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A Living Sacrifice

General Superintendent Williamson

THE THOUGHT of a living sacrifice involves a paradox. The term *sacrifice* connotes death. The word *living* contradicts that idea. Paul joined those two concepts to convey his understanding of the meaning of a life that is truly Christian. It is a life dead to selfish purposes and alive unto God. In a personal testimony the Apostle expressed the same ideal. He said, "I am crucified with Christ, and I live no longer, but Christ liveth in me, and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal. 2:20, J. Wesley translation). To the Colossians he wrote: "Ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). Self is dethroned; Christ is enthroned.

Samuel Chadwick said: "There are three laws of spiritual leadership. The first is self abnegation; the second is self abnegation; the third is self abnegation."

The crucifixion of self is not an end; it is a means to an end. Oblivion has no place in a Christian philosophy. The transformed, Christ-centered person is a living sacrifice. His is a life dedicated completely to the fulfillment of the will of God. The God who

created, redeemed, and who has preserved life has a rightful claim upon it. It came from God; it is to return to Him. Recognition of His ownership is the greatest wisdom of which man is capable. Dedication to the will of God is the assurance of joyful and fruitful living now. It also gives certainty to the hope of the life eternal. Jesus said, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:25).

The only adequate motivation for the dedication of a life to the will of God is found in service to others. Nothing else makes "a living sacrifice" reasonable.

That which is for others is for God's glory. He wills that all men shall be saved. "Christ . . . died for all, . . . and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation."

Paul cites the ideal for all Christians. He said: "Esteem each the others better than themselves. Aim not every one at his own things but every one also at the things of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:3b-5a, J. Wesley).

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above" (Col. 3:1).



WINNERS OF THE 1954 "Herald of Holiness" Campaigns

ALL DISTRICTS PARTICIPATE

Missouri	448
Wash.-Phil.	395
Northern California	365
South Arkansas	238
Washington Pacific	227
Northwest Oklahoma	202

All Districts Campaign

An additional high light of the 1954 campaigns was that every district,

for the first time, conducted a HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign.

1955 Results Promising

Enthusiasm for the 1955 campaigns is running high, and plans are under way for the greatest year in HERALD campaign history.

FOUR districts were declared winners of the 1954 HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns when the official tabulation was completed December 31, 1954. Top honors go to Central Ohio District, representing Group I, with 621 over their 60 per cent of church membership goal; Dallas, representing Group II, going 37 over their goal; Albany, in Group III, showing 250 above the 60 per cent; and New York, listed in Group V, responding with 273 above their goal. No district in Group II reached 60 per cent of membership in the 1954 HERALD emphasis.

Congratulations are due the following winning campaign managers and their district superintendents for the excellent work in promoting the HERALD.

Central Ohio District—Rev. Jay Keiser, campaign manager; Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent

Dallas District—Rev. Harold Davis, campaign manager; Dr. Paul H. Garrett, district superintendent

Albany District—Rev. Glenn Tyner, campaign manager; Rev. Renard D. Smith, district superintendent

New York District—Rev. Samuel Smith, campaign manager; Rev. Robert Goslaw, district superintendent

Others Reach 60 per Cent

Three additional districts which succeeded in reaching their 60 per cent goals deserve recognition for outstanding work:

Northwestern Illinois District—Rev. Riley Laymon, campaign manager; Dr. Lyle E. Eckley, district superintendent

North Dakota District—Rev. Claire Kern, campaign manager; Rev. Harry F. Taplin, district superintendent

Maritime District—Rev. A. F. Cone, campaign manager; Rev. J. H. MacGregor, district superintendent

Increases from 1954 Campaign

Honorable mention goes to the following districts for substantial numerical increases over their 1953 totals:

District	Increase
Indianapolis	969
Southwest Indiana	871
Illinois	778
Georgia	629

"I'll Try Anything Once!"

By Pauline E. Spray*

HAVE you ever caught a glimpse of another person's soul? I have—last Sunday evening—and it was one of the most beautiful experiences I have ever had.

A few days ago one of our members dropped into the parsonage to do a favor for us, and when reminded that he was to be the leader of the N.Y.P.S. service, he replied, "I've always said, 'I'll try anything once.'"

Now for most young people this little task would not have presented such a big challenge, but this person has difficulty in speaking in public, and oral reading is out of the question, as he was able to secure only a very scant education. But we prayed for him, and God makes a difference! When he arose to speak, the words just rolled out and with no speech impediment at all. It was truly a miracle.

*Sparta, Michigan

He first gave some of his own experiences. He was an unfortunate child who came from a broken home. When he was a small boy, he and his mother slipped away to church one day, where he heard the song "Jesus Loves the Little Children." The message of the song never left him. His stepfather was unmercifully cruel to him, and life was difficult and very unhappy until he found Jesus as his personal Saviour.

He also gave us some thoughts that had been unfolded to him through the Holy Spirit which revealed the beauty of a soul before unrecognized. As he finished his program, several individuals arose to testify to the wonderful blessing each had received from the service. Very humbly he replied, "I didn't do anything. I just stood here, and it rolled out."

The presence of the Lord was manifested in an unusual way. It was one of the best services I have ever attended.

When Christians are asked to take part in services, to teach a class, to sing, and to pray publicly for the first time, so many are reluctant to try. Often they refuse, and such a great blessing is lost. New avenues of service might open up, souls could be blessed, and the kingdom of God advanced, if only we would hear more Christians answer, "I'll try anything once."

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SUPPORT

I slipped . . .
I was about to fall . . .
God balanced me
And placed me on the
Solid Rock once more!

—OVELLA S. SHAFER

EDITORIALS

Stephen S. White, Editor

The Opening Session of the General Board

THE opening session of the annual meeting of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene convened on the morning of January 7, 1955. General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers was in the chair. All joined in singing "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power," led by Professor Ray Moore of the Nazarene Radio League. President Harold W. Reed of Olivet Nazarene College read Philippians 4 as the scripture lesson. Dr. George Frame, superintendent of the British Isles District, offered prayer. This was followed by the introduction of visitors, after which a motion was made to send greetings and flowers to Mrs. Hardy C. Powers and Mrs. D. I. Vanderpool, who were not present; and also to Dr. C. Warren Jones, who either as an attendant or a member of the General Board had been present for the past twenty-eight years.

After the roll call, Dr. Powers, the chairman, reminded those present of the fact that during the past year a member of the General Board, Dr. Grover Van Duyn, passed away in a tragic automobile accident during January of 1954. He spoke also of the death during 1954 of three more outstanding leaders in our church, Dr. E. P. Ellyson, Rev. E. J. Fleming, and Dr. E. O. Chalfant. Immediately there was a call for a memorial service and in accordance with this request there was a report of the Memoirs Committee, giving a brief resume of the life and work of Drs. Van Duyn and Ellyson, Brother Fleming, and Dr. Chalfant. Also, mention was made of the recent death of two laymen—Mrs. Mattie Bracken, wife of Dr. A. K. Bracken, who has been a member of the board since 1931; and Mr. George Hamlin, father of Dr. Howard Hamlin, who is at present a member of the General Board. After the report of the Memoirs Committee, there was a fitting prayer by Dr. H. S. Galloway, president of the General Board, and a song, "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," by Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr.

Following the memorial service, which was presided over by Dr. Hardy C. Powers, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, there was a service of dedication for the new international headquarters building of the Church of the Nazarene. Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool, vice-chairman of the Board of General Superintendents, presided at this dedication. The program was as follows: Invocation, General Superintendent H. C. Benner; hymn by the congregation, with Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., leading; scripture reading, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general church secretary; solo, Professor Ray Moore; dedicatory

address, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, chairman of the Board of General Superintendents; presentation of the keys by Dr. John Stockton, chairman of the Building Committee, and Dr. T. W. Willingham, chairman of the Relocation Committee. The keys were received by the chairman of the meeting, General Superintendent Vanderpool, and passed on to Dr. H. S. Galloway, president of the General Board. General Superintendent G. B. Williamson gave the dedicatory prayer, and then we joined in the doxology, which was followed by the benediction by General Superintendent Samuel Young. This was truly a wonderful service. God was there and we all felt that this new building, which He has given to our church, is to be in deed and in truth the international headquarters of the work of the Church of the Nazarene as it carries on for Christ and His kingdom.

Following the memorial and dedicatory services there were the reports of the foreign mission visitation tours which had been made during the past year by the general superintendents. General Superintendent G. B. Williamson spoke first of his tour of Uruguay, Argentina, Nicaragua, and Alaska; General Superintendent Samuel Young next told of his visitation work in Puerto Rico and Cuba; General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool followed with an account of his activities in Trinidad and the Santa Cruz Valley near Port of Spain, and Barbados. Then General Superintendent H. C. Benner reviewed his travels in the interest of our foreign missionary work in Italy, Cape Verde Islands, and Mexico. The session was concluded with a report by Gen-

Missionaries Placed Under Appointment

January, 1955

Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Knox, New Guinea
Rev. and Mrs. Foy Bullock, Africa
Rev. and Mrs. B. Maurice Hall, Africa
Miss Mary Elizabeth Elverd, General Appointment
Rev. and Mrs. Frank VanDevelder, General Appointment
Individuals who were appointed previously, but had definite fields designated at the January, 1955, meeting:
Rev. and Mrs. Elward Green, Cuba
Miss Juanita Pate, Africa
Miss Marjorie Peel, Africa

eral Superintendent Hardy C. Powers on his tours in India, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and New Guinea. Our people over the church will have the privilege of hearing firsthand from these leaders about these foreign missionary tours. Nothing that comes before the General Board is more interesting and worth while than these reports from our general superintendents. These men carry very heavy responsibilities, and always on these trips undergo far more hardships and dangers than most of us realize. They are willing to do it, however, because of their devotion to the cause of Christ and the work of the church.

The other sessions of the General Board were taken up largely with the consideration of the reports and recommendations of the various departments. Elsewhere in this issue there is much information as to this phase of the work of the General Board.

The Ten Biggest News Stories

WHAT WERE the ten biggest news stories for 1954? According to the Associated Press poll, these were as follows:

(1) The McCarthy-Army hearings and censure case, (2) banning of school segregation by the Supreme Court, (3) shooting of congressmen by Puerto Ricans, (4) winning of the congressional elections by the Democrats, (5) signing of the preliminary pacts to arm Germany, (6) fall of Dienbienphu, (7) Geneva conference and Indochina truce, (8) East Coast hurricanes, (9) exchange of Korean war prisoners, and (10) Eisenhower's atoms-for-peace plan.

This Associated Press poll suggests another field of interest for those who belong to the Church of the Nazarene. We have just closed the annual meetings of our church, in Kansas City. First, the departments met, then the General Board, followed by the Superintendents' Conference. Besides these three, which stand at the head of the list, there have been various committee and commission meetings. During this time of two weeks or more, many reports have been made to the General Board. These reports have had to do with the work of our church during 1954. As I have listened to or read them, I have asked myself, "What were the ten most significant events in the life of the Church of the Nazarene during 1954?" My answer is as follows:

1. I would mention the *revival in India*. It has been a wonderful movement toward God, and it still continues. I mention it first because it relates directly to that which is central in all of our activities. There are many types of work that we must carry on, and some of them do not immediately deal with the saving and sanctifying of the souls of men; nevertheless, in the long run, that is their purpose. Because of this, wherever we find a movement which is predominantly evangelistic, we come nearest to the heart of that which we are all striving to do. There have been

other revivals on our mission fields and in the homeland, many of them, and we thank God for them; but this movement toward God in India is the most striking of all of them. I thank God for it and hope that it will spread throughout our church both abroad and at home.

2. The second news story is concerned with *the increase in churches and church membership*. I mention this second because it stands very near to our central objective, in that there could not have been this unusual increase in churches and church membership if there hadn't been a great number of people brought into the kingdom of God. Of course, closely connected with this achievement was the work of many of the departments of our church, but more especially, the activities of the Crusade for Souls Now. I believe that the passion for lost souls and the activities connected with this passion, which the Crusade for Souls Now has generated, have influenced this increase in churches and church membership more than anything else. You ask, "What has this gain actually been?" We now have a membership in our church throughout the world of 269,510; this represents a gain during 1954 of 11,385 members, or 4.4 per cent; the largest increase in membership ever recorded in one year, and from the standpoint of percentage the largest in several years. The net gain in the number of churches for the year was 160, the largest in the history of the church. We are not interested just in numbers, or merely in an increase in church membership. However, we definitely have a conscience on one matter in this connection—it is almost, if not really, a sin to get people saved and not get them into the church. We can't expect people to stand and develop in the Christian life, to go on unto perfection, and after that to continue to grow, unless we get them into the church. The Christian life cannot be lived as it should be in isolation. The person who possesses it should by all means become a part of a continuing fellowship.

3. The third significant story about our church in 1954 is given in Dr. A. F. Harper's *report for the Department of Church Schools*. As executive secretary of this department, he says:

"Last year I was forced to report to you that our Sunday-school enrollment and attendance were going the wrong way. We were still gaining but for several years our gains had been getting smaller. This year I am happy to report that we are going in the right direction—and fast. Last January we challenged every Sunday school to *Enroll Ten More in '54*. The challenge was accepted. District superintendents encouraged the effort, district church school boards promoted it, pastors pledged their churches to do it, our lay people worked at the job—and God gave the increase. We have had the largest enrollment gain in the history of the church, 20 per cent larger than the best previous year and more than twice the gain of 1953. Praise God for nearly 37,000 new people under the sound of the gospel. The

average attendance gain followed the enrollment; it is 50 per cent larger than last year and with the exception of only one year is also the best attendance gain in the history of the church. One hundred eighty-three new Sunday schools were added during the year."

No one can read these words without realizing that something very unusual was done by our Sunday schools during 1954. Think of the new people they reached, and the possibilities that were placed within our reach as a church through these new people. It is our business, as a church, through every agency that we have—Sunday school, worship services, revival meetings, everything—to do our best, not only to bring these new people in, but also to get them saved and sanctified.

4. As the fourth big story I mention *the Sunday-school lessons on the general and special rules of our church*. They were studied by the adult department during the last quarter of 1954. We may not all agree as to what was accomplished by this innovation, but I think we must admit that it was an unusual undertaking, and that on the whole it was a task that was well done. I personally have no doubt concerning one thing about these lessons, and that is, the people who already belong to our church, and the people who are preparing to join our church, ought to know what our church stands for. More than that, I don't think our position as a church is out of line with the teachings of the Bible. We may never all agree as to just how this information about our church should be brought to our people, but certainly, let me say again, it should be presented to them, and the effort which was made through the Sunday-school lessons was something that never had been tried by our church before. Certainly, it must be classed as one of the ten most significant happenings in connection with the work of our church during 1954.

5. The fifth big story during 1954 deals with *the mission field which is to be opened up in New Guinea*. I give you these words from the report of the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, which briefly tell us the story:

"Last January the Board of General Superintendents and the General Board approved a special fortieth anniversary project—the raising of funds for opening of work in New Guinea. The whole church co-operated in this project, bringing in over \$100,000.00."

We add to this the fact that during the latter part of 1954, General Superintendent Powers, in one of his foreign missionary journeys, visited New Guinea, in order to find out as much as possible the exact situation there. God gave him traveling mercies, and he brought back news of a wide-open and needy field in New Guinea. It might also be added that at the recent meetings here in Kansas City a fine couple, Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Knox, have been appointed to this field. No one could think of the ten most significant

events during 1954 without thinking of this wonderful offering for New Guinea, and the prospect of real activity there for God and the Church of the Nazarene. The N.F.M.S., as we have already indicated, under the leadership of Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, president, and Miss Mary L. Scott, secretary, spearheaded this project. They were heartily supported in all that they did by the Department of Foreign Missions, of which the executive secretary is Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt.

6. As the sixth outstanding Nazarene news story of 1954, I would congratulate the Nazarene Radio League, under the direction of Dr. T. W. Willingham, and the Nazarene Young People's Society, with Dr. L. J. Du Bois as its secretary, on *the establishment of a radio program in New York City*. The N.Y.P.S. sponsored the raising of the money to make this radio program possible, and Dr. Willingham, of course, took care of making the arrangements. It is impossible to forecast the importance of this move in the work of our church. Certainly it is significant to have a radio program on one of the large stations in the largest city in the United States. It will in-

General Board Elections

The officers of the General Board elected for the coming year are as follows:

The chairman, Dr. Paul Updike, superintendent of the Northeastern Indiana District; president, Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent of Central Ohio District; first vice-president, Dr. Robert Mangum; second vice-president, Dr. John L. Knight, superintendent of the Florida District; members at large of the executive committee for the coming year are Mr. Harlan R. Heinmiller, Dr. Edward Lawlor, superintendent of the Canada West District, and Rev. Ponder Gilliland, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Two new members were named to the General Board to replace former members. Mr. Morris Davis, a businessman of Indianapolis, Indiana, took the place of Dr. Grover Van Duyn, deceased. Mr. Lawrence Crawford, a businessman of Greenville, Texas, took the place of Mr. A. E. Ramquist, who resigned to become director of sales and public relations at the Nazarene Publishing House.

These men, along with our general superintendents, will direct the activities of the General Board throughout the coming year.

Members at large of the General Stewardship Committee elected for the coming year are: Dr. A. Milton Smith, pastor of First Church, Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. A. E. Ramquist, director of sales and public relations of the Nazarene Publishing House; and Dr. T. W. Willingham, executive director of the Nazarene Radio League.

evitably make friends and open up fields for our church; through it we will be able to get into communities and cities and reach many people who need to be saved and sanctified and brought into the Church of the Nazarene. We might add that the first broadcast in this series was made on October 14, over WINS, a fifty-thousand-watt station.

7. The seventh item of outstanding interest for the year of 1954 is *our giving*. In presenting this picture to you, I quote from Dr. S. T. Ludwig's report, as secretary of the General Stewardship Committee:

"The two great church-wide offerings—Easter and Thanksgiving—have required more publicity this year than at any time in the work of this committee. But the promotion has had its effect, we believe, and has resulted in the largest total offering for all purposes that our people have given. This amounted to \$33,611,046.00 for all purposes. Thus our per capita giving reached an all-time high of \$124.71—more than \$6.00 per capita increase over last year."

In this connection I also present Dr. Ludwig's financial report for the General Stewardship Committee:

Paid local interests	\$27,698,072 (Gain—\$2,533,633)
Paid district interests	2,807,918 (Gain—\$ 301,583)
Paid general interests	3,112,256 (Gain—\$3,231,552)
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	\$3,611,046 (Gain—\$3,066,768)

Per Capita Giving

Local interests\$ 102.75
District interests 10.42
General interests 11.54

Total for all purposes \$124.71

Distribution of Giving

The Church\$28,779,563
The Church Schools 2,508,488
The Junior Society 55,302
The N.Y.P.S. 559,654
The N.F.M.S. 1,708,039

This report speaks for itself and indicates that 1954 was a remarkable year from the standpoint of giving. But this doesn't mean that we are to rest on our oars, or be satisfied with what we have done. I am sure that God can help us to do better next year than we have this past year!

8. Another big story is about *two building projects which God enabled the Church of the Nazarene to finish during 1954*. The first was the completion of the new Seminary building and the actual beginning of classwork there. This met one of the greatest needs of our church. Ever since its beginning, the Seminary had carried on with very inadequate housing facilities; but now it has a large and beautiful chapel, a prayer room, and ample office and classroom space. The year 1954 will always be a memorable year for the Seminary and also for the church because

it marked the year when the new Seminary building was first opened for use.

A second feature of the eighth Nazarene news story of 1954 is the completion and occupation of our new international headquarters building. Situated on the same plot of ground where the Seminary building is located, it is spacious and beautiful in construction, and furnishes housing facilities for the general superintendents, the general secretary, the general treasurer, and the various departments of our church, which are far more adequate than previously. Our people, as they come through Kansas City and have the privilege of visiting our new Seminary and headquarters buildings, are high in their praise of what has been achieved.

The Seminary Board, General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner, the former president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Dr. L. T. Corlett, the present president of the Seminary, and all who have worked with them, are to be congratulated on the fine work which they have done in presenting to the church through its financial help the Seminary building. Likewise, the Relocation Commission, and the Building Committee, headed by Dr. John Stockton, are to be congratulated on their achievement in presenting to the church the building they have for its international headquarters.

9. And still we have not exhausted the big Nazarene news stories of the year. Certainly, one of them comes under *the Department of Publication, and the success which has crowned the business of the Nazarene Publishing House*. In his report, Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, and executive secretary for the Department of Publication, has this to say:

"The gross (adjusted) income for the years (both years—1952-53 and 1953-54—established a new record):"

	1953-54	1952-53
Kansas City, Mo.	\$1,926,070.00	1,830,292.19
Canadian Branch	66,450.66	48,830.42
Pasadena Branch	163,702.94	145,763.56
Bethany Store	72,423.64	67,931.53
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Total	\$2,228,647.24	\$2,092,817.70
	<i>Sales (Gross)</i>	
1912-48—36 years		\$11,135,065.88
1948-52— 4 years		6,287,680.23
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1952-54— 2 years		\$17,422,746.11
		4,321,464.94
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		\$21,744,211.05

Certainly this gives all of us some idea of how rapidly the sales have increased within the last four years. Dr. Lunn goes on to say:

"Tradition credits Martin Luther with hurling an inkpot at the devil. While we do not literally throw an inkwell at the devil, we have a substitute for Luther's inkpot—the printing press. Not one, not two—but a battery of fourteen, with

an annual ink consumption of twenty-four tons! As someone has pointedly stated, 'Destination hell has been changed to destination heaven for many a soul by the thin .0025-inch film of ink on paper.' Incidentally, we used approximately 900 tons (1,800,000 lbs.) of paper during the past twelve months."

Another fact we call to your attention at this point is the new equipment which the publishing house has bought during 1954. Again, we quote from Dr. Lunn's report:

"We mention but two of the recent additions:

"1. A number 49 Miehle Offset Press with a maximum speed of 6,500 impressions an hour, compared to the letterpress with 1,600 impressions an hour.

"2. The installation and equipping of a photo composing room where plates for the Offset (lithograph) presses are made. Included in this equipment is a Robertson Lithographic Camera 23" x 24".

"Nazarenes can take a degree of satisfaction from all these accomplishments, but we must do more than this. Our task is cut out for us by our slogan, 'The Whole Gospel to the Whole World by the Printed Page.'"

10. Last, I present the tenth news story of the year. *It is connected with our pension plan.* One of the most important tasks that the Church of the Nazarene has been working on for some time, through a Pension Commission, has been finally brought to a conclusion. It has been recommended by the Pension Commission that the pension plan voted by the last General Assembly not be carried through, or inaugurated. In its place, Social Security is being recommended to our ministers. We must remember that it was during the year of 1954 that the Congress of the United States passed a bill extending Social Security to include ministers. Before that it would have been impossible to do what we are now doing. Certainly this recommendation from Dr. T. W. Willingham, and those who have been working with him on the pension plan, may be looked back upon as one of the unusual achievements of 1954; at least it was made possible by the legislation of that year, passed by Congress and signed by the president of the United States. The ministers of our church will hear more about this new plan in the near future. Its purpose is to set in motion that which will by one means or another take care of all of our ministers who follow its recommendations.

Other Observations

As Gathered from the Annual Reports

Ministerial Benevolence

Dr. M. Lunn, executive secretary of the Department of Ministerial Relief, closed his report with these words:

"A few weeks ago we had occasion to check our annual report for January, 1944. In 1943 (April 30) we were sending monthly checks to 73 ministers and 83 widows. Ten years later (November 2, 1954) assistance was being given to 306 ministers—men and women (an increase of nearly 320 per cent)—and 168 widows (an increase of 101 per cent). Ours is a high privilege and also a sacred obligation to share with the retired servants of the Lord and their dependents, many of whom have at great sacrifice served our church."

Church Schools

There are three further paragraphs I present to you now from Dr. Albert F. Harper's report. The first one is as to the vacation Bible schools:

"Last year we enrolled 172,527 pupils in 2,249 vacation Bible schools. This represents 288 new schools and 29,227 new pupils—an enrollment gain of 20 per cent. The evangelistic possibilities of our vacation Bible schools is thrown into sharp relief when we remember that some 50,000 of these boys and girls come from unchurched homes. Records show that about 28,000 pupils were converted in our Bible schools last summer."

The second paragraph has to do with Caravans and camps. As to Caravans, he says: "Our reports show a gain of 3,034 in membership, a 34 per cent increase. The actual gain was much higher, but during the year we dropped from our records 126 churches with 1,838 former Caravan members. These are churches where Caravans have been reported at some time during the past eight years but the groups are not now active."

As to boys' and girls' camps, Dr. Harper's report has this to say:

"The summer camping program for boys and girls continues to find increasing favor among our district church school leaders—and with good reason. When in one summer we can lead 6,878 boys and girls to seek Christ during their Junior and early teen years, we have found an effective tool for building the Kingdom. Fifty-seven districts conducted 92 camps this year—for 8 of them it was their first camp. There were 11,229 campers, an increase of 1,629 over the preceding year."

Finally, Dr. Harper closes his report with a word about their new offices in the international headquarters building:

"Nineteen staff members are now comfortably housed in the new suite of church schools and related offices in the center section on the third floor of the new headquarters building. All of us are grateful to the church for making possible these more efficient working quarters. We trust that we shall be able in a measure to justify the expenditure by a more effective service to God and to the church."

I give this last paragraph because it is similar to one that might have been written by the head of any of the departments which are now being

housed in the new international headquarters building. Certainly, in providing this building, the church has made it possible for our departments to carry on in a more efficient way than ever before.

Nazarene Young People's Society

The report of the Nazarene Young People's Society, given by Dr. L. J. Du Bois, general secretary, has many interesting items in it, some of which we have already referred to in the ten big news stories of the Church of the Nazarene during 1954. However, there are some other important facts that we want to present from this report: First, as to membership and finances—

"The membership figures of the N.Y.P.S. have picked up this year. We show an increase of 177 local societies, bringing our total to 3,331. We show an increase of 3,205 members in the homeland, bringing our total to 84,539. This is an increase for the year of 4 per cent. The membership in foreign fields is bringing our grand total to 91,949."

Money raised by the N.Y.P.S. for all purposes totals \$559,654.00 and, compared with last year's report, this is a gain of \$37,542.00 or a 7 per cent increase. Certainly, God is blessing the N.Y.P.S.

Another item which impressed me in Dr. Du Bois' report is headed "Vitalization of N.Y.P.S." and reads: "Throughout the year we have been asking our leaders to take a look at the local N.Y.P.S. with a view to vitalizing the many weak, ineffective societies. This idea was presented in each of the regional conferences and through our literature during the year. The goal is to shift our objectives to (1) evangelism and (2) training. This has met with a very favorable response throughout the movement. We are encouraged."

In speaking of the periodicals for this department, the General N.Y.P.S. secretary gives us the following:

"We have also met with fine response with the change in format of the *Journal* and *Teen Topics* instituted last year. Our publications are meeting with general favor with an increase in subscriptions. The total subscription lists now stand at: *Conquest* 25,522, *Young People's Journal* 8,523, *Teen Topics* 2,671. We are grateful that the youth group of the Free Methodist church has been able to use *Teen Topics*."

Then Dr. Du Bois has a brief word about the camp and institute program for the young people: "The district camp and institute program continues to be a popular and profitable district project. All but five or six districts have a separate youth camp. The balance are working some of the phases of the youth camp into their camp meetings. The figures for the camps and institutes for 1954, approximated from reports to the general office, are as follows:

"Number of registrants—10,000

"Number of seekers—5,500

"Number of Christian Service Training Credits—9,390."

Servicemen's Commission

The Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, under the direction of Dr. L. J. Du Bois, has been rendering an outstanding service. Only a few facts concerning its activities can be given here. At present we have twenty-four chaplains in the service. "The monthly reports from these chaplains are in the main optimistic. They give evidence that these men are carrying on a vital spiritual and evangelistic ministry. They are faithful in contacting Nazarene fellows whose names we send them and whom they come across in their work. They are faithful in keeping in touch with Nazarene churches and pastors whenever possible." The church is sending out, through the Servicemen's Commission, the following periodicals to all of our men—the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart*—that is, to all of our men who are on the active list. To those overseas, the Department of Foreign Missions sends the *Other Sheep*. These periodicals get to about 5,500 men at any one time. "In a year's time the Servicemen's office sends out approximately 750 personal letters, 21,000 letters of contact to and for servicemen, 20,000 letters and cards regarding periodicals, or a total of over 53,000 pieces of correspondence. We have published a *News* at irregular intervals, which has gone to chaplains and post pastors."

Another very encouraging thing about the work of the Servicemen's Commission is the fact that our chaplains are, from time to time, making some contribution to the general work of the chaplaincy as carried on by our country as a whole. Recently three men from the General Commission who were personally escorted by General Carpenter, Chief of the Air Force Chaplains, were sent to Japan and Korea to investigate moral conditions there. The director of the General Commission informed Dr. Du Bois that much of the impetus for this trip and the entire project came from a letter which Dr. Du Bois wrote him last winter in which was enclosed a letter from Chaplain Charles Crouch, who had written of the conditions on Okinawa. This is one of the more important ways in which our chaplains have contributed to the general work of the chaplaincy as operated by our country.

Christian Service Training

The report of the Christian Service Training Commission states that the past year has been the best it ever has had. During the year of 1954, there were 29,582 persons who earned credit in Christian Service Training, as over against 24,132 during 1953. This means that there was a 23 per cent increase in this department for the year, the best increase in the six years that Rev. Norman R. Oke has been director of the commission. He says, "Certainly the 'training' idea is steadily growing in our midst." Then Mr. Oke adds:

"During the past year we added 10 new training courses to our program, giving us a total of 117 courses in our training curriculum. Among

the new courses added are: one for Caravan leaders, a new course in the doctrine section on sanctification, one in the Bible section on the Minor Prophets, and one in the evangelism section on altar work. Texts are now ready or in the process for all of these."

Radio League

God has signally blessed the Nazarene Radio League during 1954. On April 30, there were 354 station outlets, of which 194 were being carried free. "Our Spanish-language program has been on the air for more than a year and is being well received. Currently (December 1, 1954) it is on twenty-one stations in eleven countries."

Foreign Missions

The report from the Department of Foreign Missions, given by its executive secretary, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, always covers an immense field. It is difficult in a brief way to give any adequate picture of what is really being done through this department. However, there are two or three facts which have not previously been mentioned that I now present to you from this report. Dr. Rehfeldt says:

"Among the more outstanding victories of the year are the following: the genuine, surging, sweeping revival in India; the special offering for New Guinea totaling \$99,811.88; the thrilling record of activities with the Navajo Indians in Chilchibito, Arizona; the contacts which are developing in Nazareth and Haifa, Israel; the acquisition of the Jinotepe property in Nicaragua; our entrance into Manila, Philippine Islands; the opening of work in the Santa Clara Province of Cuba; moving into the southern area of the island of Trinidad; reaching north into Aleppo, Syria; expanding the dispensary in Benque Viejo, British Honduras, into a cottage hospital with a resident missionary doctor; the rapid development of the work in British Guiana; and the official opening of Bible training schools in Lebanon, Italy, Cape Verde Islands, Puerto Rico, and Korea. We could well sing with David a song of praise in celebration of these achievements: "Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The Lord hath done great things for them' (Ps. 126:2)."

Then we move on to the most serious paragraphs in Dr. Rehfeldt's discussion and report:

"Six years ago the General Board adopted the minimum 10 per cent basis of giving for world evangelism. We were surprised a few weeks ago to learn that there were only two 10 per cent districts in 1954—Northeastern Indiana (11.31 per cent) and Akron (10.13 per cent). Since there were three such districts in 1953 and four in the 9 per cent area, it was our expectation that there would be at least seven in the 10 per cent group.

"The department cannot authorize the development of new opportunities unless there is an increasing number of 10 per cent districts or until the thirty-one districts below the 1954 average

measurably increase their support. The appeal from Rev. and Mrs. Peter Kiehn to take over their work in Formosa is challenging. They are Nazarene missionaries. Can the department give this favorable consideration in the face of our current situation? The tragic truth is that we are not approaching adequate support of the fields we now have."

Connected with the above are the last two paragraphs of Dr. Rehfeldt's report:

"The 1955 meeting of the department is especially significant. This is especially true because the plans are now being made for the last year of the quadrennium. The record thus far is as follows: two years and seven months (May 1, 1952, to November 30, 1954) have presented a total income (for all departments) of \$6,012,932.13 through General Budget and Mission Special channels. The average district percentage in 1952 was 7.02 per cent. In 1953 the level of giving was lifted to 7.54 per cent. The fact that in 1954 the percentage average dropped again to 7.01 per cent gives our present meeting a place of strategic importance. This trend must be turned if we are to reach the goal of \$10,000,000.00 and have a twelve-month prelude to the General Assembly which will be a fitting climax to the quadrennium.

"It is, therefore, the unanimous recommendation of the Department of Foreign Missions that a more specific program be launched in an endeavor to challenge every local church in the denomination to help raise the percentage level for 1955."

Education

A very important arm of the work of the Church of the Nazarene is its schools. Dr. S. T. Ludwig, executive secretary for the Department of Education, in his report, brings out these interesting facts. In the first semester of 1954-55, 3,714 young people have been enrolled in our schools on the college level, and 745 below the college level. This gives us a total college enrollment of 4,459. This, plus the enrollment of 229 in the Nazarene Theological Seminary, gives us a total enrollment in all of our educational institutions of 4,688. The total property valuation of our schools is now \$8,728,022.00. On this property there is a total indebtedness of only \$1,265,397.00. The total income for our schools, from all sources, has reached \$2,775,966.00 Dr. Ludwig states:

"There has been no appreciable increase in total enrollment of students in our colleges, but there has been an increase of about one hundred students in the college of liberal arts. And, when the total college level enrollment is considered, it represents about a 2 per cent gain over last year."

Home Missions and Evangelism

We have already referred to Dr. Roy F. Smee's report as executive secretary for the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. There are many more items which he presented that I would like to bring to our people. However, I must not take space for more than one important paragraph. Here are Dr. Smee's words:

"I seriously doubt that there is anything more vital to the spiritual welfare or universal advancement of our church today than the emphasis being put upon the Crusade for Souls. It is the answer to the empty pew, the barren altar, and the depleted treasury. It is the answer to the fussing, critical, and divided church. When once we are convinced that nothing has value compared with the worth of an immortal soul whom we might win, there is little else that matters. Our laymen are responding with a concern and a desire for training in the matter of soul winning. And when our pastors lead the way, churches that were once static or dying become revitalized, and pulsate with holy enthusiasm. Without question the impact of the Crusade for Souls is reflected in our new membership gains, which this year are the largest in our history—11,385."

Junior Society

The Junior Society Commission, whose general director is Mrs. Elizabeth D. Hodges, reports that its work has made rapid progress during 1954. This paragraph from her report substantiates this claim:

"Our membership for 1954-55 shows an increase of nearly two thousand (2,000) Juniors and an increase of one hundred twenty-five (125) Junior Societies. This is the greatest increase in any one year since the appointment of the Junior Society Commission in 1944."

Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

The Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society, under the direction of Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, president, and Miss Mary L. Scott, secretary, had a good year during 1954. They brought in an excellent report. The total giving for General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials was \$1,258,739.64. "This represents an increase in General Budget and Foreign Missions Specials giving of \$139,336.42. In addition, the N.F.M.S. has raised for Relief and Retirement (missionaries) \$22,719.54. From this fund \$10,000.00 for pensions and \$7,500.00 for medical aid was turned over to the Department of Foreign Missions for distribution and administration."

Membership in the missionary society now totals 110,111 (not including mission districts) or 40.8 per cent of the church membership. This represents a gain of 8,752 this year. The report closes with two significant paragraphs:

"No small part of the activities of the missionary society concerns the dissemination of missionary information through the *Other Sheep* and the study and reading course. Last year 51,596 people read at least three of the listed missionary books; of this number 15,865 read all seven books. Of the 3,644 societies reporting, 3,098 followed the course of study.

"Since its beginning prayer has been a vital part of the organization's program. In November, 1953, the Prayer Chart was introduced to challenge Nazarenes to definite praying for foreign mission needs. During the past year God has

given many definite answers to prayer, including restored health to missionaries and national workers, building sites secured, reversal of unfavorable government policies, revivals in some of the most difficult fields. For all these we thank and praise God. Answers of the past year constitute a challenge to pray more in the year ahead."

MY IMPRESSIONS

Of the Superintendents' Conference

EACH year, in January, following the meetings of the departments and the General Board, there is the Superintendents' Conference, a gathering made up of the general and district superintendents. They meet together to check on what has been done, and to discuss plans for the coming year. I have attended a good many of these conferences, and it is always easy to say that the last one was the best. People often speak thus of a revival meeting, or of any church gathering. I am not going to say that this Superintendents' Conference was the best I ever attended, but certainly it was one of the best, and it would be easy for me to say "the very best." However, I do want to record some of my impressions of the Superintendents' Conference.

I would say first, God was present in the sessions of this conference. I was thrilled many times by the fact that I could feel the presence of God in the meetings. After all, if we meet together in our church conferences and God isn't there, our coming together is in vain. I don't think anybody who attended this conference, either as a participant or as an onlooker, would have the audacity to say that God wasn't in our midst. One could sense the presence and freedom of the Spirit. There were plenty of "Amens" and the blessing of the Lord was upon the people.

There was, all the way through, an emphasis upon the necessity for Christian experience; the sinner must be born again, and the Christian must be sanctified. Often we were reminded of the fact that our church is a holiness church, and that God has called us especially to emphasize this truth. No one who was there could go out and say that there was the least letdown at this point. The Church of the Nazarene, according to this conference, believes in the supernatural, in God's intervening in human life to save from the guilt of sin and cleanse from the nature of sin.

Another fact which came to my mind as I thought about this conference is that there was neither an under-emphasis nor an over-emphasis on church membership. We were often made to feel that the first step is to get people to God, but the messages didn't stop there; the next move is to get them into the church. For after all, the work of God cannot be carried on as it should be outside of an organized church.

Again, all phases of the work of our church were recognized, and the interests of all depart-

ments were emphasized as indispensable. The vision of our task and our possibilities was set before us.

Further, there was a proper balance in the conference. The need of intelligent planning, or well-developed methods, was seen as essential, but this was not all. We must constantly depend on God to bring the increase. No one could listen to the addresses and the papers without feeling that the best-made plans and methods would fail without God's help. Thank God, there was no tendency toward self-sufficiency. Also, there was nothing in the messages or the discussions which sanctioned either fanaticism or worldliness. We were impressed with the fact that we are *in* this world, and we must recognize that; but at the same time, we are not to be of this world.

And when we add to all of this the unity of the Spirit which pervaded the messages, we are made to shout the praises of God for the Church of the Nazarene. I cannot help but wish that our leaders of the past could all have been present and have seen and heard all that took place. I believe that they would have been more than satisfied with this conference. Besides, I am confident that the sanction of the Holy Spirit was upon this gathering. I do not mean by this that all who were there and had a part in the conference were absolutely perfect and that nothing was done or said except that which was wholly in line with the best policies and the highest achievements; but I do believe that God helped our church in a very definite way to get ahead through this conference. I believe more than ever in our leadership, and in the plans for the future which have been laid. I am confident that they were in divine order, and that we are really and truly helping to realize the hopes of our founding fathers.

God IS Our Refuge

By Bertha Meyer

God is our Refuge and our Strength;
A very present Help is He.
Tho' heaven and earth should be removed
And mountains cast into the sea,
The waters roar and heathen rage,
Yet we need not fearful be.
God is our Refuge and our Strength;
A very present Help is He!

Quotations on Stewardship

Selected by Earl C. Wolf*

WHETHER a disciple of Christ shall make a practice of giving or not is no more an open question than whether he shall pray or not.—**DAVID JAMES BURRELL.**

We begin to operate with vital forces when we cross the border into the land of sacrifices. The

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things that we can spare carry no blood. The things that we can ill spare carry part of ourselves and are alive.—**JOHN HENRY JOWETT.**

One of our commonest experiences is the handling of money. And nothing will sooner show whether our consecration be a reality or a sham, nor will anything serve more quickly to accentuate and enforce the life of consecration, than to spend our money daily beneath the sway of those principles, which it is so easy to enunciate, and so difficult to practise.—**F. B. MEYER.**

We can all do more than we have done
And not be a whit the worse;
It never was *loving* that emptied the heart,
Or *giving* that emptied the purse.

—Author unknown

Giving is an essential part of the Christian religion . . . The system of redemption is, from first to last, one prodigious process of gift . . . Every man on whose spirit the true light of redemption breaks, finds himself heir to a heritage of givings, which began on the eve of time, and will keep pace with the course of eternity. To giving he owes his all; in giving he sees the most substantial evidence he can offer, that he is a grateful debtor; and the self-sacrifice of Him in Whom he trusts says, far more pathetically than words can say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."—**WILLIAM ARTHUR.**

The great use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.—**WILLIAM JAMES.**

We are not at liberty to use what he has lodged in our hands as we please, but as he pleases, who alone is the possessor of heaven and earth, and the Lord of every creature.—**JOHN WESLEY.**

The restless millions wait
The Light whose dawning
Makes all things new:
Christ also waits,
But men are slow and late.
Have we done what we could?
Have I? Have you?

—Author unknown

He gives little who gives much with a frown;
he gives much who gives a little with a smile.
—**TALMUD.**

A wise man should have money in his head
but not in his heart.—**JONATHAN SWIFT.**

Half the world is on the wrong scent in the pursuit of happiness. They think it consists in having and getting and in being served by others . . . It consists in giving, and in serving others. He that would be happy, let him remember that there is but one way—it is more blessed, it is more happy, to give than to receive.—**HENRY DRUMMOND.**

Watch Your Reading Diet

By Walter Williams*

Food plays a very important part in our daily lives and without it one would soon starve to death. Each type of food fits into its particular place in meeting the requirements of the body. Some foods are of little importance and either can be substituted for or completely eliminated from the diet, while others are very essential and if omitted serious trouble could result.

I have a twenty-one-month-old son who has never been too enthusiastic about eating but has always been willing to drink plenty of milk (especially if it's in a bottle). My wife and I became concerned about his not eating solid foods and she consulted our doctor. We were told not to be alarmed too much because from the milk alone his body was being supplied with all of its food requirements.

For a diet to accomplish its designated mission it seems to me that it has to satisfy some particular bodily function. However, some people eat just to pass away time, to fill up empty places, to satisfy their appetites, and some eat because they are actually hungry.

I believe people also read for practically the same reasons. Eating furnishes a source of food for the body, whereas reading furnishes a source of satisfaction to the soul.

A quick glance at the magazine and news stands reveals that every type of literature imaginable is being published and sold to the public. The tragedy is in the fact that the public loves it. The people are temporarily satisfying the appetites of their souls, the lusts of their flesh, and the lusts of their eyes. Some like crime stories, some prefer sports, some sex, some comics, some love, some mystery, some adventure, and a few have their hearts thrilled by the incomparable messages from the Holy Scriptures and various religious publications. Little do many know that the Scriptures contain the only message that will actually satisfy a hungry soul or quench the thirst of a searching heart. All these other messages will pass away with the world and its lusts; but the eternal message of salvation, along with the souls that are satisfied by it, endureth forever.

Adventure stories cannot be found anywhere that can compare with those unfolded in the Holy Bible. Just read the adventures of the children of Israel during their deliverance from the land of Egypt. The Scriptures are filled with stories of crimes and sins and the results thereof in the lives of those who commit them.

For the athletic type, St. Paul challenges all those who have entered the race to run with patience in order to obtain the prize, the crown of righteousness. St. Paul fought to win—he kept the faith and finished the course.

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Those who enjoy love stories should learn what love really means, love in the light of the Scriptures. The greatest love story of all time is told in one verse of scripture, John 3:16. Then turn back to the Book of Hosea and read the love story of Hosea and Gomer.

No doubt secular literature does satisfy its readers to a certain extent for a short time, but that satisfaction soon passes and the soul is still hungry. But the soul that has been fed with the Word of God is satisfied for time and eternity.

For a healthier, happier, more satisfied soul, friends, watch your "reading diet."

Do YOU Ever

Get Blessed in Your Soul?

By E. E. Wordsworth*

SOME people have definite reactions against any form of emotionalism and discountenance any religious joyous expression, and that in the name of holiness. Granted there is extremism at times, and fleshly manifestations; nevertheless, spiritual outbursts under the anointing of the Spirit are not to be opposed nor frowned upon.

Mr. Wesley says: "I preached on that delicate device of Satan to destroy the whole religion of the heart—the telling men not to regard frames or feelings, but to live by naked faith; that is, in plain terms, not to regard either love, joy, peace, or any other fruit of the Spirit. Not to regard whether they feel these, or the reverse; whether their souls be in a heavenly or hellish frame" (*Journal*, Vol. 6, page 18).

William Black heard Wesley preach from Luke 20:36, "Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; for they are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection." And, says Black, "When he came to the second clause he repeated it several times—'For they are equal unto the angels'—and, his soul being so filled with rapture that he could not proceed, he burst into tears, saying, 'Let us pray'" (*Journal*, Vol. 6, page 200).

I heard Dr. E. P. Ellyson advise preachers, "Never let a week go by without getting a real soaking blessing from the Lord." That word "soaking" impressed me. I pass it on for preacher and layman. We are too dry-eyed. A good Swede was a member of my church. He was a farmer. He told me that every day he went to the barn and prayed until God came and blessed his soul. He showed me the place where God met his soul. If we prayed more, lived closer to God, we would be blessed more, privately and publicly. Dr. P. F. Bresee used to say, "Pray the glory down!"

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THE EARTHLY LIFE

By Anna M. Gilleland

*This earthly life is fleeting,
So let us live it well,
With a view to one eternal
Where saints immortal dwell.*

*With many joys and sorrows
Life is mingled through the years;
With one day bringing happiness,
The next one grief and tears.*

*With hopeful resignation
Will come the closing scene
For those who walk the holy way
With hearts made pure and clean.*

STEWARDSHIP

By Katherine Bevis*

IN CHRISTIAN circles we often hear the word stewardship. What does it mean? Webster gives this meaning for a *steward*: "One who manages an estate for another . . ."

But as applied to the Christian, what does it mean?

The word steward is Anglo-Saxon, and its original meaning was "sty-ward"—in short, the keeper of the pigs.

And from this humble origin the word grew until it came to designate an important government official—the Lord High Steward of England—but whether it was a pigsty or affairs of the state, the steward was *always a keeper*.

Therefore, a steward, as applied to the Christian, means that he is a trusted servant, to whom many things have been committed. God, the Creator, has entrusted the Christian steward with personality, with talents, with time, and with money; and for these the steward must give an account to the Owner, our Heavenly Father.

There are many people who think only of money when the word steward is mentioned, but there is a much broader meaning to this word than thinking of it in terms of just money.

We as Christians are stewards in every sense of the word, of *all* the gifts with which God has enriched our lives.

A college president once said to a student audience: "The length of your life is in the hands of God; the *quality* of your life is in your own hands."

Do you want to live a life of quality, a spiritual life filled with the rich quality that is the evidence of a life dedicated to God?

In England there are no baggage checks, I am told. At the railway station the passenger claims his luggage by certain identification marks, such

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as the color of the suitcase, or his initials painted on the end of it.

As our bodies carry certain peculiar formations by which we are recognized, and our possessions are marked with the insignia of our ownership, so likewise every soul has its own unique characteristics.

Either we are *good* stewards or we are *bad* stewards. A goldfish in a glass bowl is no more conspicuous than are our traits of character—the way we use our talents.

Can we say with Paul: "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20)? Let's be *good* stewards by making the kingdom of God supreme in our lives.

A Lesson from the River

By Leon Chambers*

I WALKED on the bank of a river. The water moved on smoothly, obeying the call of the ocean. So calm was the day, so smooth was the way, that not a ruffle was on the water. Surely, I felt, trouble could never come here. However, I was suddenly warned that the calm would be stormy, and the smooth rough, as from the distance came an ominous roar.

Around the bend, I found the rapids. The same water, but what a difference! The water beat on the rocks, churned into a white foam; but with much splashing and many hindrances, it forced its way toward its goal.

So strong is the law, "water seeks its lowest level," that it would not be stopped. It was hindered, pushed here and there, its way filled with adversaries, defied by many crooks and turns; but, in all of this, the water never deviated from its channel nor turned from its goal.

So strong is the drive to reach the ocean that the water moves on by day and night. Dams can only hinder but cannot stop; trash may be thrown in, but it will be washed away. Winter may freeze; but deep under the ice, the river moves on.

There is that persistent pull that never lessens until the goal is reached. Hindrances? Yes, but the pull is stronger.

There are hindrances in life—real, hard, cruel, and crushing hindrances. There is the adversary of the soul, who will beset you by day and by night. He will fight to the very gate of heaven.

Life has its perils for all. Elijah had his Ahab; John the Baptist, his Herod; Jesus, His cross; and we will have our personal foes. Our defeat or victory depends on our spiritual condition. Jesus said (John 7:38) that we could have an experience like rivers of living water. Not one river, but rivers! We can have power to push on to ultimate victory. Thank God for victory!

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HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

NEW CHURCHES

DISTRICT Superintendent Orville L. Maish organized a new church at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, on November 21. Since this was Thanksgiving Sunday, the first offering for missions was taken, and \$72.00 was received for that purpose. Lots have been purchased and a schoolhouse is being remodeled for church services. Miss Ruth Hieftje is the pastor.

A church was also organized at Lake Odessa, Michigan. Rev. Francis Haff is the pastor. The Sunday school is averaging fifty in attendance. The congregation is worshipping in a hall. There are now eight new churches on the Michigan District since the General Assembly.

A new church was organized at Sunnyvale, California, by District Superintendent George Coulter. The new building has just been started. This is the sixteenth new church on the Northern California District for the quadrennium.

District Superintendent Arthur C. Morgan organized a new church at Veedersburg, Indiana, on the second day of January, 1955. Rev. E. V. Wamsley is the new pastor. This is the fourth new church on the Northwest Indiana District since the General Assembly.

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

District Superintendent R. J. Plumb organized a new church at Encinitas, California, on December 26. Rev. R. C. Lewis has been appointed pastor. This is the seventh new church on the Southern California District for the quadrennium.

Negro Work Advances

We have had several reports recently about progress on the Gulf Central District. Our Negro churches in other parts of the country are also making gains. The accompanying picture was taken of the Jubilee Church in Detroit on December 12, when they had fifty in attendance. Rev. and Mrs. Warren A. Rogers are working hard to build the group.

In San Francisco, California, some ladies of First Church felt they should start a mission among the thousands of Negroes who had moved into the city. They located a housing project of over 700 homes, known as Crocker Amazon, in which 90 per cent of the people were Negroes, and many others in the surrounding area. Only one small church is working among these people.

The ladies called from house to house and started their first Sunday-

school class on February 28, 1953, with thirteen present. The following week they had fifty-three present. The record attendance is ninety-three, and the average for 1954 was sixty-three.

The property in the housing project belongs to the Public Utilities Commission and was used by the navy during the war. This has made it impossible to get a building, but these intrepid ladies have used concrete bleachers built by the Recreation Department for the baseball diamond as their Sunday school. In spite of fog, cold wind, and weather, this outdoor Sunday school has continued winter and summer. Only eight times have heavy rains made it impossible to meet.

It has not been possible to reach adults with this outdoor school. To provide for them, Bible study classes have been started in homes on Thursday afternoons and a preaching service on Tuesday night. A number have been converted in these services. The urgent need is for a building and a pastor, lest the work diminish and fade away. The need is so great that we believe God will answer prayer and a way will be found to continue this worthy ministry.

I BELONG TO JESUS

By Lillian A. Mickel

*My Father, hear my earnest plea;
I want my life to count for Thee,
So by my walk the world can see
That I belong to Jesus.*

*I do not ask for human praise,
But for Thy smile on all my ways,
Thy guiding hand through all my days,
For I belong to Jesus.*

*I do not ask an easy road,
Nor do I seek a lighter load;
Mine eyes are fixed on Thine abode,
For I belong to Jesus.*

*Thou knowest for me just what is best,
Thy grace will keep in every test,
In Thee my heart has found sweet rest,
For I belong to Jesus.*

*Then when my race on earth is run,
And I have reached the setting sun,
I shall go home, my work all done,
For I belong to Jesus!*



Detroit Jubilee Church on December 12. The pastor, Rev. Warren A. Rogers, is standing third from right.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for February 13: The New Life in Christ

Scripture: John 3:1-21; 10:7-16; Acts 16:19-34; II Cor. 5:17 (Printed: John 3:5-7; Acts 16:25-34; II Cor. 5:17)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly (John 10:10).*

Strange that a man with the sincerity and knowledge of Nicodemus would not readily understand that if a new way of life were to be realized it would call for the birth of a new creature! Yet two thousand years have rolled by and still, with all of our knowledge, man inclines toward the conviction that the mere rearranging of surface patterns will produce inward spiritual life and peace of mind. How slow we are to perceive and grasp such an elementary fact!

If ever new life is to be found, it will not be from the sociological tinkering with man. New methods have given us only new ways in which to destroy ourselves. Here Jesus frankly tells this scholar that he must be born anew. This is the very genius of the

Christian faith, not a patched-up job but a new life, a new personality, a different motive, and consequently a different disposition. We are made a new kind of being, so we live a new kind of life.

If society is to be redeemed, it will not be by the changing of outside patterns of living. Such a change would be about as effective as painting the pump handle would be in purifying a polluted well. It is not life's performance that is wrong—this is the symptom; the disease lies deep in the nature of man himself.

The Bible is clear on the work of the Spirit of God in convicting and regenerating man. It makes plain that the answer is not in the reformation of society, the rearranging of things, a more polite mannerism, a mere improvement in houses and streets. Make no mistake, these improvements will come, but in themselves they are the flowers cut from the roots and will very soon fade and

die. It is not the house man lives in nor the car he drives that counts in God's world, but rather the man himself. Christ came to bring new life by and through the accomplishment of the Cross. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

How new life is accomplished will remain as mysterious as life itself. We know through personal experience that the death of Jesus reaches down into the very heart of our life, touching the most needful spots and bringing healing. We know that when, by faith, Christ makes His entrance into our lives, the burden of sin is lifted and guilt is removed. Life becomes so very different—so different that it is new—we are born again!

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Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

Prayer Chain

Near one thousand Methodist churches are starting a prayer meeting that will last the year round. Before it is over, between 50,000 and 100,000 will have participated. They will pray for peace. Some of this group will be praying every hour of the day. Could we not all join them? And, too, let us add a little—that God will take from us our sin and sins that produce war in our hearts and among nations. Some say that religion has become a fad. A far healthier view is that a very wholesome religious awakening is sweeping America. It is cause for great gratitude to genuine Christians. If there are some hangers-on for loaves and fishes and if there is some shallowness, it is up to all of us to take advantage of the tide to pro-

claim a soul-saving gospel to all men with force and vigor, calling on God to give us and the world a real, deep-moving revival. Cynics would like to sneer it off, but many in the nation are moving toward God.

Gangsters Of the Appian Way

No, they are not robbers and murderers. They are those who, along the historic Appian Way, are building an airport, an Esso station selling axle grease and antiques, factories, a Hollywood villa, lumberyards, and cheap dwellings. How out of color with those events celebrated in history, literature, and tradition! The approach to the Eternal City, the ancient Roman tombs, the Church of the Domine Quo Vadis, where Jesus, according to tra-

dition, appeared to timid and wavering Peter to strengthen him! Julius Caesar is said at one time to have been a road commissioner in charge of the Appian Way, queen of roads. Artistic and tradition-minded citizens are clamoring for the restoration of the ancient beauty of this historic road (*Time*). It is probably safe to predict that the "gangsters of the Way" will win. Modern civilization is on the march and will not easily be stopped. Who knows which way is right?

The Monster

I refer to liquor. In spite of the shallow sentiment expressed in some areas that alcoholism is a disease like cancer or tuberculosis, it is a monstrous curse that is self-imposed. To Premier Mendes France it has become

"a national catastrophe." His government is taking steps to regulate the amount sold, the time period when liquor can be sold, the kinds of liquor sold during a given period. The government decrees that every cafe and bar must close one day during the week and that anyone who opens a bar must first show that another has been closed. The premier calls alcoholism "the most dramatic plague in our country." Liquor is a monster and a plague to America. Our nation must rise to do something or else we will find ourselves moving toward self-destruction. It is reported that Vice-President Nixon has appointed as his administrative assistant Robert L. King, a vice-president and general

manager of the Comfort Distillery of St. Louis. This is a shame to Nixon, his family, his party, and his nation.

BRIEFS

Polio dimes. The March of Dimes money will make available, chiefly to American children, nine million vaccinations against polio if recent tests of the vaccine prove satisfactory.

Separation of church and state is a vital issue at present in both Argentina and Colombia in South America. In Argentina the Catholics are accused of "fostering agitation." In Colombia it is the Protestants that are "stirring up discord." The United States of America has deliberately adopted

separation of church and state. The problem we have yet to solve is how to give to our vast millions in public schools such training in religion as will bring to the children necessary religious training in manners and morals.

December 15 was Safety Day for the nation. The idea was promoted by the President of the United States through the Action Committee for Traffic Safety. It attracted the attention of the nation and presumably saved two-score lives. Could we not all say every day, "We have a problem here—we will work together to solve it"? By so doing we could save an untold number of lives. Let us remember S-D!

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Answered Prayer

Mrs. Alstott feels definitely that God has touched her body, thanks to the recent publication for the need of prayer.—CHARLES ALSTOTT, *Haiti*.

Prayer Request

We would appreciate your prayer that certain difficulties in the publication of the dictionary of the Kekchi language may be overruled. It is all set up for printing in the government print shop, and there it has remained for several months now.—BETTY SEDAT, *Guatemala*.

Urgent Prayer Needed

Mrs. Lester Johnston is seriously ill, and may have to return to the States. Please pray for her. She has been ill much of the time that she has been on the field.—Argentina.

Prayer Request from India

Our camp meeting will be held February 22-29. Will you please pray with us that God will once again rend the heavens and come down upon us? Our laymen must catch a glimpse of the glory of God. I hope it is not too late to put this on the prayer list.—HAZEL LEE, *India*.

Our First Christmas In the Philippines

Just think—a year ago today we were en route to Kansas City to meet with the General Board, and today we are on foreign soil, happily serving the Lord! We have had many thrilling experiences which we have wished many times could be experienced by the Nazarenes at home. The General Budget would then be easier to pay, for those who find it a struggle.

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

We certainly had an enjoyable Christmas in Baguio with our missionaries. It was a privilege to attend the Christmas program in Baguio City and also in Balacog, which is off the highway. We walked a couple of kilometers through the rice fields, but were happy to have some carabao along to carry the equipment for the program, and for the pictures we planned to take. As Brother and Sister Pitts and Erna and I walked across the fields, which are dry this time of the year, we could hear the Christmas carols being played over a loud-speaker, with power furnished by the generator that we had brought with us for the mission. We needed our flashlights before we reached the church. The program began around 7:00 p.m. and was good, though we could not understand the dialect. We were served a midnight lunch after it was over, and at last made our way back to Baguio, arriving at 2:45 a.m., but feeling good inside. I wish you could have seen the setting and the participants in the Christmas program at Balacog. The thatched roof, the bamboo floor and side walls, and the very Oriental setting made the manger scene most effective. We had to hold the program outdoors because from 350 to 400 people were there, some of them having walked fifteen or sixteen kilometers to get there.

We have a faithful little group in Manila, and are confident this will increase as soon as we are able to build a church. We are holding afternoon Sunday school in a small front yard for the neighborhood children, since we can't possibly accommodate

them in the small house where we now worship.—ROY COPELIN, *Philippine Islands*.

Italy Needs Christ

By Alfredo Del Rosso

I have been to Syracuse, the town where the Apostle Paul stopped as he was coming from Malta. We know that he spent three days in Syracuse, for the Bible tells us of this in Acts 28:12. It is written also on the door of the church of St. Paul in Syracuse. But here, as in other towns, we see among the magnificent vistas of nature the darkness of sin and death in the hearts of men.

Our Christians in Sicily are located in Catania and Misterbianco, under the beautiful Mount Etna, white with snow. That mountain is more than three thousand millimeters high! Fertile grounds, and pleasant towns and villages surround it, but sin and superstition are everywhere.

Some years ago there was a large revival among that population and the persecution among the believers was sometimes very strong, but it is better now. Yet we still find difficulty when we present Christ, for the people are not accustomed to our faith.

But in spite of difficulties we believe that we shall see precious souls coming to Christ. The gospel has not lost its power! As the dear Lord brought us to the gospel when we were lost in sin, it is possible for God to lead others in my homeland to Him and His glorious salvation also.

Especially we in the Church of the Nazarene are much interested in presenting the gospel of Christ because we have a glorious message of holiness

that will illumine many Italians on the path of righteousness and life.

We have visited, also, Ancona, on the Adria Sea. We have there some people who want to have a regular service at least every month. I was there some weeks ago and they were very happy to have a service with me, after a long time alone without regular services in that big town. Ancon is the Haupt town of the Marche region with nearly 100,000 inhabitants.

I have been in Naples, where we have some other people who want to be visited regularly. How sad to see the people in such a big town living in terrible sins! The same as in Messina, Catania, Syracuse, Sicily, and everywhere in our land.

Brother and Sister Morgan help very well in Florence. We try to do our best to teach our preachers the Bible. We see how needful it is to have good preachers, Nazarene preachers, that Christ may be preached and a revival may come soon.

A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

GOD HUNTED HIM UP

Monday:

God's man had risked an enormous public forward step, alone. God had backed him. Yet the reaction had been an ugly, dangerous notoriety, mental and physical exhaustion, loneliness. But God found Elijah in his discour-

agement, touched his body, cleared his mind, encouraged his heart—and sent him to take advantage of the victory already won. God hunts up true men in their crucial hours. (I Kings 19:11-13.)

Tuesday:

God hunts up His men in the thick of life's storms. He found Paul through the fury of the Mediterranean gale on a foundering ship, to tell him he was safe in the keeping of the God he served. He found Job bewildered, distracted by the blinding storm of temptation, yet somehow holding on—to remind him that the God he had trusted was still on the throne. (Acts 27:23-24; Job 38:1-3.)

Wednesday:

God will hunt up men who are headed in the wrong direction, to warn or redirect. He faced Balaam, deceiving himself into compromise, and tried by drastic means to save him. He found narrow-visioned Peter on the housetop and gave him the larger perspective. He stopped Paul on the highway, honest in his cruelty, and won him to the way of love. (Num. 22:22; Acts 10:13; Acts 9:4-6.)

Thursday:

God hunts up the right men to do work for Him: Moses in the desert, eager for a commission, but patient in preparation; Gideon, working hard at his ordinary job, but deeply concerned for God's cause.

And He hunts up young men who

are facing a too big, but God-given, job, to offer counsel and courage. He made an unexpected night visit to young King Solomon with a test and a gift; He stood suddenly before young Captain Joshua as the Man with the Drawn Sword. (Exod. 3:2; Judg. 6:11-12; I Kings 3:5; Josh. 5:13-15.)

Friday:

God will hunt up a son that has been prayed for and entrusted to His care. He put through a special call one night to young Samuel, whose mother had dedicated him already to God's service. He waylaid Jacob running away from the good influences of home to a far country; His word had been given to a faithful grandfather. (I Sam. 3:4; Gen. 28:13.)

Saturday:

God hunted up the aged John exiled on Patmos, and honored him with the greatest vision of truth vouchsafed to man. People have overlooked you in these years when you are out of the running; God will come to you with fresh commissions. He does not forget the old warriors. (Rev. 1:9-10.)

Sunday:

"Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own"—and ready for their peculiar emergency. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." The same today, He is eternally active, by His Spirit. Help us to remember, Lord, and to welcome Thy visits, listening to know what Thou seest our need to be. (II Chron. 16:9.)

NEWS

of the Churches



NEWS IN BRIEF

Church Secretary M. E. Ruffner sends word from Chattanooga, Tennessee: "First Church moving forward in each department; all budgets paid to date, with blessings of God on every service. Pastor Roy Bettcher was recalled for three years with an overwhelming vote."

Rev. Hugh W. Hill writes that he has resigned as pastor of the church in Rome, Georgia, and accepted the call to pastor Central Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. C. Warren Jones writes: "Here we are [Jan. 12] in Honolulu. Arrived by plane from Portland last evening in time to hear Evangelist R. N. Raycroft of Indiana. Will be

busy—the schedule reads: four single services, a week-end holiness convention, and an all-day preachers' meeting. Glad for this privilege of being with Rev. Cecil Knippers, the district superintendent, and his pastors: Rev. Harold Kiemel, Rev. Edward Phillips, Rev. R. L. Chaney, Rev. Standley Ledbetter, Rev. J. B. Cook, and Rev. J. E. Chastain. Will be getting another pastor from the States and that soon."

Mr. and Mrs. Dolphin P. Meyers, 452 Third Ave. No., Twin Falls, Idaho, were united in marriage on February 15, 1905, at Gandy, Nebraska. Seven sons and three daughters came to bless this home. Their children and members and friends of First Church of the Nazarene plan to help them celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary by observing "open house." Mr. and Mrs. Meyers have attended

the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls, Idaho, for the past eighteen years.

Pastor C. B. Horne sends word from Albany, Georgia: "First Church just closed mighty revival with Pastor M. L. Turney of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as evangelist. Altar and front benches lined nightly. On closing Sunday forty-nine people pledged \$12,000.00 on new auditorium. New parsonage now under construction. God be praised for miracles in Albany."

Pastor Roy T. McKinney sends word from Dunbar, West Virginia: "First Church just closed one of the greatest meetings in her history. Our building destroyed by fire the day before the revival began, so services were held in another church. Evangelist Fred Thomas at his best; scores

of seekers, some who have been on our prayer list for years. Dr. E. C. Oney, district superintendent, a great blessing in the Sunday service. Evangelist Fred Thomas raised \$16,500.00 the last Sunday toward rebuilding the church; help coming from many sources. Our people are encouraged to rebuild an even greater church. Praise God for all blessings!"

Wakeeney, Kansas—We accepted the call to this church in September of last year and God has blessed the work here in many ways. On arrival we found a fine, loyal group of Nazarenes who have sacrificed a great deal in order to get this new church started. Their vision was made a reality two years ago, when the church was organized. Then with the help of the Kansas District Home-Mission Board a new sanctuary was completed last May, under the leadership of the former pastor, Rev. Floyd Everhart. We are now building a much-needed parsonage. We recently closed a revival with Brother Raymond Parker as evangelist, and the pastor in charge of the singing. Our people say it was the greatest revival they have had. The ministry of Brother Parker will be long remembered. All Sunday-school records were broken the first Sunday of the meeting—Forrest Woodward and Wife, Pastors.

Song Evangelist Bob Mickey reports: "I thank God for His blessings. Since March of 1954 I have been in full-time service in the field of song evangelism. The Lord has given me the privilege of working on four districts, making district tours with Rev. C. B. Cox on the Colorado District and Dr. Edward Lawlor on the Canada West District. I also worked in three revivals in Alberta, Canada—Drumheller, Calgary Southside, and Olds. At this time I'm in a promising revival at Minneapolis, Kansas, with Rev. John Lambert as pastor and Rev. J. V. Langford as the evangelist. I plan to be back on the Canada West District in April and have open dates that I would like to slate in Canada. Address me, 309 Cimmaron Avenue, La Junta, Colorado."

Somerton, Arizona—This church, with the help of our precious Saviour, held one of our most successful revivals. December 8 through December 19. Interest was great and good crowds were in attendance, including people from the two churches in Yuma and Winterhaven and the Somerton Mission. Rev. and Mrs. Winfield Mundell were faithful workers and a great number of seekers were at the altar, with several new members being added to our church. Our loyal membership was greatly encouraged and we are praying for and expecting greater victories for Christ in 1955.—Mrs. John H. Ray, Reporter.

De Queen, Arkansas—The Lord recently gave us a wonderful week's revival through the ministry of Evangelist C. B. Fugett. It was a most unusual meeting. Brother Fugett preaches with the power of God; our church was greatly helped; souls were saved, sanctified, and many friends were made for the church. Wife and I have never entertained a more godly man in our home. How we enjoyed praying for souls, for our great Nazarene movement and all of its constituency with Brother Fugett. The Lord's Spirit is felt in every service here in the De Queen church and souls are being saved because of the untiring efforts of our people.—Jack B. Lowe, Pastor.

Pastor Stanford E. Ernest sends word from Elmira, New York: "First Church had a great day Christmas Sunday with 238 in Sunday school. We received 9 new members and voted to purchase a new Hammond organ (church model). The church has an active teen-age organization; and the Sunday school, with four separate departments, is moving ahead. The year's high attendance was on Easter Sunday with 362. The pastor appreciates working with the fine people of Elmira First, and looks forward for continued spiritual victories during our fourth year of ministry here."

Orland, Indiana—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Harold Richardson as special workers. We had thirty-six seekers and received six members by profession of faith at the close of the meeting. Brother and Sister Richardson have a good spirit, preach under the unction of the Holy Spirit, and carry a fine program. God is blessing here at Orland. We are erecting a new sanctuary; and the church is growing, not only in numbers, but spiritually.—C. P. Hurry, Pastor.

Alpena, Michigan—Our church had a wonderful revival, December 5 through 15, with Rev. R. Lester Hale, pastor of the First Church in Mt. Pleasant, as the evangelist. His messages were Spirit-filled, and God mightily used him in giving out the old-time gospel. Our Sunday-school record attendance, which had been set last Easter, was broken during the revival, and the Lord helped us to break it again the Sunday following Christmas. The church profited both spiritually and numerically by the revival, in which we saw thirty-nine seekers bow at the altar. We believe that, although Alpena church is hardly more than a year old, this home-mission church is firmly encamped in the community, and will continue to do battle for God!—George C. Otto, Pastor.

Donna, Texas



Pictured here is the beautiful property of our Spanish-speaking congregation in Donna. Last year, the District Preachers' Convention was held here. In February the special dedication service was held. On at least four other special occasions the building has been filled to its capacity of over two hundred. The church was organized in December with

twenty-seven members, all by profession of faith. Previously we had operated as a mission. On December 26 the Sunday school, which has been averaging around fifty, broke all previous records with 152 present. Opposition and hindrances have been strong, but the opportunities are great and we know God always gives victory. We are going forward!—Joe McMahan, Pastor.

Nazarene Parsonage Osseo, Minnesota

Last December 5 marked the silver anniversary of the Maple Grove Church. At the afternoon service Rev. Roy F. Stevens, district superintendent, preached and led the services for the dedication of two new Sunday-school classrooms in the tower of the church building, a new lawn sign dedicated in memory of Pastor Johnson's father, who passed away earlier in 1954, and the parsonage purchased at the close of 1953. The six-room, cottage-style house is directly across the street from the church and has been redecorated inside and out for occupancy by Rev. Edward Johnson, who has served the church for the past fifteen years on a part-time basis, and since July 1, 1954, has been the full-time resident pastor. The departments of the church are growing and the Lord is blessing in every way.—Reporter.



Milwaukee, Wisconsin—Recently we had a good meeting with Rev. Joseph Thompson as the special worker. Attendance was the best we have had, and on the last Sunday we broke all previous Sunday-school records. An outstanding victory was the definite conversion of a Roman Catholic lady. The church was helped by the encouraging messages and capable ministry of Brother Thompson, who has had much experience in a sister denomination before uniting with us.—Frank and Nellie Enoch, Pastors.

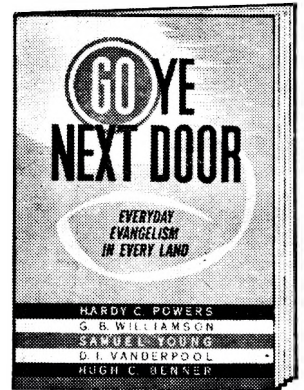
Indianapolis, Indiana—It is our privilege to report the progress that God is helping First Church to make. Our pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Dawson, is well into his third year with us. We count it a real privilege to have him labor in our midst. God has been very definitely blessing, and the church is moving ahead. Every aspect of the work, financially, numerically, and spiritually, has been blessed of the Lord. Our Sunday school is running about fifty ahead of last year after a similar gain last year over the year before. We are reaching some fine new people who are finding the Lord and fitting right into the program of the church. God's Spirit is upon our services with some very real manifestations of His presence. Recently we closed a wonderful revival with Rev. R. E. Bridgewater as the evangelist and Janet and Jim Crider as the musicians and singers. God honored the straight-forward preaching of truth with some outstanding cases of salvation. Our workers were certainly used of God to precipitate a real revival. The spirit of the meeting carried on after its close. On the Sunday following the revival, God came upon the services in such demonstration and power that the pastor did not get to preach in either service of the day. Without any preaching people were seeking the Lord. We praise God for His blessings in our midst.—Mrs. Ethel Richardson, Secretary.

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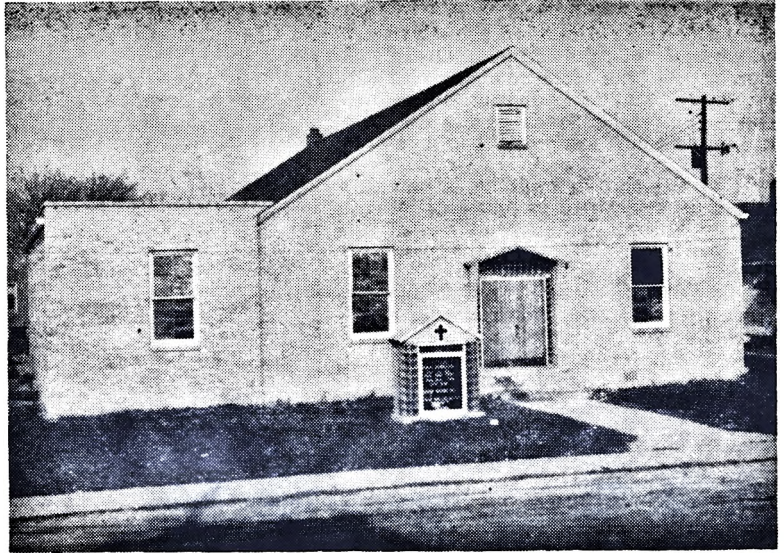
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Shirley, Indiana

Our church is very happy to report a wonderful increase over the past year. Through the help of the Lord and the efforts of our people, we have had an average attendance of 100 in Sunday school, which is an increase of 20 per cent. During the summer months, we were able to build a new annex, which supplies us with six new Sunday-school rooms and two new rest rooms. The annex is connected to the west side of the church and extends from the main auditorium, with a seating capacity of 125, making the seating capacity of the entire church approximately 300. The annex is valued at approximately \$6,000.00 and there is an indebtedness of \$2,950.00. On last November 7 we held our annual home-coming and dedication of the annex. Rev. Luther Williams, a former pastor, was scheduled to preach for the morning and evening services; but the Lord blessed the services in such a wonderful way that it was impossible for him to preach at either service. Our good district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantwell, and his wife were with us for the dedication services in the afternoon. Brother Cantwell preached an inspiring message, and pledges were made in the amount of \$1,300.00



to be paid on the indebtedness. We recently closed a good revival with Evangelist Fay Fouse and Mr. and

Mrs. James Crider, song evangelists, as the special workers.—Mrs. Ruth Davisson, Reporter.

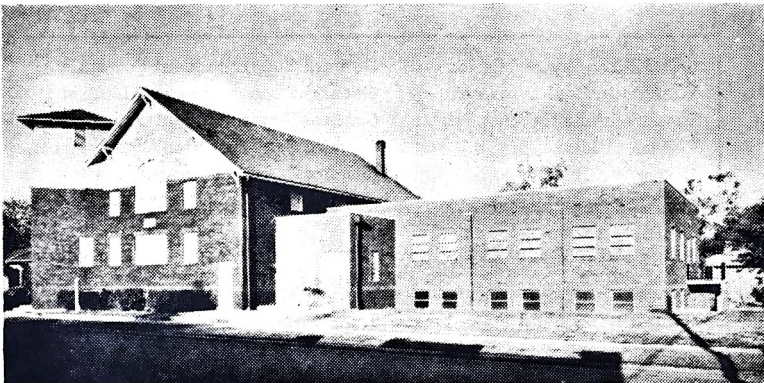
Evangelist A. L. Parrott reports: "We are now engaged in a wonderful revival at the Ellington church on the Eastern Michigan District. God is blessing and souls are praying through. We have had thirty-three at the altar so far, with half the meeting yet to go. Just last night, between two and three o'clock, a man whose wife had gotten sanctified earlier in the meeting came to the parsonage and prayed through to God. We have twenty-one revivals slated for this year but have open time for three more: June 22 to July 3, July 6 to 17, and July 27 to August 7. We will be in west Texas after this time. Write me, P.O. Box 298, Bourbonnais, Illinois."

Cleveland, Ohio—God has wondrously blessed Central Church since Rev. Clayton R. Stouffer came to us two and one-half years ago. Several people have been saved and sanctified, and we have had several cases of divine healing. Great victories have been won this past year. Our attendance has increased in all departments. We broke the record on Sunday, December 19, which was ninety. We were so happy to be financially able to put our pastor on full time starting November 14. Recently five new members were received into the church. Last year we started an afternoon Sunday school for colored people, which is doing very nicely. We also have a sub-

stantial building fund and believe we will have a church home in the near future.—Betty Ford, Secretary.

Ashland, Kentucky—We had an outstanding revival recently with Rev. Earl Starnes, evangelist, and Rev. Leon Cook in charge of the music. These workers are among the best. Large crowds were in attendance; the messages in sermon and song were deep and searching; seekers came at almost every invitation; altar services were victorious; and a nice class of members was received on the last night. As evidence of the esteem in which our pastor, Rev. Lawrence B. Hicks, is held by the

First Church, Terre Haute, Indiana



October 17, 1954, was one of the red-letter days in the history of First Church in Terre Haute. Like most Nazarene churches, we have had an interesting history. Beginning with a very few, but a faithful group, the

church has continued to grow until today—a membership of 180. For the months of October and November, the Sunday school had an average attendance of 254. On October 17, Dr. Mendell Taylor, District Superinten-

dent Leo C. Davis, members, friends, and visiting ministers met for the dedication service of a beautiful new Sunday-school annex. The new annex is 40 x 56 feet, and opens into the main auditorium, increasing the seating capacity by 120. Much labor was donated by men who sacrificed time and effort to make this possible for \$21,000.00. Our entire plant will now give us 21 Sunday-school rooms, with auditoriums for 6 fully organized departments. The church was very thoughtful of the pastor in providing a nice room equipped with new furniture for the pastor's study. Surely God has been with us, hitherto, and we expect great times ahead. First Church has been instrumental in the organization of South Side and Central churches, both in the last six years. These churches are growing and doing a good work, with Rev. Cletus Franklin as pastor of South Side, and Rev. Mertie Melton as pastor of Central.—Clyde Montgomery, Pastor.

congregation, on December 26 he was given a unanimous three-year call, with 178 enthusiastically voting. Our district superintendent, Rev. D. S. Somerville, then presented him with a basket of flowers and the keys to a new automobile. Brother Hicks is not only greatly loved by his congregation, but has a host of friends in the community. Our regular Sunday morning service is broadcast each week over WCMI and has been a regular feature for approximately sixteen years. As a further forward move, we are now constructing a brick parsonage, costing approximately \$10,000.00, for our youth director and assistant pastor, Rev. Billy T. Ball. Brother Ball came to us about eighteen months ago and has proved his value. His work is chiefly with the young people and Sunday school. On the last day of our revival we had 503 in attendance, with no rally, bringing the yearly average to 458.—Wayne E. Kendall, Secretary.

Evangelist T. A. Shirley reports: "We are glad to get back on the field after the Christmas holidays. Just before the holidays we closed a very successful revival with Rev. James Lamp, pastor of Berry, Alabama. The altar was lined several times with seekers praying for pardon or purity. The Lamps are wonderful people, and are doing a good work in that section of the country. At this time we are engaged in an old-fashioned revival with First Church, Sheffield, Alabama, where Rev. Wallace Bell is pastor. God has met with us from the very beginning. Five days are gone, and the altar has been lined night after night with seekers who have prayed through to God. There have been shouts of victory. The attendance is excellent; every night the auditorium has been almost filled. New people are being contacted and won to the church. Brother Bell has his people well organized, and his Sunday-school attendance is running well over two hundred. We rejoice with the fine pastor and people in the progress they are making in the great Crusade for Souls. It is a wonderful privilege to work with the fine pastors in our great church. Write me, 204 East Ninth Street, Sylacauga, Alabama."

Evangelist H. N. Dickerson writes: "In reviewing the past year, I can say that the Lord was very good to me. I was in 20 revivals, in 12 different districts, with some of our finest pastors; and there were close to 2,000 seekers, with over 100 joining the church from these revivals; also had rallies that boosted the attendance of the different Sunday schools. I not only held several camp meetings during the year, but have several more slated for this year. From here it looks like another good year with about as many revivals slated as I care to take. The Church of the Nazarene has kept me busy for over 30 years, with 25 revivals

a year for over 20 years straight. I am now holding revivals for the men who were converted in my meetings, and the revival this fall with my son Kline in Detroit will be my fifth revival with him and my seventh with Bethel Church. I have held 5 revivals for the church of which I am a member now, and 23 revivals in the city of Indianapolis. I have been from coast to coast in revivals over 20 times and in Jamaica, Panama, and Cuba. Truly God has been good to me in every way and I want to be true to Him as long as eternity lasts, and I press on in the good old-fashioned way of holiness."

Evangelist J. W. Henry writes that, because of some changes in his slate, he now has some open dates for February and March. He will conduct revivals, week-end meetings, or one-week holiness meetings. Write him, 934 West Hays, Banning, California.

Evangelist J. C. Henson reports: "The year of 1954 was a good one, and also a busy one in the Lord's work. As I worked in several states, God gave me some conventions as good as I have had in my entire ministry. Pastors and people have been so kind to me. As part of my stewardship program, I have distributed copies of my booklet and tried to get every church to be a 100-per-cent tithing church. I have a good slate for summer and spring: California in January, Illinois in February and part of March, then back to California. Have open dates after the latter part of April and will be glad to go anywhere. This is my fifty-ninth year in the ministry; am enjoying good health and in love with God and the Church of the Nazarene. Write me, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelist Ernest Moore writes: "Since my last report, I have worked with Brother Walter Huber at our South San Antonio Church, where God gave gracious victory with sixteen souls praying through to victory. Then I worked as singer with Pastor H. D. Burson at Houston Irvington church, and once again God met with us. I have worked recently with Rev. Art Payne at Houston Denver with nine young people finding God in our Sunday night service; with Monroe Burkhart at Waco East, Homer Shearer at Waco Central, and with the good people at Waco Cumberland Avenue, while their pastor was on vacation. I am presently engaged in a revival meeting at Coleman, Texas, with Pastors Grafton and Roma Joy Smith; and go from here to Golden, Colorado; Austin First Church, and Waco Central, Texas. We have never enjoyed the presence of the Lord more nor felt more in the center of His will than now. The God of revivals lives today! Our address is P.O. Box 515, Bremond, Texas."



In an announcement just released by Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, Rev. Norman Oke, director of the Christian Service Training division for the Church of the Nazarene, has been appointed book editor for the Nazarene Publishing House. His duties began January 15, 1955.

For the last six and one-half years, Mr. Oke has been head of the Christian Service Training work of the church. During that time the number of credits issued has increased 100 per cent. He is also editor of the Home Bible Study Course offered by the Nazarene Publishing House, and has written a number of texts.

Prior to his coming to Kansas City, Mr. Oke served the church well in pastorates in Washington, Oregon, and Ontario, besides a three-year term as superintendent of the Manitoba-Saskatchewan District. He is a dynamic Bible preacher. Mr. Oke is a graduate of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, and completed his graduate study at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is an active member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City.

NAZARENE NEWS SERVICE

General N.F.M.S. Council Meets

The General N.F.M.S. Council met December 31 and January 1 in the conference room of the new Headquarters Building, Kansas City. All members were present except Mrs. R. V. DeLong, who was with Dr. DeLong on a trip to South America.

Reports revealed gains financially this past year in all the regular channels of giving. The total raised through the N.F.M.S. for General Budget and Foreign Mission Specials was \$1,258,-739.64, an increase over the previous year of \$139,336.42. The total in hand to date (December 29) on the New Guinea offering is \$101,401.43.

The Council voted to put new emphasis on the Prayer and Fasting

League. If every member of the League (80,015) had contributed only 25 cents a week, we would have received over one million dollars through this channel instead of \$312,000.00.

The Alabaster giving has shown a consistent increase since the first opening of \$75.44 in February, 1949. God has blessed and inspired our people until during the last fiscal year \$197,245.45 was placed in Alabaster boxes.

It was voted to continue the raising of \$10,000.00 for the Spanish Broad-

cast, designating July as Spanish Broadcast Month.

It was the unanimous feeling of the Council that the N.F.M.S. would like to assume responsibility for the entire amount for missionaries' pensions and medical aid, thus releasing additional General Budget funds for use on the mission fields. If every active member would pay his Relief and Retirement Dues (twenty cents per year) and 400 of the 3,644 societies would place one name on the Memorial Roll, that would take care of the necessary \$32,000.00.

The net membership gain last year was 8,752 or 8.6 per cent. The total membership of the N.F.M.S. is now 110,111 (24,684 men).

Fifty-one thousand five hundred ninety-six people read at least three books. This brings the general reading average up to 46.8 per cent, 3.2 per cent under the 50 per cent goal.

Special honors go to the Hawaii, Minnesota, Maritime, and Nevada-Utah districts. *Every church on these districts has an N.F.M.S. organization.* The Akron, Northeastern Indiana, Alaska, and Australia districts each lack only one of having top rating.

The top district percentagewise with regard to members participating in the Prayer and Fasting League is Houston (1955-56) with 103.4 per cent. Congratulations! At the six-months point the Indianapolis District leads in giving, with \$6,085.34 remitted for Prayer and Fasting. Southwest Indiana was away out in the lead in the reading program with a percentage of 70.7 (1,948 people reading at least three books).

Through definite prayer for definite needs, the Lord has answered with definite results. Revivals, the healing of sick missionaries, properties and building sites obtained are God-given results. The church without a Prayer Chart and a monthly missionary prayer time is missing a blessing and an opportunity. We urge every society to begin by ordering a Prayer Chart now.

Praise God for all His blessings!
REPORTER

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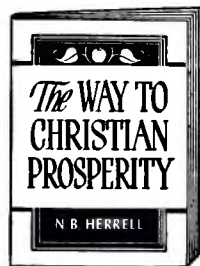
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Southern California District

There were 725 enrolled in our district-wide Christian Service Training Institute on the Southern California District. Classes were held in ten areas at the same time. Six hundred received Christian Service Training credit. Teachers included Rev. J. E. Moore, district church school board chairman of Arizona, Rev. Shelburne Brown, Rev. Andrew Hayes, Dr. Warren Martin, Rev. C. A. McClain, Rev. Dave Sharp, and Rev. Hugh Glass, all of the Los Angeles District.

We appreciate the fine way the Los Angeles and Arizona districts help to build the Southern California District Sunday schools. Rev. Clyde Rhone, district Christian Service Training director, arranged and carried out the institutes. The co-operative adventure proved one of the finest we have had.

WILLIAM D. HOWARD, Chairman
Church School Board

Sunday-School Tour South Arkansas District

The South Arkansas District, under the direction of the district church school board and the district superintendent, Rev. W. L. French, has outlined a very progressive church school program for the district.

The district sponsored a Sunday-school tour with Rev. Mark R. Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Cen-

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tral District, as special speaker. Brother Moore brought stirring messages in several zone rallies that were sponsored by the district school board.

Also, the NV-VU literature for the Beginner, Primary, and Junior departments was emphasized in a new way in presenting the Bible, a progressive build-up picture method, a new adhesive process, and cutouts harmonizing with backgrounds to give a third-dimensional effect. Junior packets include maps and stand-ups, which were accepted by the district and are being used.

J. F. HAMM, Chairman
District Church Schools

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Greater Oklahoma City Holiness Convention: February 23 to 27. Workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. Sammy Sparks, Professor Lester Dunn, Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., Bethany-Penfel College a cappella choir. Night services, 7:30 p.m., in Municipal Auditorium; day services, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., in First Church of the Nazarene, 901 N.W. Sixth Street. No free entertainment furnished. Sponsored by the Oklahoma City Nazarene Ministers' Association.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Ford Miller, for the past few years, has been pastor of our work in Twin Branch Church, Mishawaka, Indiana, and I want to announce that he is available for evangelistic work, and to recommend him as a loyal, sincere preacher. Address him, Box 269, Osceola, Indiana.—Arthur C. Morgan, Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.

I want to recommend Rev. Forest Lamneck to our people as an evangelist. He is a strong expositor of Bible holiness and preacher of the Word whom God has anointed and is using in revival work. He has his master's degree and is wonderful to work with; I hope our people will get acquainted with him and use him in the field of evangelism. Address him, 1518 S. Buckeye, Kokomo, Indiana.—Arthur C. Morgan, Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.

Robert Hostetler was given song evangelist's commission at our last district assembly, and I heartily recommend him as a soloist and song director. He was a blessing to our people in a recent tour of the district. In preparation for giving his full time to evangelistic singing, Brother Hostetler has sold his business and is now available for work anywhere. Let us keep him busy. Address him, 1017 E. Firmin, Kokomo, Indiana.—Arthur C. Morgan, Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Lester, Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia, a daughter, Patty Jo Paulette, on December 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Clem of Lincoln, Nebraska, a daughter, Marilyn Elaine, on December 13.

—to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Williams of Red Rock, Texas, a daughter, Helen Joyce, on November 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. David L. Blum of Salem, Oregon, a daughter, Marion Dale, on November 23.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Beverly Jean Schafer and Everett Eugene Schrader were united in marriage on New Year's Day at the Church of the Nazarene in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with Rev. Frank H. Enoch officiating.

Gloria Voigt and Geron Neuschwander, both Nazarenes of Red Rock, Texas, were united in marriage on December 19, in the Red Rock Church of the Nazarene, with the groom's father, Rev. Eugene Neuschwander, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Kentucky that the Lord will move out of the way a woman who is having an evil influence;

by a Christian lady in New Mexico for her husband to see his need and be sanctified wholly;

by a reader in Pennsylvania for the salvation of a man who has broken his vows to God, also for an unspoken request;

by a lady in North Carolina for a father's diseased body, also his spiritual need, that she may go God's way, and for a friend to know the Lord in holiness of heart;

by a reader in Kentucky for God to help some who have problems, and other special needs in their church there;

by a member of a mission church in California that God may undertake in solving a problem within the church;

by a teen-ager in Indiana, who suffers much pain and humiliation because of physical infirmity, that God will undertake for her in a special way;

by a Christian lady in Massachusetts for a divine physical touch—she wants it only for God's glory, and because she has unsaved loved ones who need her care and help.

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Washington Pacific	May 11 and 12
Oregon Pacific	May 18 to 20
Nevada-Utah	May 25 and 26
Nebraska	June 2 and 3
Northeastern Indiana	June 29 to July 1
Alabama	July 5 and 6
Eastern Michigan	July 20 to 22
Eastern Kentucky	July 27 and 28
Missouri	August 3 to 5
Northwest Indiana	August 17 to 19
Tennessee	August 24 to 26
Louisiana	August 31 to September 1
Georgia	September 14 and 15
Southeast Oklahoma	September 21 and 22

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Northern California	May 11 to 13
Arizona	May 19 and 20
New Mexico	May 25 and 26
Southern California	June 1 to 3
South Dakota	June 22 and 23
Canada West	July 6 to 8
Western Ohio	July 27 to 29
Minnesota	August 1 to 3
Illinois	August 4 to 6
Iowa	August 10 to 12
Houston	August 24 and 25
Mississippi	Aug. 31 to Sept. 1
Kansas City	September 7 to 9
Northeast Oklahoma	September 28 and 29

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Akron	May 4 to 6
Idaho-Oregon	May 11 to 13
Northwest	May 18 and 19
British Isles (2)
West Virginia	July 7 to 9
Michigan	July 13 to 15
Southwest Indiana	July 28 and 29
Kansas	August 3 to 5
Wisconsin	August 10 to 12
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Canada Central	June 15 and 16
New England	June 22 to 24
New York	July 1 and 2
Maritime	July 13 and 14
Pittsburgh	July 21 to 23
Northwest Oklahoma	July 28 and 29
East Tennessee	August 3 and 4
Chicago Central	August 10 to 12
Southwest Oklahoma	September 14 to 16
North Carolina	September 21 and 22
South Carolina	September 28 and 29

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San Antonio	May 4 and 5
Abilene	May 11 to 13
Los Angeles	May 25 to 27
Rocky Mountain	June 2 and 3
North Dakota	June 29 and 30
Colorado	July 13 and 14
Central Ohio	July 20 to 22
Kentucky	August 3 and 4
Virginia	August 10 and 11
Northwestern Illinois	August 17 and 18
Indianapolis	August 24 to 26
South Arkansas	September 7 and 8
North Arkansas	September 14 and 15



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

Chaplain Clifford Keys writes from Fort Campbell, Kentucky:

"On my monthly report you will find reference to Operation St. Nick. Our regiment adopted a civilian community 38 miles from post. We fly over it every time we jump our 187 Drop Zone. The Col. asked me to co-ordinate the operation. Our men really came through on my requests. On Christmas Day I left here at 0420 hours—I took 42½-ton truck and my jeep, and distributed over 600 toys, 20 boxes of canned foods, 24 bags of clothing, and 119 complete hot Christmas dinners. We visited 179 families and made over 200 stops. However, it was possibly the best Christmas I have ever had, and the men that went with me learned the real meaning of 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

He has been transferred to a new unit for duty in Japan later this year.

The new address is:
Chaplain 1st Lt. Clifford E. Keys, Jr.
508th Airborne Regimental Combat Team

Fort Campbell, Kentucky

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for sending us our church literature. It certainly has been a blessing to us. Recently we met a young couple who are planning to join the Nazarene church, so we are able to pass our literature on to them. I'm stationed in Orleans, France, and I am very fortunate in having my wife and our baby boy with me. The Lord has answered many of our prayers and He has proved to be a Companion who is always by our sides and a much-needed Friend, especially since we are so far from our loved ones.

"We have just returned from spending a few days in London, England. One of the high lights of this trip was in being able to again attend a Nazarene service. We worshiped with Rev. and Mrs. Tink and also had a nice visit together. Rev. Evans, a Nazarene missionary in Swaziland, Africa, was also present in this service. This was her last Sunday at home before returning to the field and it certainly was a blessing to hear her testimony. In closing I would like to say that the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission is a great blessing to us servicemen while away from home."

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