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The Outreach of Thanksgiving

THE TRUE spirit of Christian thanksgiving is one of generosity. It is not enough that we give thanks for the blessings which we enjoy, for such thanksgiving may be permeated with smug selfishness. Christian thanksgiving carries with it a sense of responsibility which constrains us to share our blessings with those less fortunate.

This is particularly true in relation to the gospel of Christ. It is not enough to exclaim with Paul, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." We must sense the outreach of thanksgiving—the "give" in thanksgiving—that generates action toward a world-wide sharing of the grace of Jesus Christ.

Nazarenes have exemplified well this spirit in the past with their generous annual Thanksgiving Offerings. But the task is not completed. Again, your Board of General Superintendents calls upon Nazarenes everywhere to co-operate, with prayerful, sacrificial hearts, in what should be an epochal Thanksgiving Offering.

In the recent General Assembly the quadrennial challenge was given and accepted to raise TEN MILLION DOLLARS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM. This we ought to do and can do, not as a basis for denominational self-satisfaction, but because to do less is to fail God and to fail millions of dying souls who need desperately the message of redemption from all sin.

The Church of the Nazarene for years has ranked high in per capita giving for all purposes. But in *missionary* giving our record is not so spectacular. During the last quadrennium, with more than \$97,000,000.00 raised for all purposes, less than \$7,900,000.00 was raised for world evangelism.

The quadrennial goal of \$10,000,000.00 can be reached, but not if we postpone our best efforts. A 1952 Thanksgiving Offering of \$600,000.00 will set a pattern and a pace for a quadrennium of unprecedented giving for the salvation of souls.

"Freely ye have received, freely give." Crusade for Souls Now!

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"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION" (I Thess. 4:3)

TELEGRAM

Kansas City, Missouri—Seminary Students support home-mission pastor. On October 1, after a consultation with Dr. L. T. Corlett, president, Dean Russell V. DeLong and the Kansas City district superintendent presented a challenge to the Seminary student body in chapel, that they sponsor a home-mission pastor in a new church. This challenge was quickly accepted and in ten minutes the faculty and students pledged nearly three thousand dollars for this purpose. This is the third year the Seminary students have supported a home-mission pastor. This generous spirit evidenced in this fine group of young people is greatly appreciated.—**JARRETTE AYCOCK, District Superintendent.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Song Evangelists Paul and Dolly Gregory have left the field to accept the position as ministers of music with the Overland (Missouri) Church of the Nazarene.

After three years in the evangelistic field, Rev. J. Stewart Maddox has accepted a call to pastor the church in Keene, New Hampshire, on the New England District.

Rev. J. A. Chenault, retired Nazarene elder of Maryland, Tennessee, writes, "For the first time in these eighty-two years I was taken to the hospital yesterday (September 24) and found I must take treatment for liver trouble. This is one of the trials of my life. Please pray for me, and for Mrs. Chenault, who is in a poor state of health."

Rev. Harold J. Wood has resigned as pastor of the Hillsdale church to accept a call to pastor the South Church in Lansing, Michigan.

Rev. Roy M. Vaughn has resigned as pastor of Eastside Church, Bloomington, to accept a call to pastor the church in Princeton, Indiana.

Rev. Merritt M. Mockler has resigned as pastor of the Puyallup church to accept a call to pastor the church in Olympia, Washington.

How excellent [precious, R.V.] is thy lovingkindness, O God! (Ps. 36:7).

The one who possesses this blessing has a fortune which is incomparable with the riches of earth.—**EARLE F. WILDE.**

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Subscription List Is High

WITH a subscription list consistently hovering around the 110,000 mark throughout the summer the HERALD OF HOLINESS has been enjoying its widest circulation. This is largely due to the fine work done in the spring subscription campaigns.

We wish to commend all these districts and every church and pastor who contributed to this important project. In this issue and in the succeeding issues we shall give the list of those churches which, according to the reports sent in by the district campaign managers, made or exceeded their quota. This quota is based on 60 per cent of the church membership.

Fall Campaigns in Progress

The fall campaigns are now beginning. We appreciate these efforts and challenge everyone to go "over the top." Those districts and their campaign dates are:

District	Date	Campaign Mgr.
New England	Oct. 12—Nov. 9	Rev. Lyal Calhoun
Los Angeles	Oct. 5—Nov. 17	Rev. Doil Felts
Missouri	Oct. 1-31	Lewis R. Thompson
Maritime	Oct. 1-31	Rev. E. H. Brewer
Akron	Sept. 2—Oct. 22	Rev. Frank M. Brickley
Pittsburgh	Sept. 1-30	Rev. A. Alan Gilmour

OVER THE TOP!

These churches, according to the district campaign managers' reports, made or exceeded the quota of 60 per cent of the church's membership:

Church	Percentage
Augusta, Kansas	61
Junction City, Kansas	177
Oswego, New York	450
Pottsdam, New York	307
Peterborough, Ontario	133
Windsor, Ontario	242
Alexander, North Dakota	142
Benedict, North Dakota	72
Colton, California	60
Indio, California	65
Chesterton, Indiana	71
Covington, Indiana	60
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, East	65
Bartlesville, Oklahoma, First	65
Batavia, Ohio	86
Bethel, Ohio	101
Leipsic, Ohio	200
Alvin, Texas	61

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The Coming of Pentecost

By W. B. Walker*

THE ANCIENT Pentecost came during barley harvest. It came fifty days after the feast of the Passover. The Pentecost of Acts, the second chapter, came exactly fifty days following the observing of the Passover. Our personal Pentecost will come after the atoning blood of Christ has been applied to the heart in regeneration. The coming of Pentecost is an established fact of history. Luke says, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:1-4).

The coming of Pentecost settled the sin question with the disciples. Sin exists in the human soul after two forms, or modes. There are actual sins which require forgiveness, and sin as a principle which necessitates cleansing. Jesus graciously forgave sins before Pentecost, but it took the fiery baptism of the Holy Ghost to cleanse the nature of those ancient disciples. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Sin has been the problem of the ages, and all sorts of remedies have been offered for its cure. But Pentecost is the only cure for the disease of sin. The coming of the Holy Ghost will slay the old man of sin, and bring to the believer soul normalcy.

Pentecost will solve the problem of Christian unity. Jesus prayed for the unification of His disciples in John 17. This seems to have been the burden of His heart. He wanted His disciples to be united as He and the Father were united. "All . . . be one." This unity involves three things. It brings unity between the soul of the believer and the blessed Lord. Yes, it brings unity with God. Oh, just to be one with Him—in purpose, in aims, in passion, in motives, and in determination! It also brings unity between individuals. The Spirit of holiness destroys the cause of division among the people of God. And finally, it brings a oneness with our better self. It unifies every faculty of the soul.

Then, Pentecost envisions and impassions the Christian to evangelize the world. It will indeed be interesting and informing to study the condition of the disciples before Pentecost and immediately following the reception of the Holy Ghost. Before Pentecost, the disciples of our Master were carnal, self-seeking, revengeful, jealous, fearful, and narrow. Following the coming of the Holy Ghost there was no fear of the threats of

rulers, no sectarian narrowness, no self-seeking, no jealousy, and no carnal fits. Death to them was only a near-cut to glory. There was but one important thing with them—the carrying of the gospel of Christ to all men. No sacrifice was too great for them to make in order to carry out the commission of our Lord. The pages of the New Testament glow with thrilling experiences of those early disciples, who had a world-wide vision. How can a person be filled with the Holy Ghost, and not carry a burning passion to see men and women saved in every land?

The coming of Pentecost inspired those early disciples with a blessed hope. James was beheaded for the Master, but he went to a better land. Tradition tells us that Peter was crucified with his feet pointing toward the stars. John was banished to the lonely island of Patmos, but there he received greater visions of the future. Paul was beheaded, but his spirit took its departure, winging its way past rolling worlds, burning suns, and twinkling stars, sweeping across the Milky Way, and the angels of God came out on dress parade to welcome the old saint home.

There is a better day coming to all believers, and that day may not be far away—when death shall be no more, and sorrow and suffering shall pass away. There we shall have no more funerals to attend—for loved ones and friends shall die no more! There we shall have no more lonely hours and sleepless nights. It is this inspiring hope that takes the sting out of the present, and fills the soul with blessed gleams of immortality. Truly, the coming of the Pentecostal blessing will inspire the believer with this bracing hope. Wonderful inspiration! Glorious prospects!

Do You Have a Burning Heart?

By F. W. Davis

"Did not our heart burn within us?" (Luke 24:32.)

*Is your heart aglow for Jesus?
Are you filled with holy zeal?
Do you long each day to please Him?
Is His presence to you real?*

*Do you crave to use your talent
For the glory of the Cross?
Are your daily thoughts and passion
Wholly bent to save the lost?*

*Does your church come first, dear Christian,
When at all you can be there?
Do you love to meet God's people
In this sacred place of prayer?*

*Oh, when Jesus comes to bless us,
When He sets our hearts aflame.
We will gladly toil and suffer,
For the honor of His name!*

*Pastor. First Church, Dayton, Ohio

Epistle to the Philippians

By H. Orton Wiley

XVIII. A Warning Against Antinomianism

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things) (Phil. 3:17-19).

ST. PAUL in these verses warns us strongly against antinomianism, or the making void the law through faith. He is speaking more especially of those Jews who, having accepted his doctrine of faith in Christ, had perverted it by teaching that they would be saved by Christ's righteousness, even if they lived in sin. Furthermore, they gloried in this false teaching. Of such the Apostle says they glory in their shame, and their end is destruction.

This false position concerning the imputed righteousness of Christ has often appeared in the Church. Mr. Wesley found it necessary to oppose this false teaching. He held that Christ's righteousness is not only imputed, but imparted also; we ourselves being actually cleansed from sin by the Blood of the atonement. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Here it is clear that unrighteousness is actually cleansed away, not covered over and allowed to remain.

In recent times, this false theory of imputation has been applied to sanctification as formerly it was applied to justification. It is no doubt very soothing to carnality to believe that the robe of Christ's righteousness completely covers all the defilement of our sinful nature, although personally and really we are as full of sin as ever. Perhaps this accounts for the popularity of certain movements which preach that one may be saved and yet be full of sin, because the robe of Christ's righteousness covers it; and God does not see our sins, but sees us only in Christ.

Rev. A. Sims tells a story of Henry Reed, who met a man in Edinburgh and said to him, "Are you a Christian?"

"Yes."

"Are you saved from sin and preserved daily from sinning, by the presence and power of the Lord Jesus?"

"Nay, I am a great sinner; I am sinning daily in thought, word, and deed."

"How do you reconcile that with Christian character? Jesus Christ came to take away our sins, to purge us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

"Oh, well, though I am sinning all the time, there is no sin imputed to me. Christ's robe of righteousness covers me so perfectly that, when God looks at me, He sees nothing but spotless purity whiter than snow."

"Indeed; then after all that Christ has done in this life by His death on the cross, through His mediation before the throne of God, and the operation of His Holy Spirit, He could not get your sins out of you; and, as a last resort, He cloaked you over, and is going to smuggle you into heaven with your sins all in you."

"O Mr. Reed, that is too bad."

"Well, heaven is a holy place?"

"Yes, of course."

"Nothing unholy can enter heaven?"

"No."

"Nothing holy about you but the robe that covers you?"

"No, nothing."

"Then, when you come to die what will come to pass? That holy robe of Christ will be taken up into heaven, where it belongs, and you will slip through below where you belong."

A Chain or a Crown?

By L. M. Hearn*

DO you think that you are free because you live in America, land of freedom? Who is really free, after all? There are still those who seem to be demon-possessed, with the glad light of liberty forever gone from their eyes. In every age the majority have seemed to be money-possessed, and certainly ours is no exception.

Many today are alcohol-possessed, or drug-possessed, in bondage as degrading and torturing as that of the most barbaric people of the past. Nearly everyone is chained by some haunting fear or inescapable desire. In one manner or another, men are possessed by things lower than themselves. Few indeed manage to remain self-possessed under all circumstances, and fewest of all are truly God-possessed.

Be self-possessed, and you will have power and win respect. Be God-possessed, and you will have peace and win a crown. Who, or what, possesses you? Possession, they say, is nine points of the law. That which possesses you now bids fair to determine your eternal destiny. That destiny is safe in the hands of one Master, and one only; it is He who has said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light"—"Henceforth I call you not servants; . . . but I have called you friends."

Captive soul, it is Jesus of Nazareth who is calling, and He already has paid the price of your freedom. Your part is to repent, believe, and accept His matchless offer. Which will you choose—a chain, or a crown?

*Stanton, Texas

Listen! The Bible Speaks

By Norman R. Oke*

IT IS my honor to salute NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK (October 20-26), and I invite you to share in the honors. This whole business of having special weeks for the observance of various causes has certainly gone the rounds. From heart disease to eating more apples we have run the gamut, and we need not be surprised if someone decides to have a special week to honor the man who first dreamed up the whole idea of having special weeks for such observances. Well, be that as it may, I come to throw my whole, happy co-operation behind this special observance, for it deserves our attention. Yes, I am one hundred per cent for NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK. Here all can unite who believe at all in national solidity and strength. Here is a Book that has been the pillar and platform of our civilization and which, if withdrawn, will leave this nation, and any nation, groping in the dark. So, come on, and let's do something to make NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK a seven-day salute to the Scriptures.

The Bible wants to be heard, for it is a speaking Book. *It speaks to the hearts of the high and the mighty, and some of them are glad to listen.* When Douglas MacArthur was still an active army general, in the thick of staggering responsibilities, he said, "Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed." Did he read it for appearances? No, he was hidden away in his own bedroom. But his heart was eager for a communique from Heaven's Headquarters, so General MacArthur paused at the close of each day to let the Bible speak. Yes, great men listen and read the Bible; just petty, little men ignore its pages. So I join you in saluting the Book of God that catches the ear of the great and the mighty of the world.

The Bible also speaks to the lonely and the forgotten. All of us followed the newspapers to get word about Robert Vogeler during his communist imprisonment in Hungary. Here was an innocent American businessman taken as a spy and swallowed up in the dread silences of a communistic police regime. Now that he has been released, there comes to light the episode about his Bible that I know you would like to hear. Let

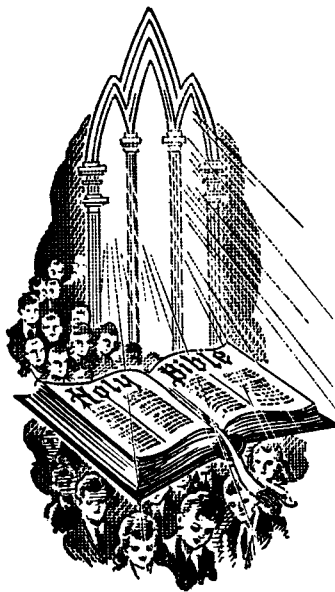
him tell it in his own words. "When my request for a Bible was granted, I treated it as one treats a priceless possession, a thing of great value, a rare treasure, using it sparingly to make its value last. I read one chapter in the Old Testament and one in the New each day, and also a psalm. At the time I was released I had finished two complete readings and was well started on the third. It gave me strength and assurance for what to my knowledge at that time were the interminable years ahead." So I salute the only Book that meets the need where sadness and loneliness brood, where heartbreak moistens the eye, when friends cannot cross our thresholds. Wise is that people who salute such a Book and set aside a week for special observance.

The Bible also speaks to our competitive age. Competition is the password of our generation. We all cheer a winner; it is just a natural part of us. Of course we are sympathetic for losers, whether it be in national presidential elections, banks, or brands of coffee; but we stand up and cheer for the one who breasts the tape ahead of the whole field. Well, get ready to stand up and shout for the Bible, for it is a perennial winner.

It has had many competitors but never a conqueror.

There was Bob Ingersoll, who toured the country years ago preaching his gospel of hate toward both God and the Bible. One of his lectures was entitled "The Mistakes of Moses." A friend invited Mark Twain to go to the lecture; the tickets were one dollar each. The noted humorist replied in his characteristic way: "No, I'm not going to hear Bob. But I tell you what I will do. If you can arrange to have Moses lecture on the mistakes of Bob Ingersoll, I would pay ten dollars to hear it." Mark Twain recognized the winner in the whole battle in Ingersoll versus the Bible. God's Word won out then and still leads the field. It is a winner by virtue of its content, and is backed by a written guarantee, from its Author, that it will always be a winner, as long as this world shall last.

In a few weeks the people of the United States of America will hold a great presidential election, and the winner will be cheered from Maine to California. So on NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK I ask you to stand up and cheer the Book that holds



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first place in this competitive age—the literary winner of all generations.

The Bible wants to speak to you, too, my friend—won't you listen?

Forty Years Ago This Month

By Mendell Taylor*

THEY WERE SAYING:

"Holiness is Calvary's only defense. A holy God could not give up a holy Christ to make less than a holy people out of the lost. If He provided less than a holy religion, He gave up too much for the results achieved, and thus His wisdom is impeached. If He provided a holy religion through a holy Redeemer for us, but accepts less than holiness of us, He involves equally His justice with His wisdom: for Christ's blood deserves the full possibilities of its power. To demand less of man after the costly and ample provision made in the blood would impinge the divine mercy; for man's dire need is holiness to meet a holy God in a holy heaven after redemption by a holy Saviour. It would be unmerciful to withhold it after providing it."—*Editorial by B. F. HAYNES, editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS.*

"We have one of the finest church organs that I ever put my two eyes on, none excepted. None equal to it as a church organ. It stands alone in the greatest field on the face of the earth. It is broad in the sense of greatness. It is narrow in the sense of straightforwardness and uprightness. Its aim is God's best for all men. The paper is the best, the workmanship is first-class, the editorial word is simply unsurpassed anywhere by anybody. . . . We should get 12,000 new subscribers in the next twelve months for it."—*Article by "UNCLE BUDDIE" ROBINSON.*

Within My Father's House

By Verla U. Gorham

*All week the cares of life have pressed
And sorrows filled my aching breast,
But peace I found for heart distressed
Within my Father's house.*

*Outside its walls doth sin abound,
For men are lost the world around;
But full salvation may be found
Within my Father's house.*

*My friend, lay down your load of care.
Look up, and lift your heart in prayer.
Come, meet the Christ, the Saviour, there
Within my Father's house.*

"To the soul awakened by the Spirit there comes a knowledge of the insufficiency of self. As that soul begins to struggle towards righteousness and Godlikeness, the powers of darkness mass themselves to oppose each step, to place obstacles in the way of body, mind and heart, until that soul is to cry for help from on High. Then it is that God reveals Himself as the present and abundant help for the needy; then the Spirit begins His lessons, so needful to one in divine life, of trust in God."—*Article by C. A. McCONNELL, Office Editor of HERALD OF HOLINESS.*

REPORTS:

Rev. Theodore Ludwig and wife, on their way from the Kansas Assembly to their new charge at Kenesaw, Nebr., made the publishing house an appreciated visit. They are of the kind that makes for the success of the work of the Church of the Nazarene. (HERALD OF HOLINESS, October 9, 1912)

Peniel University: Tuesday, September 10th, 1912, marked the beginning of the fourteenth session at Peniel University. . . . On account of a camp meeting engagement, President R. T. Williams could not be present the first week and the school was in charge of Professor J. B. Chapman of the Theological Department, who is Dean of the University. . . . At the opening chapel service, Mr. L. A. Reed responded to a welcome speech on behalf of the student body. He said that the body of young people whom he represented were here for business.

Evers-Tunnell Wedding: Yesterday, Oct. 9th [1912] in the home of the bride at Eskridge, Kans., Brother A. C. Tunnell, our pastor at Woodbine, was united in marriage to Miss Mary Evers, the writer officiating. The young people are planning to move to Woodbine immediately, where they together will push the battle for God and holiness. Signed, Fred H. Mendell.

Lynn, Mass.—The New England Deaconess Association held its first meeting of this assembly year in Lowell, Mass., October 1st [1912]. A few deaconesses were privileged to meet together for prayer in the morning. The blessing of the Lord was upon them. The Lowell church entertained us royally. It was indeed good to be there. Signed, Olive M. Gould, District Deaconess.

Sparta, Tenn.—Here in a great meeting; souls getting to God. Our meeting at Cleveland, Ark., with Brother Joe Bates was good. Joe is true blue and will do to depend on. Signed, Lee L. Hamric.

Chicago, Ill.—At the annual meeting of the General Foreign Missionary Board of the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, in Chicago, Ill., October 3 to 6, 1912, the needs for the foreign missionary program for the ensuing year were carefully considered, and it was found that \$16,000 was the minimum amount needed, which amount was divided amongst the different districts according to their numerical and financial strength.

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Love Never Fails

By J. J. Steele*

IT'S WONDERFUL to discover something that never fails.

Business fails, health fails, crops fail, the mind fails, friends fail, preachers fail, churches fail, governments fail, whole armies fail—everything fails sooner or later—but “love never fails.”

Marriage love never fails. When there is failure in marriage, love has already departed from either party or both. For two people to say they love each other and still fail in their marriage is a contradiction. “Love never fails.”

Brotherly love never fails. When Christians quarrel and pull apart from each other, love has not failed; humanity has failed. Love was grieved away, but love did not fail.

Filial love never fails. When children lose their respect for parents, dishonor and rebel against them, love has not failed; the offspring fail. Love was smothered out. If love reigned there would be no family disunity.

Parental love never fails. While love abides, parents never expose or make public the weaknesses and blemishes of their offspring. Love covers up and seeks to hide the scars and deformities of the beloved. “Love never fails.”

Love for God's church never fails. As long as love for the Church of the Nazarene abides in our hearts we will not cheapen it by exposing its weaknesses or advertising its demerits. We will not abandon it under any circumstances, except when the church comes between us and our supreme love, which is God. When people leave the church, or neglect it, or criticize it, they have no love for it.

People who join our church just to get a place to work, or a place of honor, or because they like the minister, or some other person in the church, will forsake it in its hour of need, unless genuine love for it is born in the heart later. “Love never fails.”

Love for Christ never fails. Backsliders have lost their love. No one fails Christ who loves Him with all his heart. While love abides, no power on earth can separate us from Him. We do not backslide and lose our love; we grieve away the Holy Spirit of love by negligence, and backslide. “Love never fails.”

Therefore, the first concern for every Christian is to keep the flame of love burning hot through constant attention to prayer, praise, meditation, Bible reading, testimony, and mutual care for other Christians. Love must be cultivated, revived, and replenished. Keep loving and we keep right. “Love never fails.”

*Pastor, First Church, Coffeyville, Kansas

Good works are too often used as a guise to substitute for the new birth.—H. T. BEYER.

THE HARVEST

By Grace Noll Crowell

*God be thanked for any grain
That we may find while reaping,
If they be good and golden sheaves
And fit for Thy hands' keeping.
If but one soul be our bright yield
Here in this autumn weather,
Accept it, Lord, and know it was
The one sheaf we could gather.*

*Oh, help us keep before our eyes
The harvest's vital meaning.
May we be earnest husbandmen,
And avid in our gleaning,
Knowing that Thou hast called out, Lord,
For workers, wise and steady,
In the fields already white—we would,
As laborers, be ready!*

Grassroots Conference

By Leslie Parrott*

“This is what we've been needing.”

“There's more here than just inspiration.”

“We ought to do this every year.”

These and many more such remarks were heard in Portland, Oregon, at the conclusion of the recent Grassroots Evangelism Conference sponsored by Dr. Roy Smee and the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. This bi-district convention, which brought together the Oregon Pacific and Washington Pacific districts, is the first of these new grassroots conferences of this quadrennium which brings the Crusade for Souls Now down to the level of the local church. Over 90 per cent of the pastors were present and hundreds of laymen attended the three night sessions.

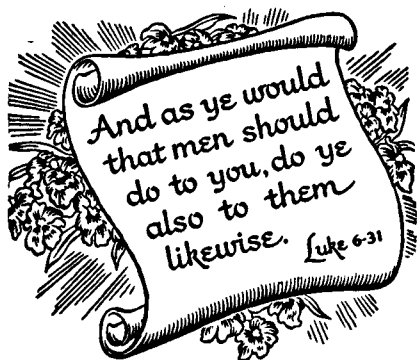
Speakers for the Grassroots Convention included Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Rev. Nick Hull, Dr. L. J. Du Bois, Dr. John Riley, and Dr. Roy Smee. Dr. Fletcher Galloway was host pastor, and the two sponsoring district superintendents were Dr. B. V. Seals and Rev. W. D. McGraw.

The purpose of the conference was to reach as many as possible of the local pastors and laymen with a combination of inspiration and know-how on carrying out the Crusade for Souls Now. Perhaps the greatest contribution of the sessions was to impress upon us the fact that the job can be done in any size church and in spite of all obstacles.

Rev. Nick Hull, pastor of the University Avenue Church in San Diego, saturated his four messages with up-to-the-moment experiences and

*Pastor, Kelso, Washington

results of what the Crusade for Souls is doing in his church now. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, besides furnishing ample inspiration, gave the background of the program in relation to each congregation in the total Crusade. In his private session with the pastors he disclosed some alarming facts on lack of growth in many areas, but encouraged us with the report that at the present rate of growth our membership in the year 2000 will be over 5,000,000. Armed with facts, figures, inspiration, determination and know-how, the final benediction was given in assurance that the pastors and laymen would go home and carry out their God-given responsibility in the Crusade for Souls Now!



Thoughts from a Farmer's Son

By Spencer Johnson*

NEIGHBORS

IN THE DAYS of the old West, when roads were not very accommodating and communication facilities were poor, neighbors were considered a great asset. There was a sincere feeling of good will in the community, and everyone seemed to guard the interest and reputation of his neighbor.

It has occurred to me that such a feeling would be a good thing in the church world of today. But alas! How sadly lacking it is! All too often it would seem that there is a maliciousness until every man seems set against his brother. Many good men and women have been made to suffer, and some have been set aside from the ministry, merely because of a "whispering campaign." All too regularly at gatherings of the church, there will be little groups here and there engaged in earnest conversation. On approaching, one is shocked to learn that with their tongues they are "shooting arrows dipped with carnal venom" to the hearts of men. These things ought not to be!

Even the ministry has not escaped this foul pollution. To hear some preachers discuss their predecessors, one would think the men who preceded them were the most vile and wretched men that ever lived. According to them, the fellow who was there before had let the church "run

completely down." "Things were certainly in a mess." "The finances were not coming in," or "the bills had not been paid," or, horror of horrors, "the church was split." "The former pastor was not consistent," or "he simply was not an administrator," etc. In their opinion, it surely was fortunate for the church that they arrived just when they did; and, of course they had "really brought the church out of it."

The truth of the matter is that most of the men who had labored there were earnest, conscientious men of God who did their best, though they were human and often made mistakes. Actually churches are harder to split than most people think they are. If churches split every time some folk say they do, there would scarcely be any left intact. The gossipers forget that most of us enjoy the fruit of another's sacrifice. We live in houses we did not build, preach to churches we did not organize, and enjoy the fellowship of people we did not gather. We owe much to those who went before. There is something base in the nature of anyone who does not appreciate the blessings handed him by his predecessors.

Then the poor old successor comes in for his share of the criticism. It is said, "He has not built on the good foundation," or that, "He is losing all the young people and driving the older ones away." "He is a poor businessman," or "his wife doesn't fit into the situation." One would think it a pity that the people doing the talking ever had to leave, but then one remembers the "deplorable mess" the church they now pastor was in when they came on the scene. Consequently, one finds himself in a dilemma, and goes away wondering which would have been best. Then we remember that someone has said, "Running the other fellow down is just a cheap way to brag on yourself." We believe the grace of God would make some strange changes and stop a lot of "vain talking."

The apostle said, "There are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, . . . whose mouths must be stopped" (Tit. 1:10-11). Again he exhorts, "Speak evil of no man" (Tit. 3:2). Solomon, the wise man, said, "The lip of truth shall be established for ever: but a lying tongue is but for a moment" (Prov. 12:19).

Regardless of one's profession or how many times he may have been to the altar, he cannot be right with God and practice the sin of gossip. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:26). We are further commanded, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren" (James 4:11); "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man with his neighbor: for we are members one of another" (Eph. 4:25).

Jesus said that we should give account in the day of judgment of every idle word (Matt. 12:36). The Psalmist realized this terrible danger when he said, "I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue" (Ps. 39:1). The once im-

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petuous, quick-spoken Peter said, "For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile" (I Pet. 3:10).

The poet Will Carlton expressed this truth when he wrote:

*Boys flying kites haul in their white-winged birds;
You can't do that when you're flying words.
Careful with fire, is good advice, we know;
Careful with words, is ten times doubly so.
Thoughts unexpressed may sometimes fall back
dead;
But God himself can't kill them when they're
said.*

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body" (James 3:2).

GOD HATH SPOKEN

By Carl Bangs*

God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son (Heb. 1:1-2).

GOD HAS spoken unto us. In the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Christ we have a message from God. If God has spoken, what did He say?

He said that He hates sin. The Cross is God's supreme expression of His hatred of sin. "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "But we see Jesus, who . . . by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9).

He said that He loves the sinner. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

He said that He will save the sinner. "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21).

He said that He would sanctify His people. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13:12).

He said that He had overcome death. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

He said that the final victory would be His. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12).

God has spoken unto us by His Son. The second chapter of Hebrews continues the thought by saying, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip."

*Chicago, Illinois

"We Lost All Four"

By H. C. Hatton*

DURING seven years as pastor of our Sterling church, I have had many different experiences, both pleasant and unpleasant. It's a real joy to serve the Master and to have a place of labor in His great harvest field, but sometimes a pastor has experiences which break his heart. I had such an experience several months ago.

Several years ago four children, of the same family, were enrolled in our Sunday school and were regular attendants. They attended faithfully for those several years. All at once they dropped out and did not return. I went to the home to make a pastoral call to see why the children were not coming. I had a lengthy talk with the mother of those children. She said: "I did not want to take my children out of your Sunday school. They had been going for several years and also it is so handy, the church being so close. However, after giving it much consideration, I've decided to make the change."

I was anxious, of course, to know what was wrong; hence, I pressed her for an answer. She said, "The standards of your church are just too high. This is a different age, and people just don't teach their children such rigid standards in this day. I'm afraid," she said, "if I permit them to remain in your church, now that they are growing older, it might warp their personalities and handicap them in life."

I tried to reason with that mother and show her that the standards of the Church of the Nazarene are as close to the Bible standards as any church could be, but she would not be convinced.

It seems that so many modern-day mothers and fathers feel that it's a part of raising children to see to it that they learn to smoke, dance, drink, and do all the other things which other young people are doing in this terrible evil day in which we live. Many want their children to look like the world, act like the world, dress like the world, and have the same attitudes as the world in order to be equipped for life.

I could not convince her, and had to wish her well and go my way. I see those children often; they're friends of mine. On Sunday morning they regularly attend Sunday school in a church of another denomination, but I never see them without a feeling in my heart that someone has failed them and maybe they'll be lost.

I've often thought of that mother since my conversation with her. As I think about it yet today, I'm glad that our church holds to standards that are different, even though some people will never line up with them. It reminds me of the words of the Master when He said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because

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strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there are that find it" (Matt. 7:13-14).

Yes, *we lost all four*, and God will hold someone responsible for failing that family of children. O God, keep me in the straight and narrow way.

REAL REPENTANCE

By A. R. Higgs*

THERE is a wrong and a right way to confess sin. Some people will confess sin when they are caught and when the circumstantial evidences are so much against them that they can no longer hide the guilt that hangs over their souls. They are not sorry that they have offended a holy God and have grieved and wounded some hearts, but they are sorry because of the reproach and shame their sins have brought on themselves.

The repentance of King Saul was of this kind. When the faithful prophet Samuel faced him with his sin, he tried to pretend obedience, but the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen witnessed against him. Finally when he could no longer hide himself with lying excuses, he then confessed and said: "I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord" (I Sam. 15:24-25). This confession did not sound good to Samuel and he refused to return with him to worship the Lord. He started to leave, but Saul laid hold of the skirt of his mantle and it rent in pieces. Samuel told him that God had rent the kingdom from him and had given it to a neighbor who was a better man than the disobedient king.

This information grieved Saul very much and, in order to save himself and his kingdom, he again confessed: "I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord thy God" (I Sam. 15:30). Samuel did turn again with Saul, but evidently with his soul burdened with grief because he realized that Saul's repentance did not go down to the bottom of the plague of his heart. He was more concerned about his honor and his standing as a king than he was concerned about the enormity of his sin and the terrible effects his disobedience would have, not only on his own character, but also upon the nation. Saul's repentance did not have in it the earmarks of godly sorrow for sin to the saving of his soul and his kingdom. His sorrow was that of this world that worked death.

The repentance of King David was of another kind. He had committed an awful sin against one of his faithful soldiers, Uriah. He not only robbed him of his loving wife, but also took his life.

When the prophet Nathan brought charges against him for his sin, David humbly confessed his sin without any tendency to shield himself with false excuses. He recognized at once that Nathan told the truth about his sin and he immediately made a confession and said: "I have sinned."

By the fruit of his godly repentance as seen in his subsequent life, it is very evident that a powerful conviction got hold of his soul and broke his heart into contriteness. Under this pungent conviction he got a revelation of the terribleness of his sin and it produced in him a deep, godly sorrow. He could see himself deceiving an innocent man like Uriah and sending him back to the army with papers in his pocket that were designed to land him in the grave. In the fifty-first psalm, David prayed: "Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God." No doubt David would gladly have sacrificed his kingdom if he could have called Uriah back to life, asked his humble pardon, and restored to him the lamb he had taken from the fold. But it was too late to ask pardon, or make any restitution.

According to Nathan, the prophet, David was pardoned (II Sam. 12:13), but nevertheless he was obliged to suffer some of the consequences of his sin, which he did without murmuring and complaining. He could gladly let a man like Shimei curse him in the time of his affliction if only the Lord would requite him good for his cursing. When his own son Absalom rose up in rebellion against him, he was very solicitous for his safety and he charged his generals to deal gently with his son who had risen up against him in battle. When the news reached him that his son was dead, there went up from the deep sorrow of his heart a very lamentable cry: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (II Sam. 18:33.)

From all that took place in the life of Absalom, it is very evident that he would have been a very foolhearted king, but nevertheless, if David had not committed the sin he did and set a bad example before his sons, their lives might have been altogether different. No doubt David felt that he was to blame to a large extent because of his own sin for the calamity and untimely death that came upon his son Absalom. The godly sorrow that gripped the soul of the king made him willing to die to save the life of his son.

Sorrow of this kind makes the guilty soul willing to sacrifice life itself if only the ungodly deeds of the past could be undone. True repentance for sin against God and man asks no special favors, pleads no merits of its own, and is willing to suffer loss if only pardon and mercy are granted that will restore the joy of salvation to the soul (Ps. 51:12). If we had more of this kind of repentance in these last days, we would see less up-and-down experiences and more stable souls that would be unmovable, steadfast, and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

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Foxgloves, Fury

AND PENTECOST

By E. E. Wordsworth*

I HAVE a good Christian neighbor who takes great pride in his garden. He has lived in this particular home for over thirty-four years and during these years he has built up the soil so that it is quite productive. Just today I saw the beans, peas, carrots, cabbage, lettuce, and other vegetation in vigorous growth, and also a profusion of lovely variegated flowers. It is the supreme joy of my neighbor to produce a good garden crop of vegetables and to display the colorful flowers which to him represent great care, interest, pride, and joy. He literally spends many hours day by day in the object of his love.

But last night a rude, naughty boy of the neighborhood deliberately came by the fenced garden and reached over and snatched many of the beautiful foxglove flowers from their stems

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and threw them on the ground. My neighbor is sure he knows the boy who is guilty of this misconduct, for one such lad has the habit of doing wrong things. So I was called over to hear the story of this mischievous boy and to learn my neighbor's reaction. Said he, "I was so mad at that boy I could have strangled him to death."

We most certainly disapprove of the boy's meanness, but our good Christian neighbor had a wrong spirit about the whole incident. Yes, he sings in the choir, pays liberally to his church, is an official in good standing, and a fine neighbor in every respect; but when crossed and treated wrongfully he shows evidences of the carnal mind. No, he would not drink liquor nor swear nor commit any of the well-known public sins because he is a Christian; but under provocation he shows anger, hate, and a revengeful spirit. His church teaches that there remaineth "that infection of nature in those that are regenerate."

How different with Christ on the cross, and Stephen when being stoned! Sanctification takes out the very spirit of carnality, and perfect love is implanted within. We recognize wrong, but forgive and forget and love.

BOOKS IN REVIEW*

A Vessel unto Honor, by Orval J. Nease, Beacon Hill Press

Most of us heard Dr. Nease preach when he was among us. And, oh, how we miss the ringing challenge, clear and clean; how we miss the heart-stirrings and the moistened eye! The best we can do is to offer you this book of several sermons and, tucked in for good measure, a brief life sketch. But when you read these sermons you feel sure that he is still standing there with his square-jawed sincerity and his beaming face. He knew no compromise but he was brimming full of compassion. He stood uncompromisingly like the mighty rocky peaks, but around him blew the soft breezes of human understanding and it mellowed his ministry. As a result children loved to hear him preach and old veterans shouted him on. You will be glad for a long time that I recommended this series of sermons from him who has gone on to his reward.

Building a Bridge to a Better World, by Paul T. Culbertson, Beacon Hill Press

This is a case where the title does not do full justice to the contents. You just have to see the colorful, picture covers to rightfully appreciate this book. There are four full-page, striking views of the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco, California. This miracle of modern bridge-building becomes the illustration upon which the entire book is built.

Dr. Culbertson gathers a wealth of interesting material in chapter one relative to this majestic bridge which leaps the turbulent waters of the Golden Gate. Read this and you will surely want to visit the Gate sometime and cross this thrilling bridge. But the author does not represent any Chamber of Commerce; he applies all the interesting information to the various phases of the Christian life. Note some of the chapter headings: "Christ's Blueprint for Life," "Life's Solid Rock Founda-

tion," "Living with a Safety Factor," "Consistent Attention to Upkeep."

You will know much more about bridge-building, and also much more about life-building, if you will read this worth-while book.

The Flood, by Alfred M. Rehwinkel, Concordia Publishing House

Do you have young people who are facing the teachings of evolution in high school or college? Is their faith in the Genesis account of creation and the story of the flood being assailed by unbelieving teachers? Then I recommend to you this fresh and scholarly book. It is written in a popular style and is readable for the broad masses, yet it is carefully written and contains irrefutable evidence that the flood as described in the Bible can account for the geological formations that we see in the world. What evolutionists insist must have happened through untold millions of years relative to human and animal life, Dr. Rehwinkel proves can and did happen in the great catastrophe that we know as the flood. Read it to be informed; read it to be thrilled.

The Miracle of Divine Healing, by Basil Miller, Beacon Hill Press

Here is a much-needed book, for in recent years there has been an extreme healing emphasis by certain groups that has brought reproach on any kind of divine healing. We holiness folk, especially, have shied away, and the impression has gotten out that holiness and healing just don't go together.

Dr. Miller treats the whole matter of divine healing in a conservative manner. He shows clearly that healing is only conditionally in the atonement, and that it is better to seek God's will than to seek one's own physical well-being. There are numerous illustrations of healing that will encourage the faith of all who read. Chapter seven, "Living the Healed Life," is worthy of special attention. It should be read by all who struggle day by day on a narrow margin of nervous energy.

*Any of the books listed here may be ordered direct from the Nazarene Publishing House

FROM ALL that we read in the newspapers and magazines and hear over the radio, the election campaigns—presidential, senatorial, and otherwise—are getting hot. That's good! I hope that they get so hot that all of the rottenness and scum will be boiled to the top. Already plenty of corruption has been brought to the surface, and a lot of people are needed to get their ladles and skim it off.

However, I still say that the people are largely to blame for the messes that our governmental leaders get us into. Of course, we sometimes get fooled, but that shouldn't happen often if we vote, and vote intelligently and right.

The ballot is one of the greatest gifts of a true democracy, and, complain as we may about present conditions, we continue to have the free ballot. This means that I can cast my ballot on election day for anybody I wish to, and that my vote will count as much as that of any other person—high or low, rich or poor, learned or unlearned. The ballot is the supreme, or final, power in a real democracy.

I hope that the election campaigns will get so hot that all who have the right to vote will register and then have the grit to go to the polls and vote intelligently and right. In the last presidential election only 52 per cent of those who were eligible bothered about registering and voting. Then when you add to those who did not vote those who voted carelessly, you can see how it is very easy to blame the people for any trouble we may have in government. He who could vote but doesn't and he who votes unintelligently or without respect for the right has no ground for complaining about the result of the elections.

Liquor Advertisements

LIQUOR ADS are expensive, and I am not surprised that some well-known magazines fall a prey to the dollars they bring in. *Life* and *Time* magazines are published by the same company, and during 1951 this company netted nearly thirteen million dollars from liquor ads which appeared in these two magazines. *Collier's* magazine received more than three million dollars from liquor ads during the same period. Thank God, there is another side to this picture. The *Reader's Digest*, the *Ladies' Home Journal*, and the *Saturday Evening Post* refuse to carry liquor advertising.

There are three reasons I mention these facts. First, I congratulate all magazines, newspapers, radio stations, and other advertising mediums which have the moral courage to turn down liquor advertisements. Second, every now and then I hear from those who want to know about high-class magazines and even other advertising mediums which do not have any liquor advertising

in them. I am glad that there are such people still living in this world and am delighted to give them this bit of information that will help to answer their questions. Third, I want to call the attention of the readers of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* to the fact that intoxicating liquors are just as devilish as they ever were. This is true in spite of the fact that they are advertised through many so-called respectable channels and sold almost everywhere—taverns, liquor stores, drugstores, and grocery stores—to the disgrace of all Christians and other respectable people. Every liquor ad and every place where liquor is sold is an insult to decent people.

Justification, Regeneration, and Reformation

SINCE SUNDAY, October 26, is Reformation Sunday, our thoughts turn again to the Reformation. This all-important return to primitive Christianity—Christianity as Christ and the apostles gave it to the world, repudiated a church system which was unchristian and despotic. Truly, the Reformation brought in an era of emancipation, or liberation, for the sin-cursed soul. Under the old system there was no freedom from guilt for the sin-burdened soul. He who comes and confesses to a human mediator goes away without peace; the condemnation is still with him.

The Lutheran Reformation was a general religious and social movement based on justification by faith, freedom from the guilt of one's actual sins through faith in Jesus Christ. One of Luther's great texts was "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1). The justification by faith brought peace with God, and the soul could say: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:1).

To say that the Reformation was founded on justification by faith on the part of the individual does not tell the whole story. It is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough. Luther's special emphasis was upon justification by faith, but the Christian teaching implies more than that. Justification is a divine act which clears up man's past record, something done for man, but outside of him. Still, it is always accompanied by a regeneration, a re-creation within the personality. Thus, old things pass away and all things become new. In the strictest sense, it is this regeneration—this passing from the deadness of sins and trespasses to newness of spiritual life—that results in a changed life, a reformation, for the in-

Stephen S. White

dividual. This individual reformation brings on a religious, moral, and social reformation—a new order in the church and society. Justification, regeneration, and reformation individually and socially—this is the order, and it cannot be reversed. The divine process never begins with reformation!

BIBLE WEEK

OCTOBER 20 to 26 is National Bible Week. It is fitting for this emphasis to come during the same month that the Reformation is celebrated. Reformation Sunday, October 26, and Bible Week go well together. Under Roman Catholicism, the church had become the supreme authority, and the Bible had to a large extent been forgotten. With the Reformation, the final authority was transferred to the Bible, and each individual had a right to read and interpret it for himself. This does not mean that the church had no place or function. It still existed and was of great importance to the individual Christian from the standpoints both of doctrine and of life. It formulated its creeds on the basis of the teachings in the Bible and was ever ready to direct the thinking of its members. Nevertheless, with the coming of the Reformation it ceased to be the supreme dictator for its members in belief and conduct.

This change from the church to the Bible is in line with the teaching of the Word itself. The Psalmist gives us a statement as to the general value of the Word. It reads thus: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps. 119:105). In Hebrews 4:12 the power of the Word is vividly set forth in these words: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Then there is the climactic teaching as to the inspiration and function of the Word which is given in

II Timothy 3:16-17, as follows: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." The invisible Church is the bride of Christ, but neither it nor the visible or earthly Church is given the place of authority and finality which is bestowed upon the Word in the passages which I have just quoted.

And while emphasizing Bible Week and the importance of the Bible, I would not forget to call to your attention again the "Bible-Emphasis Year" which our church is inaugurating. It begins with Thanksgiving, 1952, and closes with Bible Sunday, 1953. Remember also that four things are being stressed during this Bible-Emphasis Year—*read, carry, study, and memorize* the Bible. This is one of the best programs inaugurated by our church—let's do our part to make it a success.

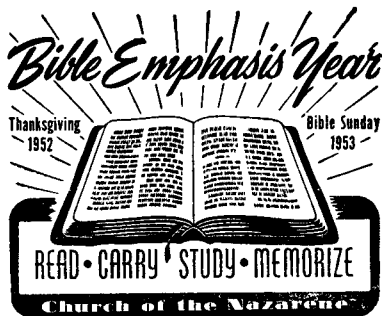
Life's Most Important Questions

A FEW DAYS ago I had the privilege of hearing Dr. Eugene B. Hawk preach again. It had been about thirty-five years since I sat under his ministry at Walnut Springs, Texas. Then he was the pastor of the Methodist Church, South, where my parents, brothers and sisters, and I were members. Also, General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers' father was Sunday-school superintendent. Now Dr. Hawk is the executive vice-president of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas.

In the course of the interesting and helpful message which Dr. Hawk brought, he told of visiting Bishop John M. Moore when he was nearing death's door. The Bishop had lived a long and useful life and now must move on beyond this life. On that occasion, he revealed to Dr. Hawk that there were just two questions he was interested in then: Is God real, and is life everlasting? The honors men had bestowed upon him and the wrongs some might have done him had little significance in that hour, as well as many other experiences in life.

All of us will face the hour of death as did Bishop Moore. He had reasons within, or from the heart, that made him believe that God is real and life is everlasting, and he could take his departure without fear. My friend and reader, could you take your leave of this life with the same confidence if you were called on to do it now?

"We get to know God by communion with Him. God speaks to man through His Word. Man speaks to God through prayer. Prayer is to the soul what breath is to the body. We must be diligent in our prayer life if we would live effective Christian lives."—*Selected.*



CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy J. Smees, Secretary

Portland Conference

I HAVE just returned to the office from a trip to the west coast. The first "grass roots" conference for the Crusade for Souls was held in Portland, Oregon, First Church. It was a bi-district affair, Oregon Pacific and Washington Pacific districts co-operating under the leadership of District Superintendents McGraw and Seals. Ninety per cent of the pastors with many of their Sunday-school superintendents and laymen were in attendance. For two days four lectures a day were given by Dr. S. T. Ludwig and Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, pastor of University Avenue Church in San Diego. Monday night it was my privilege to bring the keynote address. Tuesday night Dr. Lauriston J. Du Bois preached; and Dr. John Riley, newly elected president of Northwest Nazarene College, preached on Wednesday, the closing night, to a full house. These men presented the Crusade program with emphasis, and in such a spirit that everyone present agreed that the Crusade for Souls is the answer to a sterile church. The co-operation and beautiful spirit manifested by the two district superintendents and the mingling of the pastors and people from the two districts were most wholesome. Many testified that the conference brought to them the light of a new day in the matter of personal soul winning, and every pastor went home with a greater determination to encourage his people to become soul winners.

Already we have had numbers of letters from district superintendents suggesting their desire for such conferences in their areas. Three other conferences are now in the planning stage. It is my hope and desire that there will not only be multiple district conferences, but as a result of the ever-mounting flame of enthusiasm, single districts and zones in the various districts will conduct instruction and inspirational conferences until every church and every Nazarene will get a vision of the tremendous possibilities when we thus harness our forces.

On the way home from the Pacific coast we made a "whistle stop" at Grand Junction, Colorado, where we had one night and an all-day zone meeting on the western slope of the Colorado District. All the churches participated and we had a splendid crowd for every service. District

Superintendent C. B. Cox, whose zeal for home missions is intense, asked us to speak on the Crusade for Souls and home missions, and also to raise home missionary money. The result of the meeting will put at least \$2,500.00 into the hands of the district superintendent for home missionary advancement.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Japan Reports Successful Campaign

In August Brother Oye, Brother Shepherd, three of our Bible school boys, and I made an evangelistic tour of our works in Hokkaido—now five in all. God gave wonderful services both in the children's work and in the adult services. Brother and Sister Shepherd and the national workers are doing a real work for the Lord there. We had the privilege of dedicating the new church buildings at Kamiashibitsu and at Teshikaga. We also had baptismal services at each of these places.

Brother Oye performed a double wedding at Kamiashibitsu on our return trip. The two couples, all Christians, had waited until the church was finished so that they could have the ceremony in the church. It was the first Christian wedding in that town and the first in the Church of the Nazarene in Hokkaido. After the exchange of vows, Brother Oye preached a sermon on the Christian home—to a packed auditorium and to the crowd outside. He is a man filled with wisdom and the Holy Ghost, and we are happy that God has allowed him to be in the school and have such an important part in training our future ministers. The most gratifying part of the journey and ministry was the good number who prayed through and the larger number who gave their names and addresses as being desirous of becoming Christians. We feel that much seed was planted that will yet bear fruit.—HARRISON DAVIS, *Japan*.

Campaign Totals

Supplementing the report of the evangelistic tour made in Japan and reported above are the following facts submitted by Doyle Shepherd, one of the members of the group. The tour took twenty days, during which

I am thrilled with the progress being made on the Colorado District. By the time you read this, Brother Cox will have organized two new churches since the General Assembly. He fully expects to reach his quota of sixteen churches for the quadrennium, and with the high spirit of enthusiasm in our meeting at Grand Junction, I am sure this will be a minimum rather than a maximum.

The rate of home missionary organizations being reported is very encouraging. Let us not let down in our efforts. We must see one thousand new churches this quadrennium.

102 hours were spent in travel. Forty-nine services of all types were conducted, with a total of 5,493 persons attending. Of this number 229 came forward for special prayer. Eight were baptized and taken into the church, and 4 were married. A total of 8,700 tracts and 200 Bible portions were distributed.

Brother Shepherd concludes his report by stating, "When the tour was completed we were somewhat weary in body, but we were happy in our souls that we had had a small part in teaching a few more about Jesus, the greatest Friend man can have. We praise God for the victories!"

Winter in Africa

This is wintertime and a lazy blue-gray haze hangs over the mountains on either side of us much of the time. It is very dry and the grass is a golden brown. Everything is dusty and dirty under foot and the dust does not stay on the ground. The leaves are falling. Our seasons are not so well defined as they are in America or Great Britain. The leaves continue to fall many times until the new ones begin to appear, so for months the trees present a rather undecided appearance, the leaves not knowing whether to fall or stay on the trees. Almost every night and especially on the clear, moonlit nights we hear the drums beating in one direction or another. The people are not very busy these days. The crops, such as they were, are harvested and it is too dry to plow. Many Africans are making mud bricks for new huts or carrying grass for new roofs.

Since this is a good time for tent meetings, Mr. Hayse has two tent campaigns going a short distance from the mission station. Three of the boys who were here before to help Mr. Graham in the tent campaigns are

now on holiday from the Bible school at Stegi and are helping in these meetings. We are trusting God truly to use them and cause many to be awakened to their need of a Saviour.—KATHYREN DIXON, Transvaal, South Africa.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for October 26: Doing God's Will
Scripture: Matthew 7 (Printed, Matt. 7:12, 15-27)

A Guatemalan Macedonia

The field here is interesting and different. It is largely low and hot and most of the villages are built around lakes. The Island of Flores—the capital of Peten—is a clean city on a hill of rocks. We have a nice little church here, but at present it is without a pastor. Several women graduates of our Bible school who are tied to different family responsibilities help here with the services. They are even contemplating building a new church—they don't discourage easily. Across the larger part of the lake is San Andres, also without a pastor, but they are carrying on with their W.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. and also are trying to get a new church started in a neighboring community. I visited and preached in this village—crossing by canoe with the group in five different canoes in the evening—and it was like a dream to see the people pouring out of their thatched-roof houses to assemble on the lake shore under the stars to hear the Word of God. One young man accepted Christ this night. I couldn't help being reminded of the life of Christ along the shore of Galilee, and rejoiced that He still is with us as we visit those He loved and died for. Here in Santa Elena the believers are also working without a pastor. A layman is helping, but they surely need a consecrated leader here too. Help us pray for men burdened with a call to this Macedonia.—EVELYN VERHOEK, Guatemala.

GOLDEN TEXT: *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven (Matt. 7:21).*

I don't know who gave the name **GOLDEN RULE** to Matthew 7:12 but it has stuck like a leech, until the name is now better known than the wording of the scripture. Jesus was a Master at stating great truths in simple and unforgettable words, and the Golden Rule is perhaps the most famous. Here Christians are urged to operate their spiritual lives on the *Gold Standard*, and we are really only spiritually solvent when we do operate on the Gold Standard. Observing the Golden Rule is the short cut to the will of God for each of us.

The Golden Rule is basically generous. The very first word of Matthew 7:12 is "therefore," and this is usually omitted. However it is very important, for it relates the Golden Rule to the previous verse (Matt. 7:11), which speaks of God's spirit of generosity. "If ye then, being evil [human and limited in ability], know how to give good gifts . . . how much more shall your Father . . . give good things?" The "how much more" is the measure of divine generosity, and

it speaks of depths and lengths beyond human knowledge. For, you see, God is never limited by lack of resources, only by our unworthiness to receive. So the Golden Rule urges a generosity that outflanks our enemies and dulls their attacks.

Then too, *the Golden Rule is specifically active.* We know that other religions have had similar commands in their writings but they have all been stated in the negative sense—"Do not hurt," or, "Do not avenge." But Christ strikes out a distinctively new path for Christianity by putting the Golden Rule in the positive and active mood. Jesus is really saying, Do not merely deny to others any harm, but pour out on them positive kindness—in fact, the very kind and amount of kindness that you would like to receive for yourself. So the Christian is urged to go on a hunt for opportunities to kill his enemies with kindness and to smother his persecutors with heaps of thoughtfulness.

All things considered, I agree that we would be wise to stay on the *Christian Gold Standard*.

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Religious News and Comments

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THE SHINING WAY

By Frieda S. Dause

*When first I started on the Way,
The path was dim.
I cautiously walked step by step
To follow Him.*

*But as I daily read His Book—
Road Map Divine—
A radiant light upon my path
Began to shine.*

*And as I travel steadily
Upon this Way,
His light illumines the hills and curves
At night or day.*

*I know there still are beauteous views
Hid from my sight,
That perfect day will reveal to me
In a blaze of light.*

THE NEW nation, Israel, is making rapid strides toward maturity, showing itself able to profit by the experiences of others. This is evident in its provisions for citizenship. The Law of Return of 1950 reasserts the right of Jews to return to Palestine, their ancient homeland. On July 14, 1952, a new nationality law went into effect. This law grants automatic citizenship to all legal residents who registered with the Israeli government on March 1, 1952, as well as to Jewish emigrants who have entered the country since July 14. Non-Jews must undergo a waiting period, but are privileged to apply for citizenship.

At Lancaster, Pennsylvania, the Amish people are once more in trouble over their refusal to obey the state school law. Many Amish students who graduate from the eighth grade and are over fourteen years old are

kept from high school by their parents to work on the farm. In 1950, thirty-four Amish parents were jailed for this, and again have school boards deliberating about what to do.

Lack of funds is the reason given for leaving out the prayer room for the United Nations General Assembly Building. No funds have been appropriated for that purpose. Regardless of how little or how much such a room were used, the very fact of its inclusion would mean a great deal as a symbol, like the religious inscriptions on our coins.

The Christian and Temperate Insurance Company of Houston, Texas, received its charter in June, 1952, and has already over a thousand policies issued. It serves a restricted clientele: those who are members in a Christian church and are total abstainers from

alcohol. It is operated by the Hammond brothers, A. E. and Ralph. A. E. is a Baptist and Ralph is a Methodist. One advantage of the company's restrictions is the ability to offer insurance at greatly reduced rates.

The wholesomeness of submitting actions and ideas to public scrutiny is illustrated by what happened in connection with a whiskey petition at Decatur, Alabama. The petition called for a referendum on legalized whiskey in Morgan County, Alabama, and was circulating for names to be added until a Methodist minister announced that he intended to broadcast the names of all persons who signed the petition on his regular Sunday radio program. He could do this because the law requires that these names must be available to the public, but didn't have to do it.

United Presbyterians are holding the line on refusing to remarry unscripturally divorced persons. A year ago their General Assembly refused to permit its ministers to remarry persons divorced on grounds of desertion. More recently it rejected a proposal to liberalize the remarrying of divorced persons.

The Sabbath is a holy day in Israel—private vehicles there are compelled to rest on the Sabbath.

At least three religious institutions have applied for licenses to operate commercial TV stations: Loyola University (Catholic) of New Orleans; the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, Clayton, Missouri; and the Baptist General Convention, Corpus Christi, Texas.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *Is it in harmony with the doctrine of our church for a Nazarene pastor to preach that healing is in the atonement equally with salvation, that it is always God's will to heal, and that sickness is caused by evil spirits?*

A. No! And further, it is difficult for me to believe that any Nazarene pastor is preaching such views. The Church of the Nazarene believes in divine healing very decidedly but not in the particular teachings about it which you have set forth above.

Q. *We are not near enough to a Church of the Nazarene to attend all of the services and for our children to be a part of the group. From the standpoint of doctrine what other denomination would you consider best to take a family of children to? I do want my children to have Christian associates.*

A. The Free Methodist, Pilgrim Holiness, Wesleyan Methodist, and Congregational Methodist churches are some of those churches whose doctrinal positions are about the same as ours. They are deeply spiritual churches and will be a blessing to your family. You and your family ought to be in church regularly, and if you can't get to a Church of the Nazarene, by all means attend one of these churches if there is one nearby.

Q. *Should one tithe tax refunds?*

A. Not if you have already tithed the money with which you paid your taxes. You should have tithed your total net income before you paid any taxes and if you did this you are not obligated to tithe any refunds which are received.

Q. *Should a person tithe insurance money which has been received? I had had my policy for only four months and received more than ten times as much as I had put into it—even though it did not pay up in full, but I certainly would have been much more in debt if I had not received it.*

A. We must never be just legalistic in dealing with the business of tithing. We must not be ready to consign someone to hell because he does not handle some of these matters exactly as we think he should. Nevertheless, if a person knows what he has paid out on an insurance policy, as you do, and knows also that it is much less than what he received, then it seems to me that it would show a fine spirit on his part if he would tithe what he has made. It also appears to me that this would be the reasonable thing to do. On the other hand, if a person has been paying for years on a policy and no record has been kept by anyone, then I would not be so technical or legalistic as to condemn those receiving the insurance money if they did not tithe it. Bear in mind the fact that God is not hunting for a chance to condemn His children.

Q. *When one party to a marriage (under pressure) confesses to infidelity to the other party and admits that this infidelity has occurred more than once, does the innocent party have a right to get a divorce and remarry?*

A. According to the position of our church the innocent party does have a right to get a divorce and remarry. It bases its stand on Matt. 5:32 and 19:9. Mark 10:2-12 is not so clear on this point, but I believe that it can be interpreted in harmony with the two passages in Matthew when taken in the context of the New Testament teaching as a whole.

Q. *We have recently called a new pastor, but our trouble is this. Our former pastor went to a nearby town as pastor, and he took with him several of our church people—even some of our members. It is hurting our church and causing a great deal of concern. Do you think that he has done the right thing in encouraging these people to follow him?*

A. First, let me say that the pastors in our church who do such as this represent a very small minority. Thank God, the vast majority of our pastors are not guilty of this. Of course it is not right for this pastor

NO GOD?

By Florence L. Clark

"There is no God," he cried.

My heart stood still—
No God? What use is life?
What danger hell?

No God? Who made the earth,
The moon, the sky?
Who made the oceans deep,
The mountains high?

No God? Who made mankind?
Who gave me life?
Who watches over me
In times of strife?

No God? No hope? No light?
How can it be?

God sent His only Son
To rescue me!

There is a God, I know!
You cannot see—
But everywhere I go
He goes with me!

He lives within my heart,
I know He's there.
He is my dearest Friend.
He answers prayer!

"No God"—forgive him, Lord.
Help him to see
That he can have the God
Who lives with me!

to do what you say he has done. I have occasionally heard a former pastor claim that he just couldn't keep his people from following him. As a rule, this is not the truth. In ninety-

nine cases out of a hundred, a former pastor can keep his people from following him if he wants to. I've pastored a good many years myself and I know what I am talking about.

Fort Smith, Arkansas—First Church is on the march and going forward for God, souls, and missions. The church and friends of the church have been very good to their pastor and family. They have given us a substantial increase in salary, and have extended to us a unanimous call for three years. Our church board has unanimously voted to join the group of churches paying 10 per cent for missions. It has been a privilege to serve so many of our service men, who have attended our services from nearby Camp Chaffee. If any of our HERALD readers have loved ones in Camp Chaffee, send me their names and addresses, and I will do my best to contact for the church.—Harvey E. Rathbun, Pastor.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Huntington, West Virginia—Sunday, September 7, was one of the great days in the history of First Church. As the morning service began there was a deep sense of God's presence. The singing portion of the worship service had the touch of heaven upon it. Verlin Lee, our choir director, had concluded the song service, and a testimony meeting ensued. God's glory began to fall upon His people—they shouted, laughed, and cried. There was no sermon preached by the pastor that morning. People began to come to the altar of prayer until it was practically filled. All of them prayed through to good victory. One of the young ladies who prayed through said, "For two weeks I have been so miserable I could hardly live." Another said, "I knew something would happen if I would stay for the morning service." Still another said: "I have been backslidden for years and have been miserable. I was walking the streets this morning wondering what church I should attend. Then I met a lady coming to this church and she asked me to come with her. So I came. I'm glad I did. Jesus has taken me back. It is wonderful. I am happy." We are grateful to God for this wonderful manifestation of His presence.—James A. Hamilton, Pastor.

Rev. G. H. Webb, evangelist, writes, "I am arranging my slate for the winter months, and would prefer to have meetings in the Southern states, but will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, Route 4, Weiser, Idaho."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor S. T. Sumners of Wellston Church, St. Louis, has 200 members, and a Sunday school of 250. We had an unusual week in a Christian Service Training course. Good crowds, great interest, with more than 40 credits given, and 60 people signed pledges for some kind of service in the building of the school. We used the text *The Golden Stairs*, by Dr. John E. Riley. It ought to be used in every school. Scores of people listened to the text with great profit, with no thought of receiving credit. Pastor Sumners is studious, humorous, and devout, with vision and ability to carry on a departmentalized school. It was a delight to be with this school and pastor again. Vision, work, atmosphere, co-operation, agitation, and salvation will build a school. A fine altar service Sunday night closed a fine week."

ANNOUNCEMENT

Upon unanimous request of the North Carolina District Assembly and after consultation with the Board of General Superintendents and the District Advisory Board, Dr. Lloyd B. Byron has been appointed superintendent of the North Carolina District. Prayer for his success in this great harvest field is solicited.

G. B. WILLIAMSON
General Superintendent

Lanett, Alabama—In September we had a good, two-week revival with Evangelist Mason Lee. His Spirit-anointed messages greatly strengthened the church, and also 143 people bowed at the altar of prayer. With Rev. Gordon Winchester as our pastor, God is wonderfully blessing in all phases of our church work here in Lanett.—Marion Boykin, Reporter.

Evangelist J. L. Woolman writes: "Because of a change in pastors I have a cancellation, November 5 to 16. I will be in south Texas and would like to slate this time in south or east Texas. Write me, 209 North Hammond, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Grenola, Kansas—We are still rejoicing and praising God for victories won in our recent revival with Rev. Dave Hall, chalk-artist and evangelist. Surely the Lord anointed and blessed his preaching. Among others who came to our altars was a young schoolteacher who was saved; and now since the revival we have had the privilege of praying her through to entire sanctification. God is good. Our Sunday school is growing and we are encouraged in the work of the Kingdom.—Kenneth Hull, Pastor.

Evangelist R. A. Isbell writes, "I will close a revival on November 16, at Oakland, Maryland, then have open time until Christmas. I would like to slate these two days somewhere between Maryland and Louisiana; will go anywhere for freewill offerings. I have a marvelous experience of being healed of the most powerful cancer known to medical science. God is especially using this experience for His glory. Write me, 622 N. Ave. G. Crowley, Louisiana."

Nampa, Idaho—A glorious eight-year pastorate was closed on Sunday, September 14, when Dr. John E. Riley conducted his final services as pastor of the College Church. There were 779 in Sunday school and the auditorium, which seats 1,600, was comfortably filled for the worship services. These have been eight fruitful years. Dr. Riley has received 966 into church membership, in addition to ministering to hundreds of college students. A wide radio ministry has won many friends for the church. Perhaps the most tangible tribute to Dr. Riley's ministry is the beautiful new church edifice, which has been evaluated conservatively at \$375,000.00. This lovely sanctuary came into being through the vision and leadership of Dr. Riley, who, under God, led the people to sacrifice and labor heroically. In one thirty-month period, \$105,000.00 in cash was given for the building fund. Even during the years of building, the church maintained a minimum of 10 per cent giving to the General Budget and missions. The years have seen many victories. Last year \$25,000.00 in cash was raised toward debt reduction, and our mortgage is now \$63,000.00, spread over twelve years and owed to our own people. Best of all, there have been souls at the altar and times of wonderful victory at the "Morning Watch"—a 6:30 a.m. prayer service. College Church has been and is a united, growing church. During all the years of his pastorate, Dr. Riley received only five negative votes. The prayers and best wishes of the congregation follow him as he assumes his new duties as president of Northwest Nazarene College. No summary of Dr. Riley's work would be complete without including the loyal and devoted service of Mrs. Riley. Her faithful ministry in the hospital has brought blessing to many; her flowers have enhanced the beauty of the church. She has been much sought after as a counselor for prospective brides. All this, plus her personal charm, has made her an ideal teacher for the College Shepherdess Class, a group of wives of young ministerial students. The church has called Rev. Eugene Stowe to succeed Dr. Riley as pastor.—Thelma B. Culver, Church Secretary.

After our worshipping for several years in a basement chapel, God has blessed our efforts and given us a fine new church, pictured here. Starting with only a few hundred dollars in the building fund, we have erected a building worth upwards to \$70,000.00. Today, one year after the laying of the cornerstone, we have a debt of less than \$20,000.00, with a membership of less than seventy. Our tithes and offerings for the year just closed were \$19,640.00. We thank God for His help and many blessings. We believe we have one of the finest churches on this new district—snow-white pilasters, sills, open-timbered trusses, natural-wood finish, and Bedford-stone entrance. Dr. G. B. Williamson dedicated our new church on August 17,

Eureka, Illinois



bringing a great message to inspire us to do yet greater things for God in the years to come. This is our fourth

year at Eureka—truly, we never have served a more wonderful people.—J. Edward Ferguson, Pastor.

Brantford, Ontario—We have recently had a grand revival meeting with Rev. and Mrs. Dorrance Nichols as our evangelists. Much good was done in these meetings, and the church was greatly blessed; some prayed through to victory, and all our people were helped. The Nicholsons are fine people and we are glad that they were able to be with us. Their music and songs are always a great blessing, and Brother Nichols is a fine preacher of the Word. We appreciated this good, earnest evangelistic party.—L. E. Sparks, Pastor.

Evangelist Fred W. Fetters writes, "I have November 26 to December 8 open. Write me, % Nazarene Publishing House."

There are seventeen Bloomingtons, but I am reporting for the one in California. The skies were never brighter and the future more promising than they are at this writing. Subdivisions are going in all around us and people are moving into the neighborhood. We are in our fifth year as pastor of this church, and it is in better condition than ever. We purposely planned to beat the summer slump and we did it. In spite of our losses we had an 11 per cent increase in enrollment, and a 25 per cent increase in average attendance over the same period last year. We kept well above our annual average. We have been busy with some improvements, and we have some plans being drawn for a series of buildings. We have an

enrollment of more than two hundred fifty and we are not prepared to take care of that many. We can easily increase our enrollment if and when we are prepared to house them. The Lord has been good to us and we are believing Him for greater things.—George C. Wise, Pastor.

Rev. M. E. Haynes writes: "I will have the privilege of conducting about three revivals this year, and will be glad to go anywhere. Wife will go with me, so we will both preach and sing. Write me, 403 E. Gibson Ave., McColl, South Carolina."

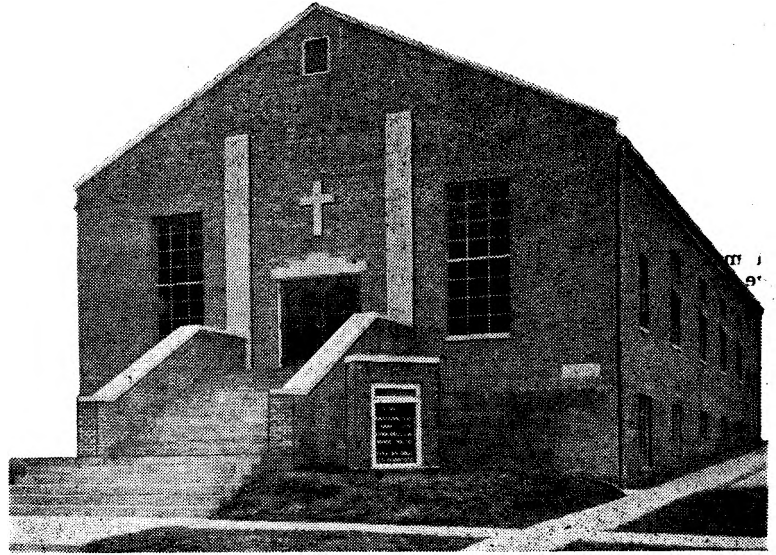
Kokomo, Indiana—God is good to First Church, and His blessings are upon us. The Lord recently gave us the best revival we have had in many years. Evangelist Fred Thomas was used by the Lord. The first Sunday morning during the second song God came, and twenty-five people sought and found victory at the altar. God continued with us and ten found victory on Sunday night. On Friday night the evangelist didn't get to preach; God came, Brother Thomas made the altar call, and many sought the Lord. Attendance was very good, new people were reached, and new members were received into the church. Sunday-school attendance is running thirty per Sunday above one year ago. Attendance in the regular services has been very good. The church is in the process of remodeling the building. A complete new gable roof, new ceiling, and light fixtures were installed last year. This year a new entrance has been made, art-glass windows are being installed, and the building veneered with Bedford Stone. It will be an estimated improvement of around \$50,000.00. Many have said, "It will be the most beautiful church in the city." During the year the young people sponsored the purchasing of a Hammond electric organ. Mrs. Millikan and I are enjoying the work with these good people. They are spiritual and co-operative. Best of all, God is with us.—M. K. Millikan, Pastor.

"Forgive us our sins: for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us."

Thou wilt cast their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19

Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Col 3:11

First Church, Springfield, Missouri



Certainly the Lord has blessed the people of Springfield First Church. Because of the loyalty and faithfulness of District Superintendent Jarrette Aycock, former pastors and people of this church, the Lord has advanced His cause here in a wonderful way. In September of 1949, Rev. Dean Baldwin came to be our pastor. Since that time, a nice, eight-room parsonage has been bought next to the church. The church building soon became too small for the growing congregation and the old building, with all the furnishings, was given to the district. Dr. Aycock moved the old building to Mt. Vernon and Scenic Drive, to start the Scenic Drive Church of the Nazarene. It has made unusual progress, under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Wendell Paris; they are now averaging around one hundred in Sunday school, in the ninth month of their operation. On May 20, 1951, our last Sunday in the old building, we had 200 in Sunday school. Then we went to a nearby school auditorium for ten months while the present building was being erected. We entered the new building on last April 13, with 300 present the first Sunday. The building is erected of solid masonry walls, with buff brick on the outside; it is 100 x 46 feet, with a full basement, which has a youth auditorium and eleven Sunday-school rooms. The building has an auditorium with seating capacity of 450; it is completely furnished with light oak furniture. There is a nursery completely furnished with plate-glass front and public address system. The building is heated by a gas furnace, which forces heat to all parts of the building. The building, valued at \$80,000.00 by the architect, was erected for approximately \$45,000.00; and the debt on

church and parsonage is less than \$23,000.00. This was made possible by the faithful work of our people, and by Mr. L. H. Britton, contractor—who did the work for the entire project without any pay whatsoever. The Lord helped in a wonderful way in the erection of this building, and it was dedicated on August 31 by Dr. G. B. Williamson. Dr. and Mrs. Williamson were with us in the morning service, and Mrs. Williamson blessed our hearts with her readings from the Word, and Dr. Williamson with his message. At the close of the morning service, Dr. Williamson raised ap-

proximately \$5,000.00 to pay off the mortgage on the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Britton, who had mortgaged their home to let the church have the money to finish the building. In the afternoon Dr. Williamson dedicated the church building in a very impressive service, with a capacity crowd. During the past three years, 105 members have been received into the church, the Sunday school has grown steadily each year, until in September of this year we averaged 190 in attendance. Pray for the work in the capital city of the Ozarks.—Margaret Ezell, Secretary.

West Frankfort, Illinois—Feeling definitely led of God, we accepted the call to pastor the church one year ago in July. We found a small but faithful group of Nazarenes, willing to go forward. The Lord has helped the church to show a steady gain along every line. From a Sunday-school attendance of around thirty when we came it has increased until we had eighty-six on September 21; this is the highest for ten years. New Sunday-school classes have been organized. A very successful vacation Bible school was held in June. Some improvements have been made on the church building, including a new heating system. Four good revivals have been held during the past fourteen months, the last one in September, with Evangelist Roy Lewis as the special worker. Many of the folks said this was the best revival the church had had for some time. Brother Lewis preached the full gospel in the old-fashioned way; our church appreciated his straight preaching and his fine spirit. Souls were blessed, and there were shouts of victory as seekers prayed through at the altar. A fine group of new people were added to the church membership on the closing Sunday of the meeting. At the prayer meeting

the following week, there were forty-five present, and some of our young people testified to having received new light and moving up closer to God. We have had the ordinances of the church regularly, including a baptismal service, which was of great blessing. We feel a new day has dawned for the West Frankfort church.—Willard Nabors, Pastor.

Rev. J. G. Wells writes: "I have accepted a call to pastor Knoxville First Church on the East Tennessee District. I served the Inglewood Church in Nashville for four years. This last year set new Sunday-school records in attendance, and an all-time record in cash raised for all purposes. More than fourscore members have been added to the church roll; two extension departments added to the church school work; new furniture purchased and installed in main auditorium, and the basement partitioned for Sunday-school rooms; also, a parsonage purchased, and the church debt reduced almost six thousand dollars. For a number of years the Lord has laid Knoxville on my heart, and I solicit your prayers as I assume my duties

there. If you have friends in or near Knoxville, write me at 211 Burnwell Avenue."

Rev. Robert B. Fowler writes: "Once more organized effort has paid off for Christ and souls. God has given us a fruitful field here at Norwich, Connecticut. Due to the excellent co-operation and wisdom of our district superintendent, and the district home-mission board, we have secured a fine chapel, complete, with full-size basement for Sunday-school purposes, and a lovely auditorium seating about 150. The building has been completely redecorated, painted inside and outside. We are now in a revival meeting, and already ten adults have bowed at a Nazarene altar for the first time, confessed their sins, and settled it to go with God. The church will be organized soon, with District Superintendent J. C. Albright as special speaker. This makes the fourth organization since January 1—at McDonald, Second Church at New Castle, and at Clearfield, Pennsylvania; Norwich, Connecticut, is number four. Please pray for us and this new work."

Evangelist L. E. Shaw reports: "This has been a good year both as to my own soul and in the ministry. God has given me a number of good meetings, from Illinois on the east, Texas on the south, and in Oklahoma, with many people saved and sanctified. Pastors and people have been kind enough to say the church has been helped much. We are entering the new year at Drumright, Oklahoma, and our slate is filling; anyone desiring our services may address us at Barnsdall, Oklahoma, Box 744."

God has enabled us to begin a Spanish work, which has now been taken over by the Colorado District. This work is now under the leadership of Rev. Eli Vaga, a Spanish Nazarene elder on our district. The past three Sundays, the Spanish Sunday school has averaged forty-nine in attendance. We have now begun the construction of our new church, which when completed should be valued at approximately forty to fifty thousand dollars. We praise God for His goodness and for the spiritual tide among our people.—E. J. Delve, Reporter.

Denver, Colorado—Central Church has enjoyed a year of God's blessing in every department. One year ago August 12, Rev. and Mrs. T. Hermon came to us from Canada. God has blessed their ministry in the church and on the district. All records both in church and Sunday school have been broken. In our Sunday school for the month of August, we had a gain of 233 per cent over a year ago, for which we do praise the Lord. For two months, our Sunday school has held both of the district banners (numerical and percentage). The N.Y. P.S., N.F.M.S., and prayer meetings have all shown an increase. Forty in attendance at our last prayer meeting causes us to realize that God's people are interested in the spiritual life of the church. We have already this year been able to make a gain in church membership of 17 per cent. Giving for the past assembly year was nearly \$3,000.00 over one year ago.

Evangelist Denver H. Brown writes: "I have an open date, November 19 to 30, and would like to slate this time in Texas, or nearby states. God is blessing my ministry, as I work with the Sunday-school and youth departments along with the regular services. Also, where a song director is needed, I can do that work. Write me, 2031 Layton St., Pasadena 7, California."

Denver, Colorado—First Church has had a good revival with Evangelist C. B. Fugett. He preached with earnestness in his inimitable way, and God blessed his ministry to the salvation of a goodly number of souls. On several occasions during the meeting the altar was filled with seekers, and on the closing night the altar overflowed with earnest seekers. We thank God for the blessing of this revival, and the souls who found spiritual help. Brother Paul Liddell did a good job in

leading the singing and in his special musical arrangements; he is an excellent worker, both as preacher and singer. We are now in the fifth year of our ministry with Denver First Church. We thank God for the good year He gave us during the last assembly year.—J. B. Miller, Pastor.

Naomi, Kentucky—Coming here the first day of May, we found a small group of people without a pastor. The Sunday school had run down; many were discouraged and had quit coming. We have just closed a revival with Rev. Tommie May, pastor at Jamestown, as evangelist. He is a wonderful man of God, a very humble man, and was a blessing to the church. We had a glorious time in the Lord, the church was revived, and souls prayed through to victory. The church was filled at every service, and a spirit of co-operation was felt among the members.—Oscar Lobb, Pastor.

Northeastern Indiana District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The tenth annual convention of the Northeastern Indiana N.Y.P.S. was held at the District Campgrounds, July 3 and 4. A Lamplighters' scripture memorization contest was held at a great Lamplighters' League Rally on the evening of July 3. Miss Maxine Cook was first place winner; Miss Ruth McCartney placed second; while Miss Lois Brown and Miss Leota Wrestler tied for third place. All of the contestants did remarkably well.

Preceding the contest, a half-hour concert of sacred music was presented by the Huntington Band. Members of the band also furnished music during the evening program.

On July 4, the new general N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. Ponder Gilliland, superintendent of the San Antonio District, brought three heart-searching and inspiring messages. In them, he made more tangible the thought that anyone and everyone can be a soul winner, if he is only willing. Each service was definitely characterized by the consciousness of the presence of God's Spirit.

Dr. Paul Updike, district superintendent, in behalf of the district, presented Rev. L. E. Tucker a gift of a brief case in appreciation of his faithful and successful service as district president. Rev. Robert E. Ross, pastor of the Elkhart Bresee Church, was elected as the new district president.

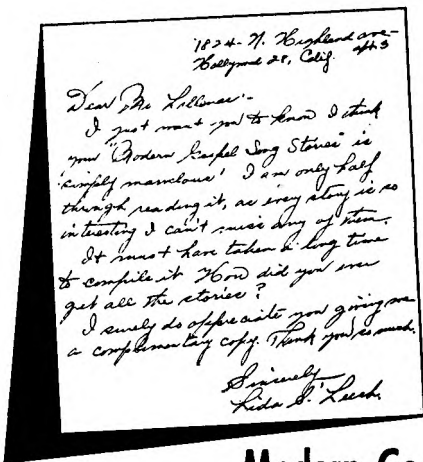
The quadrennial theme—"By My Spirit"—captivated the hearts of the delegates, and His Spirit pervaded every phase of the convention, giving promise of the best quadrennium in the history of our district.

ANNABELLE REESE, Secretary

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Southeast Oklahoma

The first Southeast Oklahoma District was held in the beautiful church edifice in Durant, Oklahoma, with Rev. B. H. Wooten and his fine people as the very gracious hosts.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided with much grace and efficiency. All who were privileged to attend this annual gathering were blessed and enriched by his anointed ministry, enthusiastic leadership, and spiritual fervor. An excellent spirit of harmony prevailed in the entire assembly.

Rev. Glen Jones, our much-appreciated district superintendent, gave a wonderful, comprehensive report of the activities of the year, and was re-elected by a large majority on the first ballot. A love offering of \$550.00 was presented to our highly esteemed district superintendent.

A very impressive ordination service was held on the closing night of the assembly, with the following receiving elder's orders: James Stewart, Cecil Burns, Joyce McMullen.

Rev. J. E. Lansdowne of Ada was elected district secretary, and Mr. Monroe Parker was elected as district treasurer. Rev. John Ellis was elected as the district church school board chairman.

During the wonderful conventions that preceded the assembly, Mrs. Earl Johnson was re-elected as the N.F. M.S. president, and Rev. Thomas Gilham was elected as the district N.Y. P.S. president.

Southeast Oklahoma Nazarenes are praising God for gracious victories and splendid progress, and we anticipate the year ahead with faith, confidence, and vision.

W. H. DEITZ, Reporter

Arkansas

District Assembly

The forty-fifth annual assembly of the Arkansas District convened at First Church, Little Rock, September 15 to 19, with Rev. Melza Brown as the host pastor. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presided in a capable fashion; he is loved and appreciated by the Arkansas people.

The Arkansas District formed two separate districts at the forty-fifth annual assembly; the formation of the two districts was authorized at the General Assembly held in Kansas City last June. Rev. W. H. Johnson was overwhelmingly elected to his office on the first ballot, for the new North Arkansas District, and Rev. W. L. French elected on the third ballot as superintendent of the new South Arkansas District.

Rev. Ernest Armstrong, pastor at Clovis, New Mexico, was the special assembly speaker. He brought inspiring messages on building holiness churches and digging out new churches.

Bethany-Peniell College was represented by Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president. We appreciate our school and what it is doing.

Rev. W. H. Johnson, superintendent, closing his report for the Arkansas

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District, showed an increase in membership, with general giving over \$28,000.00, and two newly organized churches, making a total of eleven new ones and three old ones reorganized while he was district superintendent. Pastors' reports showed faithful work on the part of preachers and laymen.

A magnanimous spirit prevailed, with love and unity throughout the assembly. The assembly closed on Friday with a beautiful and solemn service, as Dr. Powers ordained a class of preachers as elders: James Thomas Stickney, Earl Eugene Wasom, Charles Leroy Milburn, George Daniel Andrews, and Henry Samuel Jones, and recognition of elder's orders of Emma Margaret Daniels.

Both districts anticipate great things in the coming year.

J. F. HAMM, Reporter

Louisiana District Assembly

The forty-first assembly of the Louisiana District convened September 2 at the district grounds, Alexandria, with Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding. Dr. Powers' messages were inspiring and blessed of God, and his sweet spirit in handling the business of the assembly was a blessing to all present.

Rev. Elbert Dodd, district superintendent, gave a fine report of progress in all departments of the district work. Brother Dodd has endeared himself to the hearts of his people by his kind manner and efficiency in handling the progressive program and spiritual growth of the district. God's manifest blessings upon the district in a spirit of unity were expressed in the almost unanimous vote given Brother Dodd, this being his fourteenth year on the Louisiana District. Also, a fine love offering of \$700.00 was presented to Brother Dodd.

In the W.F.M.S. convention, Mrs. Elbert Dodd was re-elected as president. High lights of the convention were the challenging messages by Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt.

Preceding the assembly on Monday night, an enthusiastic Sunday-school rally was held, with Rev. Paul Pitts, district Sunday-school chairman, giving a wonderful report of gains in membership and increased attendance on the district. The N.Y.P.S. re-elected Rev. B. M. Loftin as the district president.

Rev. Curtis Smith was present to inspire our hearts with his report from Bethany-Peniel College, and we were delighted to have Mr. Stanley Whitcack to represent our publishing house.

Among the visitors present were Dr. John Stockton, general church treasurer; Rev. Ray Davis, evangelist; Rev. Paul H. Garrett, superintendent of Dallas District; Evangelist Spencer Johnson; and Mr. Moriarity from Indiana.

With the messages of challenge from the district and the general superintendent, and the faithful and loyal

spirit manifested by ministers and laymen of the district, we look forward to a good year in building the Kingdom on the Louisiana District.

Mrs. CHESTER PICKENS, Reporter

East Tennessee District Sunday-School Convention

Dr. Albert F. Harper was the special worker for the East Tennessee Sunday-School Convention, which met at the district campgrounds on September 2. Brother W. L. Elkins, district church school chairman, presided in such a way as to make the convention an inspiration and helpful time.

The average attendance for the district had climbed to 5,350. A goal of 7,000 was set for next year. The V.B.S. reports showed an average of 988 in average attendance and 128 converted. Brother Elkins was re-elected as district Sunday-school leader.

The three messages by Dr. Harper were high lights of the day. In the morning he spoke on "Why I Believe in the Sunday School"; the afternoon message was concerning the quadrennium "Program of Achievement"; and at night he used the theme "Go, Teach, Win." Dr. Harper's thought-provoking, Spirit-blessed messages settled deeply into our souls. There was the unanimous feeling that he was God's man for this convention. The wholehearted reception of Dr. Harper by the East Tennessee Nazarenes was evidenced by the prompt purchase of our publishing house agent's entire supply of *The Nazarene Sunday School*, his latest book.

Under the excellent leadership of Brother W. L. Elkins, chairman, and District Superintendent Victor E. Gray, the East Tennessee Sunday schools will march on to new victories in 1952-53.

K. W. PHILLIPS, Reporter

DARK HOUR

By Edna Hamilton

The stars
Were turned down low;
My heart
Was beating slow;
Hope was
At low tide—
But Faith
Stood by my side!

The time to manifest Christ to others is when we are in the reverses of life. Shining for God in the midst of trial and suffering is what reveals to the world that we are real Christians. God's grace can keep us radiant in the midst of life as it is. It is our radiant living that is a blessing to others. Oh, that the Holy Spirit may teach us this deep and wonderful lesson!—*Exchange*



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"I have been receiving the papers from the church regularly and they have been such a great help to me. I find when I am discouraged that I can find real spiritual help in the HERALD. Tonight as I was in the chapel, I met a boy who had been saved for a short time and it seemed that no church had taken any interest in him. I told him of my church and how the papers are sent to me and how my individual church wrote to me and sent boxes to me. I gave him my old HERALDS and he asked if I would write to see if they could be sent to him. I told him of holiness and he seemed interested in it. He told me that he had never heard of holiness before but would like to hear more. I feel like this is a great chance to win a man for the church. So please send the papers to him and anything on holiness."

FRANKLIN A. MATHIAS, an Airman

"We have just received your letter in regard to the literature which the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission has so thoughtfully forwarded each month since we have been in Japan. We have enjoyed it all so very much, and look forward to receiving the HERALD, especially, for there is often news of our friends as well as other church material.

"My husband and I are both members of the Walla Walla First Church. I am also a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, class of 1951. I have been in Japan since February of this year working for the Department of the Army here at Camp Kokura, Kyushu, Japan. We really are enjoying Japan a lot, although of course we miss our families and especially the home church. We attend the Army Chapel here each Sunday. "Two or three weeks ago I had a call from Chaplain Lyle Robinson as he passed through Japan on his way to Korea. He had just been to the General Assembly and gave us our first news of the elections, etc.

"As you can probably tell by this letter, we are homesick for our friends, especially Nazarene friends, and we always welcome any news from home and church.

"We would like to thank you once again for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, Conquest, and Come Ye Apart. We enjoy them so much. We appreciate the interest the church takes in her servicemen, and the many prayers that are offered daily for their safe return."

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North Carolina
District Assembly

The North Carolina District Assembly closed on Thursday night, September 25. There was a wonderful spirit of co-operation and unity, with good gains in all departments.

The report of District Superintendent C. E. Shumake (recently appointed as superintendent of the Alabama District) showed marvelous gains in all departments during his six years as our district leader. Numerically, all departments have doubled during Brother Shumake's excellent leadership—membership, Sunday-school enrollment, average Sunday-school attendance, etc. Financial gains have tripled in most instances; and the general giving from \$2,000.00 to \$11,000.00 this year (round figures).

We all appreciate the Shumakes and their fine work on the district. However, we look forward confidently to the future, believing God for bigger and greater things in the future.

Dr. G. B. Williamson presided with grace and dignity, endearing himself to the people of this district. The assembly voted to have Dr. Williamson appoint a district superintendent, and this announcement will be made as soon as possible.

The presence of God was manifest many times during the deliberations and worship services. We are grateful to Him for all His blessings.

A. H. JOHNSON, Reporter

DEATHS

CHARLES SHERMAN WELSH, a retired cabinet maker, died May 17, 1952, at Mason, Michigan. He was born March 30, 1865, in Moorsfield, Ontario, Canada. For a while he traveled for the Salvation Army. He was married to Carrie L. Hussey; to this union were born four children, two dying in infancy. In 1902 he moved to Michigan. Moving to Mason, he became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene here. He was always active in the work of building the Kingdom. Two children survive, Wray, and Bertha Higelmire. He kept the faith and was always a blessing to pastor and people. Interment was made in the Mason cemetery.

MRS. OLIVE S. FRY (nee Underhill) was born July 10, 1862, near Rushville, Illinois, and died August 20, 1952, at the home of her son in Pasadena, California. In 1881 she was united in marriage to Oliver P. Fry, with whom she lived happily for more than sixty-nine years. To this union were born nine children. Mother Fry was converted early in life, and lived a consistent Christian life. When the Bethel Church of the Nazarene was organized in Eastern Colorado in 1914, she with her husband and some of their children became charter members. Her husband died in 1950. She is survived by four sons and three daughters. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. Jerry McClain, pastor of Central Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, assisted by Dr. A. E. Sanner and Rev. J. G. Taylorson. Interment was in Ceres, California.

MRS. DOLORES HARRISON (nee Surguire), age thirty-four years, was born in Ava, Missouri, and died at the family home in Anaheim, California, August 12, 1952. She was converted in 1937, and later sanctified. She joined the Church of the Nazarene in Fullerton, California, in 1937, and remained a faithful and beloved member until her death. She had served as chairman of one of the missionary chapters, as teacher of the nursery class, and her beautiful music as one of the church pianists will remain a lovely memory to her family and friends. She is greatly missed because she was greatly loved. During her illness, many times her words to others were, "It is so sweet to trust in Jesus." She is survived by her husband, Jesse O. Harrison, three sons and one daughter, and her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. John C. Surguire. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter. The hallowed presence of the Lord was very near during the funeral service.

MARGARET STRONG VAHL, wife of L. E. Vahl, age sixty-six, died July 17, 1952, after an illness of several months at the Samaritan Hospital in Nampa, Idaho. She was born in Harris, Missouri. After moving to Kuna, Idaho, she joined the local Church of the Nazarene, and was very active in the work of the church until the last year of her life. For twenty years she taught a Sunday-school class, and for sixteen years was the treasurer of the local W.F.M.S. Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Edith Aman, a foster daughter, Mrs. Opal Pruette, and one brother. The church suffered a great loss in the death of this saint of God. Rev. Clarence A. Griffin, pastor, officiated at the funeral service, and interment was made in the Kuna cemetery.

LEUBIN L. YINGLING, age sixty-seven, died September 9, 1952. He was a member of Southside Church of the Nazarene in Muncie, Indiana, for twenty-five years, and was known for his faithfulness to Christ and the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Michigan Holiness Association will meet October 27 to 29, in First Church of the Nazarene, Saginaw, Michigan. Dr. Ralph Earle, guest speaker; the Stephenson Trio will provide the music; and the missionary speaker will be Rev. George Belknap, of Africa. The opening night will be youth night, with a holiness youth crusade, directed by Gregg Euler. Rev. C. B. Collier is president of the Michigan Holiness Association.—E. E. Walling, Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Royal Shultz, an elder on our district, is entering the evangelistic field. He has been a successful pastor, and feels a definite burden for the work of evangelism. He is a strong preacher and a good soul winner. I heartily recommend him. Address him, 220 S. Locust St., Fayetteville, Arkansas.—W. H. Johnson, Superintendent of North Arkansas District.

Rev. Leota Gering has resigned as pastor at Chautauqua, Kansas, to enter the evangelistic field. She has done a wonderful work as pastor. Under her leadership the church has acquired a church building and parsonage; there is no indebtedness on the property. The Sunday school has made good progress. Miss Gering is a hard worker and a good preacher; also she sings, does fannellgraph work, and is a good children's worker. I am glad to recommend her to our churches. Address her, Pretty Prairie, Kansas—Ray Hance, Superintendent of Kansas District.

I wish to commend to all superintendents, pastors, and churches one of the finest preachers it ever has been my privilege to meet—Rev. E. L. Cornelison of Colorado Springs. For a number of years he was pastor of our splendid church at La Junta. There he did an excellent work; erecting a new church building, one of the finest. Under his leadership the entire constituency of the church was strengthened and increased in every way. Brother Cornelison is now in full-time evangelism. This field is not new to him; he has had success as an evangelist. He is tried and true in this capacity, and his ministry will be a great blessing to any camp, revival, or convention. Address him, 1415 W. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, Colorado.—C. B. Cox, Superintendent of Colorado District.

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—to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Casey of Bethany, Oklahoma, a daughter, Celeste Annette, on September 4.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Francis M. Runyon of Severy, Kansas, a daughter, Charlotte Ann, on September 3.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Thomas of Palo Alto, California, a daughter, Lorraine Ruth, on August 20.

—to Rev. and Mrs. G. Herald Taylor of Shreveport, Louisiana, a daughter, Mildred Evon, on August 14.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Orma Tompkins of Plymouth and Mr. Carl North of Mayville, Michigan, were united in marriage on August 30, in Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. H. P. Putnam of Mason officiating, assisted by Rev. W. O. Welton, pastor.

Miss Mona Marie Bernstorff of Lewis, and Mr. William L. Wysong of Larned, Kansas, were united in marriage on August 29, in the Larned Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. H. O. Brunkau officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a brother in Missouri for special help from God at this time; by a lady in Minnesota for a Nazarene pastor's wife who is seriously ill, also for herself concerning a heart condition;

by a lady in Illinois, "that my family may see the light on sanctification as a second work of grace"; by a friend in Louisiana for a lady friend who needs special help from God, also for her unsaved loved ones;

by a mother in Washington for her daughter, who is backslidden; also for her husband, who is unsaved; by a brother in Pennsylvania for a friend to be sanctified, also for a revival in their church, as there are some hard cases that need solving.

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