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## Inside Braces

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**D**AN BENNETT tells of a congressman who cast a vote for a cause that he knew was wrong, and when a friend expressed disappointment, the congressman's only excuse for the lack of integrity was, "You have no idea what pressure was brought to bear upon me." In disgust the friend said, "Pressure, yes; but where were the inside braces?"

A strong foundation is essential to a stormproof building. Inside braces set in strategic places and at proper angles are also essential to secure the building against strain and pressures brought by storms and high winds.

A strong Christian character must not only have Christ for a sure foundation, but that character must also have Christ provide inside braces to withstand all of the pressures from without. Love for God and the right, faith in God and in the triumph of His truth, perseverance and patience to wait for God's clock to strike, courage to suffer for Christ, hope for better days and better things, convictions that are based on truth—all

these are inside braces that are required for these days.

Peter revealed that he had inside braces when he said, "We ought to obey God rather than men"; likewise Paul, when he said, "None of these things move me." Luther and Wesley evidenced inside braces when they stepped out to obey God and preach the truth, though the pressures of earth and hell were against them.

The man who refuses to take a lucrative, easy pastorate because he feels that his work in the home-mission field is not finished has inside braces. Men who dare to conduct their business on a Christian basis in these days of graft and dishonesty have inside braces. Individuals in college, in the shops, or in the armed forces, who bear the pressure and stand the storms—yet emerge clean-cut and unmarred by sin—prove that they have inside braces as well as outward graces.

God grant that we may "be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

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

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor Don Peterman sends word: "Organized Bethel Church of the Nazarene in Yakima, Washington, on November 11, with 39 members; 114 in Sunday school, 130 in church, with Dr. E. E. Zachary, district superintendent, present. Wonderful harmony with First Church; Milo L. Arnold co-operating to the fullest. Good days ahead for the Nazarenes in Yakima."

After serving the church at Pine Island for more than four years, Rev. Thomas Huff has resigned to accept the work of the new church at Springhill, Louisiana.

Evangelist S. Ellsworth Nothstine has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Traverse City, Michigan.

From December 10 through 16, Indianapolis District, with Superintendent J. W. Short, will have a missionary tour, with Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, foreign missions secretary, as the special worker.

Rev. G. W. Henricksen has resigned as pastor of Hillcrest Church in Vancouver, Washington, to accept the call to pastor First Church in Flint, Michigan.

Rev. O. F. Langford, who has been pastor of West Tulsa Church (Oklahoma) for the past three years, has resigned to enter the field of full-time evangelism.

Dr. Erwin G. Benson, field representative for the Department of Church Schools, during recent weeks has been speaker for the Western Ohio District Sunday-school convention; in a training class at Northside Church, Chicago; in a tour on the Arkansas District; and also conducted services at Peoria, Illinois; Columbia City, and Terre Haute, Indiana; and at Rainbow Boulevard Church in Kansas City, Kansas.

Rev. E. H. Sanders has resigned as pastor of Central Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to accept the call to First Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dr. C. Warren Jones reports: "Just recently closed a ten-week tour through the Northwest and California, touching ten districts, and conducting seventy-two services. During the last two weeks, served as worker, along with Orpha Cook of India, in two

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## "BUT PRAYER"

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

HEROD HAS executed James to please the Jews. The Apostle Peter is about to suffer a like fate, "but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him" (Acts 12:5). They did not legislate, draft new resolutions, sign petitions, organize the forces of opposition, nor send a special committee to request clemency in his behalf. The Church prayed unitedly, passionately, purposefully, directly, and with great burden unto God for his deliverance. The miraculous took place. The edict of even a God-hating king was overruled; a white-winged angel from the courts of light, vested with Heaven's authority, came and smote Herod, delivered the Apostle, set aside the laws of nature; chains fell off, iron gates flew open, and light from heaven dispelled the gloom, for God was vindicated and prayer answered. Why? "But prayer."

Prayer is as omnipotent as the arm of God; it brooks no opposition, sees no difficulties, recognizes no obstacles, overcomes hindrances, gains the victory over sin and Satan, and prevails on every battlefield. An editor of a secular paper was written to for advice on how to run the church and make progress and so on, and he replied, "Try Christianity." Have we tried prayer in the emergencies, the hard places, the difficult situations, the impossible encounters of life? Napoleon commissioned an engineer to survey the Alps for the crossing of his troops into Italy in the winter season. When the officer said, "It is impossible," Napoleon replied, "Impossible is only found in the dictionary of fools." To your knees, O Israel! "God is still on the throne!"

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## Nature's Melodies

By Clara S. Hoff

*Last night in the garden  
Hung silvery lights,  
That sprinkled late flowers  
With an icy glow;  
The spangled rays  
From worlds afar  
Came down and touched my soul;  
The blinking code from distant stars  
Sent messages of peace  
That only God could weave  
Upon the fabric of the soul.*

# The End of Prayer

By Oscar Hudson\*

**I**T IS BETTER to know how to really pray than to know how to preach. It is better to be able to gain audience with God than to be a Demosthenes, a Plato, a Gali Curci, or a Roland Hayes. Genuine revivals of Christian religion, earth's greatest achievement, are the direct result of intercessory prayer. Great revivals have been known without preaching or cultured singing, but have never been known until someone prayed through for them. I have witnessed fruitful revivals without a church building or pews, but have never witnessed one until someone went down into the valley of humiliation and entered into the spirit of soul travail. We may have great pulpit dissertations with an entertaining program that attracts large crowds and even induces many to unite with the church, yet sees nothing done that will survive the fires of the judgment.

A short while before Dr. J. B. Chapman passed away, he was addressing a gathering of preachers, when he said, "We have reached the place where one man plays a handsaw and another gives a 'Life's Story,' gathering a big crowd, and we call that a revival. No! that is not a revival; that is a farce. Tears, sweat, and blood are the price of a revival, and some of us are not willing to pay the price."

"When Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifice; and the glory of the Lord filled the house" (II Chron. 7:1). This is always the case. But there is a wide difference between saying words and praying clear through to the end until to say more would be to burst into praise and thanksgiving because of the consciousness that God has heard our cry.

The paucity of powerful revivals is traceable to the scarcity of intercessory prayer. "Ye have not gone up into the gaps . . . in the battle in the day of the Lord" (Ezek. 13:5). "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezek. 22:30). There is a gulf, a gap, between a holy God and a sin-smitten world that can be closed only by intercessory prayer. God is searching for someone to fill this gap. Candidates can be found to fill chief offices in the church, be heads of departments, and take pastorates of leading churches; but candidates for intercession are scarce. According to Isaiah 59:16, it seems that all heaven is astonished at this condition; "And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor."

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Successful prayer is not a strain. It is not working one's self up into a fanatical frenzy, as did Baal's prophets. Rather it is the harmonizing of law, the combining of simple elements. Dynamite is composed largely of glycerin and sulphuric acid. Combine these elements in given proportions and they produce an uncontrollable energy. It is not difficult to blow out the stumps and burst up the boulders—just harmonize law or combine the elements that produce the energy. Just so with effective prayer.

What are the elements? The most important is a *filial relation with God*, otherwise designated as *innocency*. The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray. They were not asking for knowledge in the use of words or framing beautiful sentences. They had noticed that when Jesus prayed something happened. The fig tree dried up from the roots, the storm ceased its howling, and the waves their raging. When Jesus prayed, the lame man threw his bed over his shoulder and went skipping home; the deaf heard, the blind saw, and lepers were cleansed. They wanted Him to teach them how to get their prayers through. Responding to this request, He uttered the language that is usually called the Lord's Prayer. It is not the Lord's Prayer, but instructions to us for praying successfully. He said, "When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven." This is not an address so much as a filial, innocent relation that must be sustained if we would really pray.

A lengthy paper was read in a preachers' convention on prayer, the burden of which was the importance of spending much time in prayer. In the discussion that followed, one man said that few spent sufficient time on their knees, but there was something more important than the time element—the relation of the pray-er to God. Baal's prophets, four hundred strong, prayed all day, vehemently, and nothing happened. Elijah

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## TELL IT OUT!

By A. M. Quick

*If you've left old sinful Egypt  
And crossed the deep Red Sea;  
If you've reached the River Jordan  
Determined to be free,  
Then just cross right into Canaan,  
Get rid of every doubt—  
And when you get the blessing,  
Tell it out!*

*If you have complete deliverance  
And Christ now reigns within,  
If you know the blood of Jesus  
Has cleansed you from all sin—  
If you have the second blessing,  
You've every right to shout.  
So if you have it, brother,  
Tell it out!*

prayed a very short prayer and the fire came down, consumed the sacrifice, licked up the water, and melted the stones.

Another element is *passion*. Hannah poured out her soul before the Lord. Jesus poured out His soul unto death. "As soon as Zion travailed [suffering passion], she brought forth her children." In Isaiah we read, "Children are come to the birth, and there is not strength [passion] to bring forth."

Still another element in intercession is *determination*. Nothing much comes of haphazard, indefinite, indifferent praying. One should be convinced that the thing desired is according to God's will, and become determined to reach the place where He will hear and answer prayer. Jacob, fearing certain death, went alone up the brook Jabbok and prostrated himself before God. He prayed while the stars hung out their lanterns and the moon arose and went her pale western course. Midnight, two o'clock, and four o'clock found him wrestling with the angel. As old Sol backed his car out of the chambers of the morning and started his shafts of light after the receding shadows, the angel said, "Let me go." He replied, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." At that point, he prevailed with God. "Lord, teach us to pray" clear through!

## A Dangerous Trend

By C. Warren Jones\*

**T**HE WRITER can well remember when it was quite the usual thing for the local church to have three services on the Sabbath day. The people would gather in the afternoon for what some termed a people's meeting. Sometimes they had a short message, but for the most part the time was spent in singing, prayer, and praise. The service was well attended and was looked upon as a spiritual feast. Often the spiritual tide would rise to a great height. We are not saying that those folk had more religion, but we are saying that they had something that we seem to lack in our day. They had three well-attended services every Sunday.

Times have changed, and certainly the people have changed. It is now next to impossible to have a Sunday afternoon service. I am not finding fault, for it may be for the best to give all our time and attention to the two Sunday services. If any criticism is to be made, it is against those individuals and families that can stand but one service on Sunday. It looks as though we have too many one-service-a-week Nazarenes. The big service is on Sunday morning, and most of our churches can count on a good attendance for that service. But what about the attendance on Sunday evening?

Many churches across America are going out of the Sunday evening business. Thousands of

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Protestant churches do not pretend to have an evening service the year around. Not long ago we found a church of a certain denomination with one thousand members and the only service of the week is the morning service. In many places you will find several churches that have federated or that have a union service on Sunday evening in order to have a handful of people in attendance. The present-day trend with many churches is to eliminate the Sunday evening service.

What is the Church of the Nazarene doing concerning this problem? You may contend that it is not a problem with us. We will agree that we are not closing our doors on Sunday night, but our attendance in the majority of our churches is not so good as on Sunday morning, not so good as it should be. This is not the condition that should prevail. It is absolutely wrong. It is a trend in the wrong direction.

We should have a great evangelistic service on Sunday evening with our people and friends present. Of course, if this is to be realized, we must put on a worth-while evangelistic program, one that has an appeal and one that will grip the people. To make it plain, we must put something on the table besides chinaware, silverware, napkins, and appetizers. If we will give the folk something to eat, they will take an interest in the service and they will come again.

