his whole family, and now they are all ready to step out for Jesus."—JEAN DARLING, *India*.

NOTE: You share in such victories when you give. Remember the EASTER OFFERING, March 25!

Engineers of Character

By E. E. Martin*

ENGINEERING is a term we use in relation to many professional fields, such as chemical, electrical, mechanical, and other fields. It is the application of scientific principles to construction, promotion, and organization in many areas of specialization; it is the application of science to modern life.

In a very true sense engineering may be applied to character. The shaping, molding, and constructing of character is a matter of engineering. Human nature is educable; character can be planned and predicted; character can be directed to great and worthy ends. Character can be built in the face of all the stresses and strains of life with strength on the plus side; character can be made that will stand up. The knowledge and the science of such character building is engineering.

The greatest Teacher of all said, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock" (Matt. 7:24-25). Here is an example of character engineering of a master kind. It sets the task and the goal of Christian education. Christian education has the task of building Christian character—its field is the field of human personality; its responsibility is the building of strong, superior, and unflinching character. It is the work of character engineering.

A good teacher is an engineer of character. He must know the stresses of life, the intimate and subtle ways of human motivation, the defense mechanisms by which men run away or evade facing the facts of life. He must know the way

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to walk with a student into every phase of life, and select the materials and build them into a character that is impregnable. This is character engineering, and a good teacher is the engineer of character.

What Thomas Edison once said is significant: "Problems in human engineering will, in the future, receive the same genius that the last century gave to engineering in more material forms. This is the age of human engineering."

The responsibility of Christian education is character building. A good teacher is an engineer of character.

You Ought to Be Sanctified! (IV)

By Leslie Parrott*

BECAUSE God's mercy provides this second blessing, you ought to be sanctified. God provided through His Son Jesus Christ for our sins to be forgiven and for the sin nature to be cleansed. Jesus died for our sanctification as definitely as for our regeneration: "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Hebrews 13:12).

Paul appropriated this grace for himself and preached it to others: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2); "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3).

This blessing is not some abnormal experience God has for a few of His chosen saints. It is the

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Christ, Our Freedom

By A. M. Quick

*"When ye have lifted up the Son of man,
Then shall ye know that I am he"—
The Father's Son; and if the Son shall free,
"Ye shall be free indeed." This is the plan
Of man's salvation, that the fiery ban
Which barred from Eden's garden and the tree
Of life eternal should forever be
Removed in Him. Truth marches in the van
Of freedom—onward, ever on!
And He is Truth who is the Father's Son.
All freedom, all redemption, all of good
In Him is centered who is Son of God!
His cross of sacrifice is the eternal throne
Of liberty, which flows from Him alone.*

perfectly normal life God has provided for His children. It is not like the cookie jar out of reach on the high shelf; it is the everyday diet God has for His followers. So, for the sake of God's mercy, you ought to be sanctified!

The Blessed Olive Trees!

By Norman C. Schlichter*

I never shall forget my first sight of olive trees, those which line the shores of Lake Como, one of Italy's major natural glories. Instantly Sidney Lanier's line, "The olives, they were not blind to Him," always in the front of my memory, took on a new meaning. Its tenderness and reverence gave the trees a solemn aspect.

As I noticed how thick the leaves were, how they overlapped and intertwined, how dense their shade, how perfect their spiritual refuge, I could almost hear Jesus saying, as He surely must have said many times to himself, "Blessed are the olive trees. They comfort Me."

Certainly Lanier had this same idea or we never should have had his deathless lines in one of the greatest of all our poems of the Easter time. I quote the first of its two stanzas:

*Into the woods my Master went,
Clean forspent, forspent.
Into the woods my Master came,
Forspent with love and shame.
But the olives, they were not blind to Him;
The little gray leaves were kind to Him;
The thorn-tree had a mind to Him
When into the woods He came.*

The connection of Jesus with Mount Olivet, named for the abundance of the olive growth on the low ranges of which it is a part, must also have played a part in Lanier's inspiration.

What sacredness must have clustered about those sheltering olives for our Master as He regained His physical strength and poise in their solitude! How those trees must have swept His thoughts back to the long-ago days of God's children!

The dove that Noah waited for so anxiously came back to the ark, gracefully bearing an olive leaf as a glad sign. After their years in the wilderness, when the children of Israel entered Canaan, there were olive trees to greet them, already laden with fruit. It was the oil of the olive that gave light for the Tabernacle. This oil was also used for the sacred anointing and for healing. It was olive branches that were used in constructing the booths for the Feast of Tabernacles. The hard wood of the tree trunks was selected for the doors in Solomon's temple. What a joy it was to the Hebrew families as an article of food, the juicy olive! I wish we knew, though, how they discovered a way of making it edible.

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So runs the story of the place of the olive in Christian history.

The constant green and silver of the leaves of the olive (for they remain on the trees through the year) is a perpetual reminder of the endless life which the Resurrection symbolizes. Then, too, their continual bearing of fruit after the seventh year, on and on, for more than a thousand years (they are known frequently to attain two thousand years of age) symbolizes the fruition of love in Christian hearts, those who try to show through their own lives something of the incomparable love that is at the heart of the Resurrection.

An American species of the olive grows, among other places, in southern California, halfway between Hollywood and Los Angeles. There a rounded hill covered with olive trees has been given the name "Mount of Olives." To many who pass it by or visit it, this later Mount Olivet brings reverent thoughts of that other one that Jesus loved.

You know the need; your heart is burning to do more. You want to go the limit in this great cause. The Easter Offering on Sunday, March 25, gives us an opportunity to work together and come through victorious.

While I Am on My Knees—

I learn from God that complete devotion to His will is the door through which I enter into a Christlike spirit. It is not wresting the Scriptures to fit my case; it is not analyzing my deeds to prove them parallel to Holy Writ; it is not an anxious search in the life of Jesus for some incident to establish my likeness to Him.

No, it is in that moment of complete devotion to Him and His leadings that my soul is characterized by the true spirit of Christ. I must get beyond self to be completely Christlike, and getting beyond self takes me beyond all that affects myself. I must get beyond personal likes and dislikes; I must get beyond friends and foes: I must get beyond the present situation—I must become a completely devoted, fully surrendered person to Christ.

Then comes the Christlike spirit and the Christlike attitude. And I find that as I thus imbibe His spirit, it always finds expression through my life. And the consequent corollary is that I always see situations and people and needs in an entirely different light—*The Light*. For being Christlike lets me see others as He sees them as the Light of the World.

Holy Father, to this noble end of seeing people and situations and needs in the True Light, keep me often on my knees. Amen!—PAUL HOORNSTRA, pastor at Howell, Michigan.

"TWICE-WARMED!"

By John E. Riley*

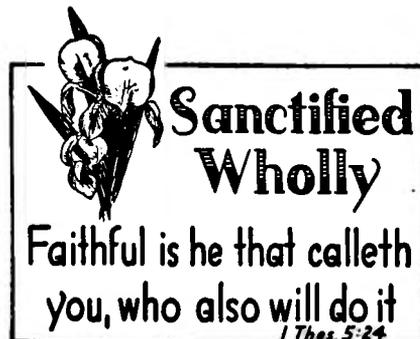
THE "Downeasters" have an expression, "He who cuts his own wood is twice warmed." It is an expression that means very little to city people, but a great deal to those who have swung a double-bitted ax on a frosty morning, have stood in knee-deep snow to pull on a crosscut saw, or have with aching muscles wrestled with a bucksaw—and later have relaxed by the stove or fireplace when the icy winds howled outside.

He who gives to the cause of world-wide missions is twice blessed. He is blessed, as he gives, in the objective good done in fulfilling the Master's will in getting the gospel out and around the world. But he is also blessed in the wholesome, radiant, spiritual stimulus in his own life. The man who gives to missions is stimulated intellectually, is enriched culturally, is uplifted emotionally, is strengthened morally—all things being equal, is a better, happier man physically, mentally, spiritually because he gives to missions. Missions captivates the imagination and quickens the whole man.

All this is true of local churches as well. The church that opens its heart for missions will not only be a blessing out there objectively, but also will be blessed beyond measure within. The church of which I am pastor, during several years of very heavy burden in church construction, nevertheless has increased its missionary giving so that, save for one year, we have given more than 10 per cent for general interests. During this time of really remarkable giving for a congregation like ours, the church has grown by leaps and bounds in every way. And all of us believe that our church will be alive and blessed in the tomorrows in direct proportion to a missionary program that challenges imagination and pocketbook and heart.

A great, world-wide, "from-the-bottom-of-the-heart" Easter offering will be an indescribable boon to the whole church. We will be "twice blessed" as we give!

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Little Things to Think About:

By Viola E. Hodge*

After the Revival!

THE revival meeting is over and the evangelist gone but, thanks be to God, the Lord is still here! The precious Holy Spirit, through whom the "signs and wonders," the blessings, and miracles of transformation have been wrought, is still in our midst. He is here to stay! The glory which has been with us during these past days God wants to remain, and it will as long as we are obedient to Him. He wants to continue to show His mighty power on our behalf, and will while we keep the heavens open in answer to believing prayer and steadfastly walk in all the light He sheds on our pathway. He wants to do more for us than we are able to imagine; let us not limit the Holy Spirit, but open up every channel of our lives for His free working.

It would amaze everyone what God could and would do through a group of Spirit-filled believers if they would step out on His promises and attempt great things for Him. Indeed, the spiritual life of the believer is largely determined by the use to which he puts his new-found faith and freedom in the Lord. James says, "Faith without works is dead," and God has work for every child of His to do. God is pleased when we attempt great things in His name, and He never fails to bless our efforts, however weak or faltering they may be.

Someone has said, "No convert is too recent or too uninstructed to bring others to Christ. Convinced in his own heart that Jesus is his Saviour, he can, with Philip, at least echo our Lord's own

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Be Still and Know

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*The waves were beating but the Master slept
While His disciples watched the loose sails fill
With unspent wind, as savage tempest swept
The tossing lake, and darkened skies grew chill.
Then Jesus woke and bade the storm to cease;
The screaming gale was stilled and, soft and low,
The breeze sang summer's song, and sunshine's
peace
Warmed air and water with its lucent glow.*

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*How often sudden storms beset the soul,
While wordless terror shakes the frightened
heart!
Remember, then, God cares when billows roll.
Be sure, your loving Captain has a chart!
Be still and know the sun will shine again,
And sunlight is the sweeter after rain!*

words and say, "Come and see." And always, we have the promise of the Father that He will do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"—the power of the Holy Spirit in the heart of a believer.

We dare not—nay, we will not fail! Easter Offering, Sunday, March 25.

HOLINESS:

The Climax of Salvation's Plan

By Charles A. Brown*

Part Two

THE Apostle Paul says: "Knowing this, that our old man [the self life, the carnal nature] is crucified with him, that the body of sin [the root, that out of which all transgression grows] might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Rom. 6:6-7). And again, "I beseech you therefore, brethren [saved individuals, for brethren will not apply to sinners], by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5:1-2).

In Second Corinthians, after setting forth the fallacy of Christians mixing with the world (chapter 6), Paul exhorts, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Cor. 7:1).

Now let us take a look at First Thessalonians. In the first chapter we have as perfect a picture of a class of genuinely saved individuals as one would want to find, "in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 1); "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God" (v. 4); "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope" (v. 3); "... our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost . . . (v. 5); "... having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost" (v. 6). And note the example to others: "... from you sounded out the word of the Lord . . . how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living

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and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven" (vv. 8-10).

All this, and yet Paul repeatedly urged them on to sanctification, to holiness, to a second work of grace (note chapter 3). "... to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith" (v. 2); "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (vv. 12-13).

Then note chapter four: "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" (v. 3). And in closing the letter, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [not after He comes, but in this life until He comes or takes you in death]. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (5:23-24).

Also we read, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it . . . That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27).

In Hebrews: "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren" (2:11); "Therefore leaving the principles [the foundation—repentance, etc.] of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God" (6:1); "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (7:25); "Follow peace with all men, and holiness [marg., the sanctification], without which no man shall see the Lord" (12:14). And again, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach" (13:12-13).

In Titus we read: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (2:12-14).

May I close by reading with you I John 1:7-10, reading it in reverse: "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins . . . If we say that we have no sin [no sin principle, no depravity, no

root of sin], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." But if we acknowledge our depravity, He will "cleanse us from all unrighteousness." "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another [with our born-again fellow men, and with Christ], and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth [continues to cleanse us, and constantly cleanses as we walk in the light] us from all sin" (vv. 6-7).

Oh, why are men so blind as not to see, and appreciate, and proclaim this blessed Blood-bought heritage!



The Spirit itself
beareth witness
with our spirit,
that we are
the children
of God. Rom. 8:16

"There Make Ready"

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Peter and John obeyed His call
And in that upper room
There made ready for the feast,
The prelude of the tomb.*

*Today His call to us is clear.
In the upper room of the heart,
"There make ready," He commands,
To play the solemn part*

*Of sitting at His holy board,
And eating to His praise,
And drinking in remembrance of
His lonely, suffering days;*

*His suffering days endured for us;
For our salvation sure.
"There make ready." Cleanse the heart.
For Him it must be pure.*

Sentences on Stewardship:

Ah, what false balances are those which will make corruptible silver outweigh an incorruptible Saviour!

Give me that friend who lives for ever, and that wealth which lasts for ever.

The faster you grasp the world in your hands, the sooner it slides between your fingers.

He is not a poor man that hath but little, but he is a poor man that wants much.

A covetous man is fretful because he has not so much as he desires; but a gracious man is thankful because he has more than he deserves.

A penny comes with more difficulty out of a bag that is pressing full than a shilling out of a purse that is half empty.

Our work below is the best done when our work above is the first done. He who has most of heaven in his heart has not always the least of earth in his hand.

A man's estate in this world may be great, and yet his state for another world may be fearful.

Ignorant worldlings look upon gain as their greatest godliness, and not on godliness as their greatest gain.

A heart without a gift is better than a gift without a heart.

—Selected from the writings (1815) of William Secker, by EARL C. WOLF, pastor, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

"Now is Christ risen from the dead"—I Cor. 15:20. Now is the time to give. Easter Offering, March 25.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Furlough

Rev. and Mrs. Lester Johnston of Argentina arrived in the States for their first furlough on February 4.

In Korea

I just received a letter from Brother Kwak, who is the one appointed to look after the work while I am away. This letter was written while the United Nations Army was still in the north of Korea, December 2. (Conditions today are very different from what they were at that date.) He said, "Most of our workers are still alive. Three of the five churches in Seoul are still standing. Two were destroyed."—ROBERT CHUNG, Korea.

"Now I Have Peace"

One day a man brought in his son who had been badly burned, and so he had his bed on the veranda beside a Christian man (for inside are all women and children). Each day for about two weeks the boy's dressings were done, his medicine given, and his burn healed. Father and son went home. Some months after that Rev. Bhujbal was holding evangelistic meetings in that village. The father came to him and said, "Now I have that peace in my heart." Then he went on to tell that while he was at the hospital he watched and listened to the Christian man in the next bed, and that he had listened to the stories and prayers of the Bible woman until he became hungry. He knew that they had something he did not possess.

But now he had found that peace. When Rev. Bhujbal told us, we praised the Lord and asked God to lead that man and his family on until they leave all to follow Him.—HOSPITAL STAFF, India.

Prayer and Fasting

God is helping us to win souls! We recently concluded a week's revival campaign in Havana. There were twenty-nine different seekers at the altar, and we received eleven members into the church. Our work in the hills of western Cuba is prospering too. The pastor reports fourteen seekers. Recently I took in a class of new members there and baptized seven in an inspirational riverside service. At Mantilla a young man has been won to God and called to preach. At Madruga a convert has opened his home to us, so that we may make an advantageous move for the mission. John and Patricia Hall, our fellow missionaries, report several new converts at San Antonio de las Vegas. The Halls have recently opened a mission in their home in the community called Parcelacion Moderna, where we appear to have an excellent opportunity. The Halls are working hard and gaining a following there, and their work at Calvario is progressing with new converts and new members. From it have come two new students for our Bible school.

We have presented the Prayer and Fasting League, and it is meeting

with good success. Funds raised will be dedicated to opening a new mission in some unevangelized community. Our national workers and missionaries are devoting each night of full moon to prayer. Individual missions are forming building funds for chapel construction and are giving better for their local expenses. With the increase of praying, giving, church building, and soul winning, we can see an ever brighter day for our holiness work in Cuba.—LYLE AND GRACE PRESCOTT, Cuba.

Second Generation

At the end of this year we will have completed seventeen years of being missionaries in Africa. It doesn't seem possible, but when boys and girls (now men and women) who were children in schools where we were taught years ago come to us to show off their families of good-sized children, we have to admit that years have gone by. How it thrills us when we go about among our people and here and there see preachers, teachers, nurses, and good laymen who were children in our schoolrooms a few years ago! We remember the hours we spent at altars with some of them, helping them to fight their way through heathen darkness; and the long battles with heathen parents coming again and again, trying to take their girls away from us, to sell them to heathen men and a life of shame and slavery. We are sure that some of these very ordinary looking people are going to be very bright gems in His crown one day, because they certainly have come and are coming up through great trials and tribulations.—CARL AND VELMA MISCHKE, Africa.

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

NEW CHURCHES

SUPERINTENDENT Weaver W. Hess has organized three new churches on the Oregon Pacific District, making nine for the quadrennium. The Ardenwald Nazarene Mission Church was organized last summer in the southeast part of Portland. It is the outgrowth of an independent work and was sponsored by the Moreland Church in Portland. Rev. Karl E. Remick is pastor. In December they averaged sixty-five in Sunday school.

A church was organized at Stayton, in the center of a rich farming area, as the result of a planned program of the district home missions board. Shortly after a house and lot was purchased, several Nazarene families were located in the area. The house was remodeled for parsonage and chapel, and services started last fall. Rev. Waason McClain has been supplying as pastor. The Men's Fellowship of Salem First Church has helped much in the starting of this church, which is about twenty miles from Salem.

In December the Keizer church was organized a few miles from Salem in a fine rural residential section, through the home missionary activity of the pastor and members of Salem First Church. Lots were donated and a cement block building erected—the first unit of the church plant, which includes temporary parsonage. There were thirty charter members, and Rev. J. L. Van Arsdel is the pastor. Salem First Church furnished the membership nucleus and put over \$1,000 into this project, as well as many days of donated labor. The new church has raised \$2,500 for its building project, and the district has furnished the same amount.

Three more churches have been organized by Superintendent W. E. Albea on the Western Ohio District, for a total of thirteen this quadrennium. The first was at Deshler in Henry County in December. Another was organized at Brookville in Montgomery County. Rev. Mrs. Mary S. Wickline is the pastor. They have purchased a lot and plan to build soon. The third was organized at Lebanon on January 14 with fifteen charter members. They are worshipping temporarily in a rented hall. This church is the result of the efforts of the district N.Y.P.S.

PASTORS, NOTE:

Each year March is designated as Home Missions Month. Next week's **HERALD OF HOLINESS** will especially feature home missions. It would be fine if you would call attention to this issue in your announcements. We have some suggested outlines for messages on home missions which are available upon request to the Department.

Visitation Evangelism

The following quotation is from the *Pastor's Bulletin* of the South African District (Rev. Charles H. Strickland, superintendent): "Ds. Chris. D. Botha and our Williams Memorial Church are to be congratulated this month for the enrollment of forty-two new students in the Sunday school. This is an outstanding achievement and brings their total Sunday-school enrollment to ninety-nine. Asked how this great increase in Sunday-school enrollment came about, Ds. Botha replied: 'We have been doing a lot of house-to-house visitation. Many new families

are moving in the homes near the church. As soon as a new family moves in, we go and see them about the Sunday school.' There is really no substitute for the personal method of inviting and urging people by a personal invitation to our church and to our Sunday school. It requires hard work, but it pays big dividends when we consider the worth of the souls we win for Jesus."

Dr. A. S. London reports: "Pastor Zimmerman of First Church, Hammond, Indiana, had his workers visit in 500 homes around his church. Out of this number, 120 families were not going to church anywhere. He has new people in his church every Sunday as the result of this visitation."

On the Church Schools page of the *Ink-Links*, district paper for the New York District, District Chairman Curtis D. Withrow lists the churches that have an organized visitation program in operation. In the January issue, ten churches are listed, with three others planning to get under way soon. We hope that soon at least 50 per cent of the churches of the district will have organized visitation. Other districts may well adopt this plan of the New York District.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. On page 17 of the September 11 issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**, I notice that the Church of the Nazarene is "a part of the first fifty years of this century" (founded in 1908). How then can it be the church we read about in the New Testament? Were the churches at Rome, Corinth, etc. Churches of the Nazarene as we know them today?

A. The Church of the Nazarene as an organized body did not exist in New Testament times. The churches at Rome and Corinth, and other New Testament churches, were not Nazarene churches; neither were they Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, or Roman Catholic churches. They were not a part of any denomination which exists today. There were no denominations, as such, then. Each church was local and independent. Anyone who disputes this is uninformed as to the facts of church history.

On the other hand, I believe that the Church of the Nazarene is nearest in spirit to the New Testament churches. In saying this, I do not mean to re-

flect on any other denomination. There are Christian people in all present-day Christian denominations, but none of these denominations existed in New Testament times, and none of the others—according to my thinking—come as near the spirit of the New Testament churches as the Church of the Nazarene does. If I believed that any of the other denominations surpassed the Church of the Nazarene in this respect, I would join it.

Q. Where in the Bible do we find a command for one to pray in order to become a Christian?

A. The Bible nowhere teaches that we can get saving grace from God without asking for it. God does not save a person who has no desire to be saved. He does not force salvation upon a person. Prayer is desire expressed or unexpressed. In fact, one thinker has defined prayer as "spiritual pressure against God through Christ." This means that a person must pray in order to be saved. The root meaning of most Greek words

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Facing Our Fortieth Year!

WITH the Issue of March 12, the fortieth year of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** begins. God has greatly blessed our church paper across the years. The men—Drs. B. F. Haynes, J. B. Chapman, H. O. Wiley, and D. Shelby Corlett—who guided the work of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** in the past achieved so well that only the special help of God can make me in any sense adequate for the task at hand. I earnestly covet the continued prayers of the members of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** family.

To the leaders of the Church of the Nazarene, general superintendents, general officers, district superintendents, pastors, evangelists, and laymen I extend my heartfelt thanks. You have stood by me since I have been in this office in a wonderful way, and I believe that you will continue to do so. Along with your prayers, which I want above everything else, please keep sending in your suggestions and criticisms.

Beginning with March 12, there will be a servicemen's column conducted by Dr. L. J. Du Bois; and I am sure that it will be of special interest to our people. Further, in that issue a short serial, "It Was His Love," will begin. It is a true story, a testimony, of how a backslider was brought back to God. It will thrill you as you read it. Why not send in \$1.25 and have the paper sent to some backslider or sinner for a year? Do it now and tell us to start the subscription with March 12, when this serial begins.

During this new year I expect to write a series of editorials on certain false teachings which are deceiving the people today. I am constantly receiving questions about them and will take this means of answering them. You will not want to miss one of these editorials. You can pass them on to your friends who are disturbed by these heresies. In addition, there will be the front-page articles by our general superintendents, many excellent articles by writers from every part of our church, special numbers on Home Missions and Evangelism, Easter, Divine Healing, Evangelists and Evangelism, Mother's Day, Temperance, Camp Meetings, Prayer, etc. You will not want to miss a single issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** during the coming year. Be sure to renew your own subscription and also send the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** to some relative or friend.

For Whom Did Jesus Pray?

JOHAN 17 gives us Jesus' intercessory prayer. In the first five verses He was praying for himself. Verses 6-19 record His petitions for those who were His disciples then. The remainder of the chapter is devoted to His prayer for all future disciples. I am especially interested now in the second section—verses 6-19. For whom did Jesus pray here? For those who were His disciples

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then, as I have already stated. There is plenty of proof for this fact in these verses.

These men that Christ was praying for had been given to Him out of the world by the Father (v. 6). They had received the words which the Father had given to Jesus, and they had known surely that Jesus had come out from the Father and had been sent by the Father (v. 8). Only disciples could be spoken of thus. Then Jesus definitely said that He prayed not for the world, but for those who had been given to Him by the Father (v. 9). In verses 11 and 12, Jesus referred to those who had been given to Him by the Father, and declared that only one of them had been lost—Judas, the son of perdition. This is followed by two more very clear affirmations of their status as disciples. They are found in verses 14 and 16, which read as follows: "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world . . . They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." And, finally, Jesus declared that He had sent them into the world as the Father had sent Him. He certainly would not have made such a statement as this about those who were unsaved. At least eight times in these verses Jesus let us know in unmistakable words that He was praying for disciples—Christians, and not sinners. Next week I shall discuss what Jesus prayed for as to these disciples.

The Business of John the Baptist

THE business of John the Baptist was not baptizing; it was witnessing. He was a man sent from God (John 1:6), and his task was to testify of the Christ. This was his vocation, or calling, the special work which God sent him to do.

THERE was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light" (John 1:6-8). Three times

in the last two verses the calling of John is set forth as that of witnessing.

"John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me" (John 1:15). Here, again, John is described as witnessing to the Christ.

IN John 1:19-28, John the Baptist is really put on the witness stand. His questioners were Jews—priests and Levites—and they asked John who he was. John confessed that he was

John Is Questioned

neither the Christ nor Elijah. "Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias" (vv. 22-23). John was only the voice of one crying in the wilderness, a herald of the coming King. All that he was had been consumed by the performance of this task.

Next John was questioned as to his baptizing, and he related this work to Christ, who was preferred before him. Everything that he did pointed to the Christ. His whole time and attention were taken up with witnessing to the lowly Nazarene.

The true Christian's heart is rejoiced as he reads John 1:29-34. In these verses John the Baptist's words ring forth the messiahship and deity of Jesus Christ. Once again he witnesses with glorious certainty. In the first verse of this passage John says: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," and in the last one he declares: "And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God." Between these verses he tells of the Spirit descending upon Christ at His baptism as a sign of the fact that it was He who was to baptize with the Holy Ghost.

THE record of John's witnessing in the first chapter ends with these words: "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold

the Lamb of God" (John 1:36). With these

words John started a spiritual chain reaction—"And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus" (John 1:37). And, "One of the

two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother" (John 1:40). Then Andrew brought Peter to Christ. Next Philip, who was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter, became a follower of Christ. He was, no doubt, influenced by Andrew and Peter. And the chain reaction did not stop with Philip, for he went out and brought in the guileless Nathanael, who said finally: "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49). Truly, this was a wonderful spiritual chain reaction which started with the witness of John the Baptist.

Our business in the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls is to witness for Christ, thus starting spiritual chain reactions. In this way personal evangelism will be promoted, and souls will be brought into the kingdom of God.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!

IN the issue of February 5, I congratulated the South Dakota, Central Ohio, and Albany districts as the winners in the HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns for 1949. Each was a leader in one of the three zones. Now I have the privilege of congratulating these three districts again. They were also the winners in 1950. The campaign managers and superintendents were as follows: South Dakota—Elwood Tame and William H. Deitz; Central Ohio—William O. Blue and Harvey S. Galloway; and Albany—Merwyn D. Gray and Renard D. Smith. We appreciate the work of these men and their districts. It should also be added that these districts went far beyond their quotas of two-thirds of their memberships. They have made an enviable record for themselves.

Eight Districts on the Honor Roll

THE work of our districts for the HERALD OF HOLINESS is appreciated very much. Our district leaders and their people are standing by the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and I believe that more of them will reach their quotas during 1951. The eight districts which reached their quotas during 1950, along with their superintendents, N.Y.P.S. presidents, and campaign managers, are as follows: Albany—Renard D. Smith, A. B. Sampson, and Merwyn D. Gray; Central Ohio—Harvey S. Galloway, William O. Blue; North Dakota—Harry F. Taplin, A. E. Gerdes; Oregon Pacific—Weaver W. Hess, Lawrence H. Bone, Robert Hempel; Pittsburgh—R. F. Heinlein, R. Beverly Acheson; South Dakota—William H. Deitz, E. A. Kincaid, Ellwood R. Tame; Virginia—V. W. Littrell, John Compton; and Western Ohio—W. E. Albea, Walter E. Vastbinder, Edward S. Barton. As editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS, I personally thank these leaders and their districts for reaching or going beyond their quotas of two-thirds of their memberships. They have wrought well and have won a place on our roll of honor. I also thank the

many individual churches on these and other districts which have reached their goals by securing subscriptions to the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** equal to or more than two-thirds of their memberships.

Their names have been or will be mentioned in the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** column on page 2, which is presented each week by Thaine F. Sanford, sales promotion manager.

The Question Box

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which are translated "pray" in the New Testament is ask or beseech. Jesus' own words substantiate this position—"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11:9-10). We know that this applies to a crisis experience as well as to obtaining other spiritual blessings; for Jesus concludes this paragraph with these words: "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13).

Q. What is repentance?

A. Sam Jones, the great Southern evangelist of the early part of this century, used to say that repentance meant quitting your meanness. Others have said that it means to face right about, or change of mind and heart. Again, it has been said that repentance is the turning of the mind and the will away from self and the world, in response to the prophetic voice, to God. He who repents forsakes his old life of sin as a result of a godly sorrow for the same. Paul gives us this truth in II Corinthians 7:9-10, which reads thus: "Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

It may be that in the preceding question, where it is asked if the Bible anywhere commands that we pray in order to be saved, the writer is thinking about continued or persistent praying. If this be the case, then that question is related to the one on repentance. A person in seeking to be saved may mourn over his sins, since he feels so much the awfulness of his sins and the fact that he is wholly unworthy of being saved. Or it may be that he has to seek a long time to be saved because he finds it difficult to forsake his sins. We cannot get saved without praying, but the need for praying a long time is on our side, and not on God's.

Religious News and Comments

Edited by *Delbert R. Gish*

THE Vatican decree forbidding priests of the Roman Catholic Church to join Rotary Clubs has been a puzzle to many members of that church. One Chicago priest has been a member of Rotary for forty years, according to Rotary officials there. Rotary is only a civic organization, not secret, not antagonistic to religion, and devoted to good works and fellowship. A Roman Catholic president of Rotary is not unheard of, for the present international head of Rotary is Arthur La Geux, of Quebec, Canada, a Catholic. Perhaps the Vatican does not understand the real nature of Rotary; or perhaps, as one commentator suggests, it fears the influences for toleration and freedom which such service clubs may exercise upon its clergymen.

At present conscientious objectors are being deferred, but it seems likely that the time will soon come when such men may have to be called. When they are, the Civilian Public Service Camps will be reopened. According to Mr. Curry, who worked with the C.P.S. from 1942-45, more than twelve thousand names are in the files of the C.P.S. with the number rapidly increasing. Some of these would be exempt from draft by reason of dependency or agricultural deferment.

After the broadcast on the "Town Meeting of the Air" of the discussion by Evangelist Billy Graham, Dr. Ralph Sockman, and others, the program managers received a record number

of unsolicited letters and responses. The subject discussed was "Do We Need the Old-Time Religion?" Sixteen thousand communications were sent in.

On February 1, 1951, Dr. Daniel Marsh of Boston University retired from the presidency of that institution. He was the fifth since its founding, and had served twenty-five years. His successor is forty-eight-year-old Dr. Harold C. Case, who was called from his pastorate of the First Methodist Church at Pasadena, California. Many Nazarene young people have pursued both graduate studies and specialized courses at Boston University, which has now reached an enrollment of over thirty thousand students.

President W. W. Wachtel, of the Calvert Distillers Corporation, has called upon the prohibitionist minority in the United States "to cease their harassing tactics and underhand attacks on the legalized beverage industry, the largest single tax-paying industry in the United States," now that a national emergency has been declared. He wants the dry forces to concentrate on bootleg and moonshine and leave legal liquor strictly alone. "Whatever influence this harassing, vocal minority possesses would be better used in seeking national unity," says the doughty liquor man.

Apparently he wants us to think that all the evils of alcohol consumption, the drinking drivers and the crimes due to alcohol, can be traced to moonshine. The idea itself is that, pure moonshine. He says, "The American people intend to drink, law or no law." He must certainly also be aware that there is a rising tide of public sentiment against his product, and that, God helping us, we are going to try to get him into a better business.

A new Christian day school has been opened at Germantown, Pennsylvania. Seven grades are offered. Eight churches have banded together to begin and support the project.

EPITAPHS

By **Clarence E. Flynn**

*We need not write fine sentiments
Of honor and of glory,
To carve upon our monuments
And tell the world our story.*

*Those who might see such paragraphs
Hardly a glance would give them.
The world will write our epitaphs.
Our business is to live them.*

And thou shalt be to him instead of God (Exodus 4:16b).

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

WITH the children's expenses piling up and doctor's bills, it is getting harder to pay your tithe, isn't it? The youngsters have been pretty hard on the davenport, so you could (?) take your tithe for this month and next and buy a fairly good new one.

Ten years ago a young man was engaged in a terrible struggle with the devil. He wanted to be saved, but he knew that if he accepted Christ it would take all there was of him—his present and future life—to satisfy the strong call of God. Finally, worn with weeping, he fell at the Saviour's feet and gave in. He took a summer job and in the fall entered medical school. For seven years, he spent every minute training for life as a medical missionary.

He passed up all the girls who were not dedicated to the will of God, and married a trained nurse who felt the same call to mission service. He told his church that the course of his life was set for the field, and for seven long years he trained body and soul for the supreme gift of himself.

His family and friends helped him, and looked forward with confidence to the time when they could further sacrifice to send help to him on the field. But when he was all ready, the church had to tell him with sorrow that there was no money for new missionaries this year. Stunned, he took a position with a secular group, and is there now, waiting!

There is a young lad in Africa who felt the same call. He was unusually promising material, and the missionaries were ready to put him into the mission school when it was suddenly discovered that he was not well. The illness was not hopeless, but trained medical help would be necessary in order to heal him. He had to be passed up for physically strong young boys, as money was too scarce to train someone who might never be able to preach. The field had been promised a medical missionary just as soon as there were funds to send one.

Jesus is looking at your tithe (and offerings). He does not see money, nor a davenport; He sees heartsick young people waiting to go to the mission field for Him. He sees fields white unto harvest, without reapers!

—SISTER PHEBE.

We Will Rejoice and Be Glad Oklahoma Dwellers—

There is no such thing as a commonplace day! Every day we awaken we may say with David, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." And not, "Another day to live through. I have too much to do, but if only I can somehow get through to the end."

Have you ever stopped to realize that each day, even though it be cold, rainy, or stormy, was made by our Lord? Each day is as individual as is each person living in the world, and so every day should be carefully accepted and carefully lived. No one denies that individuals may and do waste their lives, talents, and gifts given them by the Lord. But we all may be guilty of wasting a day "which the Lord hath made" by not rejoicing in it.

David realized that, although there was war going on about him, there were fears within and fears without, he as well as his people should remember that the day in which he was living was a day especially made and especially ordered by his Lord.

Today there is war all about us. At almost any time if we allow ourselves to dwell upon the dark side of life, we could become panicky with fear—fear of what scientists can concoct and already have. But David said, "We will rejoice and be glad," in spite of darkness and fear and uncertainty.

While in a sense we must and do have concern over the outcome of the world and of those about us, yet as we accept each day of life we should take time out to rejoice in it and to be glad.

Today we feel a touch of spring in the air. It is not difficult for me to rejoice, for the Lord made a beautiful day. But He made yesterday and the day before and all those cold days as well. In every day I can be glad. I can be glad I have the opportunity to live. I can be glad and rejoice that my brother and neighbor are well and strong in body. I can rejoice in the glorious opportunity I have to tell others about my Lord. I can rejoice that I have work to do. I can be glad for another chance to do good.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made"—let us all "rejoice and be glad in it."

A revival begins when a Christian helps someone else into the Kingdom.

"I Was Never Poor!"

How can one really be poor if he has life, a family, the sun, moon, stars, fresh air, and our great God to worship?

One year while I was attending the grade school in Bethany, I had but two dresses. One was made of brown wool while the other was made of gingham. After I once started wearing that wool dress, Mother would not let me change, for she was afraid I would catch cold by changing from a heavy dress to a light one. So it wasn't many weeks after cold weather set in before it began to look as if I had but one dress.

Now, I had a school chum who did have only one dress, and that was a red plaid, wool one. She wore it every day. One day when she was visiting me after school, she said, "I was talking to Daddy and Mother the other day, and they said that you and I were about the poorest girls in school. You have that brown dress and I have this red dress. We have to wear the same dresses every day."

I remember looking at her in astonishment.

"Me, poor?" I asked myself quietly. Why, I wasn't poor and never had been in all my life. I had a house to live in, a dress to wear, a wonderful school to attend, friends galore, and books to read—all I wanted. I had woods to roam through, water to wade in, snow to fight with, grass to play on, and food to eat! What more could I want? Poor, me poor?

After that first moment of astonishment passed, I shrugged my shoulder and then turned to my friend and said, "Pooh, I'm not poor!"

My friend caught my spirit of riches right away and started backing out, "Oh, I know, but I mean just our dresses!"

I have thought a lot about that since that day. There have been times when I had no money. I remember one time when I had only two cans of corn for my week's supply of food. Lots of time I have worried about "getting by" financially, but never have ever felt poor.

You see, boys and girls, when you have a Heavenly Father who owns the whole earth and all there is in it, you can't be poor. He will give you what you need if you ask Him. Then,

"If men seek the kingdom of God within them, in the exercises of faith and right dispositions, instead of outward ceremonies and practices, they will not fail to find it."—MADAME GUYON.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

too, He knows what you need even before you tell Him. How could I ever be poor when I have such a rich Father? No, don't you ever think of yourself as poor—that is, if you have God as your Saviour! You are rich now and evermore will be. The cattle on a thousand hills are the Lord's—your Father's.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalms 121: 1-2).

Meridian, Mississippi—The Oakland Heights Church has a new floor and wall boarding, Sunday-school classrooms refinished, and the general appearance improved. The work is moving forward under the leadership of Pastor C. E. Lewis.—Wm. P. Calmes, Reporter.

Masontown, West Virginia—Recently we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Clyde B. Rodgers. The building was filled to overflowing almost every night; and Brother Rodgers' messages in picture, sermon, and song were used of God in a mighty way, with souls finding definite help at the altar of prayer. New members are being added to the church.—H. Doyle Smith, Pastor.

New Castle, Indiana—Southside Church has had an outstanding revival with Evangelist Loy Snow and Singer Robert E. Conley as the special workers. Large crowds attended almost every service, and there were fifty-eight seekers at the altar; some were saved for the first time, a few renewed their faith, and some were sanctified wholly. Every department of the church is prospering financially and spiritually. We are serving in our fourth year with this church. If you have friends in or near New Castle, write me at Box 344.—O. W. Sciscoe, Pastor.

Angola, Indiana—Recently we closed a very good revival with Evangelist H. W. Cornelius and wife as the special workers. The Spirit-filled messages of Brother Cornelius, together with the good music and singing of Sister Cornelius, were used of God to bring conviction to the unsaved and a realization of need to the unsanctified. Thirty-four seekers sought God at the altar, most of whom were young people. On the closing Sunday morning, in our Sunday-school rally, we broke all previous records with an attendance of 133. Brother and Sister Cornelius were given a call to return. On Sunday prior to the revival, we had our first service in the new church building erected on the basement which had served as a place of worship for several years. The fine superstructure, which is conducive to worship, came about by the prayers and sacrificial labor of the good folk of the church and their friends. On the first Sunday evening God came on the scene, and without any preaching several sought special help from God at the altar; God met their needs.—H. W. Spencer, Pastor.

Evangelist Langley Gullett reports: "The Lord blessed greatly in our Youth Week revival at First Church, Coshoc-ton, Ohio. There were around eighty seekers at the altar, with definite victories. We enjoyed working with pastor and Mrs. Zimmerman and their fine people. I have open dates, July 3 to 15, and September 4 to 16. Write me, 2104 Broadway, Catlettsburg, Kentucky."

Los Angeles, California—Glasel Park Church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Fred W. Fetters. Much good was done with the church blessed and helped, and a considerable number of new folks were at the altar of prayer. Brother Fetters played several instruments for us and read some good poems. We like Brother Fetters because he preaches much on holiness, and with convincing unction.—Ellwood W. Munger, Pastor.

Bradleyville, Missouri—Our church has had a splendid five-day meeting with some of our young men from Bethany-Peniel College as the special workers. They were Hubert and Len Steele, Max Green, Robert Williams, and Andrew Cope. These young men know how to sing, preach, and carry a burden for souls. Five souls prayed through to victory at the altar for regeneration or reclamation. Our church is going forward under the leadership of Pastor Lester Easley and wife. We have a fine group of young people who are interested in the Lord's work.—Virgil Murray, Reporter.

Elkton, Kentucky—When we came to pastor this church in August of 1948, we moved into an apartment in the basement of the church, because there was no parsonage. With \$500 in the building fund, and no lot, we began to work and pray; in nine months God has helped us to build a \$12,000 electrically-heated, seven-room parsonage, with full basement, and a debt of only \$3,200. When we came the Sunday school was averaging 59; now the average is 105 for the year. At the beginning of this year, our church board voted to give 10 per cent for missions. We have installed a forced-air furnace in the church and remodeled the platform, all of which amounted to about \$1,000. Recently we closed a six-day revival meeting with Miss Naomi Meadows as evangelist, and Miss Eleanore Reasoner as singer and children's worker. These young ladies are among the best. Miss Meadows is a powerful preacher and has a tender spirit, and Miss Reasoner is a fine singer and children's worker. In spite of sub-zero weather the people came, God wonderfully blessed, and there were seekers and happy finders. We are serving in the second year of a three-year call.—R. L. Granger, Pastor.

God Is Reasonable

AFTER reading a statement in the Sunday-school literature of another organization, I am doubly glad to be a member of the Church of the Nazarene. The thought of the sentence is well taken and would be constructive instead of destructive in its worth if just one word were omitted. This is the sentence: "The main function of the impossible ethic [of the Sermon on the Mount] is to drive us away from ourselves to God."

Yes, the moral and ethical life that God expects us to live is a life that envelops the highest standards in every area of life, and the very scope of God's expectations of a Christian should make us rely on God's power. Yet to say that Jesus has an impossible standard of ethics is to make Him an unfair God and an unjust God, One who does not have the dynamic power to give to His followers that which was promised by Christ.

I thank God He has led me into a church that preaches full salvation; and that He has led me to that experience of the infilling of the Holy Spirit whereby self is vanished and God's power hath made "all things possible."—D. R. DAVIS, *Raymore, Missouri*.

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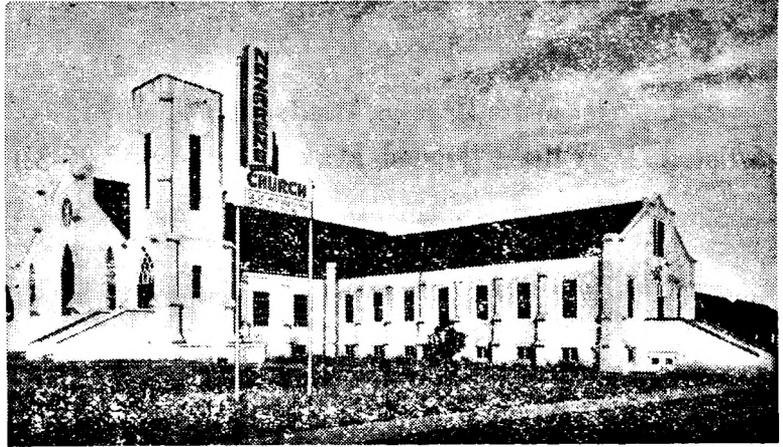
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First Church, Durant, Oklahoma

For more than eight years the congregation had looked forward to the new church home pictured here. It was a glad hour in all our hearts when last March 19 we could worship in the new church. The building fund was started under Rev. W. T. White, and when we came the people were ready to go forward. From the south wall of the educational building to the north wall of the sanctuary is 120 feet; the educational building is 34 x 68 feet, and the new sanctuary is 56 x 91 feet; a full basement under all the building. There are five assembly rooms in the basement and twenty-six classrooms. The young people's hall in the educational building also serves as a large Sunday-school room. The sanctuary seats 475, the choir 50, and the balcony 100; sliding panels open the educational building, where 400 more can be seated, giving us a seating capacity of more than 1,000. The sanctuary is furnished with new red oak pews and pulpit furniture to match. Back of the choir is a baptistry, and a beautiful oil painting which has proved a great blessing to our hearts. The building represents an investment of \$150,000.



The people have stood behind the entire program, and not one negative vote. Rev. Glen Jones, our fine district superintendent, was with us for the opening service, and spoke to the Sunday school—563 present. At the eleven o'clock hour, Dr. Hardy C. Powers preached for us, and at 2:30 p.m. brought the dedicatory message

to more than one thousand people. Brother Glen Jones preached to a large crowd in the evening service. We are now planning for our first anniversary on Sunday, March 18, with home-coming day for all former pastors and members. We give God praise for His blessings.—B. H. Wooton, Pastor.

Evangelist Marvin L. Brown writes that he has some open time in June and July. Write him at his home address, 118 N. Washington Street, Kewanee, Illinois.

Evangelist S. T. Moore writes, "Because of a change in pastors in Illinois, I have open time March 27 to April 22; glad to go wherever the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 777, Lafayette, Indiana."

Olathe, Kansas—Our church recently had one of the best revivals of its history with Evangelists Harold J. Willis and wife, and daughter Judy. The meeting continued for a week longer than scheduled. Much prayer preceded the campaign, and continued each morning throughout the meeting. God gave us thirty seekers who prayed through in the old-fashioned way; three entire families were saved. Two families united with the church, giving us a 20 per cent increase in membership. Finances came easily, and our good people assisted with cash and food to defray the expenses of entertaining the evangelistic party at the parsonage. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Willis Party with us. Also, we appreciated the prayers and support of other Nazarenes on the district, and the backing of the town. If you have a friend stationed here at Olathe Naval Base, contact me at 212 E. Santa Fe. We are worshipping in a converted army hut, and ask you to join us in prayer that God will help us in securing a much-needed church building.—A. G. Weiss, Pastor

El Monte, California—This church recently experienced one of the best revival seasons in its history. Evangelist T. H. Stanley was outstanding in his preaching and passion for souls. Many seekers found the experience of a pure heart, backsliders were reclaimed, and many more were revived and blessed. The church is going on to greater work for God and holiness.—Reporter.

Charles E. York writes: "After being actively engaged in radio work for over a year, Wife and I feel that it is God's will for us to re-enter the evangelistic field. We are former members of the York-Keller Evangelistic Party, and serve as evangelistic singers and musicians. We are open for calls beginning May 1; write us, 609 Chestnut Street, Evansville, Indiana."

Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

—Psalm 150

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for March 11: Jesus Asserts His Authority

Scripture: Mark 11-13 (Printed: Mark 11:11, 15-19; 12:28-31)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people (Isaiah 56:7).*

Whatever else people said about Jesus, I never have heard of anyone accusing Him of being drab and monotonous. His approach to life was ever-changing, sparkling, always interesting. In today's lesson we find Him in a mood He didn't often adopt.

Some people have not been able to harmonize these "blistering" words in the Temple with those words on the mount about turning the other cheek and going the second mile. Well, it's all a matter of doing the right thing at the right time. One thing is sure, Jesus didn't go through life with a chip on His shoulder; but He wasn't the kind of pacifist who thinks nothing is worth fighting for. He didn't go out hunting trouble; but believe me, when a fight was inevitable, the Master didn't back away from it. He practiced the policy of speaking softly and carrying a big stick.

So we see Him striding into the Temple swinging a whip as dexter-

ously as a mule driver; and don't think He was any less spiritual than when He was kneeling in prayer in the night watches. There is a time when righteousness demands a clenched fist and a voice that rings with military authority. And then, there are times when righteousness demands that we be patient sufferers.

Just remember this: Jesus did not once lift the stick of authority on His own behalf. When attacked personally, He did not retaliate. But when "strutting hypocrites" were bespewing the Temple with moral vomit, Christ went in fighting like a lion. A little later some of the same, or similar, people spat on Him and called Him names; in reply He prayed, "Father, forgive them." The answer: It is righteous to fight for a cause, not for personal gain.

It takes real grace to keep that kind of spiritual balance in the midst of life's storms—the kind of grace that Jesus had.

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Ashland, Kentucky—The winter revival at First Church with Evangelists Earl Starnes and Song Evangelists Boyce and Catherine Pierce was a decided success. These workers rank with the very best, for God honors their messages in sermon and song. Old-fashioned preaching, under the Spirit's anointing, always brings results. There was definite praying through, and seventeen members have been received into church fellowship. Pastor Harold Daniels knows how to co-operate with the evangelistic party and keep the program spiritual. Under his leadership, our church is enjoying some of the best days of its history. Truly, Brother Daniels is an evangelistic pastor. Finances are on the increase, and we believe God is honoring us for joining those who are paying 10 per cent to general interests. We give God praise for His many blessings.—Wayne E. Kendall, Secretary.

Taylorville, Illinois—On February 4 our church concluded a wonderful revival with the A. C. Rowland Evangelistic Party as the called workers. God came on every service with only two barren altar calls; both Sundays were crowning days, with twenty-three seekers in the last service. There was a total of ninety seekers, with fifteen people uniting with the church, including two entire families. Several who never had been in a Nazarene service before sought and found God; others stepped out without an invitation song. All of this, in spite of sub-zero weather for three days of the last week. One night, while the temperature was fifteen degrees below zero, we had sixty people in the service, and a new family of four prayed through to God. The meeting was sponsored by the young people of the church, and all but five seekers were under forty years of age; many high school youth prayed through and went out to bring their friends to Christ. The revival was preceded by twenty-four hours of continuous prayer, with daily prayers throughout the meeting. At the Sunday-school rally on the closing Sunday, there were 220 present, with 125 new people contacted. Several of our people said it was the greatest revival they had known; and in my fourteen years of pastoral work, this was the best revival I had been in. The Rowland Evangelistic Party gave of their best, from start to finish, and we greatly appreciated their ministry with us.—R. William Meier, Pastor.

Richmond, Kentucky—Recently we closed a good holiness revival with Evangelist A. B. Carey; his great truths on holiness were a real blessing to our church. On Sunday, February 4, the pastor, Rev. Asa H. Sparks, was called for another year. Brother Sparks and family came to Richmond in October of 1949, and God has blessed their labors among us. After Brother Sparks and his wife accepted the call for another year, the church presented them with a beautiful basket

of flowers and gave them an increase in salary. A spirit of harmony prevails, and the church is going forward under the leadership of our good pastor.—Mattie Belle Jones, Secretary.

Rev. E. O. Davis writes: "After serving as Nazarene pastor for sixteen years I have now entered the evangelistic field; I am an elder on our Iowa District. I will be in a meeting in Owosso, Michigan, February 27 to March 11; then have an open date, March 13 to 25. Write me, Box 408, Tabor, Iowa."

Berkeley Springs, West Virginia—Our church recently enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Ira Fowler and daughter as the special workers. God's blessing was on the church, and many souls found definite victory at the altar; the church received new vision. Since our coming here as pastor last December, from our Trevecca Nazarene College, the Lord has blessed and we have a field of opportunities. Plans are being made to organize an N.Y.P.S., also to improve the church property.—W. R. Dillon, Pastor,

He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of a cool spirit (Prov. 17:27, marg.)

Every person given to few words shows good sense, and is thus enabled to keep cool and composed under every provocation.—EARLE F. WILDE.



Sunday-School Attendance Report

Evangelists Maurice and Aline Turner report: "Since last reporting, we have had a very successful revival with Pastor Glen Bounds and church at Kingfisher, Oklahoma. This fine church has the greatest potential of young people we have seen in a church in many years. Although the break came late in the meeting, it was genuine. Brother Bounds is getting a fine start in the work there. We had a good meeting at Columbia, Kentucky, where Rev. Earl Coopridge is the energetic pastor. This was one place where the people came in 'droves.' Even on rainy nights the house was well filled. Brother Coopridge received seven members into the church. We are now in Portales, New Mexico, with Rev. Wayne Hagemier and his fine people. Last night (the third night of the meeting) the break came, and the altar was well filled. This is a wonderful building in a fine town, and a 'top-notch' pastor; but many people have moved away, and they are almost having to start over. From here we go to Fostoria, Ohio, with Pastor J. Frank Simpson; there we will have the music and Evangelist Howard Sweeten will do the preaching."

Gary, Indiana—God has been blessing the work of Glen Park Church; we are halfway through our seventh year as pastor here. Since last reporting, we have had such evangelists as H. W. Cornelius and wife, George Woodward, F. C. Savage, Gerald Bright, and H. Dale Mitchell with us in revivals. Last year, Dr. G. B. Williamson helped us to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our church. Last fall we started construction on our new \$85,000 church building, one and one-half blocks away from our present overcrowded building; good progress has been made. We started this assembly year as a "ten-per-cent church" tithing the income, and God is giving us the best financial year of our history. Our General Budget (of \$1,150) is over one-half paid now, and all other budgets are paid to date. On a recent Sunday we asked our congregation for \$3,000 building fund money, and in a few moments \$3,500 was pledged. We expect to build our church with a very small debt. Recently, God has poured out His Spirit upon us with some victorious altar services. Last Sunday, we closed a five-day youth meeting with fifteen professions, with Rev. Henry Hackett of Lafayette as evangelist, and the Girls' Jubilee Trio of Olivet Nazarene College as the singers. The church board has since taken over the pastor's coal and utility bills, which makes a good raise in his salary. A good spirit prevails in the church.—U. D. Dibble, Pastor.

A revival begins when the preacher expects someone to be saved as a result of his preaching.

Districts by Groups	1950	January	%
PURPLE STAR DISTRICTS (10,000-15,000)			
Northern California	12,119	12,622	104
BLUE STAR DISTRICTS (7,500-10,000)			
Western Ohio	11,053	9,762	88
Central Ohio	10,114	9,201	90
Washington-Philadelphia	8,064	8,253	102
Northeastern Indiana	8,438	8,206	95
Kentucky	8,712	8,132	93
Southern California	7,692	8,122	106*
West Virginia	8,046	7,888	98
Akron	8,627	7,669	89
GREEN STAR DISTRICTS (5,000-7,500)			
Los Angeles	7,140	7,448	104
Eastern Michigan	7,443	7,329	98
Michigan	7,372	6,940	94
Arkansas	7,243	6,893	95
Indianapolis	7,555	6,728	89
Eastern Oklahoma	7,323	6,699	91
Kansas City	6,372	6,684	105
Southwest Indiana	8,244	6,540	80
Kansas	6,510	6,423	99
Alabama	5,908	6,154	104
East Tennessee	4,954	5,780	117*
Florida	5,287	5,646	107*
Idaho-Oregon	5,494	5,622	102
Oregon Pacific	5,752	5,498	96
Northwest Oklahoma	4,983	5,260	106*
Colorado	5,608	5,256	94
Southwest Oklahoma	5,375	5,183	96
RED STAR DISTRICTS (2,500-5,000)			
Northwest	4,796	4,938	103
Abilene	4,650	4,650	100
Chicago Central	4,507	4,615	102
Dallas	4,462	4,362	98
Georgia	4,251	4,295	101
Louisiana	3,846	3,945	103
Northwestern Illinois	3,777	4,024	107*
Canada West	3,671	3,850	106*
Washington Pacific	3,522	3,561	101
San Antonio	3,340	3,311	99
North Carolina	3,122	3,164	101
Arizona	2,726	2,868	105
Albany	2,661	2,752	103
New Mexico	2,336	2,568	110*
WHITE STAR DISTRICTS (Under 2,500)			
Nebraska	2,527	2,427	96
Virginia	2,164	2,292	106*
Rocky Mountain	2,165	2,275	105
Mississippi	2,353	2,114	90
Ontario	1,633	1,848	113*
Minnesota	1,835	1,703	93
New York	1,566	1,656	104
North Dakota	1,363	1,257	92
Maritime	661	688	104
South Dakota	743	688	93
Nevada-Utah	617	667	108*

The following districts did not report for January:

Houston, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, New England, Northwest Indiana, Pittsburgh, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin

Estimated total average attendance for January for all districts 306,467

Loss 4,615 or 1.5%

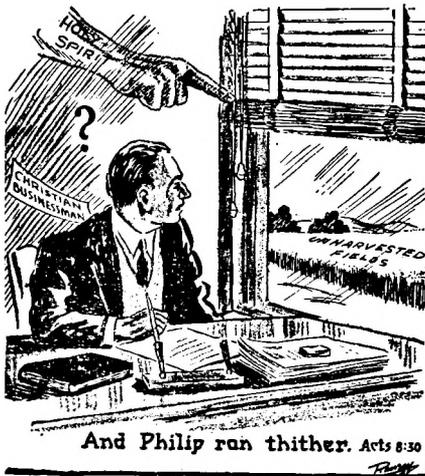
*One of ten highest in percentage gain for January.

ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary
Department of Church Schools

Rev. Marquis J. Flowers writes: "I have been a Christian for some fifteen years, studied at our Eastern Nazarene College, and, after serving as pastor of several churches, feel that the Lord would have me to enter the field of evangelism. I am a member of, and commissioned by, the West Virginia District Assembly. I love God with all my heart and want to see souls saved and sanctified; am happy to work for the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene. Write me, R.D. 1, Chester, West Virginia."

Pioneer, Ohio—Our church has enjoyed a most gracious, God-given, old-fashioned revival meeting. Under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Evangelist S. T. Moore souls were saved and sanctified throughout the four-week meeting. About fifty seekers prayed through to victory. Five new members were added to the church as a result of this meeting, and a good offering was started on a fund to help the pastor buy a better and much-needed car. Crowds came to the services night after night. Our church challenged the Beardstown, Illinois, church which held a record of having brought 311 Bibles to one service. We broke that record by bringing 322 Bibles to one service. We give God praise for the victories won. Our people have been good to us.—David W. Lewis, Pastor.

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



Plymouth, North Carolina—Our church has had a very profitable meeting with Pastor Doyle C. Smith of Pineville as the evangelist. The spiritual and practical ministry of Brother Smith was blessed of God in accomplishing the salvation of souls and strengthening the church. Record crowds attended the services, new people were contacted, prejudice was broken down and much good done. Visitation, evangelization, and morn-

ing cottage prayer meetings in the village again proved that this ministry is needed and blessed of God. Three people were saved or sanctified in homes, and real victories were won at the church altar also. Both members and friends "pounded" the pastor with groceries, and a nice love offering was also given him. A fine spirit of good will and faith prevails.—J. H. Hodges, Pastor.

Portland, Oregon—First Church has had one of the best series of Youth Week services in its history. A week-end meeting was held with Burton L. Mack, one of our young men now attending Pasadena College, as the special worker. God richly blessed the ministry of this young man, and honored the prayers of our faithful young folk by crowning every service with souls praying through to Him. Also, during these services, it was the privilege of the local church to grant Burton his first local minister's license in a very impressive consecration service with our pastor, Rev. Fletcher Galloway, officiating, assisted by Burton's father, Rev. Earl Mack, and Dr. Bob Pierce. We praise God for every victory, and believe every one present was blessed and drawn closer to the Lord through the ministry of this consecrated young preacher who has a real passion for souls. Our young people carried a real burden of prayer. We give God all the glory.—Reporter.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor C. D. Taylor of First Church, Akron, Ohio, has completed a new church building, valued at \$125,000. He has been with this church five years. We had a wonderful convention with this princely pastor and people. It was our privilege to speak to the Christian Service Training class being held in Arlington Street Church, with all our churches uniting. They had enrolled about 150 for these courses. At Three Rivers, Michigan, we found Pastor Israelson lifting this school in a needy field. Out of a population of ten thousand, less than one thousand are in all the schools of the city. Good altar services here, and also in the country church at Corey, with this pastor; he is known as a pioneer builder. Again we were with the Calumet Sunday-School Association at Hammond, Indiana. This gathering is made up of a great group of different denominations. It was an inspirational service in First Church, where Rev. Lester Zimmerman is pastor. It was a joy to be in their beautiful new parsonage. This pastor told of a schoolteacher who brought thirty-five children in to see their church building, and fifteen of these children never had been inside a church building before!"

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Portales, New Mexico—Coming here last June we were happy to find a lovely church plant, but the congregation was small. The first few Sundays we had 80 to 90 in Sunday school; we have been privileged to see a steady increase in attendance. Our revival, just closed, gave us a wonderful boost; on the closing Sunday we had 188 in Sunday school. Rev. and Mrs. Maurice E. Turner were the evangelists; their friendliness, earnestness, and zeal for souls, along with their musical ability, make them outstanding evangelistic workers. At the close of the meeting, thirteen new members were added to the church. We give praise to God for all these blessings.—Wayne F. Hage-meier, Pastor.

Georgia District Tour

Immediately following the General Board meeting in Kansas City, it was my privilege to make a personal-evangelism and Sunday-school tour of the Georgia District with District Superintendent Mack Anderson. From January 14 to 24 we covered the entire state in ten zone rallies, where the churches were grouped together for local convenience. During this time I spoke on appropriate themes twenty-four times and gave two radio addresses. Brother Anderson had set up the tour for four-thirty afternoon sessions, to be followed by basket dinners, with the final rally at seven-thirty in the evening. All churches were represented with record attendance.

In the absence of the church school board chairman, Rev. R. W. Hurn, Brother Anderson presented various district church school goals in the afternoon services, following which I spoke on subjects emphasizing some phase of personal evangelism or Sunday-school work. As I preached in the night services, the glory of the Lord was manifested, and many services were broken up as the people rejoiced and praised God in true camp-meeting style.

At every convention someone came to District Superintendent Anderson and said, "We are starting a new church," or, "Come see a place where we are holding services for a new church." This was repeated in every zone meeting without fail. During the past year Brother Anderson organized nine new churches, and there are at least one dozen new developments in process. Many of these likely will soon become churches.

Georgia District is one of the most fertile home-mission fields in the nation today. There are more than 150 cities and larger towns, not counting hundreds of villages and rural sections, without a Church of the Nazarene. One of the nation's largest rural churches is the Mt. Olive Church of the Nazarene in this state; it is but a sample of what rural home missions can be in Georgia. Brother Anderson has an aggressive program, and as superintendent he is loved by

the people who follow his leadership. The pastors are high class and well trained, with a wonderful group of laymen.

It was nice to have Mrs. Anderson in many of the rallies, to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of her home, and to eat her grand cooking. Georgia sets a fine table both materially and spiritually. It was a pleasure to work with these Southern folks. The pastors co-operate with the district program as outlined and inspired by Superintendent Anderson.

BASIL MILLER

Annual Pastors' Conclave Northern California District

One hundred forty-two pastors and wives gathered at Beulah Park, Santa Cruz, for the opening night of the annual pastors' conclave of the Northern California District, held in December.

Superintendent George Coulter had secured as speaker Dr. Roy F. Smee, former district superintendent. The speaker in the sessions for pastors' wives was Mrs. Irene Coulter. A

balanced program of study and recreation was arranged by Pastor Harold Ponsford and his Conclave committee.

Dr. Smee spoke on the theme "Study to Show Thyself Approved." Speaking twice daily, he emphasized the

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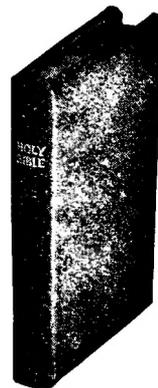
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and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace.
19 And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which sought thy life.

The Israelites' task increased

CHAPTER 5

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness.
2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the

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various pastoral relationships in the work of the church. The stamp of Roy F. Smee is indelibly imprinted upon the spirit and work of the Church of the Nazarene in Northern California and his messages, built in the daily work of his life, were filled with the wealth of practical experience in dealing with men and the church.

Mrs. Coulter's daily talks to the pastors' wives made a valuable contribution in reflecting the depth of her own inner devotion.

With a total enrollment of 164, this was the largest group ever to participate in Conclave activities in the history of the district.

REPORTER

DEATHS

REV. PAUL SCHMELZENBACH was born July 3, 1916, in Barberton, Transvaal, South Africa, to Harmon and Lula Schmelzenbach. He died in the hospital at Nampa, Idaho, on January 30, 1951. Paul spent his first sixteen years in Africa, then came to the States, where he attended Northwest Nazarene College and later Pasadena College. In 1940 he was united in marriage to Mary Kate Wheeler. In 1944 he and his wife went to Africa, the land of his birth, where he had unusual success, supervising various fields, preaching, substituting for missionaries on furlough, constructing buildings, and winning many hearts to the Lord—for he knew the language like a native, he knew the people, and he loved life. Suddenly in 1949 he became acutely ill, and was flown back to Idaho, where he spent the most of his last two years in Samaritan Hospital. (Dr. Thomas Mangum, Sr., and his sons, literally gave thousands of hours of surgical skill and of their own love and labors to save the young missionary's life, when he first took sick in 1935. At that time he spent thirty-eight months in Samaritan Hospital. In 1939 the Lord was pleased to touch him, and he walked out of the hospital to ten years of energetic service.) Paul was converted when he met with a group of

boys, mostly African, and sat on the ground to listen to a gospel message by Miss Louise Robinson. Several years later he was sanctified at the altar in the chapel of Northwest Nazarene College. He is survived by his wife, Mary Kate; three sons, Charles, Everett, and Hugh; his mother, Mrs. Lula Schmelzenbach of Stegi, Swaziland; three sisters, one of whom is in Africa; and two brothers, David in Iowa, and Elmer, a Nazarene missionary in South Africa.

Funeral service was held in the College Church at Nampa, with the pastor, Rev. John E. Riley, officiating, assisted by Rev. Melza Brown and Dr. Thomas E. Mangum, Sr. Dr. H. C. Powers was unable to get there because of impossible flying weather. In the congregation of five hundred people were missionaries, ministers, Samaritan Hospital staff members and nurses, and Northwest Nazarene College faculty members and students. A missionary hero after a short, full life has joined his pioneer father in the glory world.

MRS. R. G. CODDING (nee Rosa Lowe) was born June 19, 1873, in Springfield, Tennessee. She was converted in a brush arbor meeting in 1898, and under the ministry of Rev. J. O. McClurkan she was sanctified wholly. In 1902 she was definitely called to the mission field. She became acquainted with Rev. Roy G. Coddington, who had done pioneer missionary work in the jungles of Africa, and they were married in 1903. They received their missionary appointment under the Pentecostal Mission, whose leader was Rev. J. O. McClurkan, and they sailed for India in October. In 1915, the union of the Pentecostal Mission with the Church of the Nazarene was consummated, and the Coddings became Nazarenes. After spending more than thirteen years in India, with furloughs in 1910 and 1917, they were obliged to return to the States due to the severe illness of Brother Coddington. Coming to Kansas City, and to headquarters in the fall of 1926, Mrs. Coddington became one of the pioneer organizers of the W.F.M.S. work and was the first general secretary of that organization until her retirement in 1937. Brother Coddington died in 1934. Due to ill health, Mrs. Coddington entered the convalescent home in 1939, where after twelve years of suffering she died on January 16, 1951. She bore her suffering with calm fortitude, and was a blessing to all who came to see her. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Martha Raisbeck and Mrs. Susie Armistead; and three brothers. Funeral service was held in First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri.

REV. W. EDMUND SMITH died suddenly while walking home from church on January 30, 1951. He was a good man and held God pre-eminent in his life. He was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada, but made his residence in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and attended regularly the West Somerville Church of the Nazarene. He pastored the West Somerville church from 1918 to 1920; also served as pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at Cambridge. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and one daughter. Funeral service was held in Somerville, with Rev. John B. Nielson, Nazarene minister, officiating, assisted by Rev. Wilbur Mullen; services were continued in Maryville, N.B., with interment at Durham Bridge, N.B., Canada.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. Sam R. Buchanan is a commissioned evangelist on the Dallas District and has been holding some revivals in the churches on the district. He is a good man and will do his best for any church. Address him: P.O. Box 943, Tyler, Texas.—Paul H. Garrett, Superintendent of Dallas District.

NOTICE—Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Edwards, 2132 Second Street, N.E.; Canton, Ohio, will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 12, 1951. They are members of First Church of the Nazarene at Canton.

WEDDING BELLS

Sebrina Harden and George Jackson were united in marriage on February 7, in Arcola, Illinois, with Rev. C. K. Dillman, local Nazarene pastor, officiating.

Miss Peggy Morgan of Drumright, Oklahoma, and Sgt. Ralph Wesley Williamson of the U.S. Army, were united in marriage on January 4, in the Drumright Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. J. G. Rushing officiating.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Shural G. Knippers of Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, John Carroll, on January 10.

—to Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Dean of Waurika, Oklahoma, a daughter, Mary Kathleen, on February 5.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Verl Churchill of San Francisco, California, a daughter, Kathleen Renee, on February 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Francis J. de Vidal of Spokane, Washington, a son, Steven Eugene, on February 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Oren Baker of Fort Madison, Iowa, a son, Harold Gene, on February 9.

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by a lady in Tennessee that their entire family may make it to heaven;

by a lady in Washington for a man who has broken his back, that God may undertake in divine healing, also for the salvation of his soul;

by a mother in Ohio, that her son may be saved and established;

by a mother in Rhode Island for a dear son that sadly needs spiritual help, that light will break into his soul and give peace; he needs it so very much";

by a pastor in Colorado for continued help for their little daughter who is slowly recovering from rheumatic fever;

by a lady in Tennessee, that she and her husband may find permanent work, also that both may be drawn closer to the Lord;

by a friend, that a Nazarene lady in Minnesota may be used of God to help an elderly woman find God—she is now eighty-six years old, ill, and never has been saved—the Nazarene lady is caring for her in the home;

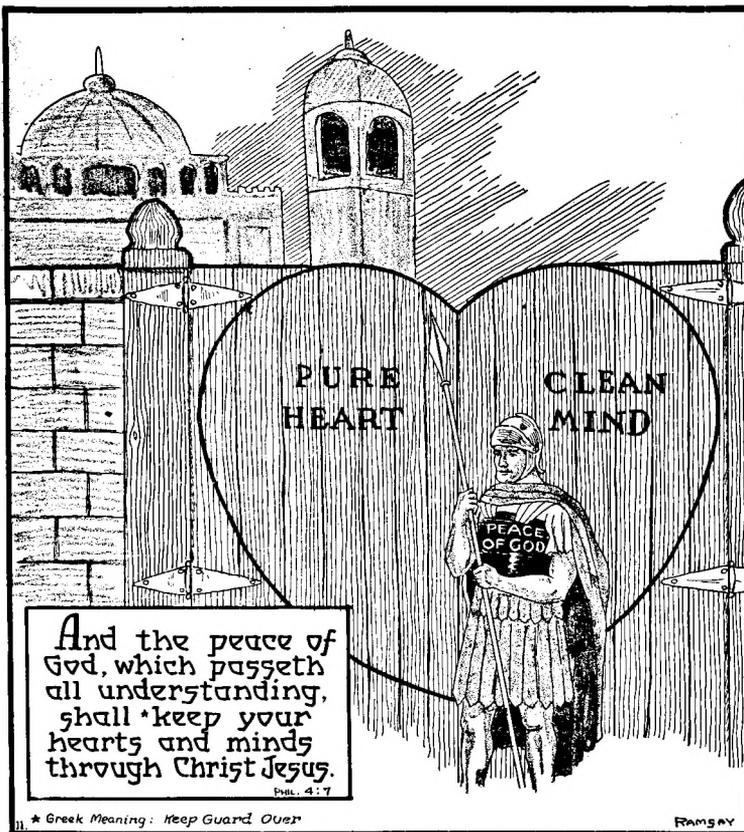
by a lady in North Dakota that God may touch and definitely heal her—doctors seem unable to help much;

by a Nazarene brother in West Virginia for his health, also that God may undertake in some financial problems, and that they may have a revival in that place;

by a friend in Kansas for healing of body;

by a young mother in California whose husband is in the U.S. Navy, that God may help and undertake for both of them in problems confronting them at this time in regard to the children and their home;

by a lady in Missouri, that God may undertake for her and her husband in healing her, helping in material lines from a serious fire they had in their trailer, and in the matter of employment.



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