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an heritage of
the Lord

Psalms 127:3

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Eight Extra Pages



EASTER Missionary Offering

An Inspiring Obligation Their Commitment: Our Responsibility

"AM I my brother's keeper?" With these cynical words from the lips of fratricidal Cain came the first expression, following the Fall, of the utter selfishness of the sinful heart. God's quick judgment on Cain made it clear that no human being could justifiably live "unto himself," or evade responsibility for others of the race.

If the race generally must face this moral truth, surely it is all the more applicable to all Christians. Thus it is constituent and elemental in the gospel of Christ that all of His followers are under obligation to bear or send the message of a full redemption "to every creature," and unto "the



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uttermost part of the earth." This alone is a sufficient basis and motivation for generous, sacrificial support of Nazarene worldwide missionary activity.

But here I would emphasize a much more precise and personal area of obligation.

In the good providence of God scores of our Nazarene young people are being called to missionary service and are responding to that call. We believe they should serve under the auspices of our church and not under some independent project, and this they desire to do. In view of this fact, *their commitment is our responsibility*. We become obligated to provide the means whereby they can carry out their call. *What an inspiring obligation!*

And what of the nearly five hundred Nazarene missionaries already serving? What of the more than two thousand national workers around the world? Again, *their commitment is our responsibility*. And again I am moved to exclaim, *What an inspiring obligation!*

All thoroughgoing Nazarenes have come to know the joy, the blessing, the inspiration, the thrill of giving to the cause of worldwide holiness evangelism. In behalf of the 1965 Easter Offering, we invite and urge our members and friends to share in this blessed and growing responsibility. In so doing we shall keep full faith with all who now serve, and with all those who shall serve in the future. Thus, in truth, and in the highest sense, can we be our "brother's keeper."

Easter Offering Goal: \$1,700,000

A CENTRAL EXPERIENCE

By JOHN W. MAY, *Pastor, Weirton, West Virginia*

A PROBLEM is not solved until we arrive at the roots of it. Weeds will grow back and have to be repeatedly dealt with if the roots remain in the ground. A cancer is not completely cured unless every root is cut away.

Such examples have been used many times to illustrate the need and work of sanctification. While any human example is limited and incomplete, some aptly give us a picture of the central experience of entire sanctification as a definite work of grace.

Regeneration solves the problem of guilt in regard to the acts of sin; sanctification gets to the core, the heart, or the motivation to sin. This is not to say that regeneration is not a heartfelt experience, but that sanctification is a heart-cleansing experience.

The Scriptures clearly indicate that a good man brings forth good from a good heart, and an evil man brings evil, "for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh" (Luke 6:45). Also, where the treasure is, there will the heart be found (Matthew 6:21). Sanctification is a central experience because it affects the center of man, the heart. In this sense, sanctification is first a condition of the heart (cleansing), then of the hands (holy acts).

The heart is in desperate need of the touch of God. A double heart is in need of sanctification for singleness of devotion and purpose. A fearful heart is in need of sanctification for holy courage and daring. A rebellious heart is in need of sanctification for complete obedience and dedication. A polluted heart is in need of sanctification for cleansing and purity.

A proud heart is in need of sanctification for humility and Christlikeness. A wayward heart is in need of sanctification for loyalty and steadfastness. A wavering heart is in need of sanctification for establishment. A spiritually weak heart is in need of sanctification for power and unction. A heart prone to wander is in need of sanctification for holy motivation. In this experience the "want to sin" is removed.

This central experience is of divine origin and

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"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him" (Psalms 28:7).
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plan. Paul says clearly that God has not called us to uncleanness, but to holiness. Peter quotes, "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Peter 1:16). An experience which comes with the outpouring and incoming of the Holy Spirit, it results in the control of man by God.

Jesus told the disciples that, when the Spirit of truth would come, He would guide them into all truth, not speaking of himself but glorifying Christ, and showing them the things of God. A divinely bought experience, sanctification is also divinely wrought in the central personality, or ego, of man.

Such a work in the soul is a conquering experience. Paul testified in Galatians, first to being crucified with Christ, then to being crucified to the world. This spiritual crucifixion, or death, results in an experience where there is no real response to the entreaties or allurements of the world.

The appeal of the world is certainly ever present, and temptations arise, but there comes with this experience the ability to refuse to respond. Man himself is completely conquered by Christ, who brings into his experience the ability to be more than conqueror in the world. The once conquered becomes the conqueror, the mastered becomes the master, and the weak becomes gloriously strong and victorious.

It is of great importance to believers to understand that the experience of entire sanctification may be theirs—in fact, that they must claim the experience for real victory, and that they may have it now. A great many things may stand in the way, but when the believer opens the last door of reservation, and tears down the last wall of opposition to the will of God, he will be sanctified.

Some years ago I attended a revival service where the evangelist preached on the subject of entire sanctification as a second work of grace. As he began the altar call a voice suddenly rang out, "I've got it! I've got it!" A lady who had been seeking to be sanctified, and had been having a struggle, suddenly received the witness that the work was done. At some point, perhaps as a result of something the evangelist had said, or a ceasing of resistance on the part of the lady, the last barrier was removed and the witness to her heart by the Holy Spirit came.

God will either sanctify an individual or tell him why. This central crisis experience of entire sanctification may be enjoyed by every believer who is willing to let go of that "why."

A pastor shares advice which has helped troubled families in his parishes

DISCORD



in your home

By HARLEY E. BYE, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

GENUINE RELIGION works at home. Here we are frankly ourselves. Our pretenses are hung up with our overcoats, and our guard is kicked off with our shoes. Pent-up frustrations, tensions, and resentments find release in the home.

The result so often is friction, argument, and un-Christlike conduct. If this happens, home ceases to be a place of comfort and security, not only to the husband and wife, but also to the children.

Many a sincere mother and dad are praying for a wayward son or daughter without realizing how much the lack of harmony in the home has contributed to their child's delinquency.

"These things ought not so to be." I believe intelligent, concentrated effort on specific trouble areas, combined with prayer and a good measure of grace, will bring happy, positive results. Try these nine time-tested ways to increase the harmony in your home:

Compliment your spouse on his strong points. Too many of us are generous with our criticism, but stingy with our compliments. Accept the fact that your spouse is not as ideal as you thought at first. His feet are made of clay, just like yours. In my pastoral ministry I have heard many troubled

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It has been said that "every child born into the world is a new thought of God, an ever-fresh and radiant possibility." No human being can calculate the possibilities wrapped up in each girl or boy, either for good or for ill. The potential and the problems of tomorrow are growing up in our homes today. The Christian home is the leaven and the hope of society.

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wives say, "He doesn't appreciate what I'm doing." The Bible says that praise will get results even from a fool. How much more from your spouse!

Do not interpret too literally the scriptural statement, "and they twain shall be one flesh." Marriage does not fuse two people into one. It is a partnership for the purposes of making a home, rearing a family, and sharing life. Thinking partners often disagree radically on a subject. Compromise and flexibility are the catalysts.

Learn to anticipate a bad situation. Supper will be late. Not enough money to meet expenses. If it is your bad habit, improve it. If the fault is your spouse's, accept it. Experience will help you sense potential conflict. Be prepared. Anticipating a bad situation is half the victory.

With vigor and consistent effort, avoid discussing the subjects which usually end in a quarrel. Family quarrels are rooted in only a few areas. The most common causes of strife seem to be money, careless or irritating habits, discipline of children, petty indulgences. True, it is impossible to avoid such topics all the time. But bite your tongue. Discuss it, if you must, when everybody is not tired and hungry. Avoid a quarrel.

Have the fortitude to apologize for your part in the quarrel as soon as possible. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." Nothing will win your family's love and respect quicker than the honest and humble admission that you were wrong. Even if you are sure you are innocent, swallow your pride, and do all you can to redeem the situation.

Be willing to go more than half the way. What seems to be 50 percent of the way to you seems only 40 percent or less to your spouse. In the arithmetic of marriage, 50 and 50 do not always equal 100.

In a tense situation, never say, "That is no way for a Christian to act." He knows it. But he is not in a frame of mind to benefit from such advice at the moment. And do not remind your spouse of his bad conduct when the storm is over. He knows it was bad, too.

The husband IS the head of the home. This is not only scriptural, but psychologically and practically sound. Wives appreciate a husband who is courageous enough to make the final decision after careful consultation with other members of the family. The husband must set a high standard of speech, attitude, and Christian behavior.

Establish family worship. Prayer helps every situation. A child never forgets the sound of a parent's voice in prayer. Gear your worship to the ages and situation of your family—but pray together regularly.

If your problems get out of hand, do not hesitate to consult your pastor, or your doctor, or a Christian psychiatrist. This is much better than the commiseration of relatives and neighbors. In most cases the assistance of a specialist will be very helpful. Above all, never give up trying to increase the harmony in your home.

What about discipline in the home?
What kind of punishment is really effective?
How does discipline affect the child?

The Dilemma of Discipline



By CURTIS CHAMBERS, Dayton, Ohio

THERE ARE about as many opinions concerning discipline of children as there are parents. In asking such questions, you are holding out a gilt-edged invitation to controversy. Nevertheless, here we go!

First of all, discipline should not be equated with "punitive acts." It must not be rigid and uncompromising. On the other hand it must not be so permissive that it means little or nothing.

In recent years several studies have indicated that psychological techniques of discipline are more effective in producing behavioral changes in children than are direct methods. Techniques such as reasoning, evidencing disappointment, and appealing to a sense of guilt seem to be more potent than threats, scoldings, or corporeal punishment.

In some instances, the more a child is spanked, the more aggressive he becomes. In others, the indulgence of a child may cause him to strike out in apparent aggression because he is seeking to be noticed, understood, and controlled. Furthermore, there is some indication that the total exclusion of direct methods of discipline may contribute to the development of an "over-socialized" child who is deficient in initiative and spontaneity.

This would seem to indicate that there is value in the use of a variety of kinds of discipline when needed. Stronger reliance upon the psychological technique is desirable together with some lesser use of the more direct methods as necessary.

Total reliance upon any one type of discipline, whatever it may be, will probably produce undesirable results in the life of the child.

The behavior of children seems to be strongly associated with the balance between parental support and parental discipline. There are several kinds of parental behavior which apparently result in higher rates of mental disorder in the children. Let us consider four types of parental behavior.

1. *Neglect.* Parents who give little attention, time, and care to their children may expect them to become belligerent, rebellious, attention-seeking.

2. *Rejection.* This behavior goes beyond simple neglect and becomes active rejection. Parents may do this quietly and subtly, or they may overtly ridicule, threaten, and even abuse their children. A child so frustrated usually becomes hostile, but he is also weighted down with fear and anxiety.

3. *Overindulgence.* At the opposite end of the spectrum, but equally dangerous, parents give in to every whim of their "little darlings." These children tend to become self-centered, domineering, and quite irresponsible.

4. *Overprotection.* Mothers tend to be guilty of this more often than fathers. Such smothering of a child with affection and rewards is used by the parent (often unconsciously) to elicit the child's total submission in return. The resultant sensitive, shy, obsequious behavior of the child evidences the "Casper Milquetoast" type of personality which emerges.

The incidence of schizophrenia and alcoholism is significantly higher for persons whose parents have been guilty of characteristically treating them in any of these four ways.

Mental health is best encouraged in children when discipline—whatever its particular form—is administered in love. There is considerable evidence to indicate that children can tolerate even high levels of direct discipline without emotional harm if that discipline is consistent and if it is coupled with a continuing sense of parental love and support.

Strangely enough, aggressive tendencies in a child's behavior often result from too much discipline—or too little.

Happy indeed are the parents who discover the "middle way" in their use of discipline with their children. Their consistent and judicious use of a variety of kinds of discipline is based upon a deep and steadfast love. Such a home provides a climate in which children may develop in mental and spiritual health to maturity.—By permission of *Church and Home*.

"The Christian religion teaches that life need never be faced in our own strength alone. Rather, there are supplemental resources available for us. Christianity teaches us that Christ is saying to every man, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.'"



MAXIMUM SECURITY

By WILLIAM A. TOLBERT, Pastor, Ellington Church, Caro, Michigan

Dwell deep (Jeremiah 49:8).

THESE WORDS were spoken to the inhabitants of Edom. They were told to "dwell deep" in the impenetrable forests and to seek refuge in the rocky fastness of dens and caves to escape the aggression of their enemies.

Maximum security is a phrase heard everywhere today in relation to our preparation against armed aggression from other countries. This is also a well-known phrase as we seek immunity from health hazards. The hue and cry of today is to seek maximum security from possible want when age has forced one to retire from gainful employment.

There is another area where maximum security is desirable. This is in the spiritual realm. This security can be found only by dwelling deep in God. The deeper we go in God's grace and love, the greater our spiritual security will be. Jeremiah's exhortation is, "Dwell deep."

Dwell deep in the devotional and prayer life. Take time to pray. This is a priceless commodity of which we all have an equal amount. How we use that time is up to us.

Prayer involves time as well as all the other activities in which we engage.

*Take time to be holy.
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always,
And feed on His Word.*

Time spent in prayer is never wasted. As we spend the time necessary for true, vital praying, we will find that the rest of the day's activities will go so much better for us.

Prayer is the greatest stabilizing force in the world. When life is pressed down, when all seems to be coming apart at the seams, go to God in prayer. There you will find a power which will make you adequate for life's demands.

Dwell deep in stillness of soul. The sign of this age is speed and exhilaration. *To do* is more important than *to be*. Someone has said: "The ruin of Christianity among modern Christians is in putting the fussy doings of religion ahead of the deep, divine, inward being like Jesus."

Cultivate stillness of soul in order that God may speak to you. The Psalmist said, "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10).

Elijah learned that God was not in the wind, earthquake, or fire. He recognized God's presence

by the "still small voice" that spoke to him. How often do we miss God's directions because we are too busy and noisy to hear His still, small voice? Isaiah said: "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

Dwell deep in the peace of God. The Apostle Paul speaks of the peace of God which passeth understanding and which keeps the heart and mind (Philippians 4:7).

Down in the ocean's depths the winds that sweep the surface make no impression. There is a perfect and perpetual stillness in the mighty ocean's depth which is never disturbed however severe the lash of the wind or the fury of the storm.

The same is true of the heart. The song writer expressed it in these words:

*Beneath the toil and care of life
This hidden stream flows on . . .
There's a deep, settled peace in my soul.*

This peace is not based upon anything external. It does not fluctuate with the earnings you have from year to year. It does not increase nor decrease with the state and condition of your body. It is solely conditioned by the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in your heart.

Dwell deep in the love of God. Paul speaks of this love as being "shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5).

This love is like the ocean. You cannot exhaust its vastness, yet you can completely submerge yourself in its greatness. So with the love of God. You cannot contain all the love of God but you can be completely filled with it.

This love is the greatest of all blessings. It is the divine alchemy which transmuted all our sins into God's righteousness. Love makes life's disappointments to be reckoned as heaven's appointments. It will turn all of life's failures and obstacles into steppingstones which bring us day by day one step closer to heaven and our eternal home.

Maximum security is ours when we "dwell deep" in God. Borderline countries are proverbially dangerous countries in which to live. They always have been overrun by stronger countries in time of war.

Borderline Christian living is also dangerous. Maximum security is to be found only by dwelling deep in God's love and grace. Christian, "dwell deep!"

Don't Lose Your LEISURE

By JAMES E. ADAMS, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

HAVE YOU EVER asked yourself, What am I going to do this evening? What am I going to do with myself Saturday afternoon?

When people quiz themselves like that too frequently, they do one of two things—nothing, so far as anything really enjoyable and constructive is concerned; or they get an extra job.

Some people become unnerved through sheer boredom while others work their nerves to a raw edge. This all adds up to overtime for the psychiatrists. Dr. Donald C. Greaves, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Oklahoma, said that leisure without some constructive purpose causes a lack of self-expression and fulfillment in a person's life which in turn can lead to mental trouble.

Aimless leisure is not as all-important and satisfying as people once supposed. Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen in his *Chicago Tribune* column said that "a single job well done and followed by creative, honorable, and satisfying leisure" is the best way to cope with the "pressure of restlessness" in our modern civilization.

Do you know that you are very special to aged and shut-in people? Do you realize that you have practically an open door to the hearts of many of them? Try visiting someone you haven't seen in church for a while. Watch the look of near-unbelief on his face as he opens his door, a look which turns to a radiant smile when he realizes you have taken time to visit *him*. He expects a visit from his pastor now and then but not from you. So you become a ray of sunlight to him whether you are a good conversationalist or not. In fact, he will probably do most of the talking.

One young married couple determined that visiting was not going to be a lost art so far as they were concerned. They dropped in on a friend who was so ill and despondent that she said, "I'm not long for this world." But the visitors' cheery, spiritual conversation so lifted her that she and her entire family were amazed at her sudden change for the better. And just the mention of the sick lady's name in the presence of that couple brings a warm feeling to their hearts from the remembrance of their visit.

George learned he had a certain knack while he was in high school. Several of his teachers made it

a point to draw him into discussions, particularly when they were about to conclude. Now people visit him practically every week to talk about their problems. Why? Because he has all the answers? No. Because he is a good, thoughtful listener; he is sympathetic and does come up with encouraging words and at times a solution.

Sunday school teaching and preparation satisfyingly fill many a leisure hour. When Joe was seventeen, he agreed to become an assistant teacher. He liked it, later went to college, and is now a public school teacher. He is a happy man.

Helen took a college course in theology although she had no plans for full-time religious work. Now she has a position as a bookkeeper occupying her leisure hours in church youth work. Pastors and people for miles around are familiar with her success. No doubt her constant association with young people and her youthful outlook have shared in making her look several years younger than she actually is. Many women her age would love to have that said of them!

Don't lose your leisure. Don't miss the richness it can bring to your life and to the lives of others. Use it now so that you will reap rewards from it in time and for all eternity.

ASSURANCE

*Loved, protected, cared for,
Cherished by my Lord!
He plans for me in tenderest love—
He says so in His Word.
How can I fret and worry
With such devoted care?
I know where'er He leads me,
He's always with me there!
And future days unfolding
Will new assurance bring
I'm loved, protected, cared for
By Christ, my Lord and King!*

By VIOLA E. HODGE

God's Timetable

By MRS. EVERETT S. PHILLIPS

Birth—Life—Death

I saw all three of these in two brief weeks. Although I have studied the science of embryology, although I have lived a sufficient number of years to see life in most of its phases, although I had been a pastor's wife for twenty-seven years and have been present on the occasion of many deaths—still there is a mystery about all three of these.

Birth—Life—Death

At 12:47 a.m. on Wednesday, January 6, I stood in a hospital in Oklahoma City where I heard a baby's first cry. The doctor appeared and said, "Another boy."

For our grandchild, an earthly existence began. I thought of the love that awaited him, the care over him, the choices that lay before him, and the concern for him. Early that morning I saw life in its beginning.

One week later, on Wednesday, January 13, I stood in Kansas City, Missouri, and watched the candidates and furloughed missionaries as they



came to the Missionary Center. I had my first experience as hostess to these wonderful groups.

Here I witnessed life in full activity.

The new candidates—healthy, strong, ambitious, and energetic, yet very apprehensive.

Repeatedly I was asked, "Do you think I will be accepted by the Department? Am I qualified? Will they find something of which I am not aware? What will I do if I am not appointed?"

The furloughed missionaries—seasoned, battle-scarred, confident of the future because of conquests in the past—they enjoyed the fellowship of each other and exchanged experiences of the past term of service. They questioningly wondered what would be the most important phase of their work to report in a brief period of time.

A few days later, on January 17, I stood in a cemetery in Manchester, Connecticut, where we laid to rest my ninety-seven-year-old mother-in-law.

What a noble, beautiful Christian character! Life for her had not been easy, but she had met the storms of life with the courage and strength that came with the knowledge that the God whom she had taken as her Pilot many years ago would see her safely through—and He had!

Natural anxiety accompanied all three of these occasions, but again I found that our God doeth all things well. A prayer welled in my heart for my grandson—for the missionaries—for my loved ones, my friends, and myself. The prayer was in the words of the old hymn written by Edward Hopper:

*Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea.
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rocks, and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass came from Thee;
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.*

saw him shake his head slowly, and heard the judge pronounce his sentence.

That evening, alone in my study, I buried my face in my arms and wept for that boy. For days that pathetic picture of an evidently unloved, unwanted boy remained in my mind. Every time I withdrew from my busy pastoral duties for a few moments of meditation, there it was—those big, sad eyes haunting me.

That was several years ago. Many other pictures have hung in that prominent place since that day in the courtroom. But I seldom ever stroll through memory's picture gallery except that, somewhere along its crowded corridors, I stand for a moment with aching heart before a portrait whose eyes seem to be those of the forlorn, world-weary multitudes who say, "No man cared for my soul." I inevitably turn from that picture to the place of prayer.

"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Psalms 142:4).

"No Man Cared"

I SHALL NEVER forget those large, searching eyes, as he turned to look at the audience in that courtroom. The small, frightened boy looked more like an eleven-year-old than the sixteen-year-old that he was.

In an almost fatherly voice the judge had asked, "Are your parents here?" It was then that he turned. It was easy to see that there was hope in his eyes, as he started to search the faces slowly and carefully from left to right. But as his gaze turned to the seats at the extreme right, I saw that hope die, to be replaced by deep disappointment. With aching heart, I

By J. McCRAY HOLMES, Easton, Maryland



ON FINDING A PLACE OF SERVICE

By DOROTHY S. HAMPTON

THE FRAIL OLD WOMAN, bent and gray, peered over her gold-rimmed spectacles and brushed her heavily veined hand across her sun-browned face. She shot a piercing look at me, then tied another fluffy, lemon-yellow bow on a small package.

"Mrs. Richards," I said, as I took a seat, "curiosity is killing me. What are you going to do with all those little packages? It isn't Christmas yet."

She stopped and sat down. A diamond twinkle sparked her eyes. "Honey," she said, "I know it isn't Christmas. I'm just fixing up these little surprise gifts for my pastor and his wife to take to shut-ins. It kinda helps to brighten their day, I think. And it's 'bout all I can do now that I've got this awful rheumatism in my legs."

At that moment I loved her more. And she started me to thinking about some other ministries.

What about ringing doorbells for Jesus? It doesn't require eloquence. And many, many people

Duties are ours, events are the Lord's.—Samuel Rutherford.

have been won to Christ through personal visitation.

Or you might borrow children. There are many victims of homes broken by death, divorce, and illness. These children need care. Why not borrow some of these for a day, a weekend, or maybe longer? And take them places and show them things. But, most of all, show them Christian living. Win them for Him! Could there be a more exciting ministry?

Then there's the ministry of letter writing. Except for prayer and visits, nothing outweighs a kind letter when one's lost a loved one. When our first child died we received many letters, cards, and telegrams. Across the bottom of one card was written, "We share a like sorrow. We have a daughter in heaven." On another, simply, "We care." It was those thoughtful, handwritten words that meant most.

Sometimes when one has been bedridden a long time he fears he's lost his usefulness. It's these people who desperately need letters. They can be made to realize they're still useful if we write, "Please pray for my unsaved husband" (or whoever), or, "I need your prayers."

Not long ago I read about a woman who suffered

an illness that left her completely bedridden. By writing letters, and presenting the cause of her church, she received nearly seven thousand dollars for the cause. Truly, "a word fitly spoken [or written] is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" (Proverbs 25:11).

And what is more gracious than writing for those who are blind?

Another worthy ministry is that of attending funerals. There's a Mrs. Jones who went to a funeral because of sheer respect—nothing more. She felt the bereaved family would be too upset to notice her presence. However a few days later the mother of the boy who'd died said, "Mrs. Jones, you can't imagine how much it meant to my husband and me to see you at Jim's funeral. It was so comforting to know you care."

Still another worthwhile service is that of "flower girl." The most beautiful bouquet I've ever seen recently adorned a morning service in the church my husband pastors. The flowers, colors, and vase were carefully chosen for harmony. Some of the roses hung their heads over the vase, as if in prayer. Other flowers stretched, like pleading arms, upward, and still others clustered like people at the close of a service. Suddenly they became a symbol to me.

Flowers are symbols of emotions, aren't they? The lily stands for purity, the violet for faithfulness, the daisy for innocence, the snowdrop for hope. The honeysuckle symbolizes happiness, and the rose and forget-me-not represent love.

This bouquet was mostly roses—a symbol of Mrs. Robert Jordan's love of beauty for the house of God—the love of an elderly laywoman who finds a place and serves faithfully. Every Sunday morning she brings a beautiful, fragrant bouquet for the sanctuary. And in winter, when there are no flowers, she furnishes artificial flowers. A simple "ministry"? Yes, but worthy.

Henry Thoreau said, "It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look—to affect the quality of the day—that is the highest of arts."

We can affect the quality of the day by ringing doorbells for Jesus, by borrowing and entertaining

unfortunate children, writing helpful letters, attending funerals, and furnishing flowers for the sanctuary. These are but a few.

The great literary genius Goethe said, "Let each man wheel with steady sway, round the task that rules the day, and do his best."

We don't have to search to find a task. All we need to do is look about us. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).

I Must Get ALONE with Christ!

By RUTH VAUGHN

BETWEEN the breakfast scramble and the bed-time rush,

There are so many things to see:

A kite spiralling skyward with its long tail trailing;

Little girls doing cartwheels;

Light bread baking with a golden crust;

Dishes transformed in soapy water from egg yellow to china blue;

A sweating iron cascading blue jeans and red plaid shirts;

A glass-topped table sporting a new three-pronged crack;

And—little boys sitting in the mud!

All of these blend together on the many-colored tapestry of life—and yet amid all the changing, brilliant hues, the vision of His face grows dim, and I must close my eyes, shutting out the gaudy earthy things. To have true beauty, I must get alone with Christ.

Between the getting-up time and the going-to-bed time,

There are so many things to do:

Scrubbing and polishing;

Sweeping and making beds;

Kissing bruised fingers;

Baking a cake;

Setting a mousetrap;

Digging a flower bed;

And—spanking naughty boys!

All of these compose the bright kaleidoscope of life—and yet amid all the fast-moving activities I feel myself becoming encompassed with earthy things and I know I must retreat within the sacred place. To have serenity, I must get alone with Christ.

Between morning prayers and evening prayers,

There are so many things to hear:

The rhythmic sprinkler on the lawn;

The whistling paper boy;

Little voices clamoring for ice-cream cones;

The whirl of a mixer beating egg whites;

One-finger tunes picked out on the piano with small, hesitant fingers;

The telephone's shrill, continuous ring;

And—the sounds of children at play resounding beyond descriptive force of tongue or pen!

All of these harmonize into the symphony of life—and yet amid all the changing notes and chords, I find that inner Voice hushed by earthly sounds. I must return to quietness, where I can hear truth within my heart and raise my plans toward a larger end. To have a higher wisdom I must get alone with Christ.

Between the "Good morning" smile and the "Good night" sigh,

There are so many people about:

The milkman clanging bottles;

A husband who can't find a single handkerchief;

A program chairman coming for five dozen fresh-baked brownies;

Friends dropping by for Cokes and chats;

A neighbor borrowing a cup of flour;

The man to repair the ailing washer;

And—little boys with eternal questions!

All of these form the warm closeness of the human relationships of life—and yet amid all of the happy laughter and talk, I find myself too companioned to feel His hand. I must go apart where I can commune with my Friend who lifts my purposes to loftier goals. To have fellowship with the Divine, I must get alone with Christ.

The recurring compulsion of my heart

Is to oft return and dwell apart!

"Twixt Him and Thee

The soul's awak'ning cry

Answered by Him;

The restless, seeking heart,

At peace within . . .

The world's trials pressing close . . .

The steady hand

Of One who says, "Press on,

I understand . . ."

Oh, secret time of prayer,

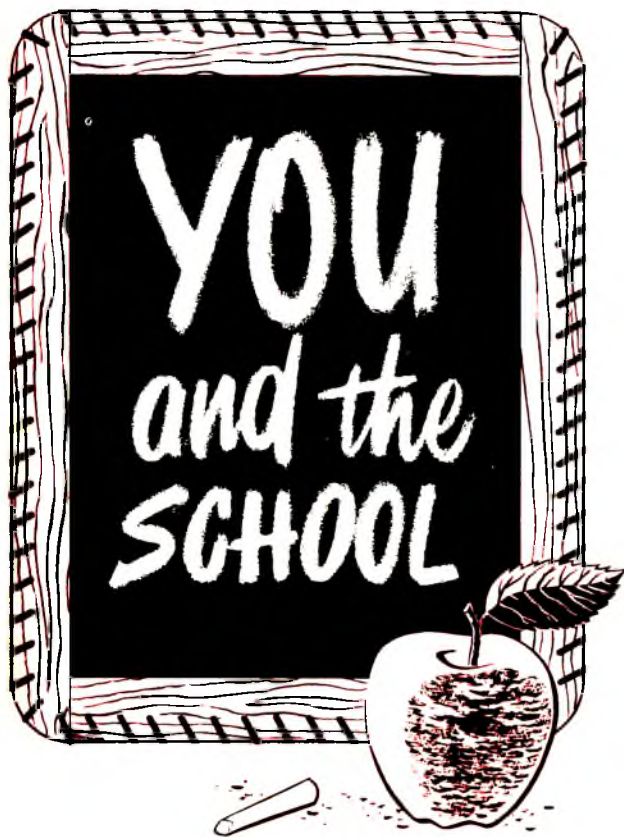
Stripped of earth-clod,

When you have heaven close—

Alone with God . . . !

By H. A. R. MONDAY

*One of a continuing series of articles
for parents of school children, written by
a Nazarene minister-educator:*



By WILLIAM J. NICHOLS

PARENTS are sometimes uncertain as to what their role should be in relation to the school and their child's teacher. Many of us remember that, as children, we were just as happy if our parents did not visit the school.

Classroom visits in which the parent comes to school and sits in on the class session are somewhat rare now. This is not to say that you are no longer welcome, but due to the preoccupation of many parents, not many come to visit.

This is not as it should be, though. Too many parents never visit the school and teacher or else wait until trouble comes and then make an appearance at the school. The writer would strongly urge that a parent maintain some contact with the school and teacher. The old-fashioned classroom visits are still in order also, if it doesn't embarrass your child too greatly! A phone call or note to the teacher ahead of time is wise so that the teacher may plan something which will be of interest to you.

Whether or not you visit the classroom, take advantage of any other opportunities which come for you to visit the school. Many schools have an open house each year, a tea, or PTA meeting to which

you may come and meet the principal and teacher. These furnish excellent opportunities for interested parents to become acquainted with the school and teacher.

In addition to the preceding, parents of elementary children that are really interested would do well to call the school and arrange for a personal appointment with the teacher. The conference need not be long or involved, and it will help both you and the teacher. It will give each of you a chance to become acquainted with the other. And it will give you an opportunity to learn something of the teacher's methods, goals, procedures, and grading practices.

You may be able to learn of ways in which you can help your child more adequately at home. The teacher will also be able to learn things from you about the child which will help her to understand your child better.

A conscientious teacher will try to treat all of her children fairly and equally. But teachers are only human. If the teacher knows you personally and knows of your active interest in your child and his education, she will perhaps unconsciously tend to be more understanding and will try harder to help your child than another whose parents show no interest.

If some problem should arise—by all means a parent should take an active interest and have whatever conferences are needed. The parents should do all possible to correct the trouble.

A wise parent, though, should avoid taking sides either with or against his child. More times than parents may like to admit, the trouble will lie mainly with the child. If you feel that your child is not at fault, however, then make your feelings known to the proper authorities.

A parent will do well to avoid running down the school and teacher in front of the child. It is somewhat like running down the church and minister in front of your children—it is not good. Unless it is an extreme case, the chances are that your child will still finish out the school year with the same teacher. So it is to the child's advantage not to be alienated from his teacher. This could cause him to lose the benefit of a portion of his year's academic growth.

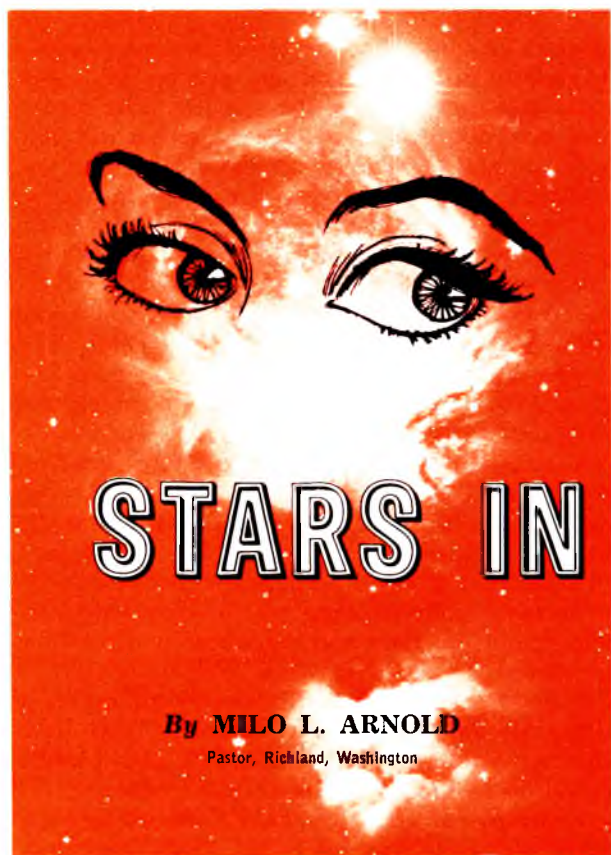
Children are remarkably adaptive—more so than adults. Sometimes it seems that the children learn in spite of us who teach rather than because of us. This isn't to excuse poor teaching, but it is to suggest that your child will benefit and continue learning if you are kind and understanding and do not take sides against him or the school.

In closing, we would suggest that the process of education is not always an easy process. Schools are run by imperfect human beings and attempt to teach imperfect human beings. No two teachers, children, or parents are exactly alike.

The best thing that you as a parent can do to

help formally educate that unpredictable bundle of energy that God has given you is to cooperate with and extend the program of the school. Keep a

line of communication open and keep close to your child, his teacher, his progress, and it will help both your child and the school.



Young people look toward marriage as to a star. It sparkles and gleams like a diamond in the sky of life, and they think that in time they will depart their present struggling, earthy situation of singleness and enter that different world. What they overlook is that they will eventually settle for what of that glory they can possess in this human situation. They will get from marriage what they are able to introduce and preserve of its glories in the atmosphere of their own lives.

Nobody leaves behind the person he is to take on new personality when he gets married. When one gets close enough to marriage to see the real materials of it, he finds it to be earthy, physical.

STARS IN YOUR EYES

and daily. It is not another world and another life but another experience brought into this life. He will enjoy it only in the measure of his ability to introduce its loveliness into the life he is now living.

Young people don't move to the stars when they stand in the candlelight at the church altar. They simply bring one of God's lovely experiences into their existing world of flesh and facts, of work and toil, of debts and bills. They surround it with what they have of laughter and tears, play and fun, responsibility and accomplishment.

Fortunate indeed is the person who does not expect the impossible of life. Only frustration can come to the person who hopes to move to the stars.

Ambitious young people look at distant fine positions as though they would be "out of this world." From the distance it seems that the persons who occupy them have scintillating honor and enjoyment. They think that if they could get such a position it would be quite heavenly. If however they eventually get the position, they will find that it too is earthy. It has its cares, its burdens, its frustrations, and its earthiness. The enjoyment of it will not be that of a person who has moved to a star but one who has taken something of a star and captured it in this life.

In this life nobody moves to the stars. We are fortunate to get even a meteorite to hold as a curiosity. Only what of the stars' loveliness we can capture in our own lives will become our own. What we possess of the stars must be grasped and enjoyed amid the earthiness of our flesh, the qualities of our persons, and the resistances of our environment.

WHO HASN'T LOOKED at the stars on a perfect night and wondered what it would be like to be up there among them? I don't know where heaven is, but maybe it will be among the stars. I'm leaving all of that to the Lord's care and not worrying about it in the least. For the moment I am living on the earth and loving the stars.

As I looked the other night I saw one fall. Of course it was not a star disappearing from the heavens but a tiny meteorite burning out its fire as it entered the atmosphere of our earth. People who have found residuary fragments of meteorites tell us they are of substance similar to this earth.

Stars look so much more lovely than this earthy substance when we see them in the infinite distance, but obviously when one gets close to them they lose some of that jeweled perfection. At least, when bits of a star come to this earth they cease to glow with the same scintillating loveliness.

Life has a lot of stars which, seen from the distance, are splendidly adorned. We think how lovely it would be to move from our present situation to that distant, ethereal spot where we could enjoy the loveliness apparent there. The difficulty is that we cannot leave our situation to go to that. We must bring what we can of the heavenly apparition into our human world.

Contentment

By RICHARD LOUWRENS

Sydney, Australia



THE STORY IS TOLD

of a Jewish rabbi who had but three possessions: a lamp so that he could study at night, a rooster to wake him in the morning for prayer, and a donkey on which he could travel.

One night he sought for a place to sleep in a small village, but all turned him away. He left angrily and sheltered in a lonely barn. During the night the wind blew out his lamp, a lion killed his donkey, and a fox his rooster. In the morning, discouraged and distressed, he returned to the village and found that it had been plundered during the night and its inhabitants destroyed.

How often we grumble at adversity! Because of our limited knowledge and sometimes lack of trust in God, we do not realize that our Heavenly Father sends it along for our good. Paul says, "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28). Is it possible that we truly believe this and yet are not able to say with Paul, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content" (Philippians 4:11)?

Paul exhorts us: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Anything we say must, to some degree at least, first enter our minds and be thought upon. Would any of the thoughts mentioned in the above pas-

sage lend themselves to a complaint of any sort? Can we obey this verse of scripture and at the same time have a complaining and critical disposition? What harm these do to the kingdom of God on earth!

We see how Israel sinned against God, and provoked Him to wrath when they murmured against Him (Psalms 78:17-21). Let us be careful not to do likewise, for Jude says: "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts" (v. 16); and James warns us, "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door" (5:9).

Let us pray that the Lord will help us to say with Paul, "I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:12-13, RSV).*

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THE MARTHAS

*Oh, let us never dare to call
The Marthas dull and commonplace
Or say their ministry is small,
Devoid of loveliness and grace.
It was a Martha who prepared
The simple offering of food
That long ago was blessed and shared
To feed a hungry multitude.
Marthas are often flower-bright
And fairer than the morning light!*

By GRACE V. WATKINS

In the Beginning . . . GOD!

By VIOLA E. HODGE

Begin the DAY with God . . . so shall every hour be hallowed and thy God be glorified.

Begin the WEEK with God . . . and He will bless each day and thou shalt find rich treasure in His service.

Begin the YEAR with God . . . so shall each month find thy spiritual stature increased as He walks daily by thy side.





Perspective of the administration complex involving offices, classrooms, music studios, gymnasium-auditorium, and temporary library.

A Visit to **Canadian Nazarene College**

MOMENTOUS changes in the life of Canadian Nazarene College have been made so recently that it may not be out of place to sketch them briefly.

After a forty-year history near the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, C.N.C. began a new era in its story in the summer of 1961, with the eastward move to Winnipeg, Manitoba—Canada's fourth largest urban population. The college, which after its beginnings in Calgary had been located in Red Deer, Alberta, from 1927 on, had been heroically maintained by a constituency in the four western provinces. The General Assembly of 1960 approved memorials from the Canadian districts and enlarged the new college zone to include all of Canada.

The period of transition, as anticipated by the college leaders, has required strenuous adjustments but has been marked by:

(1) remarkable answers to prayer and an unusual sense of God's blessing upon campus life;

(2) a series of providences (sometimes veiled by ominous clouds) involving financial and property matters;

(3) wholehearted support by the four Canadian districts of the new zone eclipsing all past records in each area, together with strong backing of the

sacrificial effort needed in building the new campus;

(4) a strong climb in enrollment—from 46 full-time students in the first semester of 1961 to 102 in 1964;

(5) a sense of the college's enlarged destiny, in harmony with its finest traditions, through service to Canada, and the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

The Board of Governors has purchased eighty-



Superintendents of the four Canadian districts compose, with President Airhart, the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors. Left to right: Bruce T. Taylor, Canada Central; Herman L. G. Smith, Canada West; Roy J. Yeider, Canada Pacific; R. F. Woods, Canada Atlantic.

five acres of land for the college in the municipality of Fort Garry. Fort Garry is a southern section of metropolitan Winnipeg (population about five hundred thousand), and the college land is some five minutes away from the intersection of the city bypass of the Trans-Canada Highway and the main route to the United States some seventy miles to the south. It is anticipated that in the next few years the surrounding area will undergo a first-class residential development.

A campus master-plan has been approved covering at this state approximately thirty acres of land. The proposed buildings, for which construction contracts were to be let in February, 1965, will be about one and one-half miles from the center of the University of Manitoba. The target date for occupation of the first of the new campus buildings is September 1, 1965.

During the transition period the college has occupied an old college building in the north section of Winnipeg, with added student housing provided in adjacent apartment blocks, and athletic facilities arranged with the Y.M.C.A. and nearby public playing fields.

Under a faculty of twelve (six teaching full time

and six part time), students study at present in the fields of religion, music, and lower-division liberal arts courses. Degrees are offered in both religion (theology or biblical literature) and music. The college also offers certificate programs in English Bible and music.

This year's students, who come from nine of the ten Canadian provinces, aspire to a variety of Christian careers. Many have a call to the ministry or the mission field; several look forward to a career in music, including church music; several will attend a Canadian university or will later transfer to a liberal arts college; many are studying to prepare for more effective churchmanship as laymen in a variety of careers; all see the college as an important step in preparation for a life of Christian service.

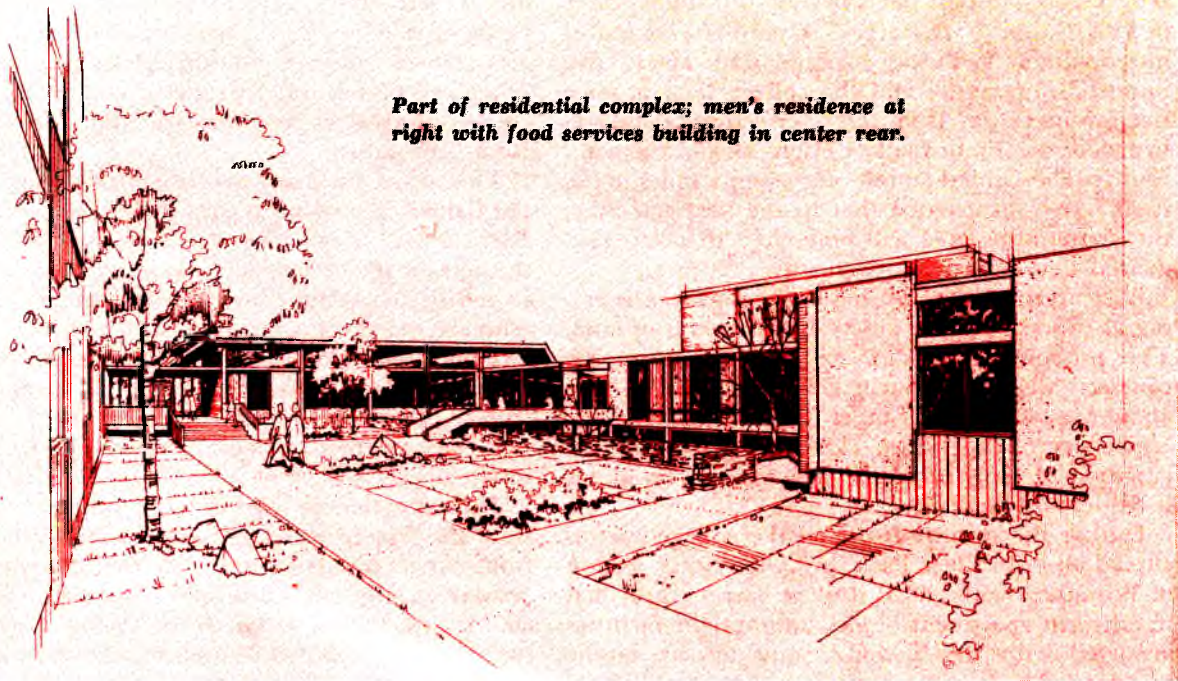
The experiences encountered where students from the widely separated areas of the nation and from other countries meet on the campus have proved socially and culturally rewarding. College choirs have toured as far as the Pacific Coast and the Toronto area, while quartets have sailed on waters of both oceans in the course of a summer's deputation travel.



Left: Hockey competition between Greek letter societies. Right: Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassador Bob Boden recounting his experiences in the college chapel.



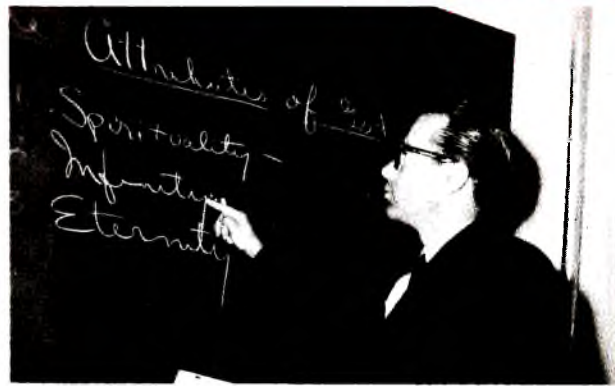
Above: Social relaxation in park near present campus. Right: Conferring of degree at last commencement exercises.



Part of residential complex; men's residence at right with food services building in center rear.

Significant extracurricular activity has included the opening of four new Nazarene missions, manned by students, in or near Winnipeg.

The college plans to expand the scope of its scholastic offerings as rapidly as the means can be provided. The development of the new campus facilities and the proximity to the provincial university will aid in the pursuit of a wider service to Christian youth. In keeping with its most cherished traditions C.N.C. strives to make a worthy contemporary contribution through the training of youth in holiness doctrine and spirit for service in the world evangelism program of the Church of the Nazarene.



Theology classroom

"Do the Same for Them"

IN 1926 my brother and family were living in Michigan. They purchased a new Dodge sedan, and he promised to take the family for a ride on a certain day. However, the night before there came a heavy snow, and he tried to explain to his three small children, ages ten, eight, and six, that it was not the wise thing to do to take the car out.

Not many roads were paved and kept open in those days as they are today.

But the children were so disappointed that he decided to try to drive for a few miles close around.

They had gone but a short distance when they found the snow drifted, and soon they were stuck. My brother went to a ranch nearby and asked the farmer to bring his team and help him get turned around to go back home.

When he was safely turned around and headed

toward home over the trail they had blazed, he thanked the farmer and asked him what he owed him for his time and trouble. He was quite surprised when the man refused the money offered, and just said, "When you find someone needing help, you do the same for them. That will be my pay."

My brother was taken back and insisted on giving him the bill he was holding in his hand. The farmer said, "No, one day I was out of gas not far from here and a man came along and stopped to help me. It was a few miles to a service station, so he got a chain from his car and pulled me that distance. As we drove up to the station an attendant came out and greeted my benefactor with 'Hello, George.' I offered to pay him, but he refused my money and told me to help someone else someday and drove on. I turned to the service station attendant and asked who that man was.

"Why," he said, "that is George Bennard author of 'The Old Rugged Cross.'"—MRS. F. GRIFFITH, Kennewick, Washington.






A Story-Note from.....



Hi,

★ Have you ever had a spanking?

★ Did you ever have to sit all by yourself  or not get dessert? 

★ Has your mommy or daddy ever had to speak sternly to you? 

★ Did you ever have to leave your playmates and go to your room?



None of these is fun.

No fun for you—

No fun for Mommy or Daddy!

Don't get angry! Learn a lesson. Do this:

1. Think what you have done wrong.
2. Be sorry.
3. Decide never to do it again.

Love, *Gloria* 

"He that loveth him [his son] chasteneth him."
(Proverbs 13:24)



PRO & CON



Letters to the Editor

in general. We should face up to these facts. It will do no good to deny them. They are too important to sweep under the rug. The cause is not far to seek. . . .

Pro: Nazarene Preaching

I read my December 30 copy of the *Herald of Holiness* and notice the last question in "The Answer Corner" is a complaint about Nazarene preaching. I attend a Church of the Nazarene and am glad to say the minister stays very close to the scripture. Sure, he gives illustrations, but always to make clearer the Scriptures.

I have heard ministers in other churches and many others where I attend and am glad to say I have always heard holiness messages.

While on vacation I had the pleasure of attending church in Wisconsin and there found the minister very close to the Scriptures.

I only wish the party who wrote you could attend here a few times, especially on Wednesday nights. He would hear the Bible explained by the verse.

Our altar is always open and the way made plain. Many young people have accepted Jesus and are leading very devoted lives.

I think all the Nazarene preaching I have heard is wonderful.

MABEL MOYER
Indiana

Pro: Telephone Listing for Churches

The article in the January 6 issue, "Don't Make a Move Until You've Read This," by Rev. Roland Stanford, is very timely and good. However, there is another improvement that could be made to help people find a Church of the Nazarene.

I just checked the Spokane phone directory, and find six of the seven Nazarene churches listed in the yellow pages. Fine! But over in the regular listings, where most of us look first, only two are listed under Church of the Nazarene. These two are Bethel, and First, that happen to be quite a distance from where I live. If I had just landed here and did not look in the yellow pages, I would drive to the other side of town to attend.

Shadle and Crestline are about two miles and one mile respectively, but if I did not know their designations, I could not find them in the regular listing.

I had some trouble in Wheeling, West Virginia, last fall while visiting there in locating a Church of the Nazarene,

and I still do not think we found the nearest one.

What is suggested is that a standard listing be adopted for all telephone directories in the regular listing. This should always be *Church of the Nazarene,—designation—address—phone number*. Then we will know where to find it. After that, if the church is sufficiently affluent, it could list itself under designation first, or in the yellow pages, but all churches in the area should be listed as Church of the Nazarene in a uniform manner.

Then even I could find it! The nearest church may be small and not have enough money to be listed in the yellow pages, but there it would be alongside its big brothers. After all, they are the ones that need the new members. Please don't let us live in a place for six months searching for the Church of the Nazarene, only to learn that it was listed under Possum Run Church of the Nazarene!

C. CALVIN DARST
Washington

Con: "Too Many Chiefs"

A reasonable amount of organization is essential to successful Christian work, but organization can also be increased to the point of diminishing returns, especially in spiritual things. It can lead from "the simplicity that is in Christ" (II Corinthians 11:3), and the power and glory of historic Christianity. It is possible to have "too many chiefs and too few Indians."

If we have not already arrived, we are, at least, fast approaching what a great and now deceased general superintendent feared—an overly departmentalized church. Our dog is in danger of losing the battle against the constant and vigorous wagging of its ever-growing multi-tails. Like the federal government, we are developing and ever-enlarging bureaucracy, but our spiritual force and glory is waning.

If proof be demanded, unhappily it is ample. Take a look at church history, including our own Zion. Note the exodus between Sunday school and the morning church service. Observe the embarrassingly small attendance at prayer meeting, at the Sunday night service, at the revival effort, the barren altars, and the lack of spiritual fervor

I submit that our passion for goals, quotas, standards of excellence, and statistics in general is exceeding our passion for souls. If we could have a moratorium on the "numbering of Israel" and get down to the church's ordained task of saving souls, it would produce some things more nearly worth reporting. Now and always the church—our church—needs nothing so badly as a revival of that rugged gospel preaching that jars complacent church members and awakens guilty sinners. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Corinthians 1:21).

PASCAL P. BELEW
Illinois

Con: "Church Chuckles"

The enclosed "Church Chuckles" (January 6) was a keen disappointment to our family. I say family because even our fifteen-year-old son agreed with my wife and me, that in such an outstanding periodical as our *Herald of Holiness* there never should be anything jokingly printed about sermon material.

I wrote previously stating my displeasure of any cartoons being introduced into our *Youth's Comrade*.

Please let's keep the *Herald* free of anything that would downgrade the Lord's work.

RONALD W. REEDER
Pennsylvania

Church Chuckles by Cartwright



"I give a tenth to the Lord, and then the government and I fight over the remaining nine-tenths!"

Exceeding Abundant Grace

By SYLVAN F. STARKS, Nazarene Layman, First Church, Independence, Kansas

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 (Ephesians 3:20).

WHENEVER I TRAVEL through the mountains and deserts of the West, I marvel at the lavishness of God—not only in the breathtaking beauty of Yosemite, but in the awesome vastness of the “wastelands” as well. Consider, too, the generous provisions He made for man in the beginning of creation (Genesis 1).

God never does things stingily or halfway. When He created all things, He was generous and prolific. The great expanse of the universe—the depth and mysteries of which have always baffled the curiosity of man—is another example.

To the Apostle Paul, God was not just a “sufficient” God. He was a lavish God—a God of “exceeding” great power (Ephesians 1:19); a God of “exceeding abundant” grace (I Timothy 1:14), and a God of “exceeding riches of . . . grace” (Ephesians 2:7).

This same God, who has been so lavish with natural and material blessings for His children, is far more generous with His spiritual blessings! Man’s redemption was no stingy, halfway, or partial provision. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son . . .” (John 3:16). What exceeding love and grace are revealed in this “Golden Text” of the Bible!

No wonder Paul could proclaim: “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us . . . hath quickened us . . . and hath raised us up . . . that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:4-7).

The coming of Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, was the crowning act of exceeding grace, and of all creation. All other births in this world are but reproductions of the original creation of man from the “dust of the ground.” But Jesus, the “last Adam,” was formed from the glory of heaven in the womb of the Virgin Mary. He was God incarnate—the Lamb without spot for the redemption of all mankind.

This same Jesus manifested this exceeding abundant grace throughout His ministry upon the earth. From the filling of the waterpots “to the brim” at the wedding in Cana to the gathering of the twelve baskets of leftovers at the feeding of the five thousand, He never did things halfway, but

lavishly. His miracles of healing and restoration were never partial, but complete. I can’t believe that God heals by “installments” today, any more than that He forgives or cleanses by installments. When He forgives, He forgives *all* sins; when He cleanses, He cleanses from *all* sin.

Ephesians 3:20 has special significance for me in that God has shown me recently that He is “able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,” through a personal experience of physical healing. I have never believed that sickness was the will of God for His children; yet I have regarded endurance of the physical frailties, handicaps, and diseases as part of our spiritual development and growth in grace. For this reason I have been hesitant to ask God for special healing in times of acute sickness, believing that a witness of sustaining grace was more effective to an unbelieving world than a testimony to an act of healing that might be questionable.

About three weeks before last Easter, I was afflicted with an annoying soreness under the sternum, or breastbone, which restricted my breathing and activities to varying degrees, although not entirely disabling. Our doctor finally diagnosed it as an infection of the trachea, and administered shots and medication to clear it up.

However, after several days, the pain persisted. So the doctor X-rayed, and changed the diagnosis and medication. This was on Good Friday. Easter Sunday came, and I felt no change for the better.

At the close of the morning service I was feeling so miserable that I had decided to remain home that evening, but my pastor asked me to assist with serving Communion for a special service that night. I felt a compulsion to accept.

As I knelt there at the altar that evening and partook of the sacrament, reflecting upon the love and mercy of God in the atonement, I forgot about my affliction and began quoting the 103rd psalm from a grateful heart. Without my asking or thinking, God touched my body that moment with waves of indescribable power, and I was able to breathe deeply and freely for the first time in three weeks.

I was stunned with wonder and amazement. It was my first experience of instantaneous, complete healing. Why did He do it that way? My pastor said the Lord likes to surprise His children sometimes with special blessings, as we like to surprise our children with special gifts.

Naturally, I got up and testified to what the Lord had done, and we had a blessed visitation

of His glory and power there around the altar in praise and testimony.

Yes, He is the God of exceeding grace, mercy, and power; and He "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" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

ARE YOU PASSING YOUR TESTS FOR PROMOTION?

By DELMAR STAATER
Pastor, New Haven, Indiana

Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego (Daniel 3:30). It is indeed unusual when the godless promote the godly—but that is what the Scriptures declare.

This remarkable promotion followed on the heels of a very severe test in which these three men refused to compromise their standing with God. Satan, as violent as a roaring lion, as malicious as a serpent, pinioned them in an inescapable situation. Such difficult situations seem to be the regular fare of godly people. Our God is able to deliver because men dare to trust Him.

Note how Satan, through Nebuchadnezzar, called for all men to bow before the golden image. As the multitude bowed, Satan must have rejoiced, while Nebuchadnezzar must have felt the headiness of power.

Thousands bowed, worshipped, and acknowledged the image as god. There were, however, three very good men holding prominent offices who refused to bow. This was the ideal opportunity for those jealous of the three, and they wasted no time in "informing" Nebuchadnezzar. The very malice of their act illustrates clearly the extent of their selfishness and envy.

The offended Nebuchadnezzar, in a rage, declared that these violations could be forgiven only if the men bowed. His "second-chance" kindness toward this faithful trio was not misunderstood—

"When we step out of the will of God, we have no right to expect other than misfortune, God's disfavor, and personal unhappiness until we find again His purpose for our lives."—J. Paul Downey.

the tone may have been different, but the principle involved was still the same! The pleasantness of sin appears more inviting than the danger involved in being faithful to principle and right.

Not only did the pious mouthpiece of Satan, King Nebuchadnezzar, command that the men "worship the image which I have made," but he said that their God was unable to "deliver you out of my hands" (Daniel 3:15). Sad to say, many in our day give up long before this kind of pressure is exerted.

Satan, sometimes pictured as a roaring lion, acts no more wisely than do real lions—forgetting there may be another Lion. This Lion is "of the tribe of Judah," and Satan is certainly no match for Him, for he cannot defeat the weapons of love, protection, and mercy.

The courageous trio refused to bow before Satan's attack. They did not need fancy words to express their convictions. They knew the surest route to victory in any situation was to get their testimony on record, and that is just what they did.

The frustrated embassy of Satan (Nebuchadnezzar) got a real jolt when he heard the firm declaration of the three. Listen to them: "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us" (v. 17). No hedging or vacillation here! "But if not . . . we will not serve thy gods" (v. 18). These words did little to relax Nebuchadnezzar—they spoiled his whole day! His emotional distress made him more like a madman. Notice his order concerning the furnace—to make it seven times hotter, "more than it was wont to be heated," before they cast the men in.

The order was carried out, and the trio were cast into the flames, but the soldiers died carrying out the order. And then it was that the king made another discovery—these courageous men were backed up by a mighty God. In fact the king's emotional disturbance was so great that he said he could see *four* men in the furnace, walking in the fire, and further (his emotional state in due consideration), he said the "form of the fourth is like the Son of God" (v. 25).

He called out to the three men to come out of the fire (note that he avoided calling the fourth Man!), and out they came—unharmful. This amazing event was witnessed by the host of officials present. What happened? Nebuchadnezzar issued another decree, this time that none dare speak against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. The roaring lion had become a purring kitten.

Victory came because these men held their convictions. They were dedicated first to God. Their steadfastness advanced the representation of God among an idolatrous people. This is the chief business of the Christian, and the basis for Christian promotion.

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

How to Know the Will of God

People in general have two problems with regard to the will of God. One is particularly the problem of the unconverted. It is the problem of a nature which is always crosswise to God's will. Paul described it as that in a man which may know and vaguely desire the will of God, and yet defeats every effort to do that will (Romans 7:14-24).

Unsanctified Christians share something of that struggle. The old nature does not die when the seed of divine life is implanted by the Holy Spirit. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other"—and this struggle goes on until the flesh is crucified with its "affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:17, 24).

But sanctified Christians also have a problem with regard to the will of God. It is no longer in the area of willingness to do God's will. For as Paul testified concerning his own mature Christian experience, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:2). The carnal mind as "enmity against God" has given way to the spiritual mind which is "life and peace" (Romans 8:6-7).

THE PROBLEM OF THE SANCTIFIED is to *know* the will of God. The matter of *doing* is forever settled. The will is completely over on God's side. The prevailing attitude is expressed in Isaiah's words, "Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

It is true, the general outlines of the divine will for human life are laid down in the Bible. But they are laid down in basic principles, not in specific rules. However clear the outlines have been made, there is an area of detail in which we are often puzzled as to which way to turn.

Yet God has promised us guidance in all our ways. If we grow in grace as we should, we learn to lean heavily on the promise: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

The question is, "How can we know the will of God? How can we recognize that divine direction we need so much in difficult days?"

A final set of answers would take a book probably beyond our wisdom to write. But some suggestions certainly may be helpful. They are drawn from many sources, but chiefly from the Word of God.

FIRST, RECOGNIZE that guidance has been promised. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). Wisdom and knowledge are closely related. But while knowledge has to do with information and facts, wisdom is the capacity to use information and facts for the proper conduct of life.

This is why brainy people sometimes do such stupid things. They do not lack intelligence. Nor do they lack information or access to the sources of information. Their lack is in the area of wisdom. And wisdom does not come from books or schools. It comes from God, who never rebukes us for needing to ask, but who gives liberally to those who believe His promise and ask in faith.

Second, seek guidance primarily for yourself rather than for others. "Consider your ways," is the twice-repeated injunction of Haggai (1:5, 7). It seems so much easier to consider other people's ways. The world is full of folks who are experts in guidance—for others.

The facts are, God rarely gives light to one person for the guidance of someone else. The light He gives me is for me to walk in, not for me to use in judging others. Peter was eager to know what guidance the Lord had to give John. Jesus gave him the tender rebuke his curiosity deserved: "What is that to thee? follow thou me" (John 21:22).

Third, be sure that you are now living within the clearly defined outlines of the will of God as He has already made it known. "The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (II Peter 3:9). "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thessalonians 4:3). "If any man will do his will, he shall know . . ." (John 7:17).

Augustine said, "The Word of God belongs to those who obey it." God does not waste light on those who fail to walk in what they already have. An eternal principle of the spiritual world is stated in Charles Wesley's words, "Light obeyed increaseth light; light resisted bringeth night."

FOURTH, ASK SPECIFICALLY for guidance. It is not enough to believe that God will give guidance. We must ask for it. "Ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:2) not only explains general spiritual poverty; it also explains the bumbling and stumbling in which we make so many unnecessary mistakes.

While God's people may be free with unwanted advice, the Lord never is. He respects His image in us, the integrity of our persons, the autonomy of our wills.

God has given us freedom of will and the capacity for choice. He has built the mansions of our souls with doors that even He will not batter down. When we come to Him in prayer, we swing open the doors and give back to Him the right to guide and direct us.

Fifth, seek a passage of Scripture pertinent to the problem. "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalms 119: 9, 11).

For one thing, if the Bible does not directly tell you what to do, it may tell you what *not* to do. It will definitely shut the door to identified sin. No impression or inner "leading," however strong, which violates the clear Word of God can be considered as a possible choice for a dedicated child of God.

Sixth, don't get in a hurry. "They shall not be ashamed that wait for me," the Lord said through Isaiah 49:23). Nine times out of ten, our most serious mistakes are made when we get in too big a hurry. We snap our fingers and expect God to jump. And when He doesn't, we pry open the first door we come to and rush into it, many times to our later shame and confusion.

The devil drives. The Lord leads. There is all the difference in the world between these two. God will give you time to meditate and pray, to think things through, to "sleep on it." Tomorrow things may look different than they do today, and the new perspective could well be God's added light.

SEVENTH, if your decision affects others—and most decisions do—be sure to give the other person the benefit of every possible doubt. However much the golden rule may have been abused and misapplied, it still stands in the Bible. You must do to others and in regard to others as you would be done by. This is the minimum requirement of Christian conduct.

Beware the tendency to put personal advantage above the best interests of the kingdom of God. Personal advantage is not necessarily wrong. Nor is it always right. What benefits the body of Christ is more important than what benefits me.

Finally, when a decision is made in the light of guidelines like these, commit its outcome to the Lord. When you have done your honest best to find and do the will of God, don't look back with regret. Go forward in faith assured that God is guiding across the pathless seas.

One of the miracles of nature is the migration of the golden plover, a small bird that builds its nest in the arctic. When cold weather comes, it

flies away to the Hawaiian Islands, leaving its young to follow. When the young birds grow strong enough, they too rise into the sky and for two thousand miles across an unmarked ocean, through storm and calm, they fly unerringly to the tiny island chain in the middle of the vast Pacific.

Is it too much to believe that the infinite God who guides blind flight of little birds on a voyage they have never made before will also guide His children when they purpose to do His will?

Colonel Albert G. Pepper, for many years head of the Salvation Army's training college for officers, suggests a daily prayer for guidance. It is a prayer God will certainly answer:

"Our heavenly Father, help me to live this day quietly, easily; to lean upon Thy strength trustfully, restfully; to wait for the unfolding of Thy will patiently, serenely; to meet others peacefully, joyously; to face tomorrow confidently, courageously." Try it. It will bring a new lift into your life, a new assurance to your path.

The Camel's Nose

There is an ancient fable about a kindhearted Arab and a very persistent camel. As the air grew crisp on the desert, the camel begged to be permitted to come into the Bedouin's tent.

When the request was refused, the camel next pleaded to be allowed to get only his nose in out of the chill. His master consented. But soon the whole camel was in, and the Arab perforce was out.

Ever since the increasing birth rate began to be felt in educational circles, the church of Rome has been insisting on its right to come into the tent of public support for its parochial schools. Signs of weakening on the part of the owner of the tent were checked only by the proper insistence of the first Roman Catholic president that any public funds granted for the support of elementary or secondary parochial education would be in violation of the Constitution of the United States.

The argument that, if federal funds be given to any schools, they ought in fairness be given to private and parochial schools is transparently false. Federal money is public money just as much as the tax revenues of any local unit of government. If federal grants must in fairness be made to parochial schools if and when they are made to any schools, the same logic (or illogic) would apply to tax revenues in the local districts and the states.

President Johnson, however, has submitted a proposal to Congress whereby the nose (and perhaps the neck) of the camel may be allowed within the tent. Whether it will pass the Congress, and whether it will survive a test of its constitutionality if it becomes law, remains to be seen.

But certainly this observation would be pertinent at this time. If you want to keep the camel out of the tent, you'd better keep his nose out.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

The N.Y.P.S.

PAUL SKILES, *Secretary*

N.Y.P.S. has a way of making history, the right kind.

This time it is the first All-Europe International Institute. Young people and their leaders from British Isles North, British Isles South, West Germany, and Italy districts will be attending.

The Institute will take place right in the heart of the world famous ski and resort area at Innsbruck, Austria. Opportunity for tours and walks to points of historic and scenic interests will be provided. Accommodations are reserved at a beautiful new building on the campus of the University of Innsbruck.

Delightful fellowship is anticipated among the young people who will be attending. The menu will be Austrian, and special mealtime entertainment features are to be presented by various countries in the language of that country.

Plans are being made for the use of three principal languages in the public program: German, Italian, and English. However it is expected that several other languages may be put to good use in private conversations.

It will be a spiritual time. Everywhere in the church, Nazarenes will be praying for God's presence and blessing in the Institute.

Those young people fifteen to forty years of age planning to attend are reminded to secure an application from the district N.Y.P.S. president and return it signed to him by March 31, 1965.

Rev. Jerald Johnson will serve as director. Rev. Richard Zanner of Frankfurt, Germany, is the registrar. Paul Skiles, executive secretary of N.Y.P.S. International, will be the general church representative and special speaker.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

New Mexico District

The 1965 midyear convention of the New Mexico District was held January 25 to 27 at Roswell First Church, with Pastors K. Wayne Nelson and Albert Lundy as hosts.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, secretary of the Department of Home Missions, was the special speaker, with Dr. R. C. Gunstream and Rev. Charles Ice speaking at the morning devotional services.

Rev. Fred Fike, Church Schools chairman, was in charge of the services on Tuesday, and reported that New Mexico District is well ahead of its goal in the "March to a Million."

God's presence was especially recognized in the prayer around the altar following the Tuesday night service.

Thanking Him for His presence, we go forward in His name.—E. DALE McCLAF-LIN, *Reporter*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

ADRIAN, MICHIGAN—On last November 29, First Church dedicated their new Sunday school annex with District Superintendent Martin officiating. It is a dual-purpose building, seating 200 around banquet tables, or made into 8 classrooms by folding doors. This gives room for 100 more in Sunday school. The average attendance to date for the year has reached the average for last assembly year—230. The annex is a separate building entirely. New people are attending our services, souls are being brought into the Kingdom, and love prevails among pastor and people.—WM. O. WELTON, *Pastor*.

Evangelist A. S. Howard and wife report: "We closed out the year 1964 with two good revivals in October and November. At Ulysses, Kansas, with Pastor Orlando Jantz the services were well attended; an excellent spirit prevailed in the services, with many souls praying through in five good altar services. In the meeting with the Columbia Friends Church, near Chandler, Oklahoma, we witnessed many souls praying through to victory. We have some choice dates open for this year; write us at our home address, 4108 Ann Arbor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

Song Evangelist Charles Paul writes: "I am now in my third year in the field of song evangelism, and have enjoyed working with some of our fine pastors, and in our district camp meeting last summer. The Lord has blessed my gospel illustrations along with my singing. Due to some unavoidable circumstances, I have a choice open date in March and April, and shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write me, Route 5, Cookeville, Tennessee."

Evangelist Thomas Hayes writes: "I will be closing a meeting in Akron, Ohio, on March 28, and have an open date prior to that, March 4 to 14, and also open time immediately following March 28. Also, I have open time for two meetings during the summer, with my tent, one in July and one in August. Write me in care of our Publishing House, Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64141."

Rev. Jack D. Smith reports: "After a wonderful ministry with our church in Fillmore, Oklahoma, I resigned to accept a call to the Baker Heights Church in Abilene, Texas. God is blessing and already five members have joined the church by profession of faith. In a recent service the Holy Spirit took over and, without any preaching, six people prayed through to God. If you have friends at the nearby Dyess Air Force Base, write me (5189 Texas Avenue) and we'll be happy to contact them."

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA—At the close of 1964, Calvary Church enjoyed a brief campaign with Rev. James DePasquale as special worker. His messages were used of the Holy Spirit to convict and inspire. The watch-night service, with the San Francisco, Broadmoor, and Brisbane churches participating, was a wonderful time of intercession and inspiration under the Spirit's anointing. Brother DePasquale brought a powerful message and then led in fervent prayer for worldwide missions. Communion was served as the new year opened. We praise God for His blessings.—ROBERT P. LUTZ, *Pastor*.

Evangelist L. E. Toone reports: "It has been a real joy to work with our people since entering full-time evangelism last June, and God has added His blessing in saving and sanctifying many souls. We have worked in the following churches—in Indiana, at Huntington, Andrews, and Fort Wayne; at Uhrichsville, and Mount Blanchard, Ohio; Braidwood, Illinois; Cleveland, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Michigan; Goshen and Elkhart, Indiana. I have two dates open this fall and some time in 1966. Write me, 365 Burke Street, Bourbonnais, Illinois."

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write that, due to a pastor moving, they have "some good time open for April." Write them, Route 4, Lamar, Missouri.

Rev. Raymond E. Westmark, Nazarene minister, died January 20. He was a member of the Idaho-Oregon District, and his home address was 2010 Oak, La Grande, Oregon. He is survived by his wife and four children.

BAY CITY, TEXAS—First Church had a wonderful revival in January with Evangelist Daniel Stafford. Business places carried display advertising for us, and the local newspaper and radio station gave the revival full coverage throughout the week. House-to-house visitation brought good results. Pastor and people feel this was the best revival the church has had in many years. God blessed in giving twenty seekers at the altar, praying through to definite victory, with eleven members added to the church. The attendance was good each night, finances came in well, and many people received spiritual help. We thank God for the ministry of Evangelist Stafford.—Reporter.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By BRIAN L. FARMER

Topic for March 7:

Laborers in the Kingdom

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19—20 (Printed: Matthew 20:1-16)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28).*

We may not learn business economics from the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. The simple reason is that this parable was not intended to teach business economics, else the Lord would seem to sanction industrial idleness.

The point which this graphic story brings to our minds is that whenever God calls, if we obey, we receive a standard reward: the gift of salvation. The standards of reward in the kingdom of God are altogether different from those in human affairs. God rewards each one for his obedience and not for the amount of work he does or the length of time he serves.

Furthermore, on the contrary to how the fictional workmen in the parable felt about the late starters in the vineyard, the Christian laborer in the kingdom of God is simply delighted that

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more and still more converts shall receive the same gift as he did perhaps many years previous.

Of course, this is not to say that there is not untold advantage in responding to the gospel call early—just as early, in fact, as the call is given. After all, the chief concern of those who do serve Christ is not reward but service. Jesus, our great Example, "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

Yes, the promise is unto us and to our children and to all who are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

One thing I have noticed though is that sometimes members of churches do not really like newcomers to receive similar "pennies" to themselves. They resent—some silently, some more or less loudly—new people receiving position or praise or popularity. We must be careful. This is the way of the vineyard; Jesus contrasted it with the way of the Kingdom.

A few weeks ago I received a call to come and visit a lady ninety years of age. When we were alone she said she felt she had not much longer on earth. She said she had been praying and a day or so previously she had asked the Lord to forgive her sins and come into her heart. She asked me if I knew a text in the Bible which would give her assurance of the afterlife. I told her Jesus said: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-2).

A few weeks later this lady died peacefully. She received her "penny" because she had obeyed His call. And the Lord saw of the travail of His soul and was satisfied.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT

	Oct. Nov. Dec. 1963	Oct. Nov. Dec. 1964	Increase
Group 1 (16,000-8,000)			
Kansas	8,583	8,881	298
Akron	12,565	12,834	269
Michigan	9,752	9,947	195
N.E. Indiana	11,273	11,433	160
Central Ohio	16,005	16,121	116
Illinois	9,519	9,540	21
S.W. Ohio	9,862	9,823	-39
Indianapolis	9,997	9,834	-163
Florida	11,426	11,124	-302
S.W. Indiana	10,291	9,966	-325

	Oct. Nov. Dec. 1963	Oct. Nov. Dec. 1964	Increase
Oregon Pacific	8,481	8,092	-389
West Virginia	12,080	11,652	-428
E. Michigan*	9,601	9,601	
Los Angeles*	11,289	11,289	
Southern California*	15,036	15,036	
Pittsburgh*	8,312	8,312	
Group 2 (8,000-5,500)			
Washington	5,340	6,245	905
Northern California	5,909	6,513	604
Kansas City	5,536	6,107	571
Washington Pacific	7,096	7,477	381
S.W. Oklahoma	5,993	6,313	320
Chicago Central	7,027	7,321	294
Kentucky	5,707	5,995	288
Iowa	6,790	6,943	153
Central California	5,670	5,807	137
Philadelphia	6,344	6,462	118
N.W. Oklahoma	6,205	6,280	75
Colorado	7,210	7,263	53
Abilene	6,330	6,372	42
East Tennessee	5,707	5,700	-7
Alabama	7,677	7,634	-43
N.W. Illinois	6,261	6,178	-83
Northwest	7,301	7,171	-130
Idaho-Oregon	6,197	6,016	-181
Missouri	7,530	7,266	-264
N.W. Indiana	6,391	6,110	-281
Tennessee	7,837	7,555	-282
Georgia	6,551	6,262	-289
N.W. Ohio	6,915	6,335	-580
Group 3 (5,500-3,000)			
South Arkansas	3,738	4,079	341
Sacramento	5,039	5,326	287
South Carolina	4,808	5,045	237
New Mexico	3,637	3,819	182
E. Kentucky	5,193	5,345	152
North Arkansas	3,593	3,719	126
S.E. Oklahoma	3,495	3,604	109
N.E. Oklahoma	4,261	4,309	48
Arizona	4,809	4,840	31
Joplin	4,634	4,642	8
Maine	3,943	3,941	-2
Albany	4,287	4,284	-3
Virginia	4,243	4,226	-17
Canada West	4,546	4,528	-18
San Antonio	3,630	3,582	-48
Dallas	4,725	4,618	-107
Houston	3,952	3,824	-128
New England*	4,328	4,328	
North Carolina*	3,979	3,979	
Group 4 (3,000-)			
Gulf Central	552	870	318
Louisiana	2,909	3,016	107
North American Indian	1,575	1,669	94
British Isles South	2,578	2,647	69
Wisconsin	2,607	2,665	58
Hawaii	755	816	61
South Dakota	726	778	52
Australia	994	1,043	49
Minnesota	2,179	2,215	36
Canada Central	2,820	2,847	27
Nevada-Utah	1,079	1,086	7
New York	2,331	2,334	3
Canada Pacific	1,329	1,313	-16
North Dakota	1,448	1,423	-25
Nebraska	2,802	2,774	-28
Canada Atlantic	1,257	1,205	-52
Mississippi	3,018	2,935	-83
Alaska	841	736	-105
Rocky Mountain	2,714	2,503	-211
British Isles North*	1,818	1,818	
TOTALS	440,768	443,541	2,773

*Districts not reporting for fourth quarter, 1964. Figure used is same as reported for fourth quarter, 1963.

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Deaths

REV. CLAY CYRNS COCANNOUER
Clay C. Cocannouer, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Shattuck, Oklahoma, died January 1, 1965, in a hospital at Shattuck. He was born in Quay, Oklahoma, February 15, 1903. He married Martha McClain on July 26, 1922. Five children were born to this union: a daughter, Mrs. Helen Weese, of Shattuck; and four sons: Clay, Jr., of Wichita, Kansas; Bill, of Los Gatos, and Guy, of Lomere, California; and Albert of Wichita. He is also survived by three sisters and two brothers. Brother Cocannouer answered the call to the ministry in 1925. He was ordained in 1952. He

the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

The church *Manual* (paragraph 122, section 19) reads, "To provide a committee, no fewer than two members of which shall count and account for all money received by the local church." To "account for all moneys" means what? Does it mean to give an itemized list of all names and amounts of tithes and offerings to the pastor? Should the treasurer be a member of this committee?

The sentence you quote is in paragraph 123, section 18, in the 1964 *Manual*, but the wording is unchanged.

This provision is designed to protect the treasurer of the local church by verifying the amounts of money received and the purposes for which these are given. The ideal situation would be that the treasurer would not serve on this committee. The committee should arrange for the banking of the money handled.

The accounting itself does not require a listing of individual contributions, simply the total and the indication of any designated purposes in connection with the individual gifts. However a financial secretary, who may or may not be a member of the counting committee, must keep an accurate record of individual contributions as far as they are identified by envelope or check in order to give a receipt for income tax purposes at the end of the year.

Whether or not the pastor is informed of the status of individual con-

tributors is pretty much up to him. Probably most pastors do not wish to know, feeling that they can preach with greater objectivity if they do not know how much Joe Doakes or Susie Que may have given.

Incidentally you will find most of this information and some additional recommendations in the *Uniform Church Accounting* book published by the Nazarene Publishing House. Every church should use this and follow the procedure outlined.

Let it be said again that there is no thought of questioning anyone's honesty in standard methods of procedure either in keeping books or having them carefully audited. If I were the treasurer of a local church, I would insist that the procedure required by the *Manual* as recommended in *Uniform Church Accounting* be carefully carried out right down to the letter. It is better to prevent misunderstandings than to regret them.

In your opinion, what is the responsibility of a pastor who receives tithe from a person he knows is a member of another Church of the Nazarene?

In my opinion, he should find a way to suggest to this person that he either place his membership where his tithe is or that he place his tithe where his membership is.

And, if his membership is somewhere other than where he lives, he should be encouraged to transfer that membership to the church he customarily attends—

According to the bylaws of the Sunday school in the *Manual*: "Active members should be dropped from the roll immediately when they join another Sunday school, move out of town, die, or specifically ask to have their names removed. Members who have ceased to attend but who still live in the community should be removed only after every effort has been made by the teacher, supervisor, superintendent, and pastor to gain their attendance. . . . Non-attending members should be removed only upon approval of the pastor." Does the last statement apply in the case of those who have joined other schools, died, or specifically ask to have their names removed, or only in the case of those who cease to attend through carelessness?

The interpretation of the Department of Church Schools is that it applies to all names dropped from the Sunday school roll.

I would think there would be no hesitance about removing the names of those who have permanently moved away or who have died. If there is any possible hope of regaining those who have gone elsewhere or who declare

they do not intend to return, it might be well to be patient. After all, people do change their minds.

In any event, our interest is souls, not statistics for themselves alone. The Sunday school enrollment of non-church members is our prime prospect list. It only makes good sense to keep the prospect list both as large and as active as possible.

pastored the Pawnee, Faye, Cora, and Shattuck churches in Oklahoma, and Hurdland and Meta churches in Missouri. Funeral service was held in the Shattuck church on Sunday afternoon, and in Bethany First Church on Monday afternoon, with interment in the Bethany cemetery. The following ministers assisted in the funeral services: Rev. Roy Bickford, Rev. David Shoemaker, Rev. A. D. Grim, and Rev. Jerald R. Locke, district superintendent.

REV. EMORY W. BURK

Emory W. Burk, age seventy-six, died instantly on January 7, 1965, of a heart attack in Saginaw, Michigan. He was a retired Nazarene minister. He was born November 7, 1888, in Milwaukee. He married Ellen Fuller in 1909; she survives him. He served as pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for over thirty-five years—at Montrose, Owosso, North Star, Nashville, and Saginaw, Michigan. Since retiring in 1959 he had been conducting evangelistic meetings. He was a member of the Sheridan Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Saginaw. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons: Earl V., of Flint, and Merl A., of Saginaw; and three daughters: Mrs. Marjorie Daniels, of Garden City; Mrs. Wm. Raleigh, of West Branch; and Mrs. Harry Pollman, of Saginaw; also three sisters and one brother. "All of the immediate family are Nazarenes because of Brother Burk's wonderful Christian example. He was a man of prayer, of strong convictions, a saint of God." Funeral service was held at the Sheridan Avenue Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Joseph Trueax and Dr. Fred Hawk officiating; burial in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

REV. ELLA ALBRIGHT SMITH

Ella Albright Smith was born January 14, 1885, in Dublin, Virginia, and died January 31, 1965, in a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a retired Nazarene elder. She was converted in childhood, and following her marriage to Howard Smith in 1910, they both answered the call to the ministry. She was ordained an elder and served the Church of the Nazarene as an associate pastor for more than forty years. Their last pastorate was West Side Church, Cleveland. Since her retirement she worked as faithfully as her failing strength would permit. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Howard Smith, three nephews, and a niece. Mrs. Smith's whole life was a living testimony of God's redeeming power and grace.

REV. IRL THOMAS STOVALL

Irl Thomas (I. T.) Stovall, age seventy-four, retired Nazarene elder, died January 20, 1965, in Albany, Kentucky. He was born May 2, 1890, in Sullivan, Missouri. At the age of seventeen he was converted and called to preach. In 1912 he was ordained by Dr. P. F. Bressee. He was the second pastor of the Highway Church of the Nazarene, oldest of the Nazarene churches in Kentucky. He pastored churches in Arkansas, New Mexico, Kansas, and Kentucky; also taught at Olivet Nazarene College, and other colleges. He is survived by his wife, Sallie Mackey Stovall; three daughters, Irlene and Ruby Stovall, and Mary Radford; four sons, Breeze, Glen, James, and John Guy; two sisters, Bertha Fluhrer and Blanche Stovall; and three brothers, Ralph, Guy, and Clel. Funeral service was conducted by his brother-in-law, Dr. A. B. Mackey, and Rev. R. D. Roeper, pastor of the Highway church, with interment in the Highway cemetery.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. A. L. Kimmerly is a commissioned evangelist on our district, and is available for revivals, weekend meetings, and supply. Address him, P.O. Drawer 4, Robertsedale, Alabama.—Reeford L. Chaney, Superintendent of Alabama District.

Rev. Glen Madison has resigned as pastor of Birmingham West End Church to enter the field of evangelism. Address him, 812 Mason Street, Mayfield, Kentucky.—Reeford L. Chaney, Superintendent of Alabama District.

MARRIAGES

—Miss Carol Sassaman and Richard Schirm on January 2 at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

BORN

—to Gary and Donna (Clark) Goodrich, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Patricia Ann, on January 26.

—to Rev. Don and Doris (Rice) Teague of Fort Worth, Texas, a daughter, Robin Jeanette, on January 23.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Dale E. Webster of Rogers, Arkansas, a daughter, Stephenie Jane, in January.

—to Richard and Marge (Gentz) Mountford of Kansas City, Kansas, a daughter, Janelle René on December 17, 1964.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

by Christian parents in Oklahoma "for our son who needs healing for his body and soul";
by a Christian teen-ager in Indiana, who has a health problem, that God's will may be done and this condition cured, if possible;
by a Christian lady in Tennessee—"I'm still too sick to go to church."



Seminary Students Give

On Friday before the Seminary Library offering of February 14, the students and faculty of the Nazarene Theological Seminary gave \$574.65 toward the purchase of a microfilm reader for the new library.

The offering was presented at a chapel service in which the students expressed their gratitude to the church for providing them the training needed to become effective ministers for Christ.

Dean on World Tour

Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, is in Australia on the first leg of a world tour which will bring him into contact with Nazarene missions in eighteen world areas.

En route to Australia, he visited Hawaii, American Samoa, and New Zealand. He will proceed to the Philippines, Formosa, Japan, Korea, and then on to India.

Dean Taylor's itinerary will take him to Syria, Jordan, Israel, South Africa, Egypt, Italy, Germany, and the British Isles.

He left Kansas City on January 30, and expects to return to the States late in June. Taken as part of sabbatical leave from the Seminary, the contacts made will be used in updating Dr. Taylor's *History of Nazarene Missions*.

Southwest Oklahoma in Sunday School Stride

The fall drive for enrollment in Sunday schools on the Southwest Oklahoma District resulted in a gain of 1,468 enrollees. This is one-half the quadrennial quota gained in the first six months of the quadrennium. A total of 55,889 homes were contacted.

Rev. Carl Summer, Lawton, Oklahoma, is the Church Schools chairman for the district. Rev. W. T. Johnson is the district superintendent.

E.N.C. Youth Revival Reaches Many

Unusual manifestations of the Holy Spirit marked the recent youth revival at Eastern Nazarene College, with Rev. Kenneth Pearsall, superintendent of the Albany District, as speaker for the weekend series.

Twice during the short meeting, powerful movings of the Spirit resulted in multiple altar services. On Friday evening the altar filled the second and third times after the service had been formally concluded, as students moved by great conviction came forward to seek God.

College Church Pastor Milton Poole

cited increased participation in prayer and fasting by students and members of the church as the key to the success of the revival.

Olivet Receives Community Salute

Olivet Nazarene College was given a special edition of the Kankakee, Illinois, *Daily Journal* in tribute to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college in the community, and its fifty-eighth year in education.

The forty-four-page daily newspaper featured campus pictures and articles about various phases of the college program as part of an annual "Industrial Outlook Edition." In addition to front-page space, a ten-page section presented the work of the college.

Ambassadors Repeat in 1966

The success of the 1964 Nazarene Evangelistic Ambassador project was so gratifying that the Department of World Missions recommended a repeat of the project in 1966.

The General Board endorsed the recommendation. The project again will be planned jointly with the N.Y.P.S. Countries and dates will be determined later.

Second Missionary Film Approved

The General Board approved the recommendation of the Department of World Missions to produce another sound-color motion picture as a companion to "From Darkness to Light." Subject matter and timing have been left to the discretion of the executive secretary.

It was felt that the success of the first project has warranted a further effort to inform and inspire the church membership through this tool of communication.

Cross-country Missionary Conventions Begin

The first series of cross-country missionary conventions for the quadrennium began this week with a convention, March 1 and 2, in Nampa, Idaho, College Church. Missionary speakers were George Rench, Taiwan; Armand Doll, Mozambique; and Clyde Gollither, Peru.

The same missionary team will be in Seattle, Washington, First Church, March 4-5, and in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, First Church, March 8-9.

Wendell Woods, Japan, will join Armand Doll and Clyde Gollither for the convention in Des Moines, Iowa, First Church, March 11-12. Harry Flinger, Peru, with Armand Doll and Wendell Woods, will be in Kankakee, Illinois, College Church, March 15-16.

Other conventions of the series are slated for Detroit, Michigan, First Church, March 18-19; Toronto, Ontario, St. Clair Church, March 22-23; Wollaston, Massachusetts, College Church, March 25-26; and Charleston,

West Virginia, First Church, March 28-30.

Each convention will be directed by Dr. E. S. Phillips, executive secretary of the Department of World Missions, and will begin with an evening service the first day. Each includes two sessions on the second day, at 10:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m., with an afternoon workshop at 2:30 p.m.



Youth for Christ International Elects New President

WHEATON, ILL. (MNS)—Rev. Sam Wolgemuth was elected the new president of Youth for Christ International at the organization's tenth annual mid-winter convention held January 5-8 at the Penn Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Wolgemuth moves to the presidency from the post of vice-president for the overseas ministry, which he has held since 1956. He succeeds Dr. Carl J. Bihl.

Rev. Wendell G. Collins was appointed vice-president for the overseas ministry, filling the post vacated by Mr. Wolgemuth. He was formerly the executive vice-president of the international group and also directs the Teen Team ministry.

Gov. Romney Would Exempt Amish from School Law

LANSING, MICH. (EP)—Adoption of a special amendment exempting the Amish religious sect from the state's compulsory school law was asked by Governor George Romney in his "State of the State Message" to the opening legislative session here.

Governor Romney's plea came on the heels of a new protest by the Amish in Hillsdale County, who held that to force them to use non-Amish instructors would violate religious freedom.

Amish children there are taught by a twenty-year-old girl of their religion. She has only an eighth-grade education—but the Amish hold that such an education is all a child needs to live their rural farming life.

The governor, a national Mormon leader, said: "I urge an amendment specifically exempting them [the Amish] from the accredited-teacher requirement."

Lynn Bartlett, state school superintendent, has postponed a ruling, but said he stands by the current state law.

(The Amish also oppose social security payments by farmers, stating that their religious tenets forbid insurance. They care for their own sick, needy, and aged. Several bills before Congress would exempt them from the social security program.)



General Secretary B. Edgar Johnson cares for General Board routine.

The General Board

serves as the executive body of the Church of the Nazarene during the interim between quadrennial General Assemblies. It meets each year on Monday through Wednesday after the third Sunday in January. These candid photos show the General Board in action during the last meeting, January 18-20.



ABOVE, RIGHT: General Superintendent Lewis reports on overseas visitation.



LEFT: The General Board transacts business relating to the entire church.



RIGHT: The Finance Committee wrestles with unending problems of budget.



The N.W.M.S. (left) and N.Y.P.S. (right) councils meet prior to the sessions of the General Board



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Dr. Phillips reports on the work of the Department of World Missions



LEFT: The Department of Evangelism pauses for a picture.



CENTER: Dr. Willingham lays down his responsibilities as director of the Radio League.



RIGHT: The Department of Home Missions supervises both domestic and overseas work.

**“It Looks
TERRIFIC!”**

This enthusiastic endorsement of the new Caravan program and materials by Mrs. Florence L. Cornell, a Caravan leader from New York, is shared by many others who understand the importance of weekday activity for boys and girls.

WANDA KNOX, missionary in New Guinea, writes:

“Our Trailblazer group is growing and we began the Pathfinder group. I am delighted with the new materials.”

Rev. RON G. FRY, pastor in Canada, writes:

“We want to thank the Caravan office for the new “upgraded” materials. They really meet our need.”

A new pastor in his first church says:

“I am starting Caravan immediately. It is one of the best ways to make an inroad into the community.”

An experienced pastor in the midwest United States says:

“Today I looked at all the new books. Your emphasis on ‘I Believe,’ Bible reading, and scripture memorization is terrific. As a pastor I am beginning this new program in my church! Thanks for this strong, important, doctrinal, and biblical emphasis.”

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take advantage of this opportunity to reach and teach boys and girls through a church- and Bible-centered weekday activity program we now have available these materials:

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 “Maiden Guide”—Manual for leaders of girls \$1.00
 “Brave Guide”—Manual for leaders of boys \$1.00



JUNIOR PROGRAM

“Pathfinder”—Manual for girls 4th-6th grade 75c*
 “Trailblazer”—Manual for boys 4th-6th grade 75c*
 The many demands on time in revising a program and rewriting the materials have delayed the completion of “Pathguide”—Manual for leaders of junior girls \$1.00
 “Trailguide”—Manual for leaders of junior boys \$1.00
BUT—they are now in production and will be available for distribution in April.
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