A few months ago we were slated to speak in a certain church on a Sunday evening. On entering the pulpit we readily sensed that we had the unusual. If we had one person present, we had five hundred in the auditorium. We were informed that it was a usual Sunday night crowd for that church and that at least one-third of the people were not members. We counted those in the choir and in the orchestra and found that there were fifty and ten in these respective groups. Then the choir leader seemingly knew what he was doing and what it was all about. What singing, not only by the choir, but by the congregation! That was one church where it was easy to speak. Months have passed, and recently we had a letter from that pastor saying that he had just purchased one hundred folding chairs in order to seat the Sunday night crowds.

One of our major problems in the Church of the Nazarene is building up or increasing the size of the Sunday night crowd. For the sake of Jesus Christ and for the sake of the unchurched millions in America, this must be done. The gospel of Jesus Christ was never better than it is now, and we must get it over to the people on Sunday evening. It is a problem, but our reason for being here is to solve our problems. It is not going to be easy, but the building of the Kingdom has never been easy. Let's do a missionary job in the U.S.A., and that is to increase the attendance at the evening service by 10, 20, and 30 per cent. If we will give ourselves wholeheartedly to the task, spend and be spent, and die or succeed, we will get the job done!

## "LET THERE BE LIGHT"

By Bernie Smith\*

### Mountain-moving Faith

I BOARDED the train in a Southern city and was en route to my next campaign. I was weary and completely oblivious to all that was going on about me. Soon I was awakened to reality by the voice of a loquacious and slightly inebriated gentleman. Without warning, he leaned across the aisle and asked me the nature of my business. When I told him I was an evangelist, he made an attempt to sober in record time.

He told me about the church where he attended; but, questioning him further, I found that he could not remember the name of his pastor. Then he tried to sing an old hymn, but he forgot the chorus. He continued in his attempt to impress me by trying to quote some scripture. That was some years ago, but he said one thing that has remained with me to this day. I can still see him as he turned and said, "Preacher, you know, the Bible says that if we have faith the size of a grain of mustard seed we can remove mountains." Suddenly realizing what he had said, he continued hastily, "But let me tell you right now, Preacher, those mountains are all right where they are now and I don't intend to try to move a single one of them!"

I have met a lot of professing Christians in various countries of the world who have no more faith than the inebriate I met on the train that day. They contend that they believe God can do great things but they refuse to exercise their faith. A sage once said that if a man wanted to

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prove that a stick was crooked he should place a straight one alongside of it. The best proof of Christ is the Christian's unshakable faith in Him.

Today the world is a veritable powder keg; it is divided into two armed camps. Men are afraid to live and afraid to die. They live in the shadow of the fear that tomorrow the earth will be covered with blood. Especially in times such as these men must have an abundance of faith.

The world is in its greatest crisis; the challenge of the current crisis is abundant faith in an able God.

### Consider the Stars

By Dorothy Boone Kidney\*

THE SKY is a jewelry window! Diamonds spitting blue-white fire against a background of black velvet!

You can get dizzy on stars! You can get giddy over so much black and crystal beauty. You can go breathless tracing star-patterns in the night. For at night the beauty of the world is high up. You can stand knee-deep in darkness; but if you lift your eyes, you'll see the stars. God placed crystal stars on the doorstep of heaven—planted them like flowers along a flagstone walk.

When darkness shuffles into your life, when the lights seem to be going out all along your own personal street, when the shades of disappointments are being lowered over your windows, look up! Look up to the stars growing in the dooryard of heaven and remember that He said, "I will come again, and receive you." "Look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!"

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## Tiny Stars of Fluff

By Alice Hansche Mortenson

*'Twas snowing, and my mittened hand  
Caught tiny stars of fluff;  
Their perfect beauty startled me—  
I cried, "This is enough."  
No further proof need I than this  
Of God's great love for me,  
For as I walked it seemed that He  
Was talking there with me.*

*I knew He made the universe  
And hung the stars in place;  
But snowflakes tumbling from the sky  
Like tiny bits of lace  
Are also His and closer glance  
A greater beauty show;  
And as we walked, God looked at me  
As I looked at the snow.*



*My righteousness all dropped away  
Beneath His glance of love.  
"You too are Mine," He whispered low;  
"I'll fit you for above."  
And, oh, my heart rejoiced to cry,  
"Take charge without, within!"  
May microscopic eyes reveal  
Just—attributes of Him!*

## EPHESIANS (Art. XXVII)

By H. Orton Wiley

### Five Apostolic Imperatives

*Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light (cf. Eph. 5:14-21).*

**M**ACKNIGHT'S paraphrase of this and the following verse is illuminating and helpful. "Because the Gospel sheweth the true nature of every human action, it saith, to all the Gentiles, and even to the initiated in the mysteries, Awake thou who sleepest in the darkness of heathen ignorance, and arise from the dead state in which thou liest through trespasses and sins; and Christ will shine upon thee with the light of truth, whereby all thy faculties shall be enlivened. See then that ye, upon whom Christ now shines, walk accurately according to His precepts; not as unwise men, provoking your heathen neighbors by impudent rebukes, but as wise men, avoiding their vices, and endeavoring to reclaim them by the influence of your example."

These verses introduce us to an important portion of scripture dealing with the Christian way of life. The statements contained therein are an exhortation, but they are something more—they are commands in a hortatory form. For this reason we have called them "imperatives." They are important: *first*, as furnishing the true tests by which to distinguish between a Christian and a pagan; and *second*, they furnish the tests by which a Christian may judge of his progress in holiness. They are therefore to be studied with great care and to be observed in the Christian walk.

1. *Redeeming the time, because the days are evil (5:16)*. Some hold that this means a recovery of the time lost through negligence, by a careful improvement of what remains. Literally it means a "buying back" or a gaining of time, as creditors do who cannot meet their obligations. They therefore give other considerations in order to gain further time for payment. The followers of Christ were surrounded with evils of all kinds—Judaism was their mortal enemy, and heathenism detested them. They are encouraged therefore through faith and hope to buy up the time in order to gain a further extension for witnessing to the saving grace of Christ. The days are still evil, and it is a delusion to think that we are riding into millennial blessedness through moral and religious ameliorations.

2. *Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit (5:18)*. Here the Apostle condemns the bacchanalian rites in which the votaries made themselves drunk with wine, and in their madness ran about the streets committing all sorts of vagrancies. Instead, Chris-

### The Sage of Happy Hollow Sez:

It is strange how a pastor is frequently called to a better church. One would think that if he succeeded in building one church he could do it again. We have known too few who have left a thriving church to begin again with a group that could not pay as big a salary. Yes, the children grow up, and other obligations come. But has not something died when the spirit of adventure is gone?

tians were to be filled with the Spirit. This implies such an infilling as excludes all sin, and through the indwelling Comforter leads to continuous discoveries of new truths which are exhilarating and permanent—ininitely beyond the delusive and degrading influences of wine. "He shall guide you into all truth."

3. *Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord (5:19)*. This refers to the temper of mind which follows upon the cleansing of the heart from sin. The removal of the inner antagonisms results in a spiritual harmony which must find expression in song. Some writers understand this to refer to the psalms of David and other spiritual songs; others hold that it refers to the outbursts of praise direct from the hearts as the Spirit gave utterance to the worshipers. These spiritual songs have taken place in their common worship, in their private meditation, or in the stocks at midnight (Acts 16:25).

4. *Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (5:20)*. As in the festivals of Ceres and Bacchus, the votaries ascribed praise to their gods, so Christians are to give thanks for all things, whether prosperous or adverse. Such thanksgiving is to be offered through the mediation of Christ to God the Father, who is the only true source of real happiness in the world. A thankful spirit is always an accompaniment of grace in the heart.

5. *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God (5:21)*. Here love is supreme. The disciples were ever to yield without effort to the claims of others upon their help and kindness. Love is thus the crowning virtue and the supreme test of the Christian life.

What then are the *Apostolic Imperatives*? (1) Set a proper valuation on time. (2) Be filled with the Spirit. (3) Cultivate a spiritual mind. (4) Be fully and thankfully devoted to God; and (5) Submit yourselves one to another in brotherly love.

# Bearing by Sharing

By Leslie E. Dunkin\*

"I feel so helpless, while with such people!" sighed a friend upon leaving the home of an unfortunate person. "To think we can't do anything!"

"But we can do something, many things!" spoke up a mother, noticing it would soon be time for her to be back to her family. "Does not God's Word tell us to 'bear ye one another's burdens'? Yes, 'and so fulfil the law of Christ'" (Galatians 6:2).

She explained that the law of Christ might well be called the love of Christ. Christians have the love of Christ to help to bear one another's burdens. This spirit of love transforms burden-bearing into joyful sharing.

"The Psalmist tells us, 'Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved' (Psalms 55:22)," she continued. "When we bear the other person's burden, we are to share that with God and He will sustain us . . . never failing us. At the same time, we share God's blessings with the one whose burdens we are bearing."

"But what can we do for this person we have just visited?" persisted the friend. "It is much easier to talk about what can or should be done than to do it . . . or anything else."

"Let me tell you a true experience of another friend of mine," continued the mother. "I know this to be a fact . . . not just an imaginary incident!"

This mother's other friend had a neighbor who was bedfast with a serious illness. The doctors had warned that less than thirty days were left for their patient to live. They had diagnosed it as cancer. The patient suffered extreme pain.

The neighbor friend lay in bed at home for an hour, from ten to eleven o'clock, and concentrated in prayer upon his unfortunate neighbor. He made the burden of his sick neighbor his own and he was casting all that burden on God. He asked that the disease be arrested and that she be relieved from the suffering. He was so in earnest about this that he declared, "If an outlet for the pain is necessary, because Christ bore pain for us on the cross, use my body for that outlet!"

Sleep had come at once, and he had felt very relaxed and calm. About two o'clock in the morning, he awoke from a deep sleep with a terrific headache. It seemed that every bone and muscle in his body felt like teeth that had to be pulled. He remembered vividly his earlier prayer desire. Was this an answer to that?

At his earliest opportunity, he went to see his afflicted friend. Before he told his experience, he asked how the patient felt. She declared that

around eleven o'clock during that previous night, her pain had left. This had not returned. She already looked the difference of a month's recuperation. He then told her what had been his own experience of that same moment. Thirty days later, instead of being dead, the patient was up and around with good health. The dread disease was gone.

"How can you explain it physically or medically?" the mother was asked by the interested friend.

"Why bother for a physical or medical explanation?" the pleased mother smiled. "Especially when the other person's burdens have been borne and the welcome and desired results are gained. Be satisfied to know you have used and shared Christ's love and blessings."

"Do you mean we are to heal people by faith?" puzzled her friend.

"I mean this!" thought the mother aloud. "The farther I go, the more I believe that God is ready to bring healing blessings for body and soul more often than people who are doubtful even guess. We are to use Christ's love to bear the other person's burden, continually and persistently, and then to leave with God the results from the shared blessings."

She then told an experience she had had herself while bearing the other person's burdens. She had summoned a group of her closest friends to her home. She was deeply concerned about her son, who had gone West four or five years before that. No word had come from him since leaving home. She had explained to the people in her home that day, "I know he has not let God take full possession of his life. Wherever my son is, I know he is burdened about this. I want to bear that burden for him. Will you pray with me now for him?"

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## God Answers Prayer

By Frances B. Erickson

*God answers prayer! No night can be so long  
But He is there, and comforts with a song!  
I know, for I have groped thro' tunnels dark  
With faltering faith, and fainting heart;  
But when I claimed God's promises,  
Believing in their power  
To save unto the uttermost,  
He answered in that hour!*

*God answers prayer! Oh, praise His name!  
No "fowler's snare" or fettering chain  
Can fail to yield to steadfast faith;  
There's victory at the throne of grace!  
I know; for, when failure  
Seemed inevitable for me,  
I claimed the blood of Jesus,  
And, lo, He set me free!*

\*South Bend, Indiana

# Reputation Versus Character

By W. W. Loveless\*

*But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7).*

**M**OST OF US put greater value on reputation than we do on character; but I am inclined to believe that God puts greater value on character than He does on reputation. Paul in my text declares that Jesus "made himself of no reputation," or in other words, Jesus did not seek honor of men, but rather chose to be a lowly Servant. Isaiah prophesied that Jesus would be "despised and rejected of men," and He was. On one occasion, Jesus was called a winebibber and a glutton. Another time they accused Jesus of casting out devils by the power of the devil. When he hung on the cross, the mob reviled Him and said, "If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross." Thus we see that Jesus "made himself of no reputation."

Someone has said, "Reputation is what people think you are; but character is what God knows you are." I think this statement makes the distinction between reputation and character so clear that I need not elaborate upon it. But speaking of reputation, I would not have you think that I put no value upon it. Solomon says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Shakespeare says, "Who steals my purse, steals trash; but he that filches from me my good name robs me of that which not enriches him, and makes me poor indeed."

Reputation is variable, and does not always measure the worth of a man, but character always does. I might compare reputation to your shadow. When you walk outdoors in the sunlight, your body casts a shadow on the ground. Sometimes your shadow is longer than you are and sometimes it is shorter. And that is true of your reputation; sometimes it is longer or shorter than you are. Then sometimes your shadow goes before you and sometimes it comes behind you; and that is true of your reputation. Sometimes your reputation goes ahead of you, and that new merchant you want to deal with will not sell to you on credit. Then sometimes your reputation follows you up, and the merchant is very sorry your reputation did not arrive first. (Note: I might say for your information that most merchants in these days have a credit list of nearly everybody in the country, that they keep for their protection.)

Then when the sky is cloudy, and the sun is hidden, your body makes no shadow on the ground. So also the devil may put his black wings over you, and evil tongues can so misrep-

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They then formed a circle of prayer, while kneeling. Each had prayed for the woman's son, where he might have been. The mother herself had begun to pray. Then suddenly she stopped and said, "Thank You, God, for my son's new decision!" The prayer group disbanded at once.

Several days later a letter came from her son in a distant Western city. A personal acceptance of God and God's leadership had been made by him . . . at exactly the same time when his mother's prayer had been changed to thanks for the accomplishment of her great desire.

This consecrated woman had found that we can bear the other person's burden by other means than by prayer. Friendly listening and helpful counsel often help with burden-sharing. Who has not exclaimed, "I feel better already, now that I have told you about it!" A cheerful smile and a happy word can work miraculous transformations for the receiver, whatever the burden may be at the time.

"Don't forget," this mother concluded, "we can bear one another's burdens with our loyalty. David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi, and all the other many close friends lived so close together in personal loyalty that they shared and bore each other's burdens, no matter what it might cost them personally."

The appearance of burdens in the lives of others is an opportunity and privilege for us to bear, and then share both burdens and blessings. If we will do our bearing and sharing, God will take care of His part, even much better than we have done our own.

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## DECEMBER

By E. Wayne Stahl

*The ice is on the river now,  
And seems the fast-locked, iron door  
Of that dark tomb where summer, dead,  
In slumber lies forevermore.  
No rippling water makes today  
Its radiant and tender tunes;  
Gone is the glory from the land,  
That sapphire glory which was June's.*

*But winter's fierce Gorgonian reign  
Holds not its petrifying sway  
Forever. Earth shall surely know  
A joyous resurrection day.  
Imperial summer comes again,  
Robed in majestic splendors clear.  
Triumphantly we then shall say,  
"Where is the ice of yesteryear?"*

*Affliction's winter of distress  
Brings summer's fruit of righteousness  
(Heb. 12:11).*

resent you that your reputation will be ruined, and yet you can have a spotless character. Let me give you some examples. Joseph of the Old Testament was in my estimation a man of spotless character. But Potiphar's wife tried to seduce Joseph; and because he would not yield to her lustful solicitations, she lied on Joseph, accusing him of trying to rape her. Because of her infamous lie, Joseph spent two years in prison. His reputation as a chaste and pure man was ruined, but all the time he had a spotless character.

St. Paul was shipwrecked and with others escaped to the island of Melita. Wet and cold, Paul tried to kindle a fire. In a bundle of sticks he had gathered up was a viper that fastened its fangs in his hand. When the barbarians saw this viper hanging on his hand they said, "No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live." Paul's reputation at that point was nil. But when Paul shook the viper off into the fire, and they watched to see him soon swell up and die, and he didn't, "they changed their minds, and said he was a god." Yes, my friends, "Reputation is what people think you are, but character is what God knows you are."

Another time when Paul was under arrest, and bound with two chains, the chief captain "demanded who he was, and what he had done." When Paul informed him, the captain in amazement asked Paul, "Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?" Because of "mistaken identity," Paul in the eyes of this captain was about the most dangerous and low-down character he had ever met. Paul was God's "chosen vessel" to preach to the Gentiles, but in the eyes of the captain he was the ringleader of four thousand murderers. Again I repeat, "Reputation is what people think you are, but character is what God knows you are."

But if we have a holy character and live accordingly, our reputation will finally win out, as it did in the case of Jesus, Joseph, and St. Paul. I like what John Wesley said to his brother Charles one time. Charles told John that he was getting a bad reputation among the people, and that he had better try to straighten it out. John replied that he was so busy preaching the gospel that he had no time to look after his reputation; so he was going to take care of his character, and let God take care of his reputation.

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"Holy character alone can give weight to a man's influence. It provides the cutting edge in our evangelism, the means whereby we capture men for God. Yes, Jesus not only taught freedom from sin; He depends on it in His followers in order to propagate the Kingdom."—ALVIN L. McQUAY.

## LINKED BY LOVE (3)

By T. M. Anderson\*

*He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him (John 14:21).*

**I**N THIS STUDY we are to consider that love links us with the revelation of Christ. Jesus stated this truth when He said, "I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." The promised manifestation is the award for our affections. There is something so intimate and personal in the promise that the world cannot share in its blessings. Jesus said, "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also." Jesus evidently meant to manifest himself to their moral and spiritual perceptions; they were to see Him with the eyes of their understanding. The Lord had not forgotten the plea of Philip, who said, "Shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." Our Lord knew there could be no contentment of soul without a manifestation of God. No man can be satisfied until he sees the Heavenly Father with the eyes of his heart, and feels the warmth of His tender love in his soul.

The Saviour's promise provoked the question, "Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?" The answer confirms the fact that love links us with the revelation of Christ. Speaking of the man who loves Him, the Saviour said, "My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him."

These amazing words of the Saviour reveal it to be the will of the Godhead to love us and to abide in us in this world. The coming of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit to indwell the soul of mortal man is the climax of God's revelation of himself in His beloved Son. God revealed His infinite compassion when He sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world. He revealed His infinite condescension in the death of His Son; but when the triune God makes the heart of man His habitation as a compensation for love, we are made to see a manifestation of the character of God revealed in His adorable Son. Creation cannot reveal the love of God. "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." The Son is "the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person." Blessed Lord, be pleased to manifest thyself to our longing hearts. Show us the beauty of Thy nature, and we will be satisfied.

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Love is the Alpha and Omega of God's redemptive scheme.—HENRY BEYER.

# Spiritual Altitude

By Floyd Perkins\*

*Let us go on unto perfection (Heb. 6:1).*

**W**HEN I WAS in Hong Kong, I was told by my Chinese friends to be sure to visit the "Peak," as it was an experience never to be forgotten, and worth every effort necessary to accomplish it. I didn't know how to get there, but they gave me all of the necessary instructions. A few days later, with some buddies, I obtained an early liberty from my ship and we set out for the "Peak."

Hong Kong lies snuggled against the side of a mountain on the south side of Hong Kong Harbor in Port Macau. The seaboard is cluttered, as usual, by dock, warehouses, and the various properties and businesses connected with shipping, not to speak of the vice which accompanies seaboard areas.

The first block away from the docks is quite level; then there is a gradual ascent, getting increasingly steeper, until at the end of six blocks the ascent to the "Peak" is literally straight up. We boarded the tram at the second block and began our journey. The first three blocks took us through a restless, filthy, beggarly mass of humanity; but as we began to rise, the people and dwellings continually became more prosperous. Then we came to what seemed to be the edge of the city, and the mountain became a wall before us. I remarked, "We'll never make it up this mountain." But just then I felt a jerk, and we were hooked to a cable with power at the top which pulled us on up the mountain.

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We traveled through beautiful tropical mountain shrubbery until we came to the "Peak Terminal." From there we walked another four miles to the "Peak."

Our path was hedged by laughing wild orchids and other tropical flowers which smiled broadly at the beautiful spring afternoon sun. The careless twitter of the birds, the grandeur of the height, and the enhancing surroundings enchanted my soul, and I thought to myself, "Is there anything more beautiful than this, this side of heaven?" But I thought again, rather abruptly, of the filth and degradation below, and I wondered how those people could live in the depths, when they might live in the heights. Some of my navy friends remarked that those people who live on the water front must be "crazy" to spend their lives in the stench of garbage and sewage, when by climbing a few thousand feet they could live in the atmosphere of roses and orchids. I agreed, but reminded them that the same thing is true spiritually.

Those Hong Kong Chinese aren't the only ones who live below the provisions of God's great providence. So many Christian people live on the seaboard of sin, where its vile odors continually pollute their atmosphere; but still they won't climb up a bit higher "unto perfection," where the atmosphere is pervaded by the orchid of God's love and the "Rose of Sharon." We can't make it under our own power, but there is sufficient power from above which extends down to us, just as with that cable car in Hong Kong. Whether the power reaches us depends upon whether we stay on the track by walking in the light of a justified state.

According to the Hebrew writer, our Lord "suffered without the gate" to make it possible that all men might regain their lost estate. We can't make the journey to the "Peak" of God's perfection by ourselves. It doesn't come by waiting until we are good enough. When we begin to move away from the seaboard of Christian experience by seeking the fullness of God's blessing in our lives, God moves toward us. The ascent is somewhat gradual at first, and then more abrupt; but just at the instant the devil tells us we'll never make it, there is a jerk and we are connected to the power line above. Will you, friend, "go on unto perfection," by letting the Holy Spirit come into your heart and take out the condition which makes your life emit the atmosphere of the seaboard, and begin living in the higher plateaus of God's grace? The terminals are sincere seeking, perfect obedience, and active faith; destination—the "Peak"! Every effort on your part will be amply rewarded in richer, more abundant, Christian living.

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## You Can Have a Joyful Journey

By Lloyd M. Hearn

*Do you sometimes feel the surging  
Of a restless discontent?  
If you do, why just remember  
That for service you were sent.*

*Happiness will never linger  
When you dawdle through your day;  
He who wants to keep the blessing  
Must be up and on his way.*

*Stagnant pools will never sparkle;  
Sunshine gleams in running streams.  
In the service of the Saviour—  
Hour by hour—bright glory beams.*

*So press forward in the battle!  
Hearken to the Captain's call!  
You can have a joyful journey—  
And a heaven worth it all.*

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*He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like  
a city that is broken down, and without walls  
(Proverbs 25:28).*

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary*

## God Is Moving

THESE are busy days as usual. A week ago last Sunday there was quite an evangelistic move on in the churches. I do not have a full report of the whole field, but in two different churches and one mission not organized yet there were sixty-five people at the altar. God is moving in Nicaragua. People are hungry. The full days of prayer have been welcomed in Nicaragua.—HAROLD W. STANFIELD, *Nicaragua*.

## A Dispensary Case

In June a policeman drove up and told me that he had a case for me. I went over to the dispensary and there I saw a child about one year old sitting on the lap of his mother. His eyes were large and terror-stricken. The mother and father stood silently by while the European policeman told me the story. Two days before, the baby crawled away from the home and was lost in the high grass. They could not find him, and for two days he was out in the cold and rain. They found him this day, but because of the "evil spirits" the mother was not allowed to give him food or care. The policeman brought him in for medical examination.

After I examined him I told the mother to feed him; and the child, who had been motionless till this time, when given something to eat just gobbled and would not let go. After a few minutes I took him from the mother and we started to wash him for admission to the dispensary. As we took him to the other room he cried, and when he saw the basin of water just put in his little hand and started to lap up the water. Then he tried to eat the enamel basin. He grabbed the washcloth and tried to suck the water from it. We tried to give him just a little at a time.

The mother and father stayed two days with him and then thought he was all right to go home. I did my best to tell them what to do and we asked them if they would believe on Christ. They said they would believe. We tried to explain the way and had prayer with them. We trust that the seed that we have sown will bring forth fruit. So many times we are able only to sow the seed, but we trust that others may be able to

water and that God himself shall bring forth the increase.—IRMA KOFEL, *Swaziland*.

## Hungry Hearts

We had a very busy day on November 4. Brother Pattee, Grace, and I left Baguio very early in the morning for Aringay. There we had a fine group of sixty-one children, nineteen adults, and seven babies. I gave a feltogram and then Brother Pattee preached. Brother Encarnation is doing a fine work in Aringay. After the service we called on two sick people. We then went on to Brother Jamandre's, where we ate our lunch. After lunch we started out for Bued, a new place where they have been calling for services. We had a nice outdoor service. The people seemed very hungry for the gospel. Grace was our organist for the day and did very well. She felt the heat, as she has not been away from Baguio very much. Following this service we went on to Sumabnit, where the Lord has been blessing us and several have sought the Lord. We had a very good, attentive crowd in the yard. At the close of the service a fine group of young people came out and knelt in the dirt, seeking salvation. We praise the Lord for these victories.

After the two afternoon services it was time to get ready for the evening services. Brother Encarnation, Grace, and I went to Laoac and Brother Pattee went to help in the Binalonan service. The little chapel at Laoac was crowded and many on the outside who could not get in. I preached, using the feltograms. The Lord blessed and gave us a good service. At the close of the service nine responded to the altar call. How we praise the Lord for the privilege of taking the gospel to these hungry hearts!—LILLIAN PATTEE, *Philippine Islands*.

## A Needy Field

You will rejoice to know that God has blessed and given grace and victory during the busy, hot days of this year. We have seen His power manifested in the salvation and sanctification of many. The conversion of don Victor Obando, who for twelve years served as priest in the Roman church, has made no little stir. He valiantly gives his testimony, which God has used to bring light to others.

His own mother has been saved. Among his wide circle of friends and acquaintances are some who, instead of turning their backs, have sought him out, desiring to hear about his conversion.

One night recently we held a service in a town twenty miles from here. We have no church there, but a friend of the gospel invited us. Word had passed around that don Victor was to preach. The house being small, the service was out front. When the trumpet, organ, and accordion began playing, people came from all directions, filling the street. What a crowd in a few minutes! Don Victor preached a stirring message. They listened attentively. After the benediction a dozen or more gathered around him asking questions. Upon leaving, one young fellow asked in English, "When you come back?" Others expressed their desire that we return. That we surely want to do, for it is a needy field.—LESPER HEFLIN, *Nicaragua*.

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## We Become Negligent:

*Lord, help us, Thy followers—*

That some moment of common discouragement might not develop into—lingering despair;

That some moment of ordinary nervousness might not develop into—chronic tantrums;

That some moment of natural wistfulness might not develop into—habitual envy;

That some moment of honest questioning might not develop into—persistent unbelief;

That some moment of legitimate shrewdness might not develop into—future dishonesty;

That some moment of righteous indignation might not develop into—final carnality;

That some moment of hurt feelings might not develop into—lasting bitterness;

That some moment of human weakness might not develop into—lifetime wickedness;

That some moment of proper pride might not develop into—continuous haughtiness;

That some moment of wholesome jocularity might not develop into—constant frivolity;

These things we ask: that our short life-span of earthly struggles might not develop into—an eternity of torment. Amen.—By MARY SANDERS, *Independence, Missouri*.

## Saturday Is Not the Christian's Sabbath

**T**HE VIEW that Saturday should be observed by Christians as their weekly day of rest and worship has been so emphasized by an exceedingly small but loud minority that a few good people have been confused by it. For the sake of these troubled souls, I shall discuss this false teaching in several articles. The first one will show that this claim is unscriptural.

**T**HE OBSERVANCE of Saturday as the Christian's day of rest and worship is unscriptural. This is proved by the decision of the Council at Jerusalem. It sent **Acts and First Corinthians** a written and spoken message to the Gentiles which concludes with these words: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well" (Acts 15:28-29). Notice that in these instructions there is no mention of keeping Saturday or of anything which might refer to it. The Jerusalem conference was the most important meeting of the New Testament Church and yet it had nothing to say about Saturday observance in its significant and final decision.

On the positive side of the argument, there is the activity of Paul at Troas. Two verses in Acts will give us this story: "And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:6-7).

Paul stayed in Troas seven days and, therefore, must have been there on Saturday. Nevertheless, there is no mention of the disciples coming together to break bread on Saturday. Further, nothing is said as to Paul's preaching to them on Saturday, although he was undoubtedly present with them. This is a very strange omission if Saturday was their regular day of worship rather than Sunday. Those who contend for the observance of Saturday say that Paul preached to the people of Troas on Sunday because he was leaving the next day. That might help them a little if Paul had not ignored Saturday, but since he did ignore it—the day of days for them—all of their talk about his leaving the next day is utterly worthless. In fact, they would be far better off under the circumstances if they never brought up this passage. Its evidence is one hundred per cent against their view.

The first four verses of I Corinthians 16 substantiate the Sunday rather than the Saturday

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claim. Explain this passage however one may, and still it does not fit into the teaching that Saturday was the Christians' day of worship then.

**W**HEN WE GO back to the Old Testament, we find that it does not rule out making Sunday the day of rest and worship. The fourth commandment says nothing about Saturday; it simply speaks of a sabbath, or a day of rest after six days of labor. For Israel, this seventh day was Saturday, but it need not be for any other group of followers of the true God. As far as the teaching of the fourth commandment is concerned, any seventh day that the Christian Church might agree on as its Sabbath would be perfectly all right. This position is substantiated by the *Jewish Encyclopedia* on page 604 of volume 10. Speaking of the commandment as to the Sabbath, it says: "Furthermore the phraseology does not fix the six days: the definite article before 'seventh' implies merely that the day referred to is that following any group of six consecutive days; the phrase, 'the seventh day' is found in the Pessah law (Deut. 16:8), where it is evident that no fixed day is intended."

A statement from page 146 of volume 11 of the *New Shaff Herzog Encyclopedia of Religion* upholds this claim. It reads thus: "In fact, the word 'Sabbath' has never been the name of the day of the week at any time, but has always been descriptive of human conduct on the day in question." No fair and proper interpretation of the Old Testament gives any ground for insisting that Christians should observe Saturday as the day of rest and worship.

**N**OW LET'S go back to the New Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Those who keep Saturday as the Sabbath never tire of calling attention to the fact that **Jesus' Teachings** Jesus observed Saturday as the Sabbath. They forget that the Master was a Jew from the standpoint of His human ancestry and, therefore, followed the forms of worship of His forefathers. He was circumcised also, but I do not hear these Saturday enthusiasts advocating circumcision for

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Christians. He carefully attended the Passover and other Jewish feasts and gave heed to the Temple worship in general, but those who contend for Saturday as the Sabbath do not insist that we rebuild the Temple and observe the Jewish feasts. They fail to remember that Christians are not adherents of the religion of Judaism.

Those who observe Saturday as the Sabbath also forget that Jesus in the strictest sense of the term was not a Christian. A Christian is a human being who has been saved from sin through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. Certainly this statement could not be made about Jesus without destroying His deity and sinlessness. I am ready to admit that Jesus set an example for us from the standpoint of the moral and spiritual principles of His life and conduct, but not from the viewpoint of His formal, or legalistic, observances as a Jew. More will be said about this in a later article.

Let's turn now to some of Jesus' actual teachings. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus says: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Many things could be said about this verse and the whole chapter of which it is a part in connection with the problem before us, but I must be satisfied at present with only one comment. It is that the keeping of Saturday as the Sabbath is not mentioned here by Jesus either among the weightier or the less weighty matters of the law.

In the accounts about the Rich Young Ruler and the lawyer, where Jesus states some of the commandments, He never once calls attention to Saturday as the day of worship, or even mentions the fourth commandment (see Matthew 19:18-19; Mark 10:19-20; Luke 18:19-20). Jesus summarizes the law in Matthew 22:37-40 in answer to this question of the lawyer: "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" This summary of the law makes no mention of Saturday as the Sabbath. Jesus' revision (not destruction or abrogation), deepening, and intensification of the law in the Sermon on the Mount has nothing to say about the fourth commandment, the commandment which has to do with the keeping of the Sabbath holy. He does not restate it in any

form in His outline of the laws of His kingdom. He surely would have mentioned it there if it were meant to teach that Saturday was the only day of rest and worship for all members of His kingdom, or all Christians. Finally, nowhere in the Gospels does Jesus command the Christian to keep Saturday as the Sabbath.

## Communism with a Capital "C"

### "An Average Citizen"

**A**LL OF US who are Christians must stand guard against Russian Communism, Communism with a capital "C." It is against practically everything that Christianity stands for. Most of us need more information about this godless movement. The Crusade for Freedom gives an excellent brief description of the average citizen behind the iron curtain, in one of the Communist satellite nations. It sets forth his everyday living conditions and his religious situation. In doing this, it reveals what you and I would have to face if Russia should overrun our country. Here is the description of this average citizen:

"Life is not easy for him today. The Communists are overworking and underfeeding him. In his scant spare time he must attend political meetings where he automatically cheers for Stalin, Lenin, and lesser stars in the Soviet firmament. His wife spends much time standing in lines to buy poor bread and worse meat. His clothing is shabby, his paycheck much too small, and he hesitates to take part in a social conversation for fear of saying something that might send him to a slave labor camp.

"These things are all hard, but most difficult of all is the fact that his conscience cannot even speak with God without fear that the Kremlin will disapprove. In church on Sunday—if his church is still open—he notes that his new pastor gives a sermon that sounds exactly like a party-line speech, and he realizes that a stooge of the Kremlin has been put into power even in his place of worship. His old pastor spoke fearlessly and criticized the regime—but then, the old pastor is now in a prison camp."

**PRAY  
FOR ALL RULERS**  
"I exhort therefore,  
that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority." 1 Tim. 2:1,2



# Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

## Over 600 Churches

WE HAVE NOW passed the 600 mark in new churches organized during this quadrennium! This is a tremendous number and for each one we give praise to God. Six hundred new Sunday schools, six hundred more pastors preaching the gospel Sunday morning and evening, six hundred more altars at which people can find God in salvation! Still we must press on, for there are yet many towns in need of the Church of the Nazarene.

District Superintendent C. B. Cox has organized new churches at Lakewood and Rifle, Colorado.

At Channelview and Port Acres, Texas, District Superintendent V. H. Lewis has organized churches on the Houston District. Channelview is in suburban Houston in a large residential section. They are well housed and are carrying their own financial load. Rev. Paul Jennings is the pastor of this growing church.

The church at Port Acres was organized in August. They are now worshipping in a rented hall, but have purchased property and begun construction of a church building. This is in a suburban area of Port Arthur and has been carried on by Port Arthur Grace Church and its pastor, Rev. James Hester.

We have a new church at Fairfield, Illinois, organized with ten charter members by District Superintendent W. S. Purinton. This church is the result of a tent meeting last summer, sponsored by the Olney Zone. They are renting a building, and Rev. Francis Musgrave has been assigned as supply pastor. This is the twelfth new church for the Illinois District this quadrennium. They have reached their quota.

District Superintendent J. H. MacGregor has organized a new church at Middleton, Nova Scotia, on October 31 with ten charter members. This is the third new church this quadrennium for the Maritime District, and represents real home missionary progress in that area.

On the New England District, a new church has been organized at Uxbridge, Massachusetts, on October 21. There were fifteen members received, with five or six others ex-

pected to join before the charter is closed. Professor Mel-Thomas Rothwell, of Eastern Nazarene College, is serving as temporary pastor. They are worshipping in the American Legion Hall, but plan to purchase property in the near future. This is the twelfth new church for the New England District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Paul Updike has organized the Wayside Church of the Nazarene at Middlebury, Indiana, with twenty charter members. Rev. Mollie Marie Haney is the pastor. There are eight new churches on the Northeastern Indiana District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent R. F. Heinlein has organized a new church

among the Seneca Indians, located at Red House, New York. It has been assigned to the Pittsburgh District, although located outside its boundaries. This is the ninth organization on the Pittsburgh District this quadrennium.

We have a new church at Branchville, South Carolina, organized with eleven adult members and almost as many more expecting to join soon. Property is being purchased and the Sunday school averaged thirty-four the first month. Rev. Thomas Benton has been appointed pastor. This is the first church organized by the new district superintendent, Rev. W. R. Cloer. South Carolina now has fifteen new churches this quadrennium.

District Superintendent E. C. Oney has organized new churches at Pineville, Elizabeth, and Martinsburg, West Virginia, making a total of nineteen for the West Virginia District during the quadrennium.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

*Q. When a person is in doubt as to his life's work and he has prepared for a certain field, should he continue in that field—or what?*

*A. Continue in the field for which you have made preparation until you are sure that God has called you to some other field.*

*Q. Is it wise for a Christian believer to spend time reading false teaching on Biblical subjects in order to be able to meet and defend the truth?*

*A. There may be times when a Christian believer should do what you suggest, but this should be the exception and not the rule. It might be necessary for a preacher to do it more often than a layman, or the average believer. However, as a rule, most of us can spend our time better presenting the gospel than we can defending it. Christ's message needs to be released rather than defended; once it is turned loose in the world it can defend itself. Besides, it is much better to save a man's soul than to save his faith, or beliefs; for if you save his soul you will also save his beliefs, or faith, in the long run. On the other hand, you could save his faith and he might still lose his soul.*

*Q. Should a pastor of one of our churches, preaching to his members who attend church regularly, condemn having a radio in the home when our churches are sponsoring a radio program?*

*A. No. However, I am sure that the pastors in our church who condemn having a radio are decidedly in the minority. The pastor you speak of is the exception and not the rule. Of course a pastor might preach against listening to some of the programs that some do, spending as much money on or giving as much time to the radio as some do. Still, I cannot see how he could consistently condemn having a radio altogether.*

*Q. What should be our attitude as members of the Church of the Nazarene toward British Israelism, or Anglo-Israelism?*

*A. Briefly, Anglo-Israelism is the view that the Anglo-Saxon peoples are the descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel. First, Anglo-Israelism cannot be proved. Second, if it were proved it would not have any particular value in forwarding the work of God and holiness. Third, why then waste our time with it when there are people all about us who need to*

be saved and sanctified? Every member of the Church of the Nazarene should have better judgment than to allow the devil to get him to fool away his time on this subject.

**Q. Should the pastor's wife and family attend the church services regularly?**

A. Like all good laymen in the church they should attend the services regularly unless providentially hindered. This includes Sunday school, the two preaching services on Sunday, the prayer meeting, the revival meetings week nights as well as on Sunday, and the group meetings—such as the young people's society—where there are those who should belong to the various group organizations. I might add that I am sure that the average attendance of pastors' wives and pastors' families would equal and probably surpass the av-

erage attendance of other laymen in the church.

**Q. When one goes to church all of the time and listens to the pastor preach on developing one's talent and he feels that he could do something special (and I say this humbly), and yet if he speaks up he is told that he is full of pride, what is he to do? The pastor just calls on the same three to sing all of the time or do the other things which are a little special. They are the only people who are pushed to the front, when there are others in the congregation who could at least be tried out. It is a little boresome for the little few to be praised and given the only chance to use their talents. Please give me some good, sound advice on this.**

A. Your talents really may have been overlooked, or again they may not have been. It is not easy for any

of us correctly to evaluate our own abilities, to see them as they really are. Others often are a better judge of what we can do than we are. Since this is the case, we never should be troubled about the public recognition which is given to us and our talents. Further, God will never hold us responsible for not doing that which we are not given an opportunity to do. Again, in every church or situation there is plenty that we can do even though it may not be in the limelight. We can pray for the services without limit; attend every service; take part in the congregational singing; give our tithe and offerings; and invite people to the preaching services, the prayer meeting, and Sunday school. Don't worry about other doors or new doors for service; just be sure that you enter the doors which are already open to you.

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## Religious News and Comments

*Edited by Delbert R. Gish*

"Something new under the sun" is the description given of the retreat for ex-Roman Catholic priests conducted some weeks ago by Christ's Mission. Ex-priests, seven of them, were given an opportunity for Bible study and deeper insight into their new-found faith. The three-day retreat was held in New Jersey. Christ's Mission is devoted to giving spiritual and material assistance to ex-priests, and is now supporting six former priests.

The predicament of the ex-priest is perhaps little appreciated by the average Protestant, but it is difficult and frightening. He is suddenly cut completely adrift, repudiated by his family and friends, and excommunicated by the church. He has little knowledge of Protestantism, and his education for the priesthood does nothing to fit him to earn a living. Hence his plight is real—he is suddenly without a home, without friends, money, or means of livelihood. Christ's Mission in New York City is trying to meet a need in this connection.

Under construction at Los Angeles is the largest Mormon Temple in the United States. It will surpass even the Salt Lake City Temple in size, and will be completed in about two years, if wartime building restrictions permit. When completed, it will serve an estimated seventy thousand of the

one hundred thousand Mormons in California.

A quick-thinking pastor, Reverend Paul Hilbert, of the Pleasant Hill Christian Holiness Church near Elkton, Maryland, prevented a robbery of the church offering. As the offering was being taken at the close of the service, the pastor saw a man slip through the door and stand at the back in the rear of the auditorium. The pastor asked the audience to stand and sing a "handshake" song, everyone to shake hands with other persons about him. When some of the members started to shake hands with the man who had slipped into the auditorium, they noticed the twenty-two caliber rifle he was carrying. As they held out hands to shake with him, they seized the rifle and him. However, he eluded their grasp and ran to a nearby wood, and was not seen again. The offering was saved.

Pastoral work is so demanding on time and effort that it seems strange that any pastor would willingly forego the use of an automobile. But Dr. George B. Pence, who recently retired from the pastorate of the Evans Memorial Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after thirty years' service, has used a bicycle instead of an automobile for

fifty-three years. During that time he has had six bicycles. Fewer might have sufficed but three were stolen.

The publishers of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Thomas Nelson and Sons, will print nearly a million copies according to present plans. Begun in 1929, this translation is expected to be ready in 1952. The New Testament portion was finished in 1946. The project was started under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education and has been completed by the National Council of Churches.

A strange technical implication was pointed out by the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* in connection with the possible appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican. If such an appointment were made, many true and loyal American Catholics would technically be placed in the position of being in some sense representatives of a foreign state, since they all acknowledge the Pope as the head of their church. This is one more reason why the appointment should not be made.

How instantaneously is the nature of stubbornness transformed into holy determination when once it is brought into full conformity with God's holy will.—MARY SANDERS.

"Men of power are without exception men of prayer. God bestows His Holy Spirit in His fullness only on men of prayer. And it is through the operation of the Spirit that answers to prayer come."

# THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

## "Just Like His Dad"

"He's just like his dad," is supposed to be a compliment even as, "She's just like her mother," is supposed to be.

It is not an easy job to watch all of your steps. You cannot always be asking, "How am I doing?"

Recently I was made to stop and consider my ways. A young man said, "You know, your daughter is just like you." I tried to get out of the responsibility by asking, "You mean, she looks like me?" But the answer was prompt, "Oh, no, she doesn't look like you; she acts like you." And that was what made me think a deal. Do I want my daughter to act as I do? I cannot choose the actions which I would like for her to take on nor the actions I should like for her to leave off.

But let's get off the serious problems facing me and look at your problems, which do not seem so serious from here. Do you want folks to say to you, "Your son is just like you," and mean not only that he looks like you physically? What did you do yesterday which you would not want imitated? What attitude did you take last week which you would not want him to take?

When you see some disliked action in one of your children, do you have a tendency to blame that on his dad or his mother, whichever one you are not? Oftentimes we are guilty of not even knowing how we act or how we look or how we express ourselves.

While I was teaching school, I could tell after I had had a child under my teaching for two weeks what educational advantages he had in his home. It was so difficult to teach a child a correct English form when he had grown up in a home where the English language was used incorrectly every day of the year. The child who came from a home where the parents were careful in their use of English spoke better than the rules he knew. He used the proper English forms without even trying. What the home taught the children who came under my care was so strong that to break forms of usage in English was most difficult. When after a summer vacation the children returned to school, more often than not they had to be taught all over again! I'm afraid that

if I met them today, they would still mix their verb forms and use "me" instead of "I."

What is true in speaking is also true in acting. How do you act and speak and feel before your children? You may be sure that what they learn in your home will stay with them, even if only in the background.

Is your child "just like his dad," and if so, are you glad?

## OKLAHOMA DWELLERS:

### Too Occupied to Hear

Most of the time it is insulting if you stand before an audience and speak but find at the conclusion of your speech that no one paid enough attention to what you said to know whether you said the same thing twice or not. This is especially true if you have been telling a story.

It is wonderful to be a good listener, and by being a good listener I mean being able to tell what you heard after you heard it.

But there was one occasion when I was mighty glad that, although my audience looked at me with their eyes, they evidently did not pay much attention to what I said. They were too occupied by what they were "putting over" on the school authorities.

'Twas the night of my speech graduation recital. I had worked hard to cut a book to the right length for an evening's recital. In doing this in several cases it had been necessary to take one part of a chapter and combine it with another chapter. I remember the program was divided into four parts. During the second part, I recited through the first section of the cutting intended for that reading, but when I came to where the second chapter had been added, I got the wrong cue from my head and started on the second chapter of the third reading instead of the second chapter of the second reading. I didn't want to backtrack and thus allow my audience to know I had made a mistake, so I went right ahead. Of course, the girl of the story was brought almost to the place where she married and lived happily ever after before she should have.

When I left the platform, in the dressing room, I began to worry. If I put the second chapter of the second reading after the first chapter of the third reading, I would mess up the plot terribly. What should I do?

Because my recital had fallen on a night other than Friday or Saturday, the dean of the school had proclaimed, "No Date Night." This had greatly provoked the young people of the school! So in order to pay back the dean and show him their feelings of revenge, the boys all came to my recital dressed in overalls and the girls in house dresses. I knew this; so, placing a great deal of confidence upon the young people's remembering their own naughtiness more than pay-

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## Guiding Light

By Marian L. Knorr

Oh, that the heavens would rend, and  
a sign

From God would come down as of  
old!

My burdened heart cried in anguish  
for light,

For pathways of bright, shining gold.

Oh, that the Lord would descend with  
a shout,

And show me the way I must go!

I wept in my torment and wished I  
might see,

But there was no light here below.

Then a thought blessed my soul; oh,  
so wondrously sweet

A still, silent voice spoke to me:

"If I sent all the light you earnestly  
crave,

'Twould blind, and never you'd see!"

So I'll be content, Lord, whatever my  
lot.

Just help me to carry my cross,  
To walk in such light as Thou wilt  
provide,

Nor murmur at heartache and loss.

Then on that day when the brightness  
of God

Darkens the moon and the sun,  
I shall my gracious Redeemer behold,  
Weeping and harvesting done!

Praise the dear Lord, who has saved  
me and kept,

Leading so gently the way.  
Now wholly committed, I leave all  
to Him;

No longer for "light" need I pray.

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for December 16: Into a New Land with God

Scripture: Joshua 1-11 (printed, 1:1-7; 6:1-5, 20)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee* (Joshua 1:5).

There are two exhortations in today's lesson that, on the surface, may sound contradictory. But really they are necessary to each other and in combination make up the quality of greatest spiritual leadership. Here are the two exhortations: in 1:5 God suggests that Joshua's success shall be due to God's presence, while in the very next verse God urges Joshua to gird himself and put all his human assets into full play. The first speaks of a God-reliance, the second suggests a self-reliance. Can both of these dwell together in the same Christian breast? Some have suggested that these are in conflict, and they imply

that a deeply spiritual person is almost totally passive, holds no strong personal convictions, backs away from every conflict, and, in fact, majors on weakness. Well, such is not the case, for God clearly outlined to Joshua the need for both of these.

**HAVE A CLEAR GOD-CONSCIOUSNESS.** God promised great success to Joshua, suggested that Joshua would be unbeatable because God would be with him, even as He was with Moses. Here was a promise of victory based on Joshua's ability to keep a clear God-consciousness. He would win if he leaned strongly on God. A God-reliance is utterly essential, and the stronger the reliance the stronger the leadership an individual can exert. But in the very next verse the Lord

calls on Joshua to stand up and be counted—to be spiritually aggressive.

**HAVE A SPIRITUAL AGGRESSIVENESS.** Not only once, but four times in that one chapter, God urged Joshua to be strong and of a good courage. Like the chorus of a song it repeats the message, as much as to say, This is especially important. In the sixth, seventh, ninth, and eighteenth verses we read the identical exhortation. God is calling on Joshua to throw his whole weight into the conflict, to gird himself for the battle, to assume a position of dauntless leadership.

Now, if this seems to be contradictory to the earlier words of the Lord, I would remind you that it is echoed again in our more modern statement, "Trust God and keep your powder dry." Or again in this, "Trust God as though everything depended on Him; work as though everything depended on you."

There you have a spiritual combination that will win anywhere.

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

### NEWS IN BRIEF

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conventions on the Los Angeles District, and one convention on the Southern California District. I have now closed my work for the year (1951), having had 225 services in the interest of missions."

Rev. A. H. Johnson has resigned as pastor of First Church, Elkin, to accept a call to Calvary Church in High Point, North Carolina.

Rev. Marvin S. Cooper is resigning as pastor of the Virginia Avenue Church in Connersville, Indiana, to resume his work in the field of full-time evangelism.

Pastor Loy Watson sends word from Kilgore, Texas: "Kilgore Church has just closed (November 19) a marvelous revival with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. Several nights we witnessed the largest crowds ever in attendance; numerous new contacts, many converts, including outstanding businessman and wife; new class of members to be received. People more united than ever."

Grand Blanc, Michigan—Our recent meeting was termed by some of the older members "the greatest revival the church has ever had." Our workers were Evangelist Charles H. Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stevenson, song evangelists. There were times of rejoicing, with the blessing of the Lord being outpoured. An outstanding thing was to see a half dozen of our young people shouting and praising the Lord. There were forty-nine seekers, several of whom never had been to the altar before. Our Sunday school reached a new high average for October of 127; the former high average was 108. During the past year, under the direction of our new pastor, Rev. Kermit W. Boyce, the church has purchased a new, eight-room modern parsonage, and has begun the finishing of five new Sunday-school rooms in our basement church. Never has the church enjoyed better harmony or been in better spiritual condition.—Beatrice Larson, Secretary.

Evangelist R. S. Rushing reports: "Since re-entering the evangelistic field one year ago, I have labored on several districts where God has signally blessed my efforts in giving old-fashioned revival victories; sinners have been converted and believers sanctified. I have had wonderful fellowship with the pastors and district superintendents. Since last reporting, I have been with Pastor W. A. Sharp-

ton at Collinsville, Oklahoma, where the Lord gave us a good revival; and at Paden, Mississippi, for a home-mission meeting. During September and October I was on the South Dakota District. At the Beulah Church, with Rev. Claud Dicus, the Lord opened the heavens upon us beginning with the first service. It was a real revival, with souls saved and sanctified, and people stirred for miles around. At First Church in Mitchell with Pastor Edgar Kincaid the Lord gave another wonderful victory. Here Troy and Margaret Cook were the singers and musicians; they are a wonderful team. At Plano, with Brother Dicus, the Lord again manifested His power in saving and sanctifying souls. Here also the Cooks were in charge of the music. I have some open dates for 1952; write me, 305 W. Main, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Calvert, Alabama—In October we had a good revival with Evangelist Carmon G. Sloan. Truly God met with us. We had good attendance with nineteen praying through at the altar. Also, some were anointed and several testified to being healed. The church was deepened spiritually, and one new member was received. We greatly appreciated the fine gospel ministry of Brother Sloan, both in sermon and song. The church gave the pastor a good love offering, also a ten-dollar-per-week increase in salary. We have started a tent fund, and hope to have a tent for home-mission work before too long. Also, we have started a mission among the Cajun folks of this area; in the first service there were twenty-five Ca-

juns present, besides a goodly number of our own folks. Please pray for this needy work. Our Tuesday night cottage prayer meetings, also the Saturday morning children's hour, are bearing fruit. Last June we had a good revival with Evangelist Clyde B. Rodgers: good attendance, seventeen praying through at the altar, and a spiritual growth in the church. Our people greatly appreciated the art work, beautiful singing, and old-fashioned, rugged preaching of Brother Rodgers.—W. W. Thompson, Pastor.

Redding, California—God answered prayer and blessed in a most remarkable manner in our revival with Evangelist Otto Willison and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Emmert in charge of the music. These workers are among the finest; they preached and prayed with a tenderness and passion that won the hearts of the people. Fifty-eight different individuals sought God at the altar for pardon and entire sanctification; backsliders were reclaimed, and one home was saved from the divorce court. On the closing Sunday we had a record-breaking attendance in Sunday school, with 200 present. In a few minutes' time the people subscribed \$515 for the purchase of a Sunday-school bus. Finances came easily for the meeting. During our ten months with this church, we have received 41 new members, and wit-

nessed the Sunday school average 48 more per Sunday than one year ago. The people have increased the pastor's salary \$30 per week. During October, more than 900 calls were made by our people. The Mid-Century visitation program works when the people have a mind to work it. God is blessing and souls are praying through in our regular services.—Bernard P. Hertel, Pastor.

Evangelist Roy Lewis reports: "Since our assembly in July we have been busy in the work of the Lord. We had a great tent meeting with Pastor George Scutt at Martinsville, Indiana; on the closing Sunday, seventeen were baptized, and eleven joined the church. Going to California, we worked with Pastor E. E. Mieras at Altadena. He has done a wonderful work in building a new church. An outstanding conversion in this meeting was that of a Japanese woman whose religion was Shintoism. Then on to Phoenix, Arizona, where we worked with Pastor Paul MacLearn at the Sunnyslope Church, where God gave a good revival, with five new members added to the church. Our last meeting was at Freedom, Indiana, and here God broke through with a blaze of holy fire. The people had worshiped in a store building for a number of years, and in this meeting they were blessed and took on new faith and

courage and voted to buy the Christian church building. Pastor Paul Cable received seven members into the church. At this writing I am in a meeting at Ossian, Indiana, with Pastor Howard Small. We praise God for every victory won."

Peoria, Illinois—North Side Church recently had a wonderful, old-fashioned revival. Brother Lewis Franklin of Champaign was the evangelist for this meeting, which continued through a third week. Brother Franklin is one of the best. We had the best attendance ever, and the Holy Spirit was truly in our midst, drawing in 94 seekers, and 220 outsiders. Our people have been praying and fasting, some fasting three days, and some ten days and more. Also, we have been having Sunday afternoon prayer meetings at three o'clock, with an attendance from twenty to forty. We feel these prayer services are making a great contribution to the work of our church.—J. Russell Gravvat, Pastor.

Ponca City, Oklahoma—Westside Church has been privileged to have Dr. Basil Miller with us for a series of revival services. He is a wonderful man, and has a message that stirs both saint and sinner. Both adults and young people sought and found God in the forgiveness of their sins, and the whole church is thrilled and encouraged with the results of this meeting. We feel that truly Dr. Basil Miller was the "man of the hour" for us. We greatly appreciated his ministry with us.—Ralph G. Jared, Pastor.

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ing attention to what I was saying, I marched back to the platform for the third time.

Smoothly I went through the first chapter of the third reading and then, with no break in the reading, I reread the part I had mistakenly placed at the last of the second reading. As far as I know, no one ever knew of my mistake. I doubt if any of them knew what I said either time. I was saved in that case because the audience was so taken up with their own thoughts and actions that they paid no attention to me.

But it wasn't very nice, now was it? The lesson—well, lots of times you and I are too busy thinking of our problems even to try to help those about us. We are occupied with thoughts of our tomorrows and so give no heed to those about us who need sympathy and help. "I" becomes too important! It's "I" here and "I" there. Let's don't be like that! Let's try to remember our main business as Christians living in a world of sin. Our business is *others!*

## University Avenue Church, San Diego, California

University Avenue Church enjoyed a high day in Zion on Sunday, September 30. All previous attendance records were broken with 862 present for the Sunday school and morning worship service. Dr. Hardy C. Powers was the special speaker for the day; his messages were saturated with unction and glory, and as he spoke to us our hearts were warmed again and again. In the afternoon service, Dr. Powers dedicated our new educational unit, which contains adequate facilities for a growing church school, and our completely renovated sanctuary, with a seating capacity of nearly six hundred. Under the efficient leadership of our fine pastor, Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, this work of faith was begun in 1949; Norman Stamper, a good consecrated layman, was superintendent of construction, and with other members and friends of the church donated thousands of hours of labor. The property, valued at \$225,000 with less than \$9,000 indebtedness, is dedicated to the glory of God and the advancement of our program for the church, Sunday school, and youth work.—Dean Strange, Secretary.



Farmersville, Texas—Rev. Martin L. Patton and wife came to us about ten weeks ago, and since that time we have made many improvements on both the church and parsonage—Venetian blinds, drapes, new paper and paint—to the amount of about \$250, and it is all paid. Best of all, we have closed an eight-day revival with Brother Patton doing the preaching. Each service was one of old-time revival, with good singing and people shouting the praises of God. One woman was wonderfully healed. We do thank God for His blessings upon all of us during this meeting.—Reporter.

take possession, this will greatly increase their facilities and opportunities in this city of 40,000 population. God gave us a good revival, with quite a number of seekers. We are now with our LaCroft Church in East Liverpool, Ohio, where Pastor C. L. Gardner is doing a fine piece of work. God is pouring out His Spirit upon us. From here we go to Ashland, Ohio, and on to Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, before the holidays. I have two open dates following Christmas, January 15 to 27, and January 30 through February 10, with a very fine slate for the rest of '52. Write me, 428 King St., Ravenna, Ohio."

Charleston, West Virginia—South-east Church has had a very fine revival with Evangelist Bona Fleming and Song Evangelist Verlin Lee. The preaching and singing of these two good men were used of the Lord to stir hearts and bring a good revival. Large crowds attended the services, and night after night there was good victory at the altar. A fine class of nine new members has been added to the church. Our Sunday school averaged nearly one hundred more for October than during the first three months of this assembly year. In our last regular monthly board meeting, the church board voted unanimously

Evangelist R. J. Smeltzer reports: "I began my fall work with our new church (eighteen months old) at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, where Brother George Carrier is the fine young pastor. God gave us a very fine revival, closing out the last Sunday with thirty in the altar. At Tiltonsville, Ohio, we found the church with Pastor Hobert Eddy worshipping in a large store building. The attendance in the services was fine, with nearly sixty seekers during the meeting. Brother Eddy and his people are beginning work on their new building. Next we went to Painesville, Ohio, for our fourth meeting with this church; Rev. D. C. Hoffman is the fine pastor. God gave us a very fine revival with many seekers at the altar. At Butler, Pennsylvania, where Rev. J. Willis and Mary Anderson are the fine pastors, we found they had recently purchased a church building from another denomination on the west side of the city. When they

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to adopt the "10 per cent plan" and to send to our general church treasurer each month 10 per cent of all money that comes into the church. This is to be in addition to our Thanksgiving offering, Easter offering, missionary and Prayer and Fasting dues, and specials. I know the Lord will honor this people for their interest and concern for this great cause. It is a privilege to serve this great crowd of wonderful people, and to labor here where good men have built one of the finest properties and best congregations in our entire denomination. Also, it is a special joy to be the pastor of our good district superintendent, Dr. E. C. Oney, and to work with him here on the West Virginia District.—Hadley Hall, Pastor.

Sweet Home, Oregon—Our church has had a God-anointed revival, with Rev. T. H. Stanley as the evangelist and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crane as singers. All of them were a blessing in their ministry of preaching and singing Bible truths. The people fasted and prayed, and God came in a wonderful way as conviction gripped souls. Seventy-three people sought the Lord for saving grace and heart purity. Some were saved for the

first time, and all but two gave testimony that God had definitely saved or sanctified them. The church is encouraged, our vision is brighter, and, best of all, God is with us.—Roy M. Franklin, Pastor.

Evangelist H. N. Dickerson writes: "Through a change of plans, I have the last of January, the last of February, and the first of March open for the Middle West. Write me, 2235 N. Alabama, Indianapolis 3, Indiana."

Rev. Marvin S. Cooper writes: "Coming to Connorsville, Indiana, in the fall of 1948, we found a small group of earnest men, women, and children worshipping under a tent. With winter approaching, no place to worship, and a \$1,200 debt, the situation was not encouraging. Through faith, prayer, and co-operation, the obstacles were overcome. The mayor and city officials provided for us a comfortable building, with ample seating capacity, and the businessmen and citizens were kindly disposed toward our efforts to build. At present we have a beautiful \$12,000 brick Sunday-school unit, fully equipped (apart from pews), seating over three hundred, with only \$2,000

debt on the building. In thirty-seven months, with an average of ten wage earners, we have raised in cash for all purposes \$22,446—which represents a per capita giving for men, women, and children of over \$748. We have never served a more loyal people, and beautiful fellowship exists among our people and friends. While we were given a unanimous call for another three years, we feel divinely led to resume our work of evangelism. Mrs. Cooper and our two daughters provide the music, and conduct junior and youth meetings; thus we are enabled to carry the full program. Write us, 2621 N. Potomac St., Arlington, Virginia."

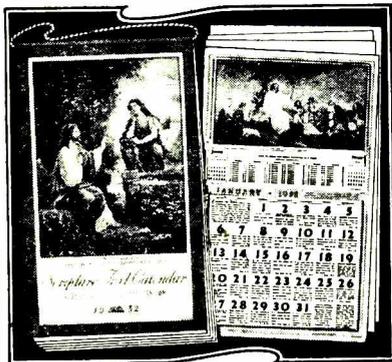
Evangelist T. J. Daggett writes: "I wish to thank all the good churches and their pastors for their co-operation in my recent revivals. God certainly has been blessing us in a great way. I am now filling my 1952 slate. I have open time in February and March, also some later in the year; will go anywhere, as the Lord may lead, for freewill offerings. Write me, 207 E. College Ave., Fredericktown, Missouri."

Fort Dodge, Iowa—The ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. H. W. Cornelius in our fall revival was much appreciated. God honored the sincere presentation of His Word from night to night with a number of new people seeking the Lord. A lad eleven years of age was awarded the Bible for being responsible for the most visitors at the Sunday-school rally. We thank God for the measure of success we have enjoyed in this needy field, but are burdened with the much larger task remaining.—E. J. Strong, Pastor.

Ann Arbor, Michigan—God has blessed our church with an old-fashioned revival with Rev. E. L. Buster of Kentucky as evangelist. Every service was blessed with the manifest presence of God. Brother Buster is among the best, carries a burden for souls, and preaches with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Forty people sought God and prayed through to glorious victory in the old-fashioned way. We thank God for the Spirit-filled ministry of Brother Buster, the shouts of praise, and the church is encouraged.—Reporter.

Urbana, Illinois—God has opened closed doors, and He is honoring and blessing the new church here. There is a fine nucleus around which to build a work. During most of July and August, we had a successful home-mission campaign, with the services held under a tent pitched in the heart of the city. The special workers included Evangelist Marvin Brown, Boyce and Catherine Pierce, J. R. Faver and wife, and Harry Olin and wife. Temporarily we are conducting services in an uptown hall, awaiting the possession of a church recently purchased, which is well lo-

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cated. Pastors and parents having friends here in the state university, please send us their names, and we shall be glad to contact them. Write me, 206 S. Grove Street.—R. B. Burton, Pastor.

Evangelist Carmon G. Sloan reports: "I am now scheduling revivals in the North for winter and spring, and at this writing have three open periods; I'd like to slate them in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, or Michigan. Also am slating revivals for the fall of '52 in the Midwest, and have a few open dates that I am holding, as I would like to group these if at all possible—Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arizona, or New Mexico. I carry the full program of singing and preaching. Write me, 844 Rose Drive, Louisville 13, Kentucky."

Owensboro, Kentucky—Our recent revival with Rev. W. M. Tidwell, evangelist, and Sammy and Rhea Childress doing the singing, was wonderful in every respect. I've never heard better preaching than was done by Brother Tidwell. He carries a great burden for souls, and preaches with the unction and power of God. Brother and Sister Childress are wonderful altar workers, children's workers, and good singers. God gave a goodly number of seekers to be saved or sanctified, or both, and four fine members were added to the church. Recently we moved into a nice, modern, six-room parsonage near the church, and we greatly appreciate this being purchased by our church. We thank God for His many blessings.—Oren D. Thrasher, Pastor.

Evangelist Lee L. Hamric writes: "Late in November we returned from California, where we had two fine revivals. The first was in the Compton, Olive Church, with Pastor Young and people. God gave us a fine revival with some glorious victories and some outstanding young people sanctified. At Maywood, with Pastor Warner and people, God gave another fine revival, with many people finding God. Pastor Warner and wife are talented young people. On the first Sunday night the altar was well filled with young people seeking God, and on the second Sunday morning we had another fine service with souls praying through. We greatly enjoyed our labors with both of these fine pastors and their people."

Pastor C. F. Beckett reports: "After completing five years with our church at Frank—fruitful and happy years—we felt our work there was finished, and accepted the call to our church at Point Pleasant, West Virginia. In our recent revival with Evangelist Ira E. Fowler, several souls were helped, several new people were contacted, and many friends were made for the church. Plans are being made to build a new church parsonage, if possible before next assembly. We have some money on hand, and

our 'fifty-fifty-plan' which is set up is bringing in approximately one hundred dollars each month above the tithes and offerings. These good people are standing by the pastor with their prayers and finances. Please pray for us in this new field of labor."

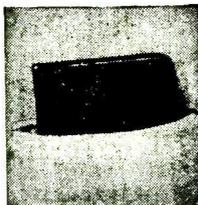
Chaplain Alden D. Grim reports: "We have recently closed our first year of service in our second enlistment as chaplain in the U.S. Army. In this busy year we have served in Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Pennsylvania, and California. This year has been interesting. We have conducted 113 preaching services, for army personnel, in chapels, tents, and open fields; one service was around an open campfire while it was snowing. We have also preached in many of our Nazarene churches in the states mentioned. We have given sixty lectures on character guidance subjects to large groups of young men; many times these lectures took on the nature and emphasis of a sermon. We have had many marriage councils

and ceremonies. Consultations and conferences on a wide variety of problems have reached about one-half thousand. Our tithes and offerings have gone to our home church and to home and foreign missions. We have enjoyed the co-operation of our commanding officers. We have preached and emphasized the ideals and fundamentals of our denomination. The year has been pleasant. We have maintained a sublime sense of divine sweetness and the blessing of the indwelling Comforter. Next June we should complete our present assignment, at which time we hope to return to our chosen field, that of evangelism in our beloved Church of the Nazarene."

Madison, West Virginia—This church was organized on July 2 of 1950 by Rev. John R. Browning. We came as pastor in August (of '50) and found a group of twelve people as members. They were worshipping in a rented warehouse with no lot or building in sight. God has certainly blessed us; we have increased

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### CHAPTER 1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
 2 The same was in the beginning with God.  
 3 All things were made

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:  
 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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our membership to twenty-four, and have purchased a fine lot 50 x 150 feet, with a six-room dwelling house on it. We have remodeled the house. Sunday, November 11, was a great day for us, with forty-two in Sunday school in our new location. God gave us two wonderful services with the people shouting and praising Him. We are on the upward march in Madison.—Archie T. Britt, Pastor.

Fort Mill, South Carolina—November 4 was home-coming day at our church with a great Sunday-school rally, and 465 in attendance. This broke all previous Sunday-school attendance records in the history of our church. A singing convention was

held in the afternoon, featuring especially the Shivel family, also several other churches were represented. The night service closed a week-end revival with the Shivel family as special workers. This fine family preach and sing, and draw the crowds. They were a great help to our church. The work here is going forward under the leadership of our fine pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond DeShon; all departments are showing substantial gains. We thank God for Brother DeShon's faithful and untiring labors. The spiritual condition of the church is good, and God is blessing in the services. We are almost completely remodeling our church, also the Sunday-school rooms, adding beauty to the church, both inside and

outside. We thank God for the accomplishments during the few months the DeShons have been with us.—Mrs. Pauline Thatcher, Reporter.

Evangelists Harold J. and Mae Willis report: "In retrospection of the past twelve months, we have much for which to praise the Lord. We have traveled more miles, conducted more revival campaigns, and have seen more people bowing at the altar of prayer than in any one of our previous five years in the evangelistic field. During this time we were workers in two three-Sunday campaigns, five one-Sunday campaigns, nineteen two-Sunday campaigns, and one N.H.A. camp meeting with Dr. Kenneth B. Wesche, missionary from China, as our colaborer. We traveled through forty-four states, and approximately thirty thousand miles. We are now in the closing days of a gracious time in the Lord at the Downtown Church, Columbus, Georgia, with Pastor Byron E. LeJeune and his fine people. From here we go to Lawrence, Kansas. Due to a change in our schedule, we have time for one youth week in January of '52 in the Middle West. We are now making up our '53 slate. Write us, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 10, Missouri."

#### Southern California District S.S. Superintendents' Conference

The Southern California District enjoyed its first Sunday-school superintendents and pastors' conference on November 3 at Costa Mesa.

Dr. Roy F. Smee was the guest speaker at the dinner hour, speaking on the subject, "The Mid-Century Crusade and Our Sunday Schools."

The conference opened at 2:30 p.m. with three seminars on the problems of visitation, organization, and leadership. The following superintendents took part in the seminars: Ed. Murphy of San Diego University Avenue, Alton Morse of Fullerton, David Whitcomb of Bloomington, Harold Westmoreland of Long Beach First, Carroll McMinn of South Gate, Weldon Smith of Hemet, and Bert Easterling of Redlands.

The superintendents met in a closed session at 3:45 p.m. to discuss the superintendent's problems. Dr. R. J. Plumb and Dr. Roy Smee answered the questions of this hour. The pastors met during this period to hear Mrs. Eva Gardner and Rev. Jesse Wooton, speaking in the interest of visitation and boys and girls' club work.

There were 164 present for the dinner meeting, of which 74 were superintendents and their wives. The success of the conference was largely due to the hard work of Rev. W. Herman Burton, church school board chairman. Under his fine leadership, Southern California District schools are nearing the 10,000 mark in average attendance.

WILLIAM D. HOWARD, Reporter

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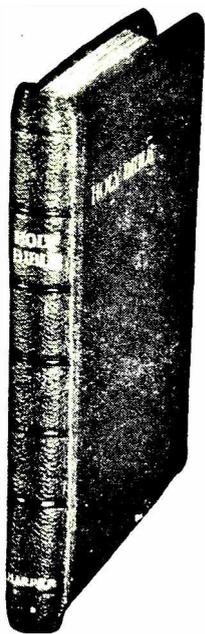
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Galilee and Sā-mār'i i, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

32 ¶ And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all

<sup>a</sup> John 11. 45  
<sup>b</sup> ch. 10. 6  
<sup>c</sup> ch. 8. 14

### Cornelius sendeth for Peter

out all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa, with one <sup>b</sup>Simon a tanner.

### CHAPTER 10

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## Florida Preachers' Convention

The Florida District preachers' convention met October 29 to 31, at the Bradenton church, with Rev. E. Wayne Elliott as host pastor.

Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. Harry E. Jessop were the special speakers. The messages and spirit of Dr. Williamson brought encouragement and inspiration. Dr. Jessop stirred our souls with his daily exposition on holiness. The papers and discussion by the different pastors were unusually good.

The blessing of God was upon Superintendent John L. Knight as he reported and outlined the work of the district. A spirit of brotherly love and fellowship prevailed during the whole convention.

At this halfway mark in the assembly year, it appears that the Florida District will have the best year in its entire history.

DON IRWIN, Reporter

## DEATHS

MRS. NELLIE MAY FOSTER was born March 29, 1897, in Ravenden, Arkansas; and married to C. Raymond Foster in 1918. She attended the Illinois Holiness University (which later became Olivet Nazarene College), and was a charter member of the church there. She passed away suddenly at her home in Ashland, Oregon, where she was a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene, and served on the church board. She was loved by all who knew her. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter and one son; also her mother, Mrs. Hattie Anderson. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Roscoe Hohn, and her brother-in-law, Rev. Russell C. Gray, with interment in Resthaven Mausoleum, Ashland.

MRS. MAYMIE JACOBS, wife of D. M. Jacobs, of Villa Grove, Illinois, died October 29, 1951, at Mercy Hospital in Urbana. She was a member of the Villa Grove Church of the Nazarene. She was a wonderful Christian wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, five daughters, and three sons. Funeral service was held in the Villa Grove church, with Rev. J. W. Peters in charge, assisted by Rev. Mr. Aldrich, Rev. Mr. Moss, and Rev. Mr. Brazwell. Interment was at Villa Grove cemetery.

MRS. MARZETTE DUNHAM was born in Southampton, N.B., Canada, in 1876, and died October 18, 1951, at Hanna, Alberta. She was a devout Christian, a woman of prayer, and a loyal member of the Church of the Nazarene at Abbotsford, B.C., for many years. She later transferred to the Grandview Vancouver Church, where she held membership at the time of her death. She is survived by two sons and six daughters. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. R. Spittal, at Abbotsford, B.C.

MRS. GERTIE MAY HAMRIC, the wife of Evangelist Lee L. Hamric, died August 15, 1951, in Abilene, Texas; she had been sick for some two years. Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, four daughters, twenty-three grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Odell Brown, in the Church of the Nazarene; with interment in the Abilene cemetery.

FRANCIS MARION VERMILLION was born March 28, 1872, in Lemons, Missouri, and died November 2, 1951, at Phoenix, Arizona, following a serious illness of seven weeks. He was converted when about fifty years old, in an old-fashioned holiness meeting, and became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Higgins, Texas. Until his illness, he remained active in his convictions of Christian discipleship. He is survived by his wife, Anna, one son, one daughter, and ten grandchildren. Funeral service was conducted at the Glendale Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Glenn A. Roberson and Rev. Paul McLearn officiating. Interment was in Glendale Memorial Park.

## NOTICE

The announcement of the meeting of the general and district superintendents as published in the November 21 issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** is in error. The correct date for the meeting to begin is *January 9 at 9:00 a.m.*

G. B. WILLIAMSON, Secretary  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NOTICES

Chicago Holiness Convention, February 6 to 10, at Chicago First Church. Workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. T. W. Willingham, Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, and Rev. R. T. Williams. For particulars, write to Dr. C. E. Strang, 9059 S. Damon, Chicago, Illinois.

Danville Indoor Camp meeting at Danville First Church (Illinois), February 17 to 24. Special workers: Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. T. W. Willingham, Rev. Gene Phillips, and the Lacy Trio as singers. For particulars, write, Rev. Lloyd Morgan, 322 N. Gilbert, Danville, Illinois.

RECOMMENDATION—I am writing to recommend Rev. Ray Davis to the evangelistic field. He is a strong preacher, loves the Lord, and God blesses his ministry. He is one of our strongest preachers, will do any church good, and will bless the people with his ministry. I recommend him without reservation to our people everywhere. Write him, % our publishing house.—Elbert Dodd, Superintendent of Louisiana District.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Mida Faith Harris of Hominy, Oklahoma, and Dan M. Pilcher, with the U.S. Navy, stationed at San Francisco, California, were united in marriage on October 12 at the home of the groom's parents in Gainesville, Texas, with Rev. E. T. Harris, father of the bride, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Stowe of Salem, Oregon, a daughter, Gayla Loretta, on October 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Schwob of Gaston, Indiana, a son, Kent Wayne, on August 27.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Illinois, that the revival there may reach her uncle and cousin in saving and sanctifying power;

by a father in Ohio for the salvation of his son-in-law, who is drinking heavily; also for his daughter, that she may have strength and grace to go through with God in spite of it all;

by a Christian in Michigan, that God may see fit to touch and heal her body, or if He does not see fit to do so that she may be drawn closer to the Lord and be content in His will; also for her husband, who is sick, discouraged, and unsaved; by a wife in Ohio, that God will get to her husband's heart in a special way and save him and keep their home from being broken up by another woman;

by a worried young woman in Texas, that her health may improve and that her husband may be able to find work.

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., pastor of Oklahoma City First Church, tells of the part that one of his men in the service had in an offering of \$5,200 as a special for a church building in Sapporo, Japan. Some months ago M/Sgt. William F. Nichols, who was an active member of his church before entering the service, looked up the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Shepherd. He and the soldier who was with him found the local church worshipping in the home of the national preacher, Rev. Oye. Some seventy-five young people were jammed into the small quarters. The congregation was brought together five years ago through the work of Major Shaw, but long since they have been in desperate need of a more adequate place in which to worship.

Sgt. Nichols wrote home of his thrilling experience of being in the Japanese service, of hearing Brother Shepherd preach, of hearing Brother Oye interpret, and of seeing the intense interest of the Japanese. He also wrote his pastor telling of his burden for a new building for them in which to worship.

The climax of the whole proposition came on September 16. After the invocation, a woman in the congregation remained on her feet and announced to the gathering, "I have been praying about the work in Japan and have a message. I'm a widow, have \$219 in the bank. I'm going to give \$100 to Japan and \$100 to our new educational building—for I know the Lord will take care of me, and we must not wait any longer."

Before Mr. Williams could begin his sermon, the Oklahoma City congregation had given over \$4,600 with \$4,200 of the amount in cash and checks, the remainder in pledges. At the present time, \$5,200 has come in for the chapel in Japan.

This offering is also a fitting start on a new assembly year for Oklahoma City First, which gave \$23,000 last year for world-wide evangelism.

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