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## STONES FOR BREAD

General Superintendent Young

**T**O MEET the test of life, true religion must provide help and comfort for the day of trouble. It must afford direction and assurance for the present day, but it must also see beyond the grave and speak forth the word that is stronger than conjecture. It must also offer a sense of mission and destiny.

The world's multitudes with their basic hungers in every land call for bread; may we not offer them stones. Throughout all generations men have remained incurably religious, even when their worship was sometimes misguided or distorted. When generations here and there have denied God or reduced Him by definition to a question mark, their children have stood by their new-made graves and cried, "Oh that I knew where I might find him!"

What of our own worship services today? When people, young and old, attend our Sunday schools and church services, what do we offer them? Are we engaged in pinpoint questions, controversies, and abstractions that miss the mark of human need? Is our message to sinful men simply one of denunciation? Do we offer stones for bread? What of the little mother who has just learned of the far (moral) distance her boy has traveled from home? When she bows her head in

one of our pews, what does she hear? Or what do we tell the man who has recently learned of a malignancy that makes the lights of his life go blinking out, one by one? Do we have a redemptive, healing message for such an hour? Is there a sure word among us?

Our true bread is the Word of God and He whom God has sent. The simplicity of this Word is startling, but its applications are multiplied and engaging. Obedience to it is our first lesson and final key. The call of the Master, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," is reassuring. But it also carries the challenge and condition, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," before it offers rest of soul. Our holy religion is more than a few isolated hours of escape from the pain and toils of life; it is a way of life that affords victory for the day of adversity. When all the world is dumb with fear and dismay, the Church has a message of salvation and irrepressible joy. When man is at his weakest moment, then God would show His unfailing strength. "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

As men gather to the house of God today, may we offer them bread, not stones.

## TELEGRAM

*Syracuse, New York*—Syracuse First Church enjoying a revival spirit. Rev. John Rhame, pastor, reports a great victory service on Sunday morning (Jan. 23) with no preaching. The congregation gave in cash and pledges \$10,000.00 for the erection of a new church; expect to break ground in the spring.—Renard D. Smith, Superintendent of Albany District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. David C. Ball, retired employee of the Nazarene Publishing House, died January 22 at the age of eighty. He retired in 1945 after serving as a proofreader for approximately nineteen years. He was a member of Grace Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri.

Pastor Steve W. Osborn sends word from Louisville, Georgia: "Our church just closed (Jan. 23) greatest revival in its history. Rev. C. B. Fugett at his best; record crowds nightly, with sinners saved and believers sanctified. All Sunday-school records broken. New church and parsonage this past year. God's presence in all our services."

Rev. Harold L. Keeney, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Davenport, Iowa, was elected president of the Davenport Ministerial Association during a joint meeting of that organization and the Scott County Council of Churches. During the five years Brother Keeney has been in Davenport he has served on the Ministerial Association as treasurer, as vice-president, and now as the president.

Dr. C. Warren Jones sends word from Honolulu: "Have been in the Islands for ten days [Jan. 21]; have had 12 services in 4 churches on 3 islands. Superintendent Knippers plans to invade another island before the General Assembly. God is blessing the work; people are getting saved and believers are being sanctified. That is our purpose as a church in coming to these Islands. Sunday, January 16, we had 545 in our Sunday schools. These Hawaiian Nazarenes are missionary-minded. What a privilege to have met these precious people who love the way of holiness and have become the nucleus around which we intend to build the church in years to come! There is room for at least 30 churches on these Islands. We should have 15 in the city of Honolulu, where now live 250,000 people. On with the fight for the lost of Hawaii!"

Pastor Roy M. Vaughn sends word from Princeton, Indiana: "Princeton church celebrated a mortgage-burning ceremony on Sunday, January 23, at 10:30 a.m. with the pastor in charge of the service. About \$25,000.00 paid on church debt, and \$15,000.00 in improvements made on church and parsonage since coming to Princeton in 1952 as pastor. Church greatly encouraged and going forward."

### FROM THE BRITISH ISLES

Rev. D. J. Tarrant, pastor at Cosham, Portsmouth, for the past four years, has accepted a call to the pastorate at Port Glasgow (Northern District); beginning his duties there in the middle of February.

Rev. Maurice Carlile, pastor of the Grimsby (Lincs.) church for the past two years, is now minister of Dewsbury Road Church, Leeds (Yorks). Brother Carlile is secretary of the British Isles South District.

Rev. H. L. Moore, pastor of the Arden Street, Bolton (Lanes) Church has been appointed pastor at the Grimsby (Lincs.) Church, beginning his duties there in December.

Another appointment made by District Superintendent J. B. Maclagan is that of Leslie Evans to Arden Street, Bolton. Brother Evans of Small Heath Church, Birmingham, is a graduate of Hurler College, and is the first graduate of the college to return to labor in the Southern District.

The new church building and parsonage at Small Heath, Birmingham, was opened and dedicated by Rev. J. B. Maclagan on last December 11. This is the first time our church has

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owned its own property in England's second largest city. Rev. Desmond W. Dixon is the pastor.

Rev. W. Stanley Tranger, formerly of Port Glasgow church (Northern District), has been inducted to the pastoral charge at Hull (Yorks), Southern District. Brother Tranger was district treasurer for the Northern District.

## Conversion IS Real!

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

*Ye must be born again* (John 3:7).

**M**EN OFTEN discount the genuineness of conversion. They explain it away psychologically. They charge it up to emotionalism and fanaticism. Nevertheless, conversion is real, precious, glorious, and scriptural.

As I write I am reading *Wesley and His Century*, by Fitchett, in which he tells of the conversions of both John and Charles Wesley. Charles knew the blessed reality of the new birth before his brother John. But Coleridge discovers all that Charles received was a recovery from his pleurisy, and Southey resolves John's spiritual experience into physical terms. He traces his emotions at Aldersgate to the state of his pulse and stomach. But to make John Wesley's stomach, and his soul, the scene of such wonderful phenomena and revival power, and Charles's recovery from pleurisy the occasion for his mighty ministry in sermon and authoring gospel hymns, is to reflect one's own stubbornness, stupidity, and spiritual blindness. Lecky, the historian and a secular witness, declares the movement started in that Aldersgate room was of greater importance than all the splendid victories by land and sea won under Pitt. Another historian said: "It saved England from a bloody revolution like that of France."

A theological student heard his professor discount the conversion of St. Paul on the Damascus road: "He only had a sunstroke, which was quite common in that country," he said. The Scotch student answered, "Professor, don't you think it would be a good thing for many preachers today to have a sunstroke like that?" The professor was silenced.

Blessed be God, Christian conversion is a glorious, transforming, saving, dynamic experience!

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*I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness* (Ps. 84:10).

# “Ye Shall Receive Power”

By Haldor Lillenas\*

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you (Acts 1:8).*

**F**AR ABOVE the Arctic Circle in Norway lies the beautiful Maals River valley. Driving through this section of the country, we arrived late in the evening at the little village of Bardufoss. All the rooms in the small hotel were occupied, which made it necessary for us to continue along the principal highway, which finally terminates at the Russian border.

Before proceeding on our way we drove two miles on a side road, which leads to the celebrated Bardu waterfall. On arriving we found, to our disappointment, that the once stupendous waterfall had lost much of its glory.

Into the heart of the cascading waters had been built a vast power plant. Pouring through gigantic steel tubes, these waters now are made to drive the turbines and generators of the 100,000-horsepower power plant. From the generators extend heavy cables supported by steel towers. The cables reach out many miles, supplying light and power to numerous towns and villages, farm homes, and factories in that section of the Arctic world which is known as “The Land of the Midnight Sun.” While there is perpetual sunshine much of the summer season, it should be remembered that during much of the winter there is perpetual darkness.

It must have been a thrilling sight to see the Bardu falls in all its pristine glory, but the community needed vastly more the power now being furnished with which to light and heat the homes of those who for so many years dwelt in darkness. These homes are now lighted and heated by the power that for ages had been imprisoned in the grand and magnificent waterfall. Traveling through this section at night, one can now see the bright lights illuminating the homes and barns of the farmers and the small homes or huts of the fishermen who live on the numerous islands along the dark and stormy coasts of Norway in that Arctic section.

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.* Before we can be witnesses unto Him “in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth,” we must, like the Bardu power plant, be submerged in the mighty waters of His grace. Our personalities must be unified with the will of God. We must be overwhelmed by the unlimited torrents of His stream of life. Only thus can we be harnessed to the Source of all power. Only thus can His power be made manifest through us. Only thus can we truly be witnesses unto Him at home, among our neighbors, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

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## The Pentagon of Prayer

(First in a series of five articles)

By John W. May\*

**T**HERE are at least five sides to prayer. It may be aptly called a pentagon with each side representing a basic part. Dr. H. Orton Wiley says that the elements of a well-ordered prayer are usually classified as adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, and intercession.<sup>1</sup> We will use the following terms here: passion, praise, penitence, petition, and persistency.

### Passion

We must love the person of God. We use passion here in its basic meaning—intense love, and that love directed toward God. Whatever else prayer may contain there is no power without passion. This spirit pervades the Lord's Prayer. To designate God as “Our Father” indicates an intense love for Him. The relationship to which we bring ourselves in thus praying must be charged with love to be genuine. As our Father, He loves us; as His children, we love Him. As our Father, He is intensely interested in the well-being of His children; as His children, we trust His wisdom and care for us. As a true Father, He is faithful; as His children, we have faith that He will not fail us. As our Father, He will exercise himself on our behalf in protection and mercy; as His children, we are content in the hollow of His hand.

In our praying we do not think of Him as a tyrant or taskmaster, but One in whose hands we may trust our whole being. Prayer that is based on any other relationship cannot be fruitful. The example of heathen devotion is illustrative here. Because the heathen thinks of his gods as tyrants and despicable, he prays, not in love, but in fear. He sacrifices, not from devotion, but from despair. He seeks to appease gods that he must confess are shameful and despicable, gods he cannot love. Thus his praying does not give him peace of mind or become fruitful. He cannot exercise true faith because of the futility of such a relationship. The

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# The Coming of the Lord

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**M**ANY details concerning the coming again of our Lord may not be stated perfectly clearly in the Bible, but the great outstanding facts are. The Holy Ghost, who inspired the authors of God's holy Book, has not left us in darkness concerning this most momentous event. We here review these great mountain peaks of revelation as we understand they are given in the inspired Word of God.



## I

The first phase of His return is what we call the *rapture*, or the catching up of the saints to the marriage supper of the Lamb. Many of the most devout students of prophecy steadfastly believe that this may take place at any moment. Some excellent ones tell us that certain events must yet occur before Jesus can return, but we are constantly urged in the words of Jesus to "look" and "watch" for His imminent appearing. He commands us to be alert, not for this or that event to take place, but for the coming of Jesus. Truly the Antichrist will come, and many strange things will take place on the earth; but we are not particularly commanded to look for the Antichrist to come up out of the earth, or elsewhere, but to watch for our divine Lord to come from heaven. At the rapture, all who have died in Christ will be resurrected and glorified, and all who are living and ready will be changed, and together they shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

## II

The *great tribulation* on the earth will then begin. After all the fully saved people in the world are suddenly taken from the earth, the Antichrist will immediately manifest himself, and suffering, sorrow, cruelty, and death will fill the world in a manner hitherto unknown. The fearful judgments of the Book of Revelation will be poured out on a rebellious, Christ-defying world. Rivers will be turned to blood, the bottomless pit will be opened, and the infernal hosts of hell turned loose. War, famine, and pestilence will fill the world. Men will prefer death to life. Peace will literally be taken from the earth. Men have

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rejected the Christ of Calvary, and now must accept the monstrous Antichrist beast and bow to his mandates and be branded with the seal of hell, or die. They would refuse the gentle call of Christ and say, "No," to Him, but it will all be different now. Submit or die will then be the order of the day. Matters will grow worse and worse until the climax is reached at the battle of Armageddon. At this time God steps in, and the beast, or Antichrist, and his associate, the false prophet, who wrought miracles with him, are taken, and both are cast alive into the lake of fire, where they are to remain for ever and ever. Thus ends the great tribulation. May the Lord enable us to watch, pray, and be ready, so, if Jesus comes, we may meet Him in the air and thus escape this fearful occasion.

## III

The next in order will be the binding of Satan. John said: "I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season" (Rev. 20:1-3). This will be the first time since he tempted and ruined Adam and Eve in Eden that the world will have been without a devil. He is the instigator of every foul plot and deed that takes place in this old world. We realize the natural depravity of the hearts of humanity, but the devil is responsible also for this condition, and with artful cruelty he tempts, inflames, and drives a fallen world on to hell. Thank God, it will not always be so. He will finally be incarcerated in the prison house of hell, from which he cannot escape.

## IV

The next phase of this interesting series of events will be the *millennial reign of Christ and all His saints on the earth*. The great tribulation now over, the beast and the false prophet having been cast into the lake of fire, and the devil chained in the bottomless pit, the way has thus been prepared for Christ and His saints to come from the marriage supper to reign for a thousand years on the earth. Blessed day! Happy exchange of the rulership of Satan for that of Jesus, our Lord! Satan, who has been the god of this age, is at last superseded by the Prince of Peace, who is the rightful Owner of this world. At the same time the saints of all ages are to be associated with Him in the rulership of the affairs of earth. John said: "I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: . . . and they

lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years" (Rev. 20:4). May the Lord hasten the day when the wicked, selfish, cruel, and fiendish rule of the dragon and his associates of devil-possessed, devil-inspired, and devil-driven men will come to an end, and the blessed, holy, righteous, and peaceful rule of Christ and His redeemed shall take its place. This is the one and only hope of this poor, sin-sick, and strife-torn world. All other hopes are illusive and vain. There can be no permanent peace and blessing while Satan, who is the god of this age, and his infernal hosts rule. We shall have peace when the Prince of Peace takes charge, and surely not before. But we shall have it then. Prosperity, blessing, and salvation will attend that glorious day. Holiness and righteousness shall then cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

## V

The next development in order will be *the loosing of Satan and the battle of Gog and Magog*. We read, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle" (Rev. 20:7-8). It is also said, "They went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Rev. 20:9-10).

Now loosed for a short time, Satan goes out and deceives multitudes who refused to be saved, even under the personal reign of Christ, and makes them believe they can defeat our Lord and those who reign with Him. Vain delusion! Fire comes down from God and slays all who ally themselves with Satan. This is the battle of Gog and Magog. The battle of Armageddon is at the close of the great tribulation and the beginning of the thousand years of our Master's reign on earth, and the battle of Gog and Magog is at the close of the millennium. At this time Satan himself is cast into the lake of fire, where the beast and the false prophet went at the time of the battle of Armageddon. Thus ends the awful work of Satan, so far as his pernicious schemes among the children of men are concerned. He is to remain in the lake of fire while an incomprehensible eternity rolls on.

## VI

Next in order will be *the great white throne judgment*. It is not a judgment to determine whether one is to be eternally saved or lost, but rather to have the final decision pronounced upon the wicked as to the degree of their damnation. This is described in Rev. 20:11-15. John said he saw a great white throne and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. He saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. Awful hour! He saw the bodies of men brought from the graves, and their spirits

brought from hell, and in these damnation bodies they stood before God. The books, which contained every vile thought, every wicked word, and every dark deed of every one who stood there, were opened. Yes, every sin will come forth, in the white light of the last judgment, unless it has been cleansed away by the blood of Jesus. Then the final sentence is pronounced, and this mighty wicked throng is cast into the lake of fire.

## VII

Immediately after this, it seems, *the purification of the heavens and the earth* will take place. Many theories are given as to the ultimate destiny of the earth. Some say it will finally be destroyed by water. That is, the mountains will continue to wear away and fill the oceans till they will ultimately overflow and destroy the earth. Another theory is that it will be destroyed by cold; that the sun is gradually cooling off, and that finally it will lose its light and heat, and be only a mighty black monster, shedding no light, and emitting no heat on the earth; that the earth itself will then become lifeless and, with the rest of our solar system, will fall to pieces. Still others say our earth will be destroyed by heat; that the terrible rays of the sun will finally drain the oceans dry, and that all moisture will be taken from the earth. It will be only a great, lifeless ball, when finally its internal fires will burst forth, and complete destruction will be the result. But these are only the wild imaginations of man. God's Word is clear as to the final destiny of this our earth home. This is God's earth, so His Word declares, "The earth is the Lord's." True, it has been wrecked and polluted by sin; but one day, as we are told in II Peter 3, God will purify it, and it will then roll on, in its appointed sphere, forever and forever. He

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# THE CALL

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*"Surely I come. It may be late or soon.*

*Perhaps I'll call to you at close of day,  
When all life's work is done, and wearily  
You wait, hands folded, in the twilight gray.*

*Or it may be the busy noontide hour  
When you shall hear My voice above the hum  
Of earthly enterprise. Then leave your task*

*For other hands—arise, and quickly come!  
There is an hour appointed. You may be  
Among the crowds that throng a busy street,  
Or in a ship at sea, or in a quiet room*

*When I shall call in accents clear and sweet—  
Then watch! Strengthen your faith—your lamp  
prepare.*

*Surely earth's vanities will pass away—  
Take heart! Look up! Redemption draweth  
near!"*

*Even so, come, Lord Jesus!—thus I pray.*

declares in His Word, "The earth abideth for ever" (Eccles. 1:4).

## VIII

Finally, John said he saw the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. It is not stated that this city ever touches the earth, but it seems to be suspended somewhere above it. The light of it shall shine on the earth, and the nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it. Blessed day! Satan has been defeated, and God has triumphed.

So the divine order of events, as we understand them, are thus set forth in God's Word as follows: first, the rapture; then the great tribulation in the earth, closing with Armageddon; the marriage supper of the Lamb taking place in the heavens while the great tribulation is in progress in the earth; after this the binding and imprisonment of Satan for a thousand years, while simultaneously occurs the blessed, glorious reign of Christ and His saints for a thousand years. Just after this, Satan is released for a little season, and the battle of Gog and Magog takes place, and Satan is finally consigned for eternity to the lake of fire. The great white throne judgment is then inaugurated, and the damned are cast forever into the lake of fire. Then occurs the purification of the heavens and the earth, and the descent of the New Jerusalem out of heaven. May we be true to God at any cost, so that we may escape all the fearful consequences of sin and inherit the untold blessings God has in reservation for those who love and serve Him.

Read **THE BIBLE** through  
**THIS YEAR**

## What the Bible Means to Me—

I AM A disabled veteran of World War I. For many years now I have been in the Old Soldiers Home, Orting, Washington. For a long time I have been a faithful, regular, and prayerful reader of the Bible; and I want to give the readers of the *HERALD* my Christian testimony and tell you what the Bible means to me.

November 2, 1954, is a day that I shall always remember, for on that day just a little before 7:00 p.m., I concluded my *one hundredth reading of the blessed Word of God*. The dear old Bible has been my joy and stay across the many years. I love it dearly and carry it with me constantly. I try never to be without it on my person. I sincerely hope and pray that my example will inspire others—young people and adults—to deeply love, carry, handle carefully, memorize, and retain it in their memories, as well as in their hearts. I write to glorify my Saviour, whom I devotedly love—not to add any merit to myself.

About two years ago I carefully noted that it requires only 66 hours to read the Bible through at the rate of 200 words a minute, or an average of a book for each hour. By setting a time daily for the reading of the Bible it is truly amazing how much one can read. I keep my Bible close by my side, especially at night, and when I cannot rest I always reach for the consoling Word of God.

During twenty-seven hospitalizations the Bible has always been a "must" with me. During one hospitalization I read it through in eighteen days. It was not with any thought of just seeing how much nor how fast I could read, but to satisfy the deep hunger of my soul for this Book divine. I love it; I press it to my bosom; I read and digest its precious truths. Without it I seem like a man starving to death. It is my meat and drink day by day. As I read, ponder, meditate, and absorb its precious truths my soul is blessed; the tears flow, and I rejoice in my wonderful Lord and Saviour. Again and again my blessed Redeemer has filled my room with His adorable and comforting presence.

When I am tried and tempted, the Bible is my stay and guide. When sickness lays me low and storms are raging without, it is my assurance, peace, strength, and support. When I am lonely and deprived of church attendance and the sweet fellowship of the saints, the Bible has become my companion and bosom friend. When the shadows come and the days seem dreary and the nights long, the blessed, dear old Bible is my light and my song. How comforting! How sweet! How soul-uplifting is God's precious Word!

I would like to close my testimony saying: "O child of God, love the dear old Book as I do, and with Wesley be known as 'a man of one Book.' There is a great deal of other wholesome reading such as our church periodicals, but don't neglect the Bible."

—FOREST H. STOOPS

## The Pentagon of Prayer

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attitudes, relationship, and praying of the Christian are not so. Thank God!

Intense passion in our relationship to God will help us to carry our burdens to Him. Because we think of Him as our Father we may justly expect Him to share our cares and alleviate our sorrows. Here is where the illustrativeness of earthly fathers ends. They can do only so much and go so far; their limitations are human. God can and does go farther. What they cannot do He finds easy to accomplish. Qualifying our petitions with passion, we cry with one of old, "I love Him because He first loved me."

# Lincoln's Sunday-School Visit

By Norman C. Schlichter\*

A LINCOLN story that should be much better known is one about his visit to a Sunday school in New York City on a trip he made there one time before he was President.

He stayed on this visit with a certain Mr. Washburne, who was much interested in Sunday school and church work. When Sunday morning came, his host asked him if he had any plans for the morning. "No, I haven't any at all," Mr. Lincoln told him, and readily accepted the invitation to go down to the Sunday school that was then carried on in the notorious region known as Five Points. Lincoln had already become a well-known figure in his state of Illinois, and his visit to the Sunday school got into many state papers.

Not so long after he was back home in Springfield one of his familiar friends, whom he called "Jim" and to whom Lincoln, of course, was "Abe," thought he'd go to his law office and tease him a little about his having gone to Sunday school in New York. Upon bursting unceremoniously into Lincoln's office and finding a stranger there, "Jim" started to leave at once.

"Jim, what do you want?" Lincoln called to him.

"Nothing at all."

"Yes, you do want something. Come on back here."

Jim had to go ahead then and he said, "Oh, all I wanted, Abe, was to have you tell me a little about that speech you made to those Sunday-school children in New York."

"Well, now you sit down and I'll tell you about it," Lincoln countered earnestly. He told him how he came to get to the school and that he was much interested in what he saw.

"Presently, Mr. Pease, the superintendent, came up and when Mr. Washburne told him who I was, he insisted that I talk to the boys and girls. He told me that many of them were very poor and friendless. Washburne said I'd have to do it. And so I rose to speak. But I tell you, Jim, I didn't know what to say. All I could think of was the time when I was poor, and so I told them I remembered when my toes stuck out through my broken shoes in winter, and when my arms were out at the elbows, and when I shivered with the cold, and a little more about doing the best I could no matter what I had to endure."

Lincoln put his hand into his pocket, and while doing so remarked that he had never heard anything in his life that touched him like the way those children sang the songs. Then he pulled out a little songbook which he said they gave him to take along when he told Mr. Pease how much good the singing had done him. He opened the little book to one hymn and began to read it with

all of his great soul's earnestness. In the middle of the second stanza Jim and the stranger began to choke and then to cry. And Lincoln, big tears running down his cheeks, went on and quoted the entire hymn from memory.

Mr. Francis Browne, who recorded the story as "Jim" told it to him, says, "How often Lincoln had read that hymn, or how long its sweet and simple accents continued to reverberate through his soul, no man can ever know."

This is a good story to remind all of us of the incomparable place of the singing in our school and young people's meetings. Of one thing we may be sure, a lot of prayer on the part of all the leaders of that Five Points school went into that singing that made this lasting impression on that now immortal school visitor.

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*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass (Ps. 37:5).*

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## LINCOLN MEMOS

By Ovella Satre Shafer\*

### THE MAN WITH A "THROBBING HEART"

AN OLD copy of the *Philadelphia Ledger* published a letter written by Abraham Lincoln to a Mrs. Bixby of Boston, which the *Ledger* says "has been engrossed, framed and hung in one of the Oxford (English) University halls as a 'specimen' of the purest English and elegant diction extant." This letter remains one of interest down through the years to mothers who are constantly mourning their sons, killed in the service of our country—at home or on the foreign field—by disease, accidents, or in battle. Here is the letter:

"Dear Madam:—I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously in the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any words of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom.

*"Yours very sincerely and respectfully,*

*"ABRAHAM LINCOLN."*

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One of the most interesting incidents connected with the memory of one of the noblest men of all times is about Lincoln and the birds. It is told that as he was out on a political campaign in the wild West he saw, near the close of day in a woods, some baby birds that had been

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\* Plainville, Kansas

blown out of their nest. He stopped the carriage, got down from it, and it passed on ahead of him while Mr. Lincoln picked up the shivering tiny creatures and restored them to their woodland home. When he reached the inn and was asked the cause of his delay, his hearers were astonished as he told them of his humane act and especially when he declared: "Had I not returned the birdies to their mother's care, I could not have slept tonight." What a tender, loving heart!

## Brother, HOLD THAT ROPE!

By O. M. Clay\*

**M**ANY years ago in a neighboring city on a special day of celebration, there was a balloon ascension with parachute drop. The family took the day off and attended. While I was watching the inflation of the large balloon, a spiritual application came to me, which I will pass on to you.

As the giant canvas bag was being filled with gas, there were fifteen or twenty ropes crossing over the top and extending to the ground. A man was holding the end of each rope to keep the balloon from going up before it was sufficiently filled and also to keep it from tilting—allowing gas escape.

Each soldier in the army of the Lord has a rope to hold which takes two hands, each one assisting the other. One hand is *faith* and the other *obedience*. Faith says, "By God's grace it can be done," and obedience does it; then faith is enlarged and a greater task is seen, which obedience buckles in and does. So on and on the ladder of faith and obedience goes, until a monument of Christian service has been erected, lasting eternally.

As we travel the streets and highways day after day, we meet multitudes of people; and at school and in the shop we rub shoulders with others. Most of them do not know Christ as their Saviour and are dead to the fact that they are lost in sin.

*Soon will the season of rescue be o'er;  
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore.  
Haste then, my brother, no time for delay,  
But throw out the lifeline and save them today.*

Are we holding our rope by personal attitude, by testimony, and personal invitation? A Christ-like attitude will command a respect in those we meet from day to day, so that our testimony will be effective and our invitation will be accepted.

Orville McLay was the only Christian in the department where he was employed. A few days before Christmas, one of the men came in displaying a fourth-pint flask of whiskey with holly label, which he had received at the tavern

he frequented. After the others had commented about it with much jest and enthusiastic remarks, Orville made this comment, "If I had not accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Guide in life, I would now be a slave to that stuff; but as it is, I have no desire for it." The flask slipped into the man's pocket, conversation ceased, and all became busy. Orville's Christian life and courteous attitude had won their respect; so when his testimony was given, they respected it.

Mr. Hoover, of our Federal Bureau of Investigation, states that children who have been regular in Sunday-school attendance rarely get into court; and an evangelist was heard to say that most Christians come by way of the Sunday school. Therefore, if the Sunday school has such vital importance, are we holding *our rope* if we fail to find that boy or girl whom circumstances have thrown into surroundings which are not susceptible to the better things of life? God only knows and only time can tell what an hour a week in the atmosphere of the Sunday school will add to such a child's possibilities.

The Lord's final command was to *go into all the world*, bearing the gospel seed. We are getting calls from new lands from year to year to bring the good news of salvation, and time is fast running out. Are we holding *our rope* if we do not do our best by fasting, prayer, and giving of ourselves and our means in obedience to His command?

Two thousand years ago, Christ, the Jewel of heaven, went to a foreign country on a mission of salvation, and the angels ministered to Him. Why should we not minister to those who have gone to a foreign land with the gospel news? Brother! Hold that rope!

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## Keep on the March

### FOR GOD

By F. W. Davis

*Keep on the march for God.  
A new year has begun.  
New conflicts will be 'rising;  
New vict'ries must be won.  
Onward, ever onward,  
Is still the King's command.  
Keep on the march for Jesus,  
Directed by His hand.*

*Go forward, Christian soldier,  
And use the Spirit's Sword  
To wrest lost souls from evil,  
And bring them to the Lord.  
There may be rugged terrain,  
But others there have trod.  
Let's heed our great Commander,  
And keep marching on for God!*

\*Lay member, Van Wert, Ohio; member of District Advisory Board



# Are YOU Ticking?

By Jean Leathers Phillips\*

**T**HE EARLY mid-Southern summer had assembled her ingredients and was in the business of mixing the first thunderstorm over the Ozark area. Against the blue-black backdrop of clouds, the freshly leafed oaks showed the most dainty of pastel pink, buff, and green blended into infant leaves. Redbuds had shattered their pink slippers to the ground, and tulip poplars were readying their gold-centered floral tribute to summer. Above the fragrance of cape jasmines, honeysuckle, and masses of roses, there came that unmistakable incense of approaching rain. Suddenly the whole orchestra of the heavens let go with booms and rumbles, crashes and shrieks as the storm roared into our community. Oat grasses flattened before the wind and trees battled its fury like prehistoric monsters.

Closing six or seven windows cannot be done in an instant, but having accomplished the task, and having gathered papers from all quarters of the room, I was suddenly conscious of the constant metallic ticking of a small clock. Unhurried, undisturbed, it kept its steady measure of progress.

An ancient house a short distance away was being torn down. The wind caught a sheet of old tin roofing, rolled it across the top of the next house, and lodged it against a neighbor's garage. The grocer's boy had just filled a trash burner with papers, boxes, and cartons, but hadn't gotten the mesh lid on fast when the wind picked the papers up and peddled them to every lawn in the block. But the faithful little clock ticked right on, steadily.

The eerie whistle of an incoming passenger train was almost lost in the roar of the storm, as it rounded the curve in its man-made canyon to pull up at the passenger station. A tattered old jalopy caught the wind in its improvised convertible top and backed drunkenly across the street, over the end of a small culvert, and into a yard. But the clock ticked on, completely undismayed. And when the storm had passed, the swollen drains and storm sewers had gotten the overload of water carried off, the nearby folks had picked up all the live and dead branches, rain-soaked papers, and trash out of their lawns and drawn a few deep breaths of relief at the receding storm, still the ticktock on the wall went its measured way.

Are you still ticking? *Steadily?* In the storm? In the calm? In the heat? In the cold? In the drought? In the flood? When the pastor is on vacation? When the folks you invite don't come to Sunday school or church? When your birthday passes and no one thinks of it? When it passes and they *do* remember it? When it seems all your class go on vacation at once? When you seem too

young or too old to count in the activities of your church? When the evangelistic meeting wrecks your vacation plans for a week or more out of town?

"Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13), He said. Keep ticking. There will never be an altogether convenient time in this present world. There will never be a perfect situation or setup. But keep ticking. Someone is going to doubt you. Someone is going to oppose you. Someone will ridicule and misjudge. Keep ticking. Exuberant youth may make you gain time, or age slow you down, but keep ticking. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). Results are finally with Him, but the faithfulness is with us; and the reward is according to that faithfulness. "He that judgeth me is the Lord" (I Cor. 4:4), who knows all things and cannot make a mistake; and who has kept a perfect record.

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*Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me (Ps. 51:10).*

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## "ON THE BEAM"

By D. K. Wachtel\*

**L**AST summer at the close of our Pittsburgh District camp, where I was a worker, one of our fine laymen of that area, Mr. Earl Ramstead, suggested he would fly me home to Nashville in his private plane.

Next morning the sky was clear, the air smooth, and I enjoyed one of the most pleasant flights I ever have made. The first two or three hundred miles we flew by "sight navigation," watching landmarks noted on maps furnished by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. But a little south of Lexington, Kentucky, Mr. Ramstead said, "We'd better turn on the ADF" (Automatic Direction Finder). Calling my attention to a hand on the instrument panel, he said, "Now as long as that hand stays on dead center we're headed for the Nashville airport; if we let it swing to the left, we'll find ourselves off to the east; if it swings right, we'll be off to the west. I watched that hand between moments spent looking below at familiar landmarks. Then, before I knew it, I turned to look forward and, lo, the landing strip of a familiar port stretched out before me. We had hit it right *on the nose*, for we had stayed "on the beam" all the way.

As our wheels touched ground and we rolled to a stop, I breathed a prayer that went like this: "Lord, one of these days I hope to see another runway stretched out before me; I hope to see the port of heaven itself. Please help me stay 'on the beam,' so I won't miss it. Don't let me turn to the right of worldliness and formalism or to the left of legalism and Phariseeism. Keep me 'on the beam,' lest I miss the runway of my eternal home!"

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\*Superintendent of Tennessee District

## LITTLE CHURCH

By Ila R. Monday

*Its beaten path was smooth from many feet,  
The door showed cracks from constant  
weather-beat;*

*Cool ivy, clinging with caressing leaves,  
Shaded the windows from the sun's bright  
heat.*

*So small, it seemed to be no church at all;  
Its pastor, aged, peered with sight grown  
dim—*

*Yet God came there—and suddenly that place  
Was a cathedral from the touch of Him!*

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## The Windows of the Soul

By Spencer Johnson\*

*Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime (Dan. 6:10).*

**I**N DANIEL'S career there appear three kinds of testings which are common to the Christian life. In the beginning, there was the trial of the *flesh* which presented itself when he was asked to partake of the wine and the meat of the king's table. There are many who would have yielded at this point for the sake of convention, and to retain the favor of those with whom they dined. But Daniel did not yield. He refused their wine and rich foods. He overcame the flesh.

Second, there was the trial of the *intellect*. This is seen when he was faced with the task of interpreting the dream of Nebuchadnezzar. To have failed at this test would have been a serious matter, for the king had threatened destruction; but by the help of God, Daniel safely passed. The intellectual difficulties of the world today, whether they be fancied or real, would cease to be baffling if men would seek and obey the counsel of God.

Then there was the trial of the *spirit*. It is this test with which the above passage deals. The envious enemies of Daniel, having found no occasion to accuse him to the king, sought to trap him in regard to his religion. They succeeded in having the king sign a decree that anyone who worshiped any other god than the king should be thrown into the den of lions.

It is in the realm of the spirit that the real test comes to every man. Here is the battleground of the soul. In this test the true greatness of Daniel was revealed. Aware of the decree and its conse-

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quences, he did not doubt; but continued to pray with open windows as he had done in the past. All trials can be successfully conquered if the windows of the soul are kept open before God. Note some things that are revealed by the open windows.

First, they revealed *Daniel's faith in God*. When a busy statesman can find time to kneel and pray three times a day, it indicates a deep devotion to God. It would be well if we had more statesmen in America who believed as Daniel did. Faith must have an open expression. It does not grow when concealed or hidden under a bushel. Daniel was not ashamed of his faith in God. He believed that if he would uncompromisingly serve God, God would see him through, regardless of the reactions of men.

Second, the open windows revealed *Daniel's estimate of spiritual reality*. He lived in a land which had every appearance of wealth and power. The king had bestowed great honors upon him. Jerusalem, the city toward which his windows were open, was desolate. Yet he believed that Jerusalem had a spiritual value which Babylon did not possess. In a world gone mad over materialism there is the temptation to doubt the truth of the spiritual. The rush of affairs and the multiplicity of duties have a tendency to blind the eyes of the soul. Thousands, amid the cares of life, permit the glitter of temporal things so to capture their hearts that the things of the spirit seem desolate and dull. But to those who consistently open their windows toward heaven, there are times when the untrammelled spirit beholds the realities of a realm that will not pass away and that cannot perish with the using. "The things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:18). The true man of God must ever realize that there is a certainty in the spiritual which far surpasses the beggarly elements of the world.

Daniel had a *consistent prayer life*. He "prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." His devotion was not a hit-and-miss proposition. He had more than a mere speaking acquaintance with God. He had contact with the divine headquarters every day. Far too many people pray only when they are in trouble. Blessed is the man who comes daily before the throne of grace. The person who is up-to-date in his prayer life will not be embarrassed to come to God in the blighting hour of trouble. Day after day one should seek God, not for what he can get out of Him, but for fellowship and communion with Him.

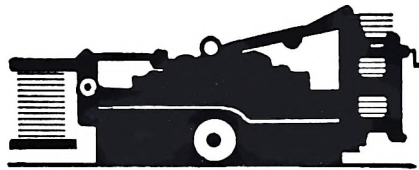
Again, the open windows suggest a *better life beyond*. Daniel's open windows are but another way the Old Testament has to say, "He looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). Between Daniel and the city of his heart's desire there stretched many a desert mile. Robbers and thieves infested the wayside, yet Daniel turned his heart toward the Temple and the city of God. In all probability Daniel was never permitted to return to the city

of his childhood. But we may be sure that when the hour of his release came, his tried and purified spirit found its radiant way to that better Jerusalem toward whose shining portals he had constantly faced during his exiled years.

Many a soul whose life has been filled with trouble, sorrow, deprivations, and adverse circumstances has been sustained by glimpses of a better world wafted to him on the wings of the Spirit as he waited with open windows toward the throne.

Between here and the city of God stretches many a long, toilsome mile. The way is fraught with dangers and beset by fiery trials. There are thirsty hills and barren lands infested with persecuting enemies, but beyond this vale of tears lies home! When we wait with open windows before the Lord, we may view the glories of that land of fadeless beauty and hear strains of music from around the shining throne. If we will watch and pray and not faint, the Son of God will return to take us to the New Jerusalem. "And when He shall appear all who have suffered for His cause or labored in His service shall be repaid ten thousand fold in everlasting compensations for all the hardships of time. They shall be awarded honor, that will make the jeweled crowns of earth seem as the rubbish remains of a worn-out world!"

*Your*



## Publishing House

### VISUAL ART

I don't know in what proportions your bouquets and onions are mixed. I do know that your handling of our order for revival advertising deserves a real bouquet.

We received our order today, in plenty of time for distribution, in spite of the fact that we were late getting it to you. And such material! Attractive, eye-catching—I could multiply adjectives.

This is the first time I've used your service for revival advertising, and I'm converted. As long as you can turn out advertising like that for a price like that, you have one more steady customer.

*Yours in appreciation,*  
PASTOR—Colorado

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

### NEWS NOTES

Rev. and Mrs. Hubert Helling announce the arrival of Christine Joanne, on December 28, 1954.

Rev. Donald Owens writes: The army postal privileges for missionaries will end March 31.

Please send all mail after this to:  
Rev. or Mrs. Donald Owens  
Church of the Nazarene Mission  
311-13 Sajik Dong, Chong Ro Ku  
Seoul, Korea

Rev. and Mrs. Harry Flinger have asked that we write them for the time being in care of Rev. Ira Taylor, Apartado 163, Piura, Peru, South America.

### Prayer Request

Please pray for Brother Baltizar Rubio in the new mission at Chinimpe.—ELVIN DOUGLASS, Peru.

### Among Our Guatemala Indians

The name of the Kekchi Bible School has been changed to the Indian Educational Center. There are no longer just Kekchi Indians attending, but students from the Pokomchi and

Rabinal Achi tribes. There are thirteen students now. We have two full-time teachers and Mrs. James Hudson is teaching a class in accordion and Miss VerHoek a class in hygiene. I expect to add a class in organ.

This next week we will be in Coban attending the Annual Translators' Conference for Guatemala. William is the president this year. Missionaries from all of Guatemala will be attending and we will have Mr. Wonderly, from the American Bible Society, for the special messages.—  
MRS. BETTY SEDAT, Guatemala.

### Johannesburg

God is moving in this area. We are setting a monthly prayer meeting for all of our preachers here on the reef, working in the locations. We will be meeting at Crown Mines for a whole day of prayer. I have been condemned ever since reading the book on the Cape Verde Isles. I believe that God will answer.

The Sunday before Christmas we installed the new preacher at our new Moroks West church with the building packed. The next Sunday he had

120 in Sunday school. In this place we will get a real Church of the Nazarene. The preacher, Matsidiso, is a real man of God who knows the value of prayer and calling.

We begin the building of the house for him immediately. We have already accepted a financial plan for the church which requires that within five years the church be self-supporting. We should do it in less time. After a couple of good revivals we will be well on the way.

I have just come up from the Free State area 175 miles south of here. In that area two towns, Welcom and Odandaalsrust, have promised us church sites. Yesterday, while in the offices of the head of native affairs here in Johannesburg, we were definitely promised two more sites.

We are sending six off to Bible school this year. This is the greatest blessing of the year, for without these native men we are tied. Next year looks even better.

So pray for us and we will try to get on with the task.

Jeannette's health is good again.—  
GEORGE HAYSE, Transvaal, South Africa.

**G**OD is a wonderful Provider. He raises up the right man for the right place. When a man with faith and a pioneering spirit was needed, God raised up Abraham. When there was a demand for a man with a will to win, God had Jacob at hand. It took God time to get this will-to-win set in the right direction, but that was finally accomplished, and Jacob became the progenitor of a great nation. When a man with vision and unquestioned purity was called for, God brought Joseph into the picture. When a man who had the capacity for unusual training and a versatile mind, along with almost unparalleled gifts for leadership, was essential, God prepared Moses. When a man with courage and daring, someone to lead a whole nation into a new country and to possess the land, must be found, God spotted Joshua and trained him for that work. What shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of the Old Testament prophets, John the Baptist, Peter, James, the brother of Jesus, Mark, and Paul. All of these were men who were made ready for certain occasions, or times, in the history of God's dealings with man.

Likewise in our church when the necessity has arisen for particular types of leadership, God in answer to the prayers of His people has brought forward some man who could meet the need of the hour. How good God has been to the Church of the Nazarene in the leaders He has given to it! I could name every general superintendent, those who have already gone on to their reward and those who are still with us. Each of them has been a gift from God to the Church of the Nazarene. Many other leaders might be mentioned who could be placed in the same category. I believe that our church is a God-ordained organization. I am also confident that when the time has come for a man to fill a certain place God has provided the man. We have been blessed beyond measure with a wonderful leadership. We humbly thank God for what He has done for us in this respect. No doubt God has provided the other members of our church—thousands of them, who have been ready and willing to co-operate with these leaders in the furtherance of His kingdom. These leaders, both ministers and laymen—though they may not have been outstanding leaders in the sense that they have filled the highest places in our church, or the general offices—have had a work to do, and God raised them up even as He has raised up our general leaders.

However, I am thinking now particularly of the general leadership of our church, and how God has blessed in giving to us the necessary men from time to time. High among those leaders whom I believe have been God's special gifts to the Church of the Nazarene stands Rev. E. J. Fleming. The church had traveled only a short

distance in its journey when Rev. Fred Mendel, the first general secretary of our church, was taken from us. His untimely death was a great loss to our church, but God had a man at hand, a man whose gifts especially fitted him for this office. That man was Rev. E. J. Fleming. He was elected to this position and filled it acceptably for many years. A man just like E. J. Fleming was needed during those days when the foundations of our church were being laid. He wrought well in that office, and while doing this he exemplified the finest characteristics of Christian manhood. I thank God for Rev. E. J. Fleming, a special gift of God to the Church of the Nazarene. May God bless his companion and loved ones who have been left behind, and may his memory help all of us to live a life as devoted to Christ and the Church of the Nazarene as he did.

## Abraham Lincoln on Consecration

**D**URING February we celebrate the birthdays of America's two greatest leaders—George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln's birthday comes first, February 12. As I have thought of February and Lincoln, these words from his Gettysburg address came to me with new force:

"We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

He is saying here that the significant thing about consecration is *action*; it is all right to talk about consecration, but mere talk has but little value. Lincoln's words on the occasion at Gettysburg were certainly dedicatory in character. That was their object. However, Lincoln knew that what he or anyone else might say could not dedicate that battleground in any real sense. He was fully aware of the fact that what the men had done who died there was a far more significant dedication than anything anyone might speak on that memorable day.

Recently I attended the dedication of the new international headquarters building of our church. It was a beautiful and impressive service, and I am for such services; I believe in them one hundred per cent. Nevertheless, the chief way to dedicate that building is to use it for the purpose for which it was built—that will go on across the years. The men and the women who

give of their time and their services there for the promotion of the kingdom of God and the Church of the Nazarene around the world will be constantly dedicating the new headquarters building. Let me say again, they will be consecrating it in a much more significant way than was done in the formal dedicatory service.

I have attended the dedication of many church buildings, and I certainly believe that such services should be held. However, let me say again, that the best way in the long run to dedicate a church building is to attend the services held there. It is one thing solemnly to tell God and the people that a certain building is to be used for preaching services, Sunday-school and young people's activities, and it is quite another actually to carry on those services in a way that shall bring honor and glory to God. All this means that "actions speak louder than words," that we must, as members of a church, once we have formally dedicated it, strive to be on hand every time the church doors are opened. We must make it, by our attendance, truly a church, a place of worship; and in so doing we shall more truly consecrate that building than we did when we had the formal dedication of it, as worth-while as such gatherings are.

This is what Lincoln had in mind about the battlefield of Gettysburg, when he said: "We cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here." Many of them gave their lives there, and all of them were entering into sacrificial living when they participated in the Battle of Gettysburg. When we attend the church which has been hallowed by word of mouth, we are thereby duty bound to put the seal of our lives on that setting apart by attending its services and perpetuating its work, even at much cost to ourselves in sacrificial living.

Now I am ready to say my final word in connection with Lincoln's lesson on consecration. When the Christian gives himself completely to God, it is not enough for him merely to say, "I will go all the way with God." That is worth while, but it is only the first step; he must go on and put the seal of his life upon those words. He must actually commit himself to God and live for Him from then on at whatever the cost may be. Lincoln was not preaching any abstract doctrine, for he too paid the supreme sacrifice for his country, and we must make the supreme sacrifice for our God—maybe not by giving our physical

lives in one supreme moment, but rather by living conscientiously and fully for God day by day.

Once again, during this month of February, we take our hats off to Abraham Lincoln, one of America's greatest leaders; and as we do that we pray that God will help us to live up to his teaching as to the real meaning of consecration.

## A Dangerous Move

The Transfer of the Narcotics Division of the U.N. Proposed.

A RECENT communication from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union tells of the decision on the part of the United Nations' third committee to move the division from its present headquarters in New York City to Geneva, Switzerland. The action is branded by the W.C.T.U. as "an appeasement move toward opium-producing China." Certainly the facts point in that direction. The action taken by the committee is not completely binding; it may be ignored by the Secretary-General. Therefore, Mrs. Glen G. Hayes, president of the W.C.T.U., has written both Mr. John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, and Vice-president Nixon, asking them to do all within their power to block this transfer of the headquarters of the Narcotics Division from the United Nations' headquarters in New York City to Geneva, Switzerland.

This communication which I have received goes on to say: "Out of the long history of this fight against opium and other narcotics, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has learned that the climate of Europe is less friendly to the effective persuasion of the nations of the world who co-operate in reducing the traffic in narcotic drugs for medical and scientific purposes than is that of the United States. There [in Europe] you have powerful nations with a history of opium monopolies in their colonial possessions which they were only persuaded to drop reluctantly by the efforts of the United States during World War II. . . . We fear, and with good reason, that the transfer means the 'kiss of death' for the narcotics division. With the major problem in this country of efforts by the promoters of illicit traffic to make addicts of school children, we view with nothing short of horror the muzzling and hamstringing of the watchdog while the marauder is practically invited to come and help himself. We urgently plead with you as a churchman, and humanitarian, to use the good offices of the State Department to protect American children and the children of other lands by exerting your influence with the Secretary-General of the U.N. to persuade him to ignore this recommendation."

The editor says a hearty "Amen" to the efforts of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in this direction. Here, as in their stand against intoxicating liquors and tobacco, they are, as ever, in the forefront of the right and reform.

Our people, and all Christian people everywhere, should protest through every medium possible against this transfer of the Narcotics Division

of the United Nations, because undoubtedly it will mean that the bars against the production and sale of narcotics will be let down.



# The Young People's Society

## High Points of Youth Program

THE 1955 session of the General N.Y.P.S. Council, January 4 to 6, was outstanding in every respect. The report of the general secretary and his staff showed progress at every point of our N.Y.P.S. work. The council, composed of representatives from each of the educational zones and Canada-British Isles, along with three persons who were elected at large, with the general president, general secretary, and a representative of the Board of General Superintendents, seriously tackled the problems of the N.Y.P.S. and outlined a program for the year to come. Briefly, the recommendations are as follows:

1. That there be a six-month emphasis this coming year (1955-56) on the fourth annual phase of the quadrennial theme: "By My Spirit—Serve." The

suggested outline of projects is as follows:

October—Church improvement  
November—Serving aged, sick, and needy

December—Christmas service  
January—Evangelism and visitation  
February—World service

March—Community service  
2. That the emphasis of evangelism and training be continued another year, with the full consciousness that this indeed is the two-pronged spearhead of our N.Y.P.S. attack. Training is not to be thought of as technical education or an academic progress but rather as the practical preparation for churchmanship and soul winning.

3. That every member of the N.Y. P.S. be encouraged to become a Lamp-lighter, to be actively engaged in

L. J. DU BOIS, Secretary

winning souls; and that the general office continue its promotion to implement this emphasis.

4. That we continue the emphasis of alerting all district and local leaders to their responsibility in making each local N.Y.P.S. a vital center of training. And that the periodicals continue to provide helps along this line, with the possibility of increasing the number of training units released during a year.

5. That we take note of the fact that the Spanish Department is launching a new publication, *Juvenil Conquista*, that we commend Rev. H. Reza for his planning in this regard, and that the N.Y.P.S. office give him every assistance that is needed.

6. That there be a continuation of the teen-age emphasis, including the PAL program.

## A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

### TODAY

(I can live a triumphant life if I can live triumphant days. There is the promise, As the day, the strength. But to get the promised strength there is nothing like clearing the channels of intake at the outset of each day. My morning devotions shall not be a guess-so affair.)

#### Monday:

The channel of personal *God-contact*. As I go to my knees everything seems dead. But with the question, "What am I thankful for today?" and the answer, "Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul"—and on and on from there—my heart will warm and God will draw near as promised. "What word of love have I for Thee today?" is natural now. That channel open will keep full all day long the deep well of joy which is strength and poise. (Jas. 4:8; Ps. 100:4.)

#### Tuesday:

But I have only begun. Next, the channel of *God's judgment on my life*. "What special word hast Thou for me

today? Word of reassurance of my relation to Thee? Word of warning or correction?" Every day I need this check to keep me right. If I get it in the morning, it will give me confidence in temptation and clear judgment for decision. (I Sam. 3:4.)

#### Wednesday:

Then the channel for *intercessory prayer*. "Who needs my prayers today? I cannot pray for everyone every day. With so many needs clamoring I should be confused and concentrate on no one effectively. But I can open the way for the Spirit to lay on my heart the ones who need my prayer especially today. And I can ask to be reminded of others as the hours go by. This day must not be fruitless. (I Sam. 12:23.)

#### Thursday:

What of my own task and the channel of *wisdom from above*? "What is Thy vision for my Kingdom enterprise?" I must not get mired in the details and miss the perspective of the goal and Thy policies for reaching it. "What is its relation to the larger interests of Thy work?" I shall have zest for the routine as I realize it has meaning for Thee. (I Cor. 3:9.)

#### Friday:

The channel for *direct orders* for the day. There are many activities I might engage in with profit. "Just what is Thy special assignment?" Wilt Thou either give it to me now or remind me that the persons and situations I meet as the day wears on will constitute that assignment? So my heart shall rest. (Ps. 32:8.)

#### Saturday:

The channel of inflow for *peace*. "Help me to remember that interruptions and changes of program are almost certain to come and that Thou dost allow them." Help me to enter upon my day with a heart set to be at God's disposal, flexible in His hands, not rigid in my own plans. (Phil. 4:6-7.)

#### Sunday:

The channel for *God's preparation* to reach me by way of *His Word*. "What passage or verse or phrase of scripture will come alive as I read this morning?" The Spirit knows what I shall need to carry me through today. I will give Him the opportunity to reach me. (Ps. 119:105.)

Opening up the channels in the morning, I can live this day for God.

# CRUSADE *for* SOULS



## 1954 Evangelistic Honor Roll

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

DISTRICT	CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP
Alabama	**Decatur First	124
Arizona	**Chandler	195
Arizona	****Tucson First	306
Chicago Central	**Chicago First	543
Dallas	Tyler First	119
Eastern Michigan	***Detroit First	895
Eastern Michigan	**Flint First	322
Eastern Michigan	*Mt. Morris	49
East Tennessee	Knoxville First	109
Florida	Bradenton	137
Florida	Lakeland First	157
Georgia	Brunswick	84
Georgia	*Fort Valley	64
Georgia	Rome	70
Houston	Houston Irvington	93
Idaho-Oregon	****Nampa First	682
Illinois	***Mattoon	104
Indianapolis	Richmond St. Paul	111
Iowa	**Des Moines First	238
Kansas	****Wichita First	465
Kentucky	Lexington First	245
Kentucky	***Louisville Broadway	271
Los Angeles	**Glendora	175
Los Angeles	****Los Angeles First	702
Michigan	Battle Creek	71
Mississippi	Hattiesburg	118
Mississippi	Gulfport	87
Mississippi	Pearson Chapel	51
Missouri	**St. Louis Lafayette Park	331
New England	*Millinocket	31
New Mexico	Lovington	112
Northeastern Indiana	Anderson First	250
Northern California	Sacramento First	329
Northern California	*Sacramento North	258
Northwest	***Coeur d'Alene	157
Northwest	**Yakima First	472
Northwestern Illinois	Peoria First	159
Northwestern Illinois	Sterling First	153
Oregon Pacific	***Salem First	434
South Arkansas	Little Rock Life Line	44
South Arkansas	North Little Rock Grace	85
South Carolina	Bamberg	69
Southern Calif.	***San Diego University Ave.	323
Southwest Indiana	**Brazil	260
Southwest Oklahoma	****Oklahoma City First	552
Tennessee	**Memphis Calvary	126
Tennessee	**Nashville Bethel	205
Tennessee	***Nashville First	942
Tennessee	Nashville Third	365
Tennessee	**Nashville Woodbine	131
West Virginia	Newell	165
West Virginia	Paden City	203
Western Ohio	Dayton Parkview	392
Western Ohio	*Dayton Wrightview	49
Western Ohio	Trenton	223

THE churches listed here made the Evangelistic Honor Roll for the 1953-54 assembly year. This is the fifth year for this honor roll, and there is an increase of fourteen churches over last year. To qualify, these churches have gained thirty or more new Nazarenes—by profession of faith and from other denominations. This is one indication of an evangelistic church.

At the top of the list this year is the University Avenue Church in San Diego, California, Rev. N. A. Hull, pastor. Its 79 new Nazarenes were all by profession of faith. The total membership gain was 106, and the net increase 38. In second place with 73 new Nazarenes was First Church of the Nazarene, Flint, Michigan, Rev. Leslie Parrott, pastor. Sixty-two of these members joined on profession of faith. The total gain for this church was 115, and the net increase 106. Other splendid gains were made by Fort Valley, Georgia (64); Nashville Third, Tennessee (61); Chicago First (60); Oklahoma City First (59); Los Angeles First (55); and Yakima First (54).

Three churches have been on the Evangelistic Honor Roll all five years it has been compiled. They are First Church, Tucson, Arizona; First Church, Wichita, Kansas; and First Church, Los Angeles, California. Nampa First Church and Oklahoma City First Church have missed only one year. These churches are to be especially congratulated for steady gains through evangelism.

Beginning with the present assembly year, the Evangelistic Honor Roll will be greatly expanded. Churches are divided into groups according to their membership. To make the roll, they must receive into the membership of the church during the year the number of new Nazarenes (not including transfers) set for their group. Each church making the roll will receive a beautiful certificate from the Crusade for Souls Commission, and the list for each district will be published in this column of the HERALD as soon as the information is available. These are the groups and the gains required:

Group	Membership	Gain Required
I	1-24	9
II	25-74	12
III	75-149	18
IV	150-299	25
V	300-499	35
VI	500 and over	50

At the present time, approximately 10 per cent of the churches in each of these classes are already making the required gain. Others can do so if they will earnestly strive to win new people to Christ and the church. This is the heart of the Crusade for Souls Now. How fine it will be if

1,000 churches qualify for the Evangelistic Honor Roll this year! *Will your church be one of them?*

*Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom (Ps. 90:12).*

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for February 20: The Church and Its Sacraments

Scripture: Matt. 26:26-28; 28:19-20; Acts 2:38-41; I Cor. 11:23-29  
(Printed: Acts 2:38-41; I Cor. 11:23-29)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matt. 28:19-20).*

"This do in remembrance of me" (I Cor. 11:24). In our harried, bustling little day how profitable to recall the life of our Lord! The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is a memorial of One who, when the world was besieged with darkness and hopeless despair, came from God with a message of love, hope, and eternal life for all whose lives were crowded with doubts and fears; the One who could have had so much, but asked only the privilege of serving and loving those who would disparage and destroy Him. Wherever He went, the touch of gladness was left upon the world; little children clamored to be held in His arms; sickness, disease, and death gave way to His gracious presence. His life was lived so that all might find new joy and hope. Eyes were

opened, ears unstopped, insane restored to peace and to their homes and loved ones.

Memory of Jesus is more than recalling His earthly life. It is to remember the One who, through life and death, revealed to all mankind God the Father. He is the One who brought the glad tidings of saving love. We are to keep alive the memory of His death for us. It was so undeserved, for of all men who ever lived, He deserved least to be killed by sin-controlled men. We are to remember that He gave His life. He didn't have to die! He loved me so much that He chose to die, that I might live. As we remember this, our hearts will quicken with love and adoration—He gave himself for me.

The sacrament is not a memorial service such as might be held in memory of the honored dead who gave up their lives for love of country and freedom. We are to remember that death could not hold Him. The grave was not strong enough to keep Him. In the real sense, it was death that died, not Christ. We are to remember, at this sacrament, that He lives to

commune with each of His redeemed. The sacrament is a constant reminder that the Christian life is a glorious fellowship with our Lord; we are incorporated in Him—"Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

The sacrament is a reminder of our earthly fellowship. We are at one table with our Lord. All distinctions are dissolved by the single Source of our redemption; we are born again with sacrificial blood; God is our Father, Christ our Elder Brother, and we are all members of the same family.

The Jewish Passover was a prophecy, and when the worshippers sat at the consecrated table they remembered the ancient deliverance, but looked toward the final home-going. "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26). The sacrament is a memory of His earthly life, His personal fellowship, His coming again. "This do in remembrance of me."

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## THE QUESTION BOX

**Q.** Does I John 1:8 imply that even after we are sanctified we may have sin in our hearts?

**A.** No. This verse is often brought up by those who believe in a sinning religion. However, it seems to me that anyone who will read it intelligently will see that it is in no sense an argument against freedom from sin, or entire sanctification. In the third verse John says, "... that ye also may have

fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." Then in the fifth and sixth verses he says that God is light and has no darkness in Him at all and those, therefore, who say that they have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness (sin) are

liars and untruthful. Immediately after this follows the seventh verse, which says, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." Next comes the warning in the eighth verse, which declares that those who say they have no sin and do not need to be cleansed in order to fellowship with the Father deceive themselves and the truth is



not in them. In this, as every Bible scholar knows, John is talking especially to the Gnostics, who were active in that day and were teaching the false doctrine that only the body was sinful, while the soul was pure and holy. Therefore, they were not in need of cleansing or the blood of Jesus Christ, through which cleansing from sin came. Thus it is not surprising that John said of those who claimed that they had no sin and needed no cleansing, and even no Christ with His shed blood: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." The "we" in this verse does not specifically include John, as someone has suggested. It is only one way of saying that any of us—any who may chance to read these words—is deceiving himself if he says that he has no sin which needs to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. The same may be said of the seventh verse, for the "we" is used there. It simply means that if anyone walks in the light, as He is in the light, he has cleansing through the blood of Jesus Christ.

*Q. May I call your attention to your question in the "Herald of Holiness" for January 5 concerning Pharaoh? The question as to whether or not Pharaoh himself really was drowned along with his army in the Red Sea was discussed. Would Ps. 136:15 throw any light on the question?*

A. The verse referred to reads as follows: "But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for his mercy endureth for ever." I thank you for calling my attention to this verse. Certainly, some would hold that it implies that Pharaoh himself suffered the same fate that his followers did when the waters of the Red Sea closed in on them. This much we know for sure, God took care of His chosen people, and their oppressors suffered a terrible defeat.

*Q. A certain religious leader of another religious group from the Church of the Nazarene has just told the girls who work in the office where I do that they can lie for their boss in the office. He grants them this right on the basis that their sin in that case*

would be the sin of their boss and not theirs.

A. There is a sense in which a person who works in a store or office does not have the same responsibility for what goes on there as the owner. On the other hand, I would not be ready to say that this means that the hired worker has a right to deliberately lie for the sake of the boss or the business.

*Q. Please explain the latter part of Eccles. 3:15—"God requireth that which is past."*

A. The whole verse reads thus: "That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." The writer in this section of Ecclesiastes, as he often does, is emphasizing the fact that God is over all. Everything finally depends on God's immutable purpose. He orders all changes, and a certain cycle is followed in these changes. This means that that which was in the past will sometime return—"God requireth that which is past."

## THE HOME CIRCLE

### "Jesus Loves Even Me"

How long ago has it been since you sang "Almost Persuaded" or "Hallelujah, What a Saviour!" or "Jesus Loves Even Me"? Not very long, I'm sure. But it was a long time ago when P. P. Bliss, the author, wrote the words and music of these songs.

In July, 1955, it will have been 117 years since Philip P. Bliss made his first appearance in this world. He was born in a log cabin in Clearfield County in the state of Pennsylvania. It was 78 years ago that Philip P. Bliss died in a train wreck. You see, the above songs were written before most of us were born.

In your home there is probably a piano; but if not, in your church there is one, maybe several, and perhaps an organ as well. Some of you have other musical instruments in your home. Now Philip was ten years of age before he ever saw or heard a piano played. Let me tell you about the experience he had when he first saw a piano.

He was a large boy for his age. One day while he was down in the village, he walked by a house from which came the most beautiful music he had ever heard. Almost forgetting where he was, he turned his big bare feet

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toward the house and up the sidewalk he went. The door of the house stood open; so in his delight over the beautiful music, Philip walked right into the living room, making not a bit of noise. The music continued, and Philip stood entranced until it ceased.

"Oh, play some more, play some more!" he cried out when the young woman who had been playing stopped.

The young lady looked around astonished! She saw the big, overgrown boy standing barefoot in her house. He had surely not been invited, and soon he knew he was most unwelcome.

"Go out of here with your great feet," the young lady exclaimed.

Philip was crushed. He obeyed the command. As he left the house, however, he took something with him, for in his heart he took the love of beautiful music.

Schooling was very meager in those days in the state of Pennsylvania. About the time Philip would get a good start in a school, his parents would move to another part of the country. His mother taught him all she knew about reading and writing and arithmetic. His father was a de-

vout man, serving God at all times. He sang a great deal. He sang when he went to work, he sang when he rested from his farm labors, he sang in the early morning, he sang at noon, and he sang at night. When he sang, he sang songs of the church. His wife said that he always sang the songs which began with the word, "Come." Sometimes the songs were, "Come, ye sinners, poor and needy," and, "Come, ye that love the Lord."

Philip listened intently to his father's music and early in life he started singing with him. So it is little wonder that before he was thirty-eight years of age he had written hundreds of songs, either the words only or both words and music.

He wanted to learn everything possible. Because of this hunger, he read everything he could get his hands on. From the age of ten until sixteen he worked on farms and in lumber camps, receiving just enough money to pay for his room and board. Somehow he was allowed to attend school after that, and by the time he was eighteen years of age a school board selected him as the new teacher.

When he was twenty-one years of age, he married. Not long afterwards he began writing poetry and music.

One day in June, 1870, Mrs. Bliss came down to breakfast and said to

those in the room: "Last evening Mr. Bliss had a tune given to him that I think is going to live and be one of the most used that he has written. I have been singing it all morning to myself and cannot get it out of my mind." Then she began to sing "Jesus Loves Even Me."

It seems that Mr. Bliss was reading the fifth chapter of Romans when he came to the words, "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The wonder of God's love suddenly

came upon him. His heart was so full that it burst forth with the words and music of the above song. You will find the words and music in our new church hymnal. Take time out and if you have a piano play over the music, singing the words as you play:

*I am so glad that our Father in heav'n  
Tells of His love in the Book He has  
giv'n.*

*Wonderful things in the Bible I see;  
This is the dearest, that Jesus loves  
me.*

#### CHORUS

*I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me!  
I am so glad that Jesus loves me,  
Jesus loves even me!*

*Oh, if there's only one song I can sing  
When in His beauty I see the great  
King,*

*This shall my song in eternity be:  
"Oh, what a wonder that Jesus loves  
me!"*

## NEWS

## of the Churches



West Hartlepool, England—At a campaign held late in the year at West Hartlepool church, British Isles North District, over twenty decisions were recorded of souls seeking Christ as Saviour. Rev. Crouch, the evangelist, supported by the Gospel Van, was much blessed of the Holy Ghost during his ministry. The Gospel Van, which is a self-contained film unit, possesses a hydraulically operated organ and loud-speaker system, which did much to raise the prestige of the church in the neighborhood. From the campaign ten new members were received into the church fellowship on the first Sunday evening of the new year. With the influx of young people we anticipate forming an N.Y.P.S. before our next assembly meets.—John Fothergill, Church Secretary.

Henderson, Kentucky—The first Sunday in January, 1955, Rev. Melvin Dishon, our pastor, completed two years of service in First Church. On that day (January 2), a special service was planned by the laymen. The service was announced in the local paper, and beautiful flowers were purchased, which added a touch of beauty. Best of all, the Spirit of the Lord was with us, and a fine group of visitors was present for the service. God has blessed First Church under the leadership of Brother Dishon. During the two years we have purchased a new carpet for the church, redecorated the main auditorium; also the basement has been redecorated and about twenty-two hundred feet of tile laid on the floor. The parsonage was remodeled and the basement of the parsonage has been converted into a Junior Department with an assembly room and classrooms. The Sunday school has had an increase of fifty-five per Sunday, and a fine class of members has been added to the church. The spiritual condition has been greatly lifted, and many new people are now attending the church. On January 2, the church gave the pastor a unanimous recall and a raise in salary—

this was the third raise in two years. On the day of the recall the church gave Mrs. Dishon a fine love offering. First Church is now on the move.—Mrs. Maybell Algood, Reporter.

Windsor, Ontario—After pastoring the fine, loyal people of First Church, Toronto, Ontario, for seven years, we accepted a call to pastor the church in this border city. The people here are not too many, but each is faithful and loyal to both the church and the pastor, and keenly desires to do the whole will of the Lord. From the beginning we have maintained a strong front of Bible holiness, which God has blessed, and the people have been strengthened. Our desire is to reach the area for Christ and the church. Since coming here just over one year ago we have completely renovated and repaired the interior of the church and Sunday-school quarters as well as the parsonage, and have been able to put one coat of paint on the exterior and some much-needed shrubbery—in general a landscaping project on a miniature scale. All of the above has been accomplished without cost of labor, since we have had a band of willing and gracious workers. The mortgage has been reduced to about \$3,000.00, with the payment of back interest and principal payments and the resolve to make faithfully the payments on due dates in future. I rejoice for the opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus and the church.—H. R. Brown, Pastor.

Leon, Iowa—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelists Glenn and Vera Slater and Danny. God met with us in every service, and the Slaters were wonderfully used of God during the revival. Crowds were good and many sought the Lord at the altar of prayer. Eleven fine people united with the church, giving us a 50 per cent increase so far this year. A fine love offering was given the pastor and his family, which was deeply appreciated. The church is running more than double

a year ago; is united; and a happy, harmonious spirit prevails. Souls are at the altar frequently and times of refreshing are manifested. Two fine young men settled their call to the ministry and will enter college this fall. A wonderful healing service was conducted and many received special help—and their healing remains. Progress is still being made on our new church building with plans to dedicate it this spring. Best of all, God is with us.—Lewie L. Watters, Pastor.

Matthews, Missouri—Our church recently closed a very successful revival with Rev. Joel Danner as the evangelist. His Spirit-anointed messages were a blessing to all. Brother Danner carries a burden for souls and is a great example of prayer and fasting. Two new members were received into the church at the close of the meeting. We praise God for the way He is helping us here at Matthews. We have had a 14 per cent net increase in membership since our last district assembly.—Raymond Cotten, Pastor.

Rev. Ford Miller writes: "I had to resign my church because of my health; but since my health is better, I would like to hold some week or week-end meetings. I feel the burden for the smaller churches. My wife will travel with me during the summer months and will hold vacation Bible schools or children's meetings. Write me, P.O. Box 296, Osceola, Indiana."

New Lexington, Ohio—Our church recently completed an outstanding one-week revival. Rev. Neil Strait, a young man from the local church who feels a definite call to the evangelistic ministry, was the vessel used of God. His messages were heart-searching and to the point with a special appeal to young people. A spirit of prayer and fasting was upon the people and God blessed with seekers in every service of the revival. On the closing day God met with us in both morning and evening services. Amid the shouts of the

saints, sixteen persons sought God, with almost all being happy finders. In the afternoon an outdoor baptismal service was held with ten persons being immersed. As a result of this revival, the church has been strengthened in every way. The spirit of revival continues in our services. Following this revival six persons were received into church membership.—William R. Bennett, Pastor.

Brooksville, Florida—The Community Church of the Nazarene was organized with twenty-four members, January 3, by Dr. John L. Knight. Rev. William Snyder was appointed pastor. We sincerely appreciate the good work of Asa Groves and his people in starting and holding the Sunday school together until organization. We also appreciate Rev. Don Croft, pastor of Hernando church, and his people for their interest and supervision hitherto. Preceding organization, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Snyder, assisted by the Groves Sisters, held a good revival with thirty-nine seeking and finding the Lord. Many of them were saved for the first time and several joined the church. One young mother was healed, saved, and sanctified. Property has already been purchased and immediate plans are being made for the construction of a cement block building. The church is located two miles south of Brooksville, just off Highway 41, east of the Lewis plantation.—Reporter.

Lenora, Oklahoma—Camp Creek Church recently had a gracious revival with Evangelist Walter Patterson, whose ministry is spiritual and God-anointed. His messages were well received by the people; the services were very helpful to the church. Sister Patterson was a blessing in the services. They were so well liked by all that the church gave them a call for another meeting this fall. We came to Camp Creek (which is a rural church) in 1952. We found a wonderful group of people to work with but very badly in need of a building. The board voted to tear the old one down and build a new one; a great act of faith, as there was no money and we could not get a loan for a country church. God surely was leading and today we have a very lovely country church with Sunday-school rooms and a nursery.—Mrs. Frankie Choplin, Pastor.

Hot Springs, Arkansas—First Church recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. C. B. Fugett as the evangelist. Many souls were saved and a good number were sanctified. The spiritual condition of the church was lifted greatly under the soul-impassioned messages and the humble-spirited ministry of Brother Fugett. The church enjoyed greater crowds throughout the meeting than in any other meeting we have had since I have been pastor. Also recently we enjoyed one of our best missionary conventions with Dr.

Remiss Rehfeldt. Dr. Rehfeldt's message was impassioned with a burden for a lost world, and the church was awakened and stirred to her responsibility along missionary lines.—J. F. Hamm, Pastor.

Rev. J. R. Erp writes: "At the close of our assembly year, June 30, I am entering the evangelistic field full time. For the past nineteen years I have served our church as pastor, North Side Danville, Illinois; Maplewood St. Louis; Springfield, Illinois, First Church; and the past two years at the Yorktown Church of Muncie, Indiana. I will be glad to go anywhere called. My present address is Box 212, Yorktown, Indiana."

Tuscaloosa, Alabama—God continues His blessings on the Holten Heights Church. Every department of the church feels the impact of the Holy Spirit's leadings; prayer meeting crowds have increased, and Sunday evening crowds are excellent, with people seeking spiritual help at our altar regularly. There is new interest in our missionary work, and the Sunday school is averaging 249 for the year. Our average of 278 for the month of December was the highest in the history of the church for that month. On Sunday, January 16, in a very blessed service, our pastor, Rev. Donald K. Ballard, was given a unanimous three-year recall. The people responded to the report with shouts and tears of joy. Surely God is in our midst, and a sweet unity prevails.—Reporter.

McGehee, Arkansas—Recently we closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church. Evangelist R. F. Lindley preached the old-fashioned gospel with power and unction that brought conviction to hearts. Souls prayed through and found peace with God, and a nice class of members united with the church. Our people have caught a new vision of what can be done through faith and work.—Sidney Patrick, Pastor.

Yerington, Nevada—The Lord is blessing in Yerington. One year ago last assembly Husband and I accepted a little home-mission work here. There were seventeen in Sunday school the first Sunday, and last year an average of twenty-five. There has been a steady increase and in December we averaged fifty in Sunday school. Our first revival was with Rev. Nettie Neff, which strengthened the church and made it possible to organize last April 10 with ten members. On December 5 we closed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Whitley as evangelist and singer. We appreciated Brother Whitley's strong Bible preaching and everyone was blessed with Mrs. Whitley's singing. Following the revival we received nine new members on profession of faith, which more than doubled our membership since assembly. Also Brother Wilson and the men have just finished a new Sunday-school edifice. We are on the march for the Lord and souls here on the Nevada-Utah District.—Gwendola Wilson, Pastor.

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Rev. Charles Oliver writes: "This is my first report since entering the field of full-time evangelism in September, 1954. God has blessed my efforts in a marvelous way, and these have been some of the best days of my ministry. It is a thrill to know that we can still have old-fashioned victory when God's people are willing to pay the price. I have been privileged to work in the following churches prior to the holiday season. I appreciate the good pastors of each church and their sincere burden for their church and people. In the state of Texas, meetings were held at Channelview with Rev. Van Turman; Nacogdoches, with Rev. Wilburn Roach; Kilgore, with Rev. John Ellis; Baytown First, with Rev. H. T. McCants; and Bryan, with Rev. Harold Carlisle. Also, I was at East St. Louis First Church, Illinois, with Rev. C. I. DeBoard; and Pine Bluff First Church in Arkansas, with Rev. Agnes Diffie. God has given 336 souls praying through in these meetings, and we have had unusual services and real times of anointing. I love God and the Church of the Nazarene, with one burning desire to serve God and His people. My slate for 1955 is complete, but I have some good dates open in 1956. I will go anywhere that God leads. My address is 3105 McArthur Drive, Route 1, Box 294, LaMarque, Texas."

Barry, Illinois—Recently we had another very good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Harold Richardson as our evangelists. Over twenty seekers bowed at the altar and found victory to their souls. Brother Richardson is a good, rugged Bible preacher. Our Sunday school is now averaging about 50 per cent more than our average of last year. God is helping us; our church services are on the increase, our Sunday morning services being just eight less than our Sunday school. For all this we give God the praise.—M. E. Haynes, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter report: "The year of 1954 was one of the best in our ministry. We have been in some of the best churches and some of the smaller ones, and have labored with wonderful pastors and people—all have been good to us. We traveled and labored in twenty states, and the Lord's special blessings have been upon our ministry. We have been privileged to labor in the evangelistic field for the past ten consecutive years and have been in this field of labor altogether sixteen years. It has been a great joy to labor for our Saviour and help others to find their way to an altar of prayer. We have seen many seekers and happy finders at our altars and quite a number have joined the church. Our first revival for 1955 was at Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Lord gave good victory there with Pastor Erden Craven and his fine people. We are now with Pastor J. Walter Hall, Jr., and his fine church in Victoria, Texas. Souls are praying

through in almost every service. We have some open time for 1955, which we'll give to any church needing our services as preacher and singers. We have open dates, June 1 to 12, August 18 to 28, and September 1 to 11. Address us, at our home, 609 North Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Dallas, Texas—Buckner Boulevard Church recently closed the most successful revival in its history with Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman as the evangelist. Mrs. Steelman is a forceful, yet tender, preacher of the gospel. Her messages stirred and challenged our hearts in each service. There were a number of victories at the altar and new members added to the church on profession of faith at the close of the revival. Brother Steelman did an excellent job working with our boys and girls each evening. His praying, calling, and personal work make a real contribution to the revival services.—H. B. Brooks, Pastor.

Minneapolis, Kansas—Our church recently closed one of the best revival meetings in its history. We were able to have with us as special workers Rev. J. V. Langford and Bob Mickey. Brother Langford is an outstanding evangelist; his messages are clear, and he was appreciated. Brother Mickey, the converted night-club singer, who is now singing for God, made his way into the hearts of people as he sang. God met with us in every service, and many souls were saved and sanctified. Unity has prevailed since we came to pastor this good church. People are praying, calling, and tithing. Some of our young people are attending college at Bethany. The church is for the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene. No finer people can be found anywhere than our Nazarenes here.—John Lambert, Pastor.

Glendale, California—God came to First Church on Sunday evening, January 9. My father, Evangelist Thomas Hayes, was mightily used of God in that service. My father has been very ill, but about a year ago now, God touched and healed him. With this healing came a new anointing and touch of the Lord on his soul, and God has been using him in a great way to bring revival in our time. Sunday evening, January 9, was no exception. Young people ran to the altar as well as many adults seeking and finding God. We are having daily prayer meetings at 6:00 a.m. and have had for many months. In answer to prayer, God is coming!—A. F. Hayes, Pastor.

Avon Park, Florida—We recently closed a revival meeting with Revs. Dick and Lucille Law as the evangelists. God honored the ministry of this dynamic young couple, as they preached old-time repentance and holiness. Many souls were saved and sanctified, and believers strengthened in the faith, for which we give God the praise. This young couple carries

the complete program; special musical features include: duets, solos, vibraharp and trombone numbers. As a result of this meeting we received six fine members into the church, and our people are greatly encouraged. We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished.—Ruth Hart, Secretary.

Newark, Ohio—First Church recently closed a wonderful youth revival with Rev. F. B. Whittaker as our evangelist. The Monaghan trio, consisting of the evangelist's wife, Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Noffsinger, and Mrs. Snor, sang specials each evening. Everyone was blessed by the beautiful singing of these three sisters. Mrs. Noffsinger and Mrs. Snor are members of the local church. Rev. C. B. Clendenen, our pastor, did a splendid job of leading the singing during the week. Our eight-day meeting closed with Song Evangelists Jack and Ruby McMann with us. We appreciated this fine couple and the spirit in which they sang. The Holy Spirit came in a mighty way in each of our services. We certainly appreciated the devoted life of prayer and Bible study of our evangelist, and his interest in our young people. Brother Whittaker is a strong preacher of holiness and a wonderful man of God. During the meeting, approximately sixty souls found definite victory around the altar. Our church was wonderfully blessed of God and we look forward to greater things under the leadership of Rev. C. B. Clendenen and his good wife.—Kenneth P. Snor, Reporter.

Sunday-School Evangelist Lyle K. Potter writes: "It was our privilege recently to spend eight days in a revival crusade at our First Chinese Church, Los Angeles. This church has had a phenomenal growth during the very few years of its existence. It began as a community Sunday school among the Chinese children. These children are now young people and it is virtually a young people's church. At the week-night services it was nothing unusual to have as many as forty to fifty present who were between the ages of twelve and thirty. These Chinese people are workers. They accepted the challenge of the evangelist, and in one week brought fifty-nine to Sunday school who were not present the previous Sunday. Their average weekly attendance is now close to the two-hundred mark. Many walked out to the altar of prayer, and God came in saving and sanctifying power. Too much cannot be said for the alertness, hard work, and devotion of Rev. and Mrs. Milton Cowles and family, who are on the go literally day and night ministering to this growing church. Also a word of appreciation is due the superintendent of the Chinese work, Rev. Harry Wiese, who drove quite a distance to attend every service of the crusade, and is loved and appreciated by

the Chinese people. Surely the investment originally made by our 'mother' church (Los Angeles First Church) to begin a community Sunday school among the Chinese, and the investment now being made by those who are giving their time and talent to carry it on, are bringing forth a wonderful harvest. Their great need is a Sunday-school bus to accommodate thirty to forty children."

Grace Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Walker County, Alabama, greatly enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist George Cocoris, converted Greek Orthodox. He carries a passion and burden for the church, and has a message for our day. Our people were greatly blessed and helped, and we thank God for sending Brother Cocoris our way.—Amos T. Eby, Pastor.

Paden City, West Virginia—In January we had a Youth Week revival with Rev. Lawrence and Lavona Walker, evangelist and singer. Good crowds attended and the church was greatly helped. A number sought the Lord and found victory. The church has recently purchased a Hammond organ, which adds much to the services. Our Sunday school averaged over three hundred through December. Pastor and people are encouraged.—Herman Ward, Pastor.

### Northern California Laymen's Retreat

Northern California laymen were writing history as they wended their way through rain and fog, and through valley and over mountain, to Beulah Park, December 2. This was the beginning of the first laymen's retreat in the Church of the Nazarene. Mud underfoot and rain overhead could not dampen the enthusiasm of these laymen as they took part in the interesting and varied program, the central theme of which was "Craftsmen for Christ."

Chairman Walt Bells together with his committee, composed of Kathy Bells, Clarence Morrill, Carl and Cleo McDonald, Gus and Esther Bergesen, Sam Wallace, Arlee Scott, and Paul Skiles, did a superb job of planning and leading.

The first event was a steak dinner at seven o'clock, December 2. This was followed by a Christian film and a get-acquainted social hour. The program began each morning with breakfast at eight o'clock in the dining hall, followed by singing, morning devotions, and testimonies.

Dr. Paul Culbertson, professor of psychology, and dean of Pasadena College, was the instructor of classes, which met twice daily to study to become better "Craftsmen for Christ." Christian films were shown, a musical was given, and every afternoon men and women met in separate groups to discuss daily problems and to share

ideas, patterns, recipes, and other things of interest. Our district attorney, Mr. Bud Smee, gave us interesting and important facts of a legal nature in these meetings.

The atmosphere was one of informality but characterized by the presence of God in every meeting. We met as medical doctors, office managers and workers, housewives, farmers, attorneys, insurance brokers, truck drivers, ditch diggers, Sunday-school superintendents and teachers, public school teachers and coaches; and yet we met as one as the Holy Spirit came again and again and blessed our hearts together. Many were the times we prayed, wept, shouted, and praised God together as laymen testified and shared experiences and burdens of working for Christ in their daily lives.

Our first laymen's retreat closed with a communion service in the Sunday morning worship hour with our beloved district superintendent, Dr. George Coulter, as speaker.

Many times was the sentiment expressed that this had been the most helpful and inspiring meeting that laymen had ever attended. It was voted that it become an annual event on our district.

How fitting that we should celebrate our golden anniversary year by instituting a progressive and aggressive program that will help us be better "Craftsmen for Christ" through our next fifty years, if Christ tarries!

MRS. WILBERT A. BAXTER, Reporter



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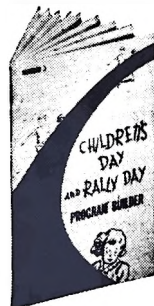
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Faithful in the Least

ON ONE occasion someone came on Dr. John W. Goodwin preaching "like a house afire" to a very small group of people, and when it was suggested the occasion did not merit the effort, Dr. Goodwin replied that Nazarenes must do even little things in a big way.

This principle seemed to dominate the life and service of Rev. E. J. Fleming. From the time I first came in contact with his ministry and influence on the Iowa District through the days that I knew him more intimately as a general officer of the church, his meticulous devotion to his responsibilities indicated his belief that the most humble and insignificant phase of God's work was "big business" and, hence, merited his best effort. He seemed to be fully convinced that, "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do," all should be done to the glory of God.

I was not privileged to participate in the general councils of the church during his tenure in office, but no doubt there were times when his colleagues disagreed with his judgment. Yet regardless of his assignment, all seemed to agree that he was guided by the principle that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well.

Not only was this true of his official service to the church, but it also characterized his message from the pulpit. In his preaching, the "second blessing" holiness note was always strong and clear. Faithfulness to God and his duty as he saw it has now become the password to that better world for this faithful, good man.

HARDY C. POWERS  
Board of General Superintendents

On Laying the Foundation

The life and ministry of Rev. E. J. Fleming will best be known as the general church secretary for the Church of the Nazarene from 1919 to 1939. He was one of the pioneers in the work of the church, and God used E. J. Fleming's talents to help a new and struggling denomination to build a strong functioning organization. Brother Fleming, as he was affectionately known around headquarters, had a gift for details that was out of the ordinary. He never threw away any note, shorthand or otherwise, that in any way reflected the business interests of the church, but kept all matters systematically filed "in case it might be needed



someday." And frequently it was. Since his death I have had occasion to refer to an important paper which he had taken care of over twenty years ago. It was his genius for system and organization that helped to give the Church of the Nazarene strong footing in the early days when carelessness at that point could have meant disaster.

It was Brother Fleming's responsibility, along with the church lawyer, Mr. George T. Aughinbaugh, to set up the legal corporations, advise on technical parts of the *Manual*, and protect the property interests of the denomination. These duties required hours of study and research and much painstaking effort. They were carried, along with many others, only because for Brother Fleming there was no stopping for an eight-hour day. Perhaps those of us who have succeeded in the office which Brother Fleming filled so capably can more fully appreciate the tremendous amount of work he did and how well he did it. It was his high sense of duty and his devotion to the task the church had given him that made his contribution so unique and permanent. Brother Fleming never asked the question, "What will this do to me?" His primary concern always was, "What will this do to the church and the Kingdom?" And because of this attitude, his ministry will live on through time and into eternity.

The home-going of Rev. E. J. Fleming leaves a vacant place in our midst, but the foundation he laid will guide the church for years to come. He has left us the benediction of a godly life, a worthy example of a life wholly dedicated to his Lord. —S. T. LUDWIG, *General Church Secretary*.

Rev. E. J. Fleming, when he wrote letters as executive secretary of the Department of Ministerial Relief, after signing his name appended, "The Minister's Friend."

He labored assiduously to promote the interests of the aging ministers and their families. He, indeed, was their friend. Brother Fleming was also my friend. Even before there was a Church of the Nazarene, Brother Fleming, as pastor of a holiness church in my home town, manifested an interest in an overgrown, gangling boy. While I occasionally attended the church with my father, much to my surprise, Brother Fleming one Sunday requested me to meet him that week at the church. The invitation was accepted and there at the church one evening, after we conversed about current happenings, he changed the topic of conversation by inquiring about my spiritual welfare. The fact that a busy pastor would spend one evening and walk quite a distance to talk about my salvation made an indelible impression. From that hour I knew that he was a good and godly man.

Later through providential circumstances, it was my privilege to be with him again in his capacity of general church secretary. As a collaborator, he proved to be an indefatigable worker, self-sacrificial to a marked degree, devoted, efficient, painstaking, and unswerving in Christian and ethical integrity. Truly he behaved the gospel which he preached.

In the day of our personal loss, we find strength and comfort in the words of the Master, who said: "I am the resurrection, and the life: . . . and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—M. LUNN, *Manager, Nazarene Publishing House*.

Tributes\*

I am writing to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband. Brother Fleming was an outstanding leader in the church and made a contribution which those of us who have been in the church for some time will long remember. For several years I worked with him on the statistics for the New England District, and I appreciated his unfailing courtesies.—John E. Riley, *President of Northwest Nazarene College*.

The church folks here wish to express deepest sympathy to you and send our prayers for your comfort and help at this time of need. May you find God very near and precious to you, and a never-failing Friend. Some of our charter members hold

fond memories of Brother Fleming's labors here and have told the newer ones of his ministry here.—Mrs. A. Adzima, *Secretary, First Church of the Nazarene, Racine, Wisconsin.*

I am glad for his sake that the battle is over and he is with the Lord. I know we always feel alone when our loved ones are taken, but I understand Brother Fleming was not able to be at home, so you no doubt will feel relieved that the suffering is over and he is at rest. Brother Fleming rendered a great service to the church in his years of service.—Melza H. Brown, *President, C.M.B.A.*

Our thoughts and sympathy are with you and children in your sorrow. May God's grace sustain you.—Rodney K. Ricketts.

*\*These were selected from the many letters and expressions of sympathy sent to the family.*

## Obituary

Rev. E. J. Fleming, retired elder of the Church of the Nazarene, Northwