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Remember the Thirteenth!

THROUGH no accident Easter Sunday has become the high day of the Church's calendar year. The significance of the empty tomb must be told each year with fresh meaning if the power of the Cross is to be made known. The Church's only explanation for this miracle is the power of God. "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (Acts 2:24).

How fitting that Nazarenes everywhere should celebrate this divine triumph over sin by bringing to God an offering on this day for our world missionary program! We who have learned the story of His death and resurrection, and have received His newness of life, must share it with others around the world.

The lion's share of the General Budget goes to home and foreign

missions. It is also a well-known fact throughout our church that the operating budgets of the various departments and the overhead expense of our general church are cared for out of the General Budget. These fixed items of expense are approved from year to year by the General Board, our official and representative executive committee. However, in the course of a given fiscal year whenever our General Budget giving exceeds the estimated budget set up by the General Board, *all of the overflow goes to home and foreign missions exclusively.* This arrangement encourages us to challenge our people again to give an overflow offering to the General Budget on Easter Sunday, April 13. Surely the total will exceed the minimum goal of half a million for missions in honor of His resurrection.

FOR THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

Samuel Young

"SANCTIFY THEM THROUGH THY TRUTH: THY WORD IS TRUTH"-John 17:17

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Wm. D. Seal, pastor at Morehouse, Missouri, suffered a severe brain hemorrhage on Saturday, February 9, and died four days later, in the Sikeston hospital. Mrs. Seal requests special prayer as she endeavors to carry on the work as pastor.

Anyone having friends or relatives at the Yuma Army Airfield, or at the Yuma Test Station, please contact the pastor, Rev. James F. Cullumber, Grace Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 1695, Yuma, Arizona.

Rev. Ray Frazier has resigned as pastor of the church at Zelenople, Pennsylvania, and is entering the evangelistic field.

Rev. George E. Archibald has resigned as pastor of the church at Springhill, to accept the pastorate of the church in Port Lorne, Nova Scotia.

Pastor Leslie Parrott of Kelso, Washington, left Sunday night, March 9, from the Portland (Oregon) airport for a six-week trip to the Holy Land, Europe, and Great Britain.

After serving the Harrington congregation for four years, Pastor R. Orville Sampson has resigned to accept a call to pastor the church in Zillah, Washington.

Word has been received from Pastor L. H. Clegg of Forth Worth, Texas: "Northside Church climaxed a glorious revival (March 9) with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. All previous attendance records broken in Sunday school and revival services; over sixty at the altar, and our loyal people are rejoicing."

Pastor M. L. Turney sends word from Nashville, Tennessee: "Evangelist C. C. Knippers just closed one of the best revivals Third Church, Nashville, has ever seen. Brother Knippers was at his best; many said it was the best church-wide revival in years. Brother Knippers preached the best ever. On the last Sunday morning (March 9) practically the whole crowd shouting happy."

Pastor E. T. Harris sends word from Chickasha, Oklahoma: "Church at Chickasha completely destroyed by fire on March 4. Total loss of building and contents."

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While I Am on My Knees—

I PRAY with real conviction that "this is not my task so much as it is Thine."

The human might seek to be released, and indolence is sure to end in failure along with disgrace. May the Lord's own laborers never so indulge. But at the height of service, in the hour of greatest loyalty and faithfulness to my task, there often has come this prayer, "Lord, this is not half so much my task as it is Thy own." The battle is the Lord's.

It has never come to me in the times of hesitancy. This prayer has never been irrepressible within, bursting forth toward the heavens with beauty in an hour that I withheld my strength or time. No, but only when I have prayed first, then labored faithfully, prayed more, then labored on, and then finally felt useless and helpless in what issues were at hand—then faith gave strong utterance, and utterance strengthened faith, and God honored faith by praying thus through me: "This is not so much man's task as it is the Lord's."

Then it is that the task seems possible and an answer probable. Then it is the burden seems, not lighter, but changed into victory. Then it seems that I am an integral part of the Eternal, laboring in my small, useless way, but nonetheless laboring. Not that I accomplish, but that I finally can allow God to accomplish through me. It is the Lord's battle, and the God of battles is interested in bringing victory to himself.—PAUL Z. HOORNSTRA, Pastor, Howell, Michigan.

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It Pays to Pray

By M. B. Wells

*We know, we know, it pays to pray—
It keeps us humble day by day
And helps us Jesus to obey.
Rejoice; we know it pays to pray.*

*We know we have to work each day
In faith, believing, when we say,
"Dear Jesus, lead us in Your way."
Praise God; we know it pays to pray!*

*Someday, someday, we'll understand
When Jesus takes us by the hand
And leads us to His promised land.
Well done! Rejoice! I understand.*

The Romance of Redemption

By E. E. Wordsworth*

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him (Luke 23:33).

A YOUNG man by the name of Beardsall, only sixteen years of age, was put up to preach at a great camp meeting in Yorkshire, England. His aged father, who was a preacher, sat on the platform that day, fearing for his success. After preliminaries the youth arose and said, "We are going to begin at the right place this morning." "Where is that, my lad?" came cries from the audience. "At the place called Calvary," he shouted back. The father wept aloud and said to himself, "He'll make it now." He did, amidst shouts of victory, weeping, rejoicing, and salvation scenes. Glory to God! Dr. Bresee said, "There is not a text in the whole Bible more than three feet away from Calvary." What romance!

First, in the cross of Christ I recognize the fall of man and the moral turpitude of sin. A father plunges into the angry wave. Why? His only son is drowning. Airmen go on dangerous flights to the scene of the crash. Why? To rescue the crew and passengers. And the reason Christ went to Gethsemane and the Cross was for your redemption and mine. Man is fallen and must be redeemed.

In the Cross we also see the unveiling of the redemptive scheme of God. Railroads have wrecking and relief crews for times of emergencies, collisions, and disasters; and Christ was "slain from the foundation of the world" in plan, purpose, preparation, and provision for man's needs. His flawless example, His peerless teaching, His sound philosophy, yea, His life, ministry, and miracles, could not save us. He tasted death for every man.

In the Cross we also find the meeting place of the great redeeming Saviour and a lost humanity. A Philadelphia lawyer knelt in prayer at a downtown mission in that city beside a shabby, dirty, lousy hobo. His wife, who had accompanied him, was chagrined and mortified because her cultured, refined husband acted thus. She hastened to his side and rebuked him. But he gently pushed her aside and said, "I need to be

saved too." And tramp and lawyer found Christ together and embraced. We are one in Christ.

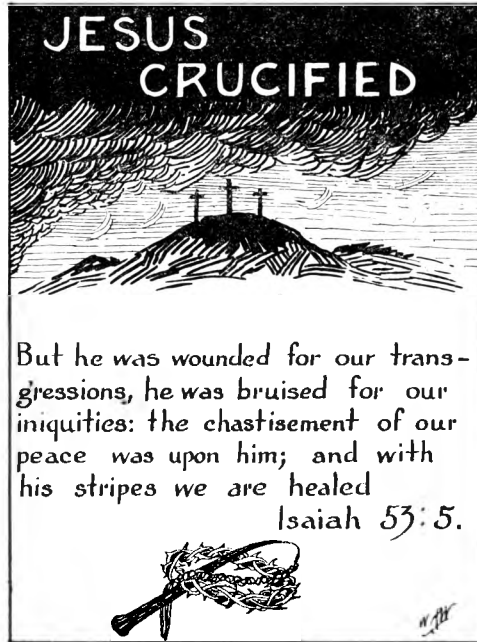
At Calvary I find a perfect remedy for all sin. Farmers are not satisfied merely to suppress the rodents, eliminate a few weeds. Doctors insist on eradication of germs—not a few, but all. Christ is not a partial Saviour, but a perfect One. He saves from all actual sins and from the very indwelling of sin (Matt. 1:21; I John 1:7). He converts the sinner and cleanses the believer. He saves "to the uttermost." Imgrin is constantly advertised as a perfect remedy for all aches, pains of arthritis and rheumatism, ad infinitum by Gabriel Heater. This may fail, but the Blood of atonement is adequate, sufficient, satisfying, complete for man's moral need. "Ye are complete in him."

The Cross is filled with romance in that it gives to me my salvation, my everlasting hope, my

song, my victory, my all in all—which is Christ, the center of heaven's glory and my eternal home. Utterly brutal and revolting as was the punishment of crucifixion with its stupefying position, the huge iron nails, the crossbeam, the torn and quivering flesh, its outrage, abuse, torture, its dizziness, cramp, thirst, starvation, sleeplessness, traumatic fever, tetanus, public shame, jeers, ridicule, torment, horror of anticipation, mortification of wounds, gangrene, lacerated veins, incessant anguish, inflamed wounds, throbbing pulse, and beating broken heart, yet it was for me and for you. Why? That we might be as free as a bird of the air and live forevermore. The romance of love!

*There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.*

"Arise, shine . . ." This was God's call to His people. Easter affords an opportunity to answer by sending "the light" to those in heathen darkness.



*Pastor, South Tacoma, Wash.

The Divine Necessity

By E. W. Lawrence*

Even so must the Son of man be lifted up (John 3:14).

CALVARY was a necessity. "My sin made it necessary for the Son of God to die," cried C. H. Spurgeon. You will not find those actual words in the Scriptures, but their truth is repeated continually, for "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."

The Cross was conceived in the mind of God far back in eternity. While in his Patmos vision John saw Christ as a "Lamb as it had been slain," and His cleansing grace efficacious right now; he saw Him also as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

It is not that God was desirous of seeking the sinner's salvation, and "out of pity" Jesus saying He'd "bear the punishment instead," as one hymn suggests. I know full well what the author meant; but it was not out of pity, but out of love and compassion, that Christ died for me.

Then the most wonderful thing in the universe is not that God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent, but that the eternal Son for us and our salvation was willing to atone for man's sin on Golgotha. But much more than being willing, for Him there to atone was vital and necessary. "The Son of man must be lifted up." And emptying himself of all but love, and dying for Adam's helpless race, He came right down to me, so to seek and save the lost.

"The Son of man must be lifted up." Underline that "must" in your Bible. (There are four more "musts" in John, chapters 3 and 4.) Do you not remember His own words, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again" (Mark 8:31)? This was brought to the memory of the disciples who early on the first Easter morning went to the Saviour's tomb.

Caiaphas said it was expedient that one man should die for the people. He spoke better than he knew, for man's sin necessitated Christ's atonement. "The Son of man must be lifted up." Therefore, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."

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Calvary was necessary first of all because of man's sin, then because of God's own righteousness, and finally to obtain for the condemned a way of salvation.

What a tragedy lies in that word *sin*! The first letter brings to our ears the hiss of the serpent, and the tender reminder that through one man sin entered, and death through sin. Then the second letter, "I," is right in the center. And that is what sin actually is, *self in the center*, self as opposed to God—"my right to myself," as Oswald Chambers expressed it. A state of lawlessness and opposition to my God, a principle of indwelling evil manifesting itself in a defiled life, or, in Saul Kane's words (*The Everlasting Mercy*, John Masefield), spoken with defective grammar but perfect logic, "the sin I did by being me."

Human sin! And the whole world is guilty, Jew and Gentile alike. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." All therefore are subject to the wrath of God, which is manifest from heaven against all unrighteousness. Now narrow down the application. Christ died for me; therefore, I am the sinner whom Jesus came to save.

"The Son of man must be lifted up." Calvary is a necessity because of God's own righteousness and majesty, and His consequent attitude to sin as a state of heart, to sinning as an act, and the sinner as an individual. Now and again, as in Isaiah 6, the curtain was drawn aside, and a vision of God in all His glory was forthcoming. With what result? Deformed and contaminated by sin, finite man could but draw back: "Woe is me! for I am undone." He cannot abide the vision. But on the other side, neither can God look upon sin. "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity." He can do but one thing with sin, stamp it under His wrath. Yet we glibly speak of God's attitude to sin. He must uphold His own righteousness. He must show the sinner the evil of his ways, and teach him it is not a light thing to transgress. He must in himself remain just, and yet show mercy to the truly penitent. How? By Christ himself taking the penalty.

A Song of Calvary

By Norman C. Schlichter

*Because He went to Calvary,
Burdened down with woe,
And came away victorious,
All trusting men now know
Him as the faithful Bearer of
Crosses everywhere,
True Comrade in their loneliness
And tyrant-wrought despair.*

*In many lands the Cross's light
Is all there is today
To give His loyal followers
Courage enough to pray;
And faith enough to follow on,
Knowing He will bear
The heaviest part of every load,
Of every daily care!*

*The wrath of God that was our due
Upon the Lamb was laid.
And by the shedding of His blood
The debt for us was paid.*

Only so can He become both just and the Justifier. Christ bore sin's curse, and thereby opened a fountain of cleansing for all. Mere forgiveness would create rogues galore, but atoning love found a way to deal with the sinner and his sin. Calvary, a necessity (for "the Son of man must be lifted up") teaches us therefore what sin cost God, how He deals with it, and finally how the Just One himself becomes the Justifier of all who have saving faith in the atoning Lamb.

- For man's eternal salvation, Christ must be lifted up. He died for a world's sin, to bruise the serpent (Gen. 3:15) and obtain the keys.

*There was none other good enough
To pay the price of sin.
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.*

Christ is the One that openeth, and He has the keys. He died for the separation of the Church, that she may thereby become identified with himself. Calvary was a necessity for our sanctification, and this is the point this magazine has always emphasized. I Peter 2:24 tells us he "bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness."

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up," to provide salvation and sanctification for the "whosoever will." Calvary is a necessity! Therefore look, keep on looking (Heb. 12:2), and thou shalt live!

"One of Them"

By Hubert Helling*

Now I beseech you, brethren, . . . strive together with me . . . (Romans 15:30).

THE TASK is not nearly completed, and the sun is already setting. The efficiency of the labor and the speed of our response will determine much. The frontlets between the eyes of the Israelites were a constant reminder of Jehovah's commands. The Master's words are fresh in our minds too, as He said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest."

With this first-century admonition in our hearts, it is as natural as breathing to pray. We earnestly pray that He will lay His hand upon those whom He would use as "labourers" in this great harvest field. We cannot be at ease while there are millions from whose hearts the shadow of sin never has been dispelled.

Just as surely as we continue to keep the busy signal on the line to heaven, God in His own way places the call in the heart and the distant look in the eyes of many young people. The writer thanks God that he is "one of them" whom God has called and the church is planning to send to the great harvest field.

The mountains of tie-breaking, preparation, readjustment, and language school look extremely high; but as "one of them" I am sure I speak for each new missionary when I say with Caleb of old, "Give me this mountain." The same Book in which we find the admonition, "Without me ye can do nothing," also gives us the testimony,

*Missionary under appointment

Cross-Bearing

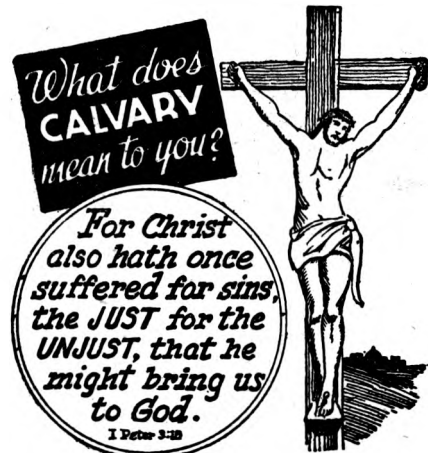
By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*Thou callest me, dear Lord, to bear a cross.
I sought it not, yet I will not forbear
To carry it, since Thou hast bidden me,
And promised to be with me everywhere.*

*Help me to bear it lightly as I may,
Nor ever cry, "Behold, O world, and see
How patiently I bow beneath my cross!"
(For Thou didst bear Thine own so quietly.)*

*Nor would I blush with shame for this, my cross,
Although it has no beauty and no grace.
I know that in my own Gethsemane
The clouds will lift betimes to show Thy face.*

*Stoic or martyr I would never be,
Nor cause my burdened brother's tears to flow
In my behalf. But if Thou leadest me
In shadowed paths, I shall be strong I know!*



"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The degree of sacrificial giving in the great Easter Offering, April 13, will determine largely the measure of the harvest in the days to come. As we stop to think that each time our heart beats, someone is ushered into eternity, it puts vitality into our giving. Let us, because of our love for the Master, give from our hearts. China's 450 million, India's 400 million, and Japan's 80 million represent but part of the harvest field. Let us "strive together" for their salvation.

Someone has said, "If you want to serve your race, go where no one else will go, and do what no one else will do." We "go" and "do"—will you pray and give? We are going out with confidence in the prayers and giving of Nazarenes everywhere. Let us "strive together."

"I have given you an example." Jesus "gave" to "save." This should influence our actions at Easter. Others have "gone"; we must "give."

The Victor and the Victory (I)

By Peter Wiseman*

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57).

WE READ of the love of God, the silence of God, the compassion of God, the power of God, but we do not so frequently read of "the victory of God"; and yet that is a glorious fact. May we look at some periods and occasions which mark His victory.

It may be well to note that these words were spoken in connection with the victory of God in the resurrection of His Son from the dead and the glorious hope of Christian people.

Supposing we would approach the subject by lifting up at least three aspects of this victory. We commence, then, by considering the following:

First, *the victory of God as seen in human revelation.* The Bible opens with the statement, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Despite the catastrophe recorded in the first part of verse two, we may read on, "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." Thus the significant record of the victory of God in the beginning, and we might well hold it before our view throughout history as the keynote of revelation.

"The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty . . . the Lord reigneth; let the people tremble . . . say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth . . . God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness. . . . the Lord

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reigneth; let the earth rejoice" (Ps. 93:1; 99:1; 96:10; 47:8; 97:1).

In these days of darkness, distress of nations, world chaos, when men's hearts are failing them for fear, when confusion is added to confusion, it is well that the people of God remind themselves again that God is on the throne, that He has not abdicated in favor of any dictator or world ruler. He is still supreme! He reigneth!

*Lord God of hosts, whose almighty hand
Dominion holds on sea and land,
In peace and war Thy will we see
Shaping the larger liberty.
Nations may rise and nations may fall;
Thy changeless purpose rules them all.*

The Lord reigneth in various ways. He knows the way. Our methods sometimes are poor though our motive may be good; not so with God, for He is infallible.

God reigneth over the river. A little Hebrew baby boy is floating on the river in an ark of bulrushes. He is rescued, however, by the order of Pharaoh's daughter. A wonderful nurse is secured for the child. The baby is trained in the order of Providence for future leadership at the expense of the princess, and God's people are delivered.

"He bringeth the wind out of his treasuries." "God prepared a vehement east wind," and Jonah is dealt with, delivered, and directed. Will Napoleon fight the Battle of Waterloo at six in the morning, and have the victory won by two in the afternoon? Why not? What will hinder him? Wellington cannot win without Blucher, and Blucher cannot arrive till five in the afternoon. Did Napoleon fight the battle at six? at seven? at eight? at nine? at ten? at eleven? Who sent the rain so that Napoleon could not use his artillery? Why is it that Blucher cannot get here till five? "The Lord reigneth" through the rain. "The Lord sent thunder and rain." Yes, God reigneth through the rain! He is higher than the weather!

What is the story of human history? How checkered is Hebrew history! At times the situation appears hopeless, the kingdom divides, the people of God go into captivity, it looks as if God's people may be exterminated. Indeed, as

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far back as the passing of Joshua, a chaotic condition develops that threatens the very existence of God's people as a people. "God reigneth." He finds His man, His leader; His people return from their captivity. He finds an Esther and His people are saved. Haman is hanged on his own gallows. The victory comes. The Christ comes through Judah, and the world is redeemed!

Second, *there is the victory of God as seen in redemption.* God made a holy pair and placed them in the beautiful place which He had prepared for them—the Garden of Eden. Satan gained an entrance to this place and tempted the woman. He slandered God; "God doth know," he said. The woman gave the tempter a hearing. She inwardly consented to the temptation, and sin was born; lust conceived, and it brought forth sin. Sin entered the world by entering human personality. This is the tragedy of the universe, the tragedy of sin. "Death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." As far as the human race is concerned, sin commenced in the human spirit, as the result of the act of free intelligence.

We do not need to go farther back. If we did, the same may be said, namely, that sin commenced in the act of free intelligence, whether of angels or men. With regard to the human race, sin commenced in the human spirit and was manifested in the human flesh: first internal, then external. This fact is true to life. What a victory for Satan! Yes, but God appears upon the scene, and in the moment of pronouncing judgment upon the first man, the first woman, and Satan, God gave the first promise in prophecy, the promise of human redemption: the Seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. Sin developed and did its damage; but in due time, in the fullness of time, the Seed of the woman was born. God is Victor! "The Lord reigneth."

Satan, representative and leader of the powers of hell, tried many times to make void the promise of God concerning the Seed of the woman. Abel was slain. Satan soon repeated his attempts to destroy the "seed royal," to break the line, and defeat the purpose of God. But Christ "was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father)." Satan would make impossible the birth of Christ. But Christ was born, He lived and died; died not so much as a victim as the Victor.

He talked about His death which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. It was an accomplishment. The three words, "It is finished," are an expression all-comprehensive. As to the past, it is finished; as to the present, it is finished; as to the future, it is finished. God won! God wins! By dying, Christ plucked the sting out of the monster death, and left it a helpless means of conveyance for His saints from this world to the glory world. Christ won! Christ wins! God won through Him! God wins through Him! God is Victor! "The Lord reigneth."

(Concluded in next issue)

EASTER means spiritual conquest! A mighty advance! A crusade for souls!

The church has endeavored to send consecrated and effective witnesses to those who have not heard. This is a tremendous undertaking which calls for the "best of its youth" and the "support of its members."

Forty-three young people are now under appointment to be sent to various nations in the next six months.

The following heart-warming statements have been gleaned from their letters:

"I felt a strange oughtness to be doing God's work. The verse, 'I have chosen you . . . that ye should go and bring forth fruit' (John 15:16), is God's call to me."—REV. CLYDE GOLLIHER.

"We submit ourselves to God's plan for our lives and desire His will above our own desires, and so we can revise the hymn to say, 'Anxious to go, ready to stay, ready my place to fill.'"—REV. AND MRS. DONALD AULT.

"The prayer of my heart is that I can lay at Jesus' feet some sheaves—precious souls who have found Him as Lord and Saviour."—ESTHER HOWARD, R.N.

"The world is in a ferment; there is a longing, seeking, and thirsting that only Christ and scriptural holiness can satisfy. To me the basic philosophy of Christ and Christianity is *Go and Give.*"—REV. JAMES HUDSON.

"The Lord put the call to missions on my heart. My motive for missionary service is to do my Master's will."—REV. PHILIP STEIGLEDER.

Your Easter Missionary Offering on April 13 will send them forth in a world crusade for souls.

REMISS REHFELDT,
Foreign Missions Secretary

Reaching the heathen millions will cost us money, but neglecting to reach them will cost us more. Give on April 13!

A Lenten Prayer

By Gaylord Du Bois

*O Christ, who, by the Spirit led,
Into the silent mountains fled
To be alone with God,
So lead my soul in humble mood
Along the paths of solitude
Thy holy feet have trod.*

*As Thou didst ponder in the wild
Thy duty as Jehovah's Child,
O glorious King of Kings,
So let me learn in silent prayer
What labors I with Thee may share,
In great or little things!*

HE LIVES!

By John J. Hancock*

IF WE had been living in Jerusalem, Palestine, about 1,952 years ago, and if that city had had a daily newspaper, we most likely would have seen a page-one story that went something like this:

Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified and buried three days ago, has reportedly risen from the dead. The body of the former carpenter, who was said to be the Christ and the King of the Jews, has disappeared from the tomb in which it was placed, according to reliable sources. A huge stone, weighing several hundred tons, which had sealed the sepulcher, had been rolled away as if by some giant hand, it was reported.

Miss Mary Magdalene told a newspaper reporter that she had gone to the tomb with sweet spices to anoint the missing man's body; but, when she arrived, she found that the tomb was empty. (Miss Magdalene said that the dead man had healed her of evil spirits and infirmities and had cast approximately seven devils out of her.)

Continuing, the woman said she ran to a friend she identified as Simon Peter, an ex-fisherman and one of Jesus' disciples, and told him of the shocking discovery. Accompanying her to the tomb, Simon found only the linen clothes which had covered the body.

"Then it happened!" Miss Magdalene exclaimed, her face lighting with a mysterious radiance. "As I stood there weeping and wondering what had become of the Master, I saw Him. He was as plain to me as you are right now. He asked me why I was weeping, and then said: 'Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'"

Simon Peter further verified Miss Magdalene's account when he states: "I saw Him too. He appeared before me and the other disciples, and showed to us His nail-scarred hands and His sword-pierced side. It was He; I'd know Him anywhere!"

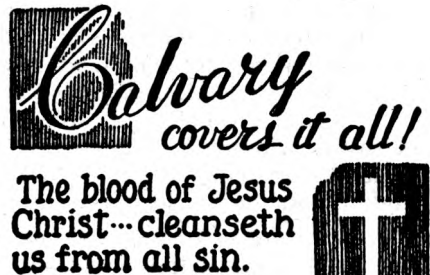
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Yes, it *was* He! He had told His disciples that He would be crucified and buried, and would rise on the third day. They didn't understand what He meant then. But now they knew.

April 13 is Easter Sunday. Christians everywhere on that day will be celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Not only should we be happy because He arose from the dead that day, but also we should rejoice because He still lives. And, as the old song goes—

*You ask me how I know He lives—
He lives within my heart.*

*Nazarene Sunday-School Superintendent, Glasgow, W.Va.



God Works in Mysterious Ways

By D. R. Silvernail*

A GLOOM had settled upon the church in a Montana town, making the opening services of the revival difficult ones. The husband of the church treasurer had fallen from a ladder and lay in a coma in the hospital. He was not expected to live, and he was not prepared to die. For years the church had prayed for his salvation; but now had come this accident, and death seemed imminent.

A brother was summoned from Michigan; a son flew in from the west coast. But the hand of death was stayed. After days of coma the man regained consciousness, and to everyone's surprise he immediately gave testimony of the saving grace of God. When I visited him, his face was bandaged, and doctor's orders were that he remain quiet. But he couldn't keep quiet. The good news just had to be told. He testified until the bandages came loose.

To me he confided, "If I had died everyone would have said, 'The poor old sinner! He has gone to his place.' But during the time it took for me to fall from the ladder to the ground below—God saved me."

In the meantime the revival moved forward with new vigor. The man who had traveled from Michigan to be with his dying brother found himself at an altar of prayer (a dying brother indeed), where God sanctified him wholly. The son from the west coast began attending the revival services also, and made the meetinghouse ring with his shouts of victory as he made a complete surrender to God. In this Montana town lived his wife, from whom he had become estranged, also his two little children. They received the prodigal from the west coast with great gladness—and another home was united and made Christian.

A brother sanctified, a father saved, a son reclaimed, and a family united—all because of a man falling from a ladder. Yes, God does work in mysterious ways His wonders to perform!

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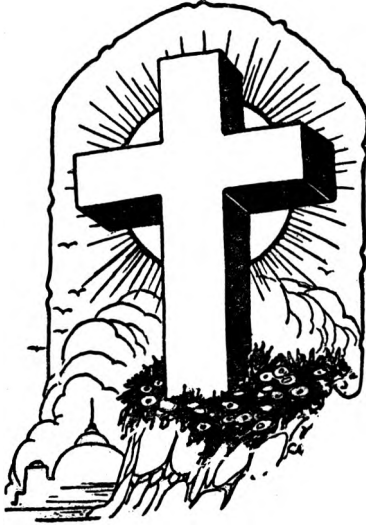
**Your Easter investment—passing or lasting?
Money in the Easter Offering is an investment
for eternity!**

The Carpenter's Masterpiece

By Don S. Metz*

"It Is Finished"

THE EYE healed by Christ had perfect vision; the ear restored by the Saviour had complete receptivity; the tongue loosed by God's Son had absolute freedom; the leg strengthened by the Great Physician had unfaltering stride; the leper cleansed by Jesus enjoyed vigorous health. His touch always made "every whit whole."



The words spoken by Christ are pure poetry; the sermons preached by Christ are unsurpassed; the parables of the Man of Galilee are simple and penetrating. The truths uttered by the Messiah are immortal. The indictments of God's Son are eternal judgments. His words were the final words on any subject.

But the masterpiece of the Carpenter of Galilee is the cry wrung from sun-parched lips as He hung in agony on the middle cross. Someone called "finished" the greatest word ever uttered.

Mankind was redeemed. Redemption for sinners was assured. It is finished! It was a cry of agonized joy, the joy of a craftsman viewing the finished task, the joy of the sculptor putting the final touch to his masterpiece, the joy of the conqueror when the trumpets of victory blow."

It is finished! If there are bells in heaven, an angel must have hastened to pull the silver cord that sent golden chimes reverberating through the avenues of the Eternal City. It is finished! In hell the devil and his cohorts must have slunk back in terror as the awed message swept the regions of the damned. It is finished! Around the earth, faster than the rays of light travel, flashed the possibility of divine illumination.

It is finished! The Creator who had fashioned worlds by the might of His power had created His masterpiece—redemption. The Captain of

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our salvation had won His greatest battle—redemption. The Great High Priest had made His greatest sacrifice—for redemption.

*'Tis finished! all that Heaven foretold
By the prophets in the days of old;
And truths are opened to our view
That kings and prophets never knew.*

GOD IS ABLE

AS I WRITE these lines, my train is winding its way through the grandeur of Glacier National Park in Montana. The majesty of these mountains reminds one of God. This seemed to be the experience of the Psalmist when he wrote, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" (Psalms 121:1). He then asked the question, "From whence cometh my help?" As he continued to gaze upon God's handiwork the answer came, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

The God who pushed up these mighty mountains and threaded these canyons with silver streams is still our God. In these days of man's perverseness toward God and his seeming determination to destroy himself, we may be tempted to despair. But if we will do as the Psalmist did, look "unto the hills," and remember the God that made heaven and earth, we may well take courage. He still lives! "He that keepeth" thee will "neither slumber nor sleep." "The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore." Amen!

—ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*
Home Missions and Evangelism

Turn Again to Calvary

By Lloyd M. Hearn

*Christ is calling to the nations,
"Turn again to Calvary!
All thy plans and hopes must perish,
Dost thou not remember Me!*

*"Learn of Me to love thy brother—
Spite of color, race, or creed;
Then stoop down to lift his burden—
Give thyself unto his need.*

*"Love the neighbor who is near thee;
Love the stranger in the gate;
From the nearest to the farthest,
Love alone can conquer hate!*

*"Love till war shall be no longer
And the flag of peace, unfurled,
Flies forever over brothers—
In a newer, better world!"*

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.
Isaiah 53:5

Believe It or Not!

By Claude L. Chilton*

WHAT WOULD happen in America if every true Christian should suddenly decide to make a desperate, life-or-death effort to win a soul to Jesus Christ during 1952? The results would be nothing short of miraculous. And yet shouldn't this be the norm? What an impact would be made on this old world if every able-bodied Nazarene would seek out and win a soul this week! How it would vitalize our churches!

A Baptist periodical tells of a program now under way among Baptists in the republic of Mexico whereby ten thousand of their members have pledged to win ten thousand unsaved during 1952. All of us are Christians today because someone, somewhere, at some time cared for our souls.

The true story is told of the pastor of a Southern church who was particularly interested in one man who had resisted all efforts to get him to church. The pastor had visited this man many times, talking of Christ and the church to him. Months went by, with no response. Finally, one cold, rainy night during the opening part of the service, the pastor noticed this man walk in and take a seat. The pastor was overjoyed. At the close of the service the man received Christ as his Saviour and, in shaking hands with the pastor, was asked what brought him around to the decision he had made.

"Well, Preacher," he replied, "it wasn't anything you said that brought me here. It was the mud on my neighbor's shoes. You see, in spite of the bad weather, he thought enough of my spiritual welfare to wade through mud to come to my house and invite me to go to church."

"Ye are my witnesses" (Isa. 43:10) and "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8) are striking statements of God's dependence on His Church. Someone has pointedly said that Christ alone can save the world, but Christ cannot save the world alone.

Do you know that it is mathematically possible for the Church of the Nazarene by the power of God to evangelize the world in our time if we would? Believe it or not—but by each Nazarene winning one new Nazarene a year for the next twelve years the entire world would be won to Christ and would be Nazarenes! Believe it or not! With this simple, scriptural method of personal

evangelism being worked by a quarter-million Nazarenes, our church would no doubt become the mightiest evangelistic force since the days of the apostles.

Just think! One hundred and twenty humble, sincere, God-fearing, Spirit-filled Christians won 3,000 converts on the very first day of the Holy Ghost dispensation. That's an average of 25 souls each before the Day of Pentecost was twenty-four hours old! One outstanding fact is that 90 per cent of these soul winners were laymen. Only 12 out of 120 were apostles (10 per cent). In reading Peter's Pentecostal message, we often overlook the fact that there were 119 others preaching, praying, exhorting, and testifying. Jerusalem surely knew there was a "Church of the Nazarene" in their city. The world is not surprised at a preacher witnessing for God, but pungent conviction is more likely to come to hearts when a layman takes the witness stand.

The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls is on! It is working everywhere that it is being put into operation. Its emphasis, as I understand it, is so to organize our laity that they will feel just as definite a responsibility in winning the lost as do pastors and evangelists. Really, the work of evangelism is not complete until those evangelized become evangelists themselves. The follow-up after the altar service is too often neglected. Every new convert should be encouraged and instructed to emulate the example of Andrew, who immediately won his brother Peter. "And he brought him to Jesus." If you win less than one soul per year, you win exactly no souls a year.

I think statistics reveal that the average congregation in the Church of the Nazarene across America is composed of about seventy church members. This is a good Bible number, for you recall that Jesus sent out the seventy, two and two, to win souls for Him. In Luke 10:17, we find what would be repeated today if the "seventy" (each average local Nazarene membership) would venture out into the whitened harvest fields, "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." There is always joy when Satan is defeated. And the scriptural way to defeat the devil is to wage offensive warfare against him, "go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Here's the hard-to-believe but stern fact of how the Church of the Nazarene alone (and thank God for all evangelical, evangelistic bodies) could take this world for God and His beloved Son in just twelve short years: On January 1, 1952, there were approximately 250,000 Nazarenes in the United States. Now each year has 12 full months of 365 days composed of 8,760 hours. Would it be beyond the realm of possibility for one Nazarene to win one new Nazarene within that period of time? "With God all things are possible."

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If each one would win one during 1952, conceivably there would be 500,000 Nazarenes by next New Year's Day. At this same rate there would be 1 million Nazarenes by 1954; 2 million by 1955; 4 million by 1956; 8 million by 1957; 16 million by 1958; 32 million by 1959; 64 million by 1960; 128 million by 1961; 256 million by 1962; 512 million by 1963; 1 billion 24 million by 1964; 2 billion 48 million by 1965. "Fantastic, foolish, preposterous!" some one replies. Yes, from a human standpoint it is.

With each convert by fervent prayer and frequent personal work winning an additional soul each year, our numbers double, heaven rejoices, and hell trembles; God is glorified, Christ is exalted, and the Holy Ghost is honored. More funds pour in to liquidate debts, new Sunday-school classes are begun, more churches organized to care for increased numbers, preachers and missionaries answer the call, and the kingdoms of this world become the kingdom our our Lord and of His Christ. "All things are possible to him that believeth." Believe it or not!

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

LAST YEAR (July 16) the churches that had gained thirty or more members in 1950 by profession of faith and from other denominations were listed in this column. These churches had been successful in securing new Christians and the children of church families as members of the church. The ability to win new people is not the only criterion of the evangelistic church, but it certainly should be the objective of every church.

We are now listing those churches that are on this evangelistic honor roll according to the 1951 statistics. The net gain or loss of these churches is not reflected in these figures, but only that they have been successful in adding new people to the church. We note that many of these churches have had outstanding records for visitation evangelism, and we are sure they would agree that lay visitation has been one of the keys to their growth.

District	Church	Membership
Akron	**East Liberty	40
Akron	East Liverpool First	513
Alabama	Birmingham Cottage Hill	84
Alabama	*Lanett	240
Alabama	Mobile First	178
Alabama	Sheffield	106
Albany	Saratoga Springs	48
Arizona	*Tucson First	238
Arkansas	*Conway	246
Arkansas	*Little Rock First	532
Arkansas	Little Rock Rose Hill	176
Arkansas	*North Little Rock	300
British Isles	**Cosham, Hants	35
Canada West	Abbotsford	72
Central Ohio	Newark First	200
Dallas	Bonham	93
Eastern Michigan	**Birmingham	34
Eastern Michigan	Pontiac Zion	101
Georgia	Thomasville	92
Idaho-Oregon	*Nampa First	710
Illinois	*Champaign	264
Illinois	Mattoon	63
Iowa	Cedar Rapids	142
Iowa	Des Moines First	226
Kansas	*Wichita First	433
Kansas City	Kansas City Central	157
Kentucky	Ashland First	459
Kentucky	*Louisville Broadway	285
Los Angeles	*Los Angeles First	733
Los Angeles	Van Nuys	132
Michigan	*Grand Rapids First	212

District	Church	Membership
Missouri	*St. Louis First	418
Northern California	**Caruthers	51
Northern California	Eureka	175
Northern California	Richmond	165
Northwest Indiana	**Frankfort South	40
Northwest Indiana	Rensselaer	71
Northwest Oklahoma	Bethany First	1,126
Northwest Oklahoma	Britton	113
Northwest Oklahoma	Guymon	113
Northwest Oklahoma	*Stillwater	159
Ontario	Toronto, St. Clair	300
Oregon Pacific	*Medford	302
Oregon Pacific	Salem	400
Pittsburgh	**Brookville	40
Pittsburgh	**Pittsburgh Beechview	33
South Carolina	Bennettsville	96
South Carolina	*Columbia First	291
South Carolina	Pageland	40
South Carolina	*Sumter First	163
Southwest Indiana	Seymour Northside	81
Southwest Indiana	**Valley Mission	34
Southwest Oklahoma	Oklahoma City First	495
Tennessee	Lewisburg	111
Tennessee	Memphis Calvary	77
Tennessee	Nashville Bethel	168
Virginia	*Roanoke First	253
Wash.-Phil.	Washington First	372
West Virginia	Moundsville	160
West Virginia	**Oak Hill	30
West Virginia	**Weaver	32
Western Ohio	**Batavia	46
Western Ohio	Springfield First	245

* Second year on evangelistic honor roll

** New church organized during the year

Thoughts on Soul Winning

The first Crusade for Souls was in the first century. We have the account of it in the Book of Acts. That book could well be called "The Acts of a Witnessing Church." The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls in the Church of the Nazarene should have the same results in our day if we have the same empowerment that the early disciples had. They received that power on Pentecost, and indeed Jesus had promised, "Ye shall receive power . . . ye shall be witnesses."

The power of Pentecost is available for every sanctified Christian today, but power is evident only as it is used. Do you hesitate to tell others? How do you know you don't have power to witness? Have you tried? Put the power of the Holy Spirit to use and you will find there is an abundant supply, sufficient to every witnessing opportunity. Let us have a "world-wide witnessing revolution."

Take the Easter Offering Seriously?

DURING an Easter convention in one of our churches, one night after service I overheard a group of women talking about the Easter offering. A mother was telling her friends what her girl had said. A schoolmate had asked the girl what new clothes she was to get for Easter. Her answer was, "I do not know that any of us at our house will get anything new for Easter this year—we are having an Easter offering at our church for foreign missions and are saving everything that we can for that."

I listened in on what these women were saying long enough to be convinced that here were some members of the Church of the Nazarene who were taking the Easter offering seriously. I'll go a step further and say that I believe many of our people take the Easter offering seriously. This must be the case, or else we could not have raised what we have in the past in these special offerings. Thank God for those who have taken the Easter offering seriously! *Will we take it seriously this year?*

Does Jesus want us to take this offering seriously? Did He take the need of those across the seas seriously? Was He concerned about those "other sheep"? He was concerned enough to give His life for them. We talk about His giving His life for us, but we must remember that He gave His life for them just as much as He did for us.

Recently, I read again these wonderful words from the lips of the Master: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd" (John 10:11-16).

Yes, Jesus cared—He gave His life for these "other sheep" just as truly as He did for you and me. If we care, we will take the Easter offering seriously and follow in the footsteps of the Master. To do otherwise is to take the way of the hireling.

God Is Absolute

IN THE ISSUE of the HERALD OF HOLINESS for February 13, I discussed the topic "God Is a Moral Being." Previous to that I had presented articles on our church's teaching as to God on the fol-

lowing subjects: "God Is One," "God Is a Spirit," and "God Is a Person." Now I bring to you this truth, "God Is Absolute."

SOME WOULD tell us that God as absolute is all-inclusive—that everything in the material world and the living world is a part of Him. This is pantheism—all is God and God is all. All that lives is a part of the living God, and the living God is the soul of the universe and the universe is the body of God. Finite persons are a part of the infinite Person as well as everything else. But when I speak of God as absolute, I do not mean that He is a God of this type. I do not believe that absolute when ascribed to Him implies that everything that exists is a part of Him.

First Cause, and Infinitely Perfect One

Another view is that absolute when applied to God means that He is unrelated. Relative is the antonym of absolute, and to be absolute signifies being beyond relation. God as absolute is so "wholly other" that He cannot have anything to do with anything or anyone else. He is so far distant from His creation that we cannot think anything—much less say anything—about Him. Such a view would exclude the Bible, Christ, and the whole plan and process of redemption. This is not the thought I would convey to you when I talk about God as absolute. If the absoluteness of God means that He cannot be related in any way to men and things, then I do not believe in His absoluteness. However, as I have already indicated, I do not believe that this is the significance of the word absolute when used as to God.

I agree with those who teach that God's absoluteness indicates that He is the uncaused Cause of all that exists, He is the First Cause, or World-Ground. This means that He is not only eternal but also the only eternally existing Reality. He is a free moral agent, a person, and is not conditioned by anything outside of His personality, except in so far as He chooses to be conditioned, or limited, by something which He has created. In no case could there be two absolutes, for each would condition the other and thus cancel out its absoluteness.

From another standpoint, to say that God is absolute means that He is perfect—perfect in a sense that no finite being ever could be. All of God's characteristics are good in themselves, infinitely complete, and harmoniously related to one another. They function perfectly together—no attribute ever gets out of balance in relation to the other. God's love never runs away with His justice, and His justice never runs away

Stephen S. White

with His love. Thus God has all of the characteristics which are essential to Him as God, each of these attributes is perfect in itself, and all of them function perfectly together. God is absolute, then, in that He is perfect as no other being in the universe is perfect.

THE TERM absolute when applied to God also refers to the fact that He is unlimited in power. The absolute has been defined as the will

The Almighty Person

or power of the Almighty. God is omnipotent, all-powerful. The absoluteness of God is to be more nearly identified with His almightiness, His all-power, than with any of His other characteristics. God is all-powerful, God is absolute.

In the consideration of the all-powerfulness of God as an indication of the absoluteness of God, we come closest to the Bible teaching. The Bible especially emphasizes the almightiness of God. In this respect, He stands in a class by himself and can thus be thought of as absolute. This truth also has great practical value. It means that God as all-powerful can meet any need that we as Christians may have. The Bible is full of promises which carry this thought with them. God can work and none can hinder Him—He is all-powerful, absolute. Closely connected with this truth that God can meet every real need which we may have is the truth that, because of God's all-power and absoluteness, the right will ultimately triumph in spite of the seeming dominance of evil today. God is still on the throne, and He cannot only deliver us from the power and presence of sin as individuals; He can and will also deliver the world from sin finally—He will at last defeat every foe.

Here are some of the scriptures which are quoted as proofs of God's omnipotence: "I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Gen. 17:1); "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God" (Psalms 62:11); "Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psalms 33:8-9); "There is nothing too hard for thee [God]" (Jer. 32:17); "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matt. 28:18); "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8); "And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth" (Rev. 19:6). And then there is the wonderful promise in Ephesians 3:20-21 which emphasizes

the practical value of the all-powerfulness of God: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Not only what the Bible says God can and will do for us, but also what He has done, proves His omnipotence, His absoluteness. The story of God's work in the creation of the universe and man declares His omnipotence. No one can read the first chapter in the Bible without being convinced of God's almightiness. From then on the Old Testament is full of the manifestations of God's power in behalf of His chosen people Israel. Israel believed in God's absoluteness in spite of their sins and shortcomings. Their experience with Him as a present help in time of trouble had proved this. Then there is the record of the New Testament with Christ and His manifestations of power over nature, disease, and sin and the Holy Spirit's mighty doings through His chosen vessels. Surely, there can be no doubt but that our God has all power in earth and heaven.

Absolute is one of the most difficult words which we use to describe God. This is true because it refers to those characteristics of God which make Him most unlike men. Man could be spoken of as one, as spirit, or as having a spirit, as personal, and as moral, but he could not be described as absolute. Absolute can be used only of Him who is self-caused, eternal, almighty, all-wise—a Person who is infinitely perfect.

Telegrams to the Queen Mother And Queen Elizabeth

OF SPECIAL interest to me were the telegrams which our brethren of the British Empire sent to the Queen Mother and the newly proclaimed Queen Elizabeth II. I recently received a copy of them from Dr. George Frame, superintendent of the British Isles District of our church. I am sure that these telegrams will be of interest to our people around the world, and so I pass them on to you. Here they are as they were relayed to me by Dr. Frame:

HER MAJESTY, THE QUEEN MOTHER
Buckingham Palace, London:

The members of the Church of the Nazarene in the British Commonwealth, along with their fellow Nazarenes in America, who have requested to be included in this message, humbly extend to you their sympathy, and assure you of their continued prayers during this time of your great loss.

GEORGE FRAME, M.A., D.D.
Superintendent
British Isles District
Church of the Nazarene

Telegraphed response:

388 6.10 Buckingham Palace 23 District Superintendent
Hurler Nazarene College, Nitshill, Glasgow 3

I am commanded to convey Her Majesty's sincere appreciation of your message of sympathy.

PRIVATE SECRETARY

HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH
Buckingham Palace, London:

The members of the Church of the Nazarene, your loyal subjects in Great Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, and other parts of the British Commonwealth, humbly extend to you our sympathy at this time of your deep sorrow and our great loss. We also pledge our prayerful support of your endeavours, as our hon-

oured Queen, to lead us as a people in the paths of righteousness and true holiness.

GEORGE FRAME, M.A., D.D.
Superintendent
British Isles District
Church of the Nazarene

Telegraphed response:

391 6.50 Buckingham Palace 23 District Superintendent
Hurler Nazarene College, Nitshill, Glasgow

The Queen has desired me to send her sincere thanks for your kind message.

PRIVATE SECRETARY

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for April 6: A Fellowship of Many Followers

Scripture: John 15:5-9; Phil. 2:12-17; Rom. 16:1-27;

Col. 4:7-18 (Printed, John 15:5-9; Phil. 2:14-16; Rom. 16:1-7)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples* (John 15:8).

This section of scripture is encouraging on the whole, and bright with promise. But some of the words in it are scarily blunt, for instance, "Without me ye can do nothing." It sounds out with the positive note of final authority, and in its sweep takes in all the human race. It is certainly a place to stop, look, and listen.

We would say that this was the mouthing of some egotist had the words not come from the holy lips of the Son of God. Imagine anyone's saying, "Without me ye can do nothing"! Isn't there something mighty judgment-like about it? Then link these words with the first words of the first verse in this chapter, "I am the true vine, . . . without me ye can do nothing." There it stands in its entirety, uncompromising as a granite mountain.

No matter how you look at these words, they hit you with a frontal thrust akin to an atom explosion within the soul. Without a vital and personal connection with Christ, all our efforts are unavailing. Or is that what it means? Can't a sinner perform any good works at all? The kind words and gifts of an unbeliever—are these totally lost? Some suggest that Jesus meant here that actually every inclination to good in the soul of man comes from the Spirit of God. This is the good old Methodist doctrine of prevenient grace—the grace that enables a sinner even to have thoughts of goodness and higher living. Was this what Christ meant?

Or did Jesus mean that all the good works of a sinner would bring him no eternal reward, and therefore would literally be unavailing? Outside of Christ all good works are eventually lost. In the light of this the sinner really can "do nothing."

Or does it mean that, severed from the vine, one can have no Christian

fruits whatsoever? I personally incline to agree at this point. Apart from the vine, the life of the vine is totally prohibited from flowing through our lives. We may perform moral deeds, but Christian fruitage comes only when a living connection is maintained with Jesus Christ.

Whatever meaning we gather from these words, one thing is sure. They warn us against any false hope. We must maintain a ceaseless and vital relationship with the True Vine at all times; for those who once were branches may be severed and burned with eternal fires. The only eternal security is internal security!

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

"I Choose Christ"

JUST THIS moment I recall the previous revival which we had at Endingen in July when an old heathen woman came forward during the altar call and said, "I choose Christ." She was old and lame but this was her first time to seek Christ. She said as she gave her testimony, her face shining with the dawn of light and deliverance in her soul, "I now want to join the *Amajoyini* [those who visit the kraals and try to win others] and work until Jesus comes." One month later she was brought to the dispensary desperately sick, but her face was still shining through her pain, and she witnessed to everyone who came to see her. She has now joined the heavenly host and is with her Lord. Praise God! Salvation is still for all, young and old, rich and poor, black or white. They all *can know* and find Him whom to know is life eternal.—AGNES CLARK, *Swaziland*.

A Navajo's Testimony

When I was in sin hundreds of visitors came to my home, many times to see squaw dances, five-night sings, and *Yeahecha* dances [a nine-day ceremony performed only in the winter]. During these days I sheltered and fed the many visitors. Thus we demonstrate to the gods how liberal we should be in health and prosperity and rain for moisture. We spend hundreds of dollars' worth of food to feed the visitors in order that the gods may see our example and also be generous with the blessings they supposedly are able to give. One who attended these ceremonies can very readily perceive that the Navajo people are very religious people. But may I ask, Does our Indian religion really satisfy? Does it lead to better living? Does it grant us victory over sins that enslave? Does our Navajo religion promise any hope for a home in glory waiting for men and women and children in the life hereafter?

These things are worthy of consideration. I am so glad I have found Jesus, my only Saviour, and I am serving Him far better than I did the idols.—ALBERT CHARLEY, *Low Mountain Nazarene Mission, Arizona.*

"Someone Asked Us to Pray"

I moved to the Stegi Health Center early in November to take over the dispensary work, and I am finding the work very interesting. We have had a typhoid epidemic and have treated numbers of cases and inoculated several hundred others. Of course many have remained in their homes without medical aid except that which they get from their own

so-called "native doctors." Many that come for treatment are not Christians, and many are raw heathen. Some want only our medicine and have no time to hear the gospel, while others are interested and listen and ask us to pray for them. We want to be faithful in giving out the gospel while we treat their bodies.—RUTH MATCHETT, *Swaziland.*

Another Glorious Victory In Barbados

Sunday, January 20, a great company of Nazarenes assembled for the dedicating of a lovely white coral-stone church with an adjoining parsonage.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

"There Are So Many Good Things"

IN THE first place, I must confess that I like to know what is going on around where I live and even around where other folks live. Maybe I have an extra supply of curiosity. Needless to say, I enjoy being told about this and that.

A few weeks ago I was approached by a young girl who proceeded to tell me "all the news." Most of the news of that occasion was on the sorry side of life. Things had not been going well with those about whom my young friend told me. I listened with both ears; and, before many hours were past, I had heard the same stories from two other girls.

Late that night I was alone with my daughter. "I heard all the news today," I began with a tone of childing in my voice, I am sure. "I wonder why you haven't told me before now," I finished. I waited a moment, and then came the answer about which I have thought a great deal since.

"Well, Mother," was the simple reply, "there are so many good things happening to tell you about that I try to forget the bad."

I was really floored at first, but regained my composure and in what I hope was a nice, calm voice said, "Oh, it's all right, but I just wondered."

Since then I have wondered a lot. Perhaps I, too, could profit by forgetting the bad things when there are so many good things happening about me all of the time. This includes not only the news but every-

thing; and in every happening of life I have been trying to remember that "there are so many good things" even in the face of disturbing incidents which are brought to my attention. Numerous times, with a great deal of determination, I have stopped my unpleasant thoughts and asked myself, "What are the good things?" And, strange as it may seem, there are always good things to remember. There are good things about almost every unhappy incident or unpleasant situation.

What are the good things where you are living? Are there good results incident to bad causes? What are the good things?

Of course, this way of thinking is scriptural. "Hold fast that which is good." "Whatever things are of good report . . . think on these things."

Yes, there are so many good things!

"It's Not Bad for Me"

SOMETIMES we are tempted to say, "I don't see why I can't do some of the things I am not allowed to do. They're not bad for me."

John and Jean were brother and sister. Jean was two years older than John and, when the two were small, they were together most of the days and nights. Whenever Mother went any place, John and Jean both went with her. It came about that there was a big meeting to be held and Mother decided to attend.

One day during the meeting, Mother took Jean and John to the church nursery to stay for the day. The day went by with no trouble, but there was one little girl there who was sick. She looked as if she had a fever,

The work of our church began in Cave Hill in the early days of this district. Under the persistent effort of Elder Frederick Reed it was the first organized holiness work to be planted in this community. Brother Reed gave the first little building. For years the work has continued with an occasional improvement on the little chapel. Progress often seemed discouraging, especially in this more modern day when the "shack" has lost its appeal to even the spiritually hungry. But the prayers of His children have not been in vain. Our King still reigneth! In time His will is perfected and His kingdom moves forward triumphantly.—MRS. A. O. HENDRICKS, *Barbados.*

and her nose ran an awful lot. She was still in the nursery when Mother went for Jean and John that evening.

About a week later, John developed a little cold—not bad, but a good case of the sniffles. Mother thought he probably caught it from the sick little girl of the nursery; and even when he developed bumps here and there, she thought nothing of it. She had taken the children to a part of the country where there were many mosquitoes and naturally thought John was especially sensitive to the bites. He was allowed to run about and play as usual. He even went to church on Sunday. At night he felt the worst, and then Mother would doctor his strange mosquito bites. Since John did not complain about being sick, no more was done for him.

In another week, however, Jean became terribly sick. She broke out with red bumps all over her body. She ran a high fever, and before the second day had passed there was hardly a spot on her body where there was not a red, sore bump. Everyone knew at once that Jean had the chicken pox.

About the third day of Jean's illness, Mother began to recall John's late sickness. Suddenly, she knew that John had had a light case of chicken pox and that Jean had caught her sickness from him. He had not been ill enough to go to bed—in fact, he had not been sick any more than one would be with mosquito bites. But what he had, when caught by Jean, made the girl very miserable.

Now let's go back to the beginning. The little girl in the nursery had a cold—perhaps the beginning of chicken pox. She gave the disease to John and he in turn, although not suffering himself, passed it on to Jean, who became very ill.

We are tempted to feel that if some act of ours is not bad for us then

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The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Alcoholism And the Church's Message

ALCOHOLISM is one disease for which the Church has the chief cure. True, physicians and psychiatrists can do much to assist the chronic alcoholic. True, Alcoholics Anonymous have a great work to do. But in a search for the germ of this disease, we do not go to the research laboratory in an attempt to isolate it, identify it, and find a method to destroy it. Neither can we wholly drive alcoholism from our midst by psychologists and social pressure cures.

The true germ of alcoholism is moral; it is a personal depravity, a spiritual weakness, an inner love for self-indulgence, an inner impotency of the will which demands a spiritual and moral cure.

I was in a home of a young couple not long ago. They were leaders in the church; their lives were a blessing to all who came in contact with them. But only a few months before they had been chronic drinkers with their lives far away from God. Why this dramatic change? They were gloriously saved and later sanctified and their lives were changed.

We can kill the germ of alcoholism by getting Christ to the hearts of men. We must not overlook this remedy. It is good to talk in the other terms and to do all we can to solve the problem in these ways. However, we must all sincerely realize that the whole problem lies in the sinful hearts of men. Why do people drink, after all? Sin is at the root of it. Why will men blight a nation in order to sell their liquor? Greedy and sinful hearts can alone explain it. Why will rum-runners go into operation as soon as the hour laws are enacted to prohibit liquor from reaching society? Sin is the answer. Why will enforcement officers give no attention or only token attention in seeking out and punishing the lawbreakers? Sin is the reason.

The Christian people of the nation should realize now and always that the active evangelization of the nation, the active efforts to bring men and women and boys and girls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, is one of the greatest single efforts they can make in solving this great national problem. Redeemed men will change the society in which they live. A community of redeemed men and women

will wield a vast influence for righteousness. Let us all unite in a mighty crusade to *kill the germ of alcoholism where that germ resides—in the hearts of men!*

Prayer Tower Requests

March 16-22 American Negroes
A real need confronts our colored work for recruits from among their

young people who feel the call of God and will train for the ministry at the school at Institute, West Virginia. Let us pray that God will put His hand upon those who will in the days to come give leadership to this work.

March 23-29 Mexican Districts

Our four Mexican districts, two in the interior and two on the border, are seeing good progress. Let us pray for these superintendents: David Sol, Enrique Rosales, Ira True, Sr., and Everette Howard, for their pastors and churches.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

TELEGRAMS

Pasadena, California—Rev. Oscar Hudson, 78 years of age, underwent major, but successful surgery, March 10. Friends of Oscar and Nettie Hudson over the nation will wish to remember them at this time of need. Their address, 2368 Dudley St., Pasadena, Calif.—A. E. SANNER, Superintendent of Los Angeles District.

Santa Cruz, California—We now have Nazarenes in "Paradise" (California); organized church with heads of five families. Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Fisher laboring sacrificially in this new residential area. Approximately 15,000 people living within limits of twenty-square-mile area; down payment on building loaned by converted tavern owner. Plans for building enlargement now under way.—GEORGE COULTER, Superintendent of Northern California District.

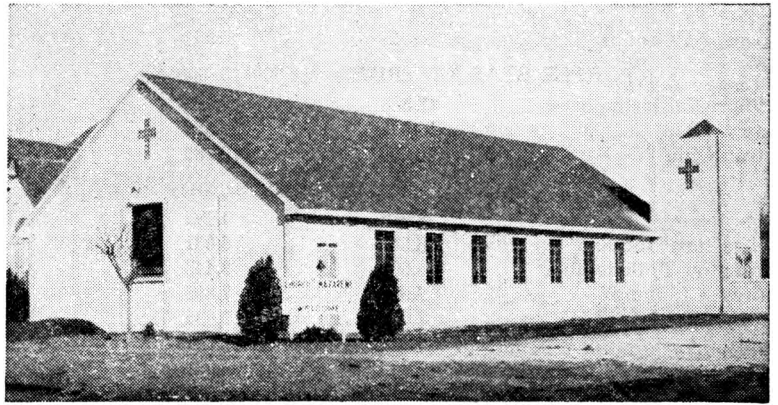
Woodville, California, Church has voted to join the "10 per cent for missions" churches. God sent Evangelist C. B. Fugett our way in November, and used this Spirit-filled man to revive our church and suggest a practical plan for the Crusade for Souls. A great revival in February, with Evangelist Paul Gray, was used of God in an ingathering of souls. God is blessing in a wonderful way.—Clarence Killion, Pastor.

North Brownwood, Texas—This home-mission church recently enjoyed a Spirit-blessed, seven-day revival with my wife Lois doing the preaching. There were sixty seekers (counting them as they came), and a class of sixteen members added to the church. Miss Glenda Hinds, of the Coleman church, served as special singer. James and Loretta Rice, of the local church, assisted with instrumental music. We praise God for His blessings.—C. B. McCaul, Pastor.

Gainesville, Florida—God gave First Church a great revival during youth week, with Evangelist W. W. Rose as special worker. Many souls came to know Jesus Christ as Saviour, or to know Him better. Brother Rose truly preaches God's Word, and we feel we were very fortunate to have this fiery evangelist with us. On Sunday morning, a class of fourteen united with the church. Brother Rose stands by the church and its doctrines; we hope to have him with us again. God has blessed this church under the leadership of our beloved pastor, Rev. R. E. Elzey, who was given a call for his fifth year; but, feeling it to be the will of the Lord, he has accepted the call to the St. Petersburg church.—George Hill, Reporter.

Huntington, West Virginia—Walnut Hills Church recently enjoyed a very profitable revival meeting with Rev. Eddie and Ann Burnem as our evangelists. This was their fourth revival here and was one of the outstanding meetings in the history of the church. Our souls were stirred under the Spirit-filled messages of Brother Burnem, and God blessed our hearts as Sister Burnem sang. Our crowds were exceptionally large, and our people faithfully carried the burden in prayer and finances. God gave many definite victories as men and women sought Him for pardon and full salvation. The last day of the meeting was a red-letter day in the Sunday school. We set a goal of 200, but went over the top with an actual attendance of 219. God has blessed our ministry in the two years that we have served these loyal people, and given us increases in every department of the church. We are now a "10 per cent" group in our missionary giving. We are finishing the first year of a three-year call, and the future for the church in this community looks very promising. A generous love offering was willingly given by our good members and friends to care for our expenses at the coming General Assembly.—Giles M. Graham, Pastor.

Pictured here is the new church sanctuary, recently completed. It is of masonry construction, with stuccoed exterior and plastered interior; the outside pilasters are not stuccoed, but are painted the same color as the window trim. The building is 40 x 90 feet, with a maximum seating capacity of 350, including the overflow provision. It is furnished with limed-oak furniture. The old building had to be moved to the west side of the lots to give room on the corner for the new sanctuary. Including the cost of moving the old building, and that of the furniture, the project totaled approximately \$25,000.00. Money was saved through donated labor and materials. The building alone cost only \$19,500.00. The total property value is conservatively estimated at \$40,000.00. This new sanctuary is equipped with glassed-in "cry-room," pastor's study, etc.; the old building provides adequate room for Sunday-school expansion. Unique features of the building are the four-foot glass panels that ex-



tend almost completely across the forty-foot-long vestibule, equipped with a sound system for overflow seating, and an art-glass window (full length picture of Sallman's "Come unto Me" Christ), located just

behind the pulpit and baptistry. This serves as a background for the baptistry and as a picture-window for the outside. The window is automatically lighted each evening by a time-clock.—J. C. Holman, Pastor.

Peoria, Illinois—North Side Church recently closed a two-week revival with Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith as special workers. We count this one of our most outstanding meetings. Our church is small, seating ninety people closely; it is always a delight to find it necessary to add extra chairs in the aisles. People will attend church services on Monday and Saturday nights if the Spirit of God is present. The Smiths are wonderful workers. Many souls sought God and several found Him in saving grace for the first time; 124 people outside our own group attended the services. Great things can be accomplished through prayer and fasting. Help us pray for a new church.—J. Russell Gravat, Pastor.

Shadyside, Ohio—On February 10 we closed a revival campaign with Evangelist P. E. Kuykendall. It was a revival of the old-fashioned, Heaven-sent, sin-killing type. During the eight-day meeting, 135 souls poured out their hearts to God at the altar of prayer. Brother Kuykendall's messages were given each night with the anointing of the Holy Ghost; and that, combined with the prayers and work of the church, brought wonderful victories. We had near capacity crowds from the first service, and in the closing service we did not have room to seat the people who came—the first time, to our knowledge, this has happened in a revival meeting in this church's history. After Brother Kuykendall had mentioned that he was accepting calls for a series of revival meetings in England and Europe as soon as he had money for travel and to care for his family in his absence, the people spontaneously took the matter upon their hearts. Before the evangelist left on Sunday night he had been given \$650.00 in

cash, with another \$100.00 pledged. For the past three years, our church, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. L. A. Baltz, has made gains in every department. On Sunday morning of February 17 they were given a unanimous call for another year. During the revival we had wonderful cooperation from our churches in Bel-laire, Tiltonville, Powhatan, and also from McMechen and Moundville, West Virginia, as well as churches in the vicinity. Our people are greatly encouraged in the faith, and new people are looking our way.—R. R. Watt, Reporter.

The Memphis (Tennessee) Zone N.Y.P.S. was greatly blessed during Youth Week with an old-fashioned revival. Many souls, both young and old, sought God and were saved and sanctified. As a result, the membership of the zone has a great increase in zeal, faith, and passion for souls. We give God all the praise.—Howard Young, Zone President.

Pastor David Hall reports from Bartlesville, Oklahoma: "Coming to Eastside Church five months ago, we found a wonderful group of good, spiritual people. They received us royally, and have stood by us in every way. From the beginning, the blessings of the Lord have been rich. Evangelist C. B. Fugett gave us a wonderful revival, and won the hearts of the people with his Spirit-anointed messages. He did some great preaching, under divine manifestation, and more than fifty souls sought God in the four-day campaign. In our youth revival, Evangelist Otto Willison blessed and helped all of us with his uncompromising ministry; he is a man of God. Our people are sacrificing, the Sunday school is growing, and attendance at the worship services is better than ever. We have paid our

General Budget for the year, and finances are good. We praise God for our church and its great leaders."

Springfield, Illinois—First Church recently closed one of the best revivals of its history; this is the consensus of opinion of those who attended the services. Rev. George P. Woodward, chalk-artist evangelist, was the special worker. His wonderful messages were anointed of God, and will live long in the hearts and minds of the people. The blessing of the Lord was manifest in his illustrated sermons, and his unique way of presenting the gospel stirred the hearts of the people. Brother Woodward is a man of God, and we appreciated his soul-stirring ministry. We have given him a call to return. We believe our church has a mind to do greater things for God.—Frank H. Watkin, Pastor.

Bluefield, West Virginia — This church recently had a very successful youth revival with Grant Browning as the evangelist and the Joy Beams as our special singers. The preaching of Grant Browning, one of our fine students of Trevecca Nazarene College, was outstanding. Nearly every night of the revival we saw someone seeking the Lord for pardon or heart purity. The singing of the Joy Beams from Charleston First Church was the best. The glory from on high would fall upon the services as they proclaimed the gospel in song. The church was well filled every night, and at the close of this week's revival, the Sunday-school rooms of the church had to be thrown open to accommodate the crowds. We are grateful to God for the young people of the Church of the Nazarene and their zeal for souls and the church.—June Spraker, Reporter.

Sunday-School Attendance Report

Districts by Groups	February		%
	1951	1952	
PURPLE STAR DISTRICTS (10,000-15-000)			
Northern California	12,383	13,756	111*
Western Ohio	11,447	11,539	101
Central Ohio	10,294	10,185	99
BLUE STAR DISTRICTS (7,500-10,000)			
Akron	8,936	9,995	112*
Northeastern Indiana	8,541	8,631	101
Washington-Philadelphia	8,500	8,443	99
Southwest Indiana	7,945	7,895	99
Eastern Michigan	7,621	7,838	103
Illinois	7,472	7,697	103
Michigan	7,445	7,528	101
GREEN STAR DISTRICTS (5,000-7,500)			
Kansas	6,907	7,147	103
Kansas City	7,005	7,134	102
Arkansas	7,299	7,095	97
Alabama	6,160	6,431	104
Oregon Pacific	5,904	6,376	108
Florida	5,455	6,080	111*
Northwest	5,214	6,072	116*
Idaho-Oregon	5,514	5,823	106
Iowa	5,546	5,808	105
Colorado	5,573	5,708	102
Northwest Oklahoma	5,499	5,692	104
Southwest Oklahoma	5,612	5,657	101
Chicago Central	4,899	5,379	110*
Northwest Indiana	5,049	5,263	104
Abilene	4,870	5,067	104
RED STAR DISTRICTS (2,500-5,000)			
Washington Pacific	3,717	4,952	133*
Georgia	4,085	4,422	108
Dallas	4,563	4,367	96
Canada West	3,885	4,192	108
Eastern Kentucky	4,026	4,122	102
South Carolina	3,396	3,699	109
Northeast Oklahoma	3,519	3,684	105
San Antonio	3,332	3,644	109
Southeast Oklahoma	3,962	3,497	88
Arizona	2,827	3,060	108
New Mexico	2,602	2,846	109
Houston	2,714	2,834	104
Albany	2,815	2,818	100
Nebraska	2,535	2,746	108
Mississippi	2,236	2,648	118*
WHITE STAR DISTRICTS (Under 2,500)			
Rocky Mountain	2,264	2,455	109
Virginia	2,407	2,294	95
Minnesota	1,957	1,941	99
Ontario	1,829	1,881	103
North Dakota	1,492	1,434	96
Maritime	720	727	100
South Dakota	744	725	97
Nevada-Utah	663	698	105

February attendance reports were not received from the following districts in time to appear in this issue: East Tennessee, Indianapolis, Kentucky, Los Angeles, Louisiana, Missouri, New England, New York, North Carolina, Northwestern Illinois, Pittsburgh, Southern California, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Estimated total average attendance for February for all districts: 332,268
Gain: 10,545 or 3%

* One of the seven highest in percentage gain for February

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*
Department of Church Schools

Bakersfield, California — First Church recently had a revival with Rev. Harold Volk as the evangelist. Mr. Gabriel Martinez, from nearby Wasco church, had charge of the music during the week nights; and Jim Hill, one of our graduates of Pasadena College, and now teaching music at Upland College, came for the first week end; Miss Elizabeth Nelson, professor of music at Pasadena College, came for the remaining week end. All of these put themselves into the meeting in such a way that God was glorified and much excellent work was done. Brother Volk preached under the anointing of the Lord. Our hearts were stirred and moved. We thank God for such consecrated and able evangelists.—Reporter.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—Sheraden Church closed a fruitful revival on Sunday, February 3, with Rev. R. J. Smeltzer as evangelist. Twenty-five seekers were at the altar on the concluding day. Since the meeting we have received a class of members, making twelve since the assembly in July. The church gave the pastor a love offering of \$200.00 to attend the General Assembly. If you have people in this area, we shall be glad to contact them.—Floyd A. Wycoff, Pastor.

Reading, Michigan—This church has as its new minister Rev. Darrell E. Weitz, to whom we have extended a unanimous call. Brother Weitz left his ten-year pastorate at the Grand Rapids, Minnesota, church to accept the call. While there, a new church was built and cleared of indebtedness. The Reverend and Mrs. Weitz, daughter Audrey, and son Jimmy, arrived in Reading last December 18, and the new pastor preached his first sermon to our congregation on December 23. These young people have a Christian zeal and vision which is a great inspiration, not only to the local church, but also to the surrounding community. We are most pleased with the ministry of Brother Weitz.—Mrs. Clyde Hinkle, Reporter.

"It's Not Bad for Me"

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it is all right for us to go ahead with it. But we have not only to look after the welfare of ourselves but also to take care that others around us do not face trouble. Something that may not be bad for us may cause another to lose interest in the church and in all other good things in life. Eventually, this one may become sick in his heart and even stop being a follower of Christ.

One's actions and words must be carefully chosen. Yes, he must be careful even though he may truthfully say, "It's not bad for me."

Wagoner, Oklahoma—The recent revival was one of the best in the two-year history of this church. Evangelist J. L. Woolman preached dynamic, heart-searching, Bible messages, anointed by the Holy Ghost, and many souls walked in the light and obeyed God. About twenty-five bowed at the altar, seeking God for pardon or heart purity, and two fine members have been added to the church. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hardin were the singers and musicians; their Spirit-anointed singing was a blessing to all. Also, Mrs. Hardin gave a number of Scene-o-felt lessons for the young people. We appreciated the ministry of all three of these faithful, untiring workers, who fasted, prayed, and worked for souls. We are encouraged and praise God for answered prayer.—Lorene Lewis, Secretary.

Pastor Herman E. Ward reports from Dalton, Georgia: "We closed our second year here in February, also had a three-year call. God has been good to us and has made His presence real in our services from time to time. We have had revivals with Rev. Eddie and Ann Burnem, Rev. C. B. Fugett, Rev. Harvey Hendershot, and Dr. U. E. Harding, who gave us a week-end meeting. With the help of an aggressive people who love God with all their hearts, we have been able to build a new parsonage and redecorate the church, along with other advancements and improvements. Several new members have been added to the church, and the budgets to date are overpaid. The observance of Youth Week proved a great success. The closing Sunday was a huge success, with five students from Trevecca College being with us and having charge of all the services. Their efforts were deeply appreciated. Every department of the church is progressing. We praise God for leading us to such a great group of Nazarenes."

Assumption, Illinois—We accepted the pastorate here at the assembly of 1949, and God has blessed the church along every line. The Sunday school has more than doubled, there has been a fine financial increase, and the church averages about 10 per cent in missionary giving. Two years ago this Good Friday, we purchased a nice seven-room modern parsonage, valued at \$7,000.00, in one of the best locations in the city. The debt has been reduced to about \$900.00 with prospects of paying it off before the assembly. At the present time we are much in need of Sunday-school rooms. During our pastorate here we have had Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. Leo Darnell, Rev. Fred Thomas, and the Rowland Evangelistic Party as special workers. The ministry of all these fine workers has been appreciated by the pastor and members of the church.—W. E. Allison, Pastor.

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1. For seven years the Seminary has operated in crowded quarters.
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 5. The balance unpaid by that time must be borrowed to complete the building.
- So, every dollar paid in means one less dollar indebtedness.*

Chanute, Kansas—This church has had a good youth revival with Revs. Roger and Janet Williams, from our seminary, as the special workers. Miss Jean Parker was also here to help with the special music. There was a good response, with souls seeking and finding God. We praise the Lord for the victories He gave us and for sending these talented young people to us.—J. E. Davis, Reporter.

Jacksonville, Florida — Central Church is going forward for the Lord. The services are anointed of the Lord, the membership is growing, the Sunday school is one of the finest on the district, and it is increasing with each year under the fine leadership of the superintendent. Rev. Aubrey Ponce, our fine pastor and the founder of the church, is doing a great work, not only at Central Church, but throughout the city of Jacksonville and the Florida District. He is an outstanding pastor and evangelist. The church board and pastor recently voted Rev. Wilbur A. Soward as associate pastor of the church. Brother Soward is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and has had a wide experience in home missions, pastoring, and evangelistic work; also he is an outstanding Bible teacher. We are looking to the Lord for greater things.—Reporter.

Evangelist John Shoemaker reports: "At this writing I am with Rev. Paul Harris in Union Gap, Washington. God is blessing with victory and souls, and it is thrilling to see another genuine revival of old-time religion. I have an open date in April and May, and will be glad to go anywhere. I carry the full program and love God and souls. Write me at 723½ N. Bushnell Ave., Alhambra, California."

The Lake Shore Zone, Wisconsin District, conducted a four-week seminar in the interest of Sunday schools, January 11 through February 1. These were held on four successive Friday nights, and in a different church each time. An average attendance of seventy was maintained throughout. Mr. Verne Arends, Milwaukee First, was the very capable and efficient director of the seminar, and he had a well-organized program which covered all phases of the Sunday-school work. Papers, panel discussions, and inspirational addresses all served to make a well-rounded diet. To summarize it, Mr. Arends emphasized that salvation was the keynote of it all. Much thought and prayer pervaded the atmosphere from the first to the last.—Mrs. E. M. Schafer, Reporter.

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Evangelist Arthur E. Kelly reports: "It has been my good pleasure since the first of this year to hold revival meetings with Rev. J. D. Peacock and his fine people at Camden, South Carolina; Rev. R. L. Canfield and his hospitable church at Pekin, Illinois; and also with Rev. Dee Henderson and the Nelson Street Church at Fort Wayne, Indiana. God gave us good revivals at each place, and we appreciate these brethren and many more like them whom we have labored with down through the years. The meeting at Fort Wayne was a battle, but God came and gave wonderful victory. The Pierces were our collaborators here. Praise God for victory in my own soul!"

Seaside, California—From February 11 to 17 our church was blest greatly by the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit in a wonderful Youth Week. We saw sixteen definite victories in salvation and sanctification. God does still hear and answer prayer. It thrills our hearts as we see these young people testify when the opportunity is given. We had as our speaker Rev. Harold Buckner, pastor of the church at Oakdale. His messages were just what the church needed to bring in the harvest. He is a man with a message to stir the hearts of young people; we are thankful that God ever

directed us to call him. As a young church, our Sunday school averaged 109 last month; this puts us 45 over the average of last year. With these young people on fire for God, I'm sure there is no limit to what God can do for us here.—Wayne Gash, Pastor.

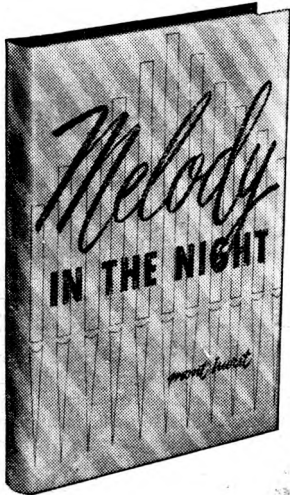
Lodi, California—First Church recently had a good meeting with Evangelist Fred Fetters as special worker. He preached a safe, sane, and instructive gospel, and his ministry did our church much good. A class is coming into church membership on Sunday.—Forrest B. Bacon, Pastor.

Sikeston, Missouri—We just closed a very good revival with Rev. W. M. Tidwell and the Tompkins sisters as the special workers. Sixty-two people were at the altar, and most of them are showing good evidence of having received a definite experience. Brother Tidwell was wonderful in his preaching, and each morning his Bible study was rich soul food. Orma and Laura Tompkins sang with the anointing, and were much appreciated by our people. These workers made a very fine team and were a blessing to the church. This is our twelfth year with the folk here, and we are accepting another three-year call.—J. W. Hoffert, Pastor.

Galena, Illinois—Since our last report, we have purchased a parsonage property on one of Galena's best streets. The estimated value is \$10,000.00. For the first six months our little band has been able to meet the monthly payments on time. It represents a desperate struggle, but by God's help and that of our friends we expect to see it through. God surely meets with us!—Ernest S. Mathews, Pastor.

Nelsonville, Ohio—We wish to express our thanks to God, as a pastor and a church, for His manifold blessings unto us. Under the leadership of the former pastor, Rev. T. H. Arnett, the church here finished the superstructure in 1949. There was a fund on hand at our coming toward the plastering of the church, and in January the contractor finished plastering at a cost of \$450.00. Also, prior to this, we were using the subflooring to the upstairs, and it was approved that we lay new floor at the same time. The flooring was purchased and laid by volunteer help from the church. New rug runners have been added to this, making a beautiful edifice. The total cost of the above project has been estimated at around \$1,000.00. When the businessmen of our city and our friends were solicited, they gave abundantly, until now our debt on the project is under \$300.00. We thank God and His people for their goodness.—Les Brush, Pastor.

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Rev. George M. Gillespie writes: "During my twelve years of pastoral work in the Church of the Nazarene, I have always carried an evangelistic program in my church and have accepted calls at different times to hold revivals for other churches. I have always loved the work of evangelism, and often desired to be a full-time evangelist, but never felt the pressure of God's leading me out into this work until recently. On January 13 I resigned my pastorate at Union City, Indiana, to give full time to the work of an evangelist. I have thoroughly enjoyed my work as pastor. I started my pastoral work in Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin, and labored later with our good people at Eau Claire, Wisconsin; East Chicago, Indiana; and Union City, Indiana. I say with thanks to the members of these churches that in my twelve years of pastoral work I have never received one negative vote. I always preach Bible truths consistent with the *Manual* of our church and strive for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God on earth, through the Church of the Nazarene. I love and work for every department of our church. I have a beautiful Minshall-Estey Electronic Organ which I intend to use in home-mission, tent, and community campaigns where it is needed; and I will be glad to take it to any church that desires it. All the talents of my musical family (wife and two boys), our organ, and my preaching, are all focused on sav-

ing the lost and edifying the saints. Write me, General Delivery, Union City, Indiana."

Evangelist A. M. Wells writes: "After serving as pastor at Hammond First, Chicago Woodlawn, Atlanta First, Hamilton First (Ohio), Flint Central, and Muskegon First, we felt that God would have us make a special study and go out among the churches 'Unveiling the Book of Revelation.' After being in this specialized work for one year, we are convinced beyond doubt that the Lord led us into this wonderful field of evangelism. God has given us some glorious revivals in our campaigns at Mancelona, Swartz Creek, and Lansing, Michigan; Warsaw, Atwater, and Springfield, Ohio; La Crosse, Wisconsin; Bluford, Illinois; Tipton, Independence Hill, Hessville, Frankfort, and Hammond, Indiana. The good pastors of these fine churches seem to be making wonderful progress along almost every line of their endeavor. We enjoyed so very much the splendid Christian fellowship of these pastors and their people. We are not trying to be spectacular, but we are trying to give the very best interpretation to the Book of Revelation that it is possible to have in our day. We pray God to give us a church-wide revival. On with the Holy Ghost revival fire!"

Evangelist Andrew Johnson sends a good report of his work in the evangelistic field. He has recently held a fine meeting in Attica, Kansas, and is now engaged in a promising meeting near Bedford, Indiana. He goes from there to Covell, West Virginia; and thence to Corbin, Kansas, for a pre-Easter campaign. He has an open date for May 4 to 18. Write him at Wilmore, Kentucky.

Evangelist L. C. Bean reports: "God has been blessing our special efforts in the evangelistic field, for which we praise Him. I have some open dates this spring; would be glad to slate for revivals, or work with and for district superintendents in home-mission meetings—have had considerable experience in that field. Write me, 300 E. Center St., Visalia, Calif."

Warren, Ohio—Morgandale Church recently brought to a close one of the greatest revivals the church ever experienced. It was our privilege to have as our evangelist Rev. Lum Jones, whose messages touched the hearts of young and old. Old-fashioned convicting power brought many repentant souls to the altar seeking God and finding victory. At the conclusion of the campaign there were fourteen new members added to the church roll. The church gave Brother Jones a call to return for a meeting in October of 1953. The revival spirit continues, with nine at the altar on Sunday night in the regular service.

We truly appreciate the Lantz family, whose musical ability is of the highest order and had a great part in making it a good revival.—J. L. McClung, Pastor.

Song Evangelist and Chalk-Artist Kenneth J. Harris writes: "I have an open date, March 25 to April 14, that I would be happy to slate with some church. Write me, 583½ William St., Huntington, Indiana."

Evangelist W. C. Raker writes: "Because of a change in my plans, I have one open date this spring and also one open date in the fall. Write me, Smithfield, Illinois."

Preachers' Meeting Western Ohio District

Our District Preachers' Meeting was held February 25 to 27 in the First Methodist Church, Middletown, with Rev. Lloyd P. Rossman, pastor-host, assisted by Rev. H. C. Watson of Franklin, and Rev. A. M. Wilson of Trenton.

The convention was characterized by a high tide of spiritual inspiration. Dr. Hardy C. Powers brought timely and challenging messages on the general theme, "The Unutilized Potentials of the Church." His closing mes-

sage, urging the pastors to keep in the will of God, produced a fitting climax. The presence of God was truly real as Doctor Powers and Dr. W. E. Albea, our good district superintendent, led the pastors and their wives in prayer around the altar.

The pastors also enjoyed the stirring and unique ministry of Dr. Roy F. Smee, executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, who addressed the convention along home missionary lines.

The address of Dr. Harold Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, indicated that Western Ohio District is standing solidly behind the college with students and finances.

Miss Mary E. Latham, head of vacation Bible school work in our denomination, and an elder on our district, graphically and logically presented the methods and necessity of saving our boys and girls.

Rev. Floyd E. Cole, pastor of Cincinnati Stanton Avenue Church, had charge of devotions during the convention.

The fine feeling of fellowship and co-operation characteristic of all the district gatherings speaks of the Spirit-anointed leadership of our district superintendent, Rev. W. E. Albea.

PAUL G. BASSETT, Reporter

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Colorado District Preachers' Convention

The Colorado District Preachers' Convention held at Denver First Church, February 4 to 6, will live long in the memories of all who were privileged to attend. Most of the preachers came early and stayed throughout (a very few were unable to attend because of sickness). Surely it was a time of rich blessing and much help.

Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of Denver First Church, and the other pastors of the Denver area made our stay a very pleasant one indeed. Our good district superintendent, Rev. C. B. Cox, presided with characteristic grace and good humor.

The convention speaker, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, was never better in his ministrations to the needs of the members of the convention and the friends who gathered in to partake of the spiritual feast with us. Rev. Ernest Armstrong of Clovis, New

Mexico, challenged minister and layman alike. We were privileged to hear from Dr. T. W. Willingham, head of the Nazarene Radio Commission; and Mr. Bruce Deisenroth represented Pasadena College.

The papers presented were well prepared and helpful. Plans and goals were set before the convention by district leaders of the Sunday school and the N.Y.P.S. The missionary emphasis was presented by Mrs. Lucille Broyles, missionary to British Honduras.

The special music presented from time to time enriched and encouraged our hearts. Praise God for leadership, fellowship, and the privilege of worshipping Him in the beauty of holiness!

C. K. HELSEL, Reporter

Midyear Convention Northern California District

"The last half of the twentieth century belongs to the Church of the Nazarene if it combines visitation evangelism with old-fashioned revivals." These words were quoted by Dr. G. B. Williamson to the hundreds of Northern California Nazarenes who met at Beulah Park, Santa Cruz, for the annual Midyear Convention, January 29, 30, and 31. Dr. Williamson made them the keynote of his messages as convention speaker.

"Let Us Glean and Gather" was the convention slogan, which was carried out in papers presented by the pastors. Their earnest messages revealed that the burden of Northern California Nazarenes is that they may bring forth fruit and that their fruit shall remain.

CONVENTION HIGH LIGHTS

The opening service of the Midyear Convention was the closing service of the Lamplighter Tour. It climaxed with a glorious time of prayer and fasting and set the pace for the work which followed in the Convention.

A spontaneous offering for national pastors' homes in Portuguese East Africa brought in over \$2,000.00 in a few minutes, enough for five homes.

Continuously the Holy Spirit bore witness to the need of faithful house-to-house visitation by consecrated pastors and laymen.

Dr. Williamson's report by letter of the revival in Adelaide, Australia, brought the Northern California Midyear Convention for 1952 to a glorious and challenging close.

District Superintendent George Coulter said of this convention: "Dr. G. B. Williamson was at his best! God laid the burden on our hearts through his messages. No one can remain unchallenged. No one could refuse to labor in the harvest field without bringing condemnation upon himself. We rejoice in this God-given Crusade for Souls program. The future of the Church of the Nazarene can be glorious if we heed its challenge."

And all the pastors and people of Northern California said, "Amen!"

WM. A. WELCH, Reporter

Northwest Oklahoma District Sunday-School Convention and Workshop

February 26 to 28, pastors and Sunday-school workers of the Northwest Oklahoma District met at Enid, with Pastor L. S. Oliver. The business of the Sunday-school convention was carried on at the day services on Tuesday. Dr. Paul Updike, superintendent of the Northeastern Indiana District, and Dr. Albert Harper of Kansas City were our special workers.

Wednesday morning was the beginning of class sessions in the Workshop. From Wednesday morning until Thursday noon, each of the nine classes had six hours of work. The problems of the Sunday-school teacher were considered for every age group. The nine teachers were specialists in their fields, many of them with years of experience in public school, college, and Sunday-school teaching.

Rev. J. T. Gasset, district Sunday-school chairman, had direct charge of the Workshop, with the entire three-day gathering under the direction of our district superintendent, Rev. Mark R. Moore.

In addition to bringing special messages, Drs. Harper and Updike moved about from class to class giving instruction out of the wealth of their experience. Comments from laymen coming from small towns and rural churches indicated that the Workshop touched the problems of the teacher probably more than any previously held.

There were 145 Christian Service Training credits issued to people from 39 churches. Credits were sent to the pastor of each church to be presented at a public service. God is blessing the Northwest Oklahoma District.

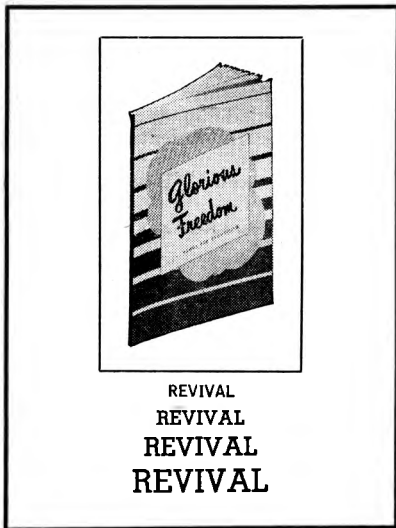
ELMER H. STAHLY, Reporter

Virginia District Preachers' Meeting

Newport News church, with Revs. L. B. and Mrs. Smith as host pastors, had everything in readiness for the annual preachers' meeting. The preachers and their wives were entertained by the hosts at a delicious chicken dinner at one o'clock on February 5; this was arranged and prepared under the direction of John Smith, eldest son of the pastors.

At the opening meeting in the church at two-thirty, we were greeted by the pastors, and the Reverend Mr. Bailey, pastor of the neighboring Grace Methodist Church, which helped generously with the entertainment of the convention. The pastor gave remarks of welcome and appreciation for the Nazarenes.

The committee presented a well-planned program. The papers reflected the wisdom, experience, and labors of those who presented them. Men like District Superintendent V. W. Littrell and Rev. N. B. Herrell, pastor of Arlington First Church, reported they were among the best they had heard.



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Dr. Samuel Young came for his first appearance in the Tidewater area. His messages touched, stirred, and challenged the ministers to deeper devotion and more zealous activity for the salvation of lost men. His evening messages directed to the laity endeared him to the hearts of all. A special item of interest was Dr. Young's message to the preachers' wives. The convention sent greetings to Dr. Young's wife who could not be present.

Business and committee meetings reflected the unity and organization under the leadership of District Superintendent Littrell.

Each of the departments gave reports of progress. It was stated that Virginia District ranks third in Sunday-school gains, and stands in eleventh place in the HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions. (The annual campaign is now getting under way under the direction of Rev. John E. Compton, campaign manager.) Mrs. V. W. Littrell, district W.F.M.S. president, reported plans to have Miss Mary Scott with us in March for the spring missionary emphasis.

With two exceptions there was a perfect attendance of preachers, and nearly a perfect score for the wives.

The convention closed Thursday noon, February 7, with a note of triumph.

Virginia is a happy, united, and growing district, with a great challenge, and with good human and invincible divine leadership.

M. RICHARD JONES, Reporter

Preachers' Meeting Northwestern Illinois District

A deep, moving spirit of prayer and progressive optimism marked the annual preachers' meeting of the Northwestern Illinois District held February 18 to 21 at Canton First Church. Rev. Jesse Brown, pastor of the local church, served as a warmly hospitable host. Nearly every pastor attended for most of the meeting, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed among the brethren.

District Superintendent Lyle E. Eckley, respected leader of the district, directed activities. He used real wisdom in providing devotions and a program which challenged, stirred, and inspired our faith and vision and the desire for more and more of God's holy presence and enablings in the noble effort to extend the hearing of the clarion call unto holiness.

With his usual warmth and cordiality, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, as special speaker, spoke to our need, searched our hearts, and envisioned for us a future with limitless possibilities. His affable personality and sincere and simple, yet profound, messages won anew the hearts of the ministers and laity alike.

The district had chosen to supplement with special speakers in place of papers by the pastors; and after hearing the pertinent, Spirit-anointed messages of Rev. Arthur Morgan,

superintendent of the Minnesota District, and Rev. Gene Phillips, superintendent of the Iowa District, all were agreed it was a wise choice. Dr. R. Wayne Gardner effectively represented Olivet Nazarene College, and all pastors purposed to push the paying of educational budgets more enthusiastically.

Mrs. Mina Nutt, Rev. Kenneth Sparks, Rev. Harry Hatton, and Rev. Roy Weigel, heads of district departments of W.F.M.S., Juniors, N.Y.P.S., and Church Schools, respectively, gave reports and announced plans for forward movement.

With renewed trust in God, the district is agreed that only a spirit of revival will give us the needed impetus to enable us to extend the frontiers of the Kingdom and encompass "all the world" with the message of full salvation.

RICHARD C. BOYNTON, Reporter

Eastern Nazarene College

The first in a series of lectures sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kauffman was concluded recently on the campus of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts. Rev. Alvain Kauffman, brother of Elmer Kauffman, and returned missionary, who served in Eastern India and who was district superintendent for seventeen years on the Palestine-Syria District, lectured on the subject "An Evangelistic Approach to Catholicism." Some of the subjects were "The True Church," "Religious Autocracy," "Images Behind Altars," "Catholic Action," and "Leading Catholics to Christ." In his final lecture, Mr. Kauffman explained that leading Catholics to Christ is not only the duty of every converted Catholic, but it is also the obligation of every Christian.

This unusual lecture series was enjoyed, not only by the students of the college, but also by community friends.

KENNETH PEARSALL, Reporter

DEATHS

MRS. ANNA MAY ESTES was born March 10, 1890, in Gunnison, Mississippi, and died February 7, 1952, at the home of a daughter, in Allen, Oklahoma. In 1909 she was united in marriage to Bernie R. Estes; they moved immediately to Atwood, Oklahoma, where they have lived these forty-three years. She was a devoted wife and mother. She united with the Church of the Nazarene some thirty-five years ago, and was a most faithful member and earnest worker across the years. She was mighty in prevailing prayer. She accepted her illness with grace and patience, always testifying of the near presence of her Lord. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters: Juanita Woodland, Beatrice Harbin, and Ruby Whitehead. Funeral service was held in the church, with Rev. Mrs. Morris Gill bringing the message, assisted in the service by Rev. E. M. West and the Reverend Mr. Tucker. Burial was in the Allen Cemetery.

MRS. OLLIE PIERCE, aged seventy-five, died January 18, 1952, at Corning, California. For many years "Aunt Ollie Woods" was a true servant of God and a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene. She was born in Iowa and came to California many years ago. She is survived by her husband, William; two sons, Eldredge and Carter; four sisters; and three brothers. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. N. J. Archuk, at the Corning Church of the Nazarene.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

WORD HAS recently come to the Servicemen's Commission office of some outstanding commendations from commanding officers of the excellent work being done by Chaplain Conley Pate, who is stationed in Alaska. Excerpts from the official statements say: "The performance of duty, both religious and military, of Chaplain Pate has been in keeping with the highest standards of the profession. His sincere and openly demonstrated interest in the men he serves; his personality traits; honesty, character, integrity, and attitude, his desire in seeking, inviting, and obtaining the confidence and trust of the personnel of this battalion, have been most evident. The high morale enjoyed by this unit, collectively and individually, is attributable, in part, to outstanding performance of duty by Chaplain Pate."

Chaplain Van Vorce, Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, writes: "We had the privilege of meeting several fine Nazarene boys during the last month. Quite a number here come our way, some returning from Korea and a few new trainees. Most of our boys are fine, clean, Christian young men, sound and stable, with firm convictions against sin of any kind, and they do truly represent the principles and doctrines of our church."

Another chaplain writes: "I have had new personal contact with two Nazarene men in this camp, both of whom need definite spiritual help. Knowledge of these and two others yet to be contacted was gained through the list sent from the Commission of men receiving Nazarene literature."

"I received your good letter and tracts and was very pleased with them, as I am now over here in the hospital in Japan. I wanted to see some Christians to talk to, and the information you gave is so that I might see some missionaries here.

"I'm praising God for His protecting and helping hand that has been upon me. I'm His tonight, and love Him with all my heart. We as the servicemen appreciate the prayers of the Christian people, and covet more of your prayers for the boys who are without God. Many have heard the Word but have not yet accepted our Lord. I'm praising God tonight for salvation. He is my Saviour just now."—JOHN ATKINSON.

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MRS. MARGARET NIKKEL (nee Neufeld) was born September 7, 1895, in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, and died November 15, 1951, at her home in Bakersfield, California. Her death was caused by pulmonary embolism following recovery from surgery. She was converted in 1911, and baptized in the Church of the Nazarene. In 1914 she was united in marriage to John J. Nikkel. About fifteen years ago she started helping as a teacher in a small community Sunday school; the work grew, and in December of 1944 was organized as the East Bakersfield Church of the Nazarene. She and her husband became charter members. Here she was active as Sunday-school teacher, superintendent, song leader, and president of the W.F.M.S. She was a cheerful, happy Christian; a loving and devoted wife and mother. She is survived by her husband; two children, Viola Hodel and Rev. Richard Nikkel; her aged mother; six brothers; and three sisters. Funeral service was held in First Church, Bakersfield (East Bakersfield church being in a building program), with her pastor, Rev. A. G. Pool, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. T. Lancaster. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery.

MRS. QUINCY C. BYNUM, age eighty, a wonderful saint of God, died December 1, 1951. She was born in Texas. She and her husband joined the Church of the Nazarene many years ago, and she was a faithful member of the church at Corning, California, at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband; two sons, Preston and Chester; and two daughters, Mrs. Curt Summers and Mrs. Willie Maude Sharp. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. N. J. Arechuk.

REGINA CHRISTINE, infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Donald Adams, Salem, Illinois, died at birth, February 10, 1952. Interment was in the Iuka Cemetery, Salem, Illinois, with Rev. Claude Bailey officiating.

MRS. ALICE EDWARDS was born September 16, 1880, in Colebrook, and died February 4, 1952, at Canton, Ohio. She was converted at the age of thirteen, united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1920, and lived a consistent Christian life until her death. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Charles F. Edwards, one daughter, and two brothers. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Ina Riggs Fink, assisted by Rev. James H. Jones and Rev. M. L. Hershberger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Eighty-fourth annual convention of the National Holiness Association, April 23 to 27, at the Memorial Auditorium, Columbus, Ohio. Pray much, and plan to attend.—H. M. Cochenour, Executive Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION—This is to recommend Rev. Ray Frazier, P.O. Box 517, Ashtabula, Ohio, who has resigned his pastorate at Zelenople, Pennsylvania, to enter the evangelistic field. He is a good man and carries a burden for souls; he carries his own musical program, as well as preaching.—R. F. Heinlein, Superintendent of Pittsburgh District.

WEDDING BELLS

Rev. E. K. Richey, pastor of Shepard Church, Columbus, Ohio, and Miss Shirley Galvin of Dayton were united in marriage on January 1, in the Columbus Shepard Church.

Lt. Emma Jane Bruce of Sheppard A.F.B., Texas, and Pvt. William Mikulec, U.S. Army, were united in marriage on February 16, in the Church of the Nazarene, St. Marys, West Virginia, with the father of the bride, Rev. John E. Bruce, officiating, assisted by the bride's brother, Rev. Wm. Bruce.

Miss Ida Mae Murrell and Mr. Johnnie Lee Oliver, both of Arlington, Texas, were united in marriage on March 8, at Wheeler, Texas, with Rev. Mrs. Susie A. Glover officiating.

Born—to Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Walborn of Newman Grove, Nebraska, a son, Merlin Eugene, on March 4.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Clarence M. Parker of Bethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, on January 30.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Cleburne Brinkman of Austin, Texas, a son, Cleburn Bruce, on January 26.

—to Sgt. and Mrs. Olin A. Overton of Austin, Texas, a daughter, Winnie Mae, on January 23.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Davis of Austin, Texas, a daughter, Ruth Ann, on January 22.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a young woman in Kentucky for the healing of her body, and for the salvation of her husband;
 by a Nazarene brother in West Virginia for a revival in that place, also that God will lay His hand upon four individuals and supply their spiritual needs;
 for a lady in Illinois, that God will undertake in bringing about a much desired adjustment with a friend;
 by a friend in Texas for an unspoken request, also that a Nazarene work may be established in that place;
 by a lady in Florida for herself and her family.

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District Assembly Information

British Isles District—April 10 to 12, at Glasgow, Scotland, in the Parkhead Church. Rev. Sidney Martin, entertaining pastor. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer.

Idaho-Oregon—May 7 to 9, at College Church, Dewey and Juniper Sts., Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor, Rev. John E. Riley, 411 Ivy Street. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, presiding officer.

Ontario—May 7 to 9, at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; church located at 92 Ottawa Street, North. Entertaining pastor, Rev. R. F. Woods, 83 Ottawa Street, North; Hamilton. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

Akron—May 14 to 16, at Akron Armory, High and Bowers Street, Akron, Ohio. Entertaining pastor, Rev. C. D. Taylor, 569 Schiller Ave., Akron 10, Ohio. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer.

Oregon Pacific—May 14 to 16, at Salem, Oregon; church located at 1320 Center Street. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Eugene L. Stowe, 1504 Jefferson, Salem, Oregon. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, presiding officer.

Northern California—May 14 to 16, at Beulah Park Campground, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California. Entertaining pastor, Rev. F. Arthur Anderson, 4210 Gladys Ave., Santa Cruz. Dr. G. B. Williamson, presiding officer.

District Assemblies

Summer Schedule—1952

Eastern Michigan	July 2 to 4
Nevada-Utah	July 2 to 4
New York	July 4 and 5
West Virginia	July 4 and 5
Canada West	July 9 and 10
Colorado	July 9 and 10
South Dakota	July 10 and 11
Alabama	July 9 to 11
Northeastern Indiana	July 9 to 11
Maritime	July 16 and 17
Michigan	July 16 and 17
Nebraska	July 16 and 17
Central Ohio	July 16 to 18
Pittsburgh	July 16 to 18
Minnesota	July 23 and 24
Eastern Kentucky	July 30 to Aug. 1
Southwest Indiana	July 30 to Aug. 1
Washington-Philadelphia	July 30 to Aug. 1
Western Ohio	July 30 to Aug. 1
Illinois	August 6 to 8
Kansas	August 6 to 8
Kentucky	August 6 to 8
Missouri	August 6 to 8
Virginia	August 6 and 7
Iowa	August 13 to 15
Northwestern Illinois	August 13 and 14
Northwest Indiana	August 13 to 15
Northwest Oklahoma	August 13 to 15
Wisconsin	August 14 and 15
Chicago	August 20 and 21
Dallas	August 20 to 22
San Antonio	August 20 to 22
Abilene	August 27 to 29
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Indianapolis	August 27 to 29
East Tennessee	September 3 and 4
Kansas City	September 3 to 5
Louisiana	September 3 to 5
Tennessee	September 10 to 12
Arkansas	September 17 to 19
Northeast Oklahoma	September 17 to 19
Southwest Oklahoma	September 17 to 19
North Carolina	September 24 and 25
Southeast Oklahoma	September 24 and 25
Georgia	October 1 and 2
South Carolina	October 1 and 2
Mississippi	October 8 and 9

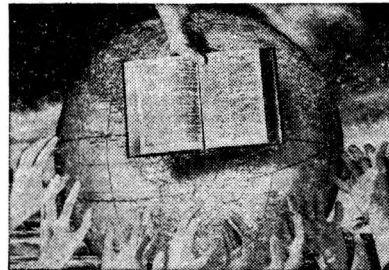


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Millions are reaching for the Book of Life. Their souls are hungry for the Bread of Life. We would be less than Christian if we failed them in their need. April 13 is our opportunity to share with them who yearn for that "bread which came down from heaven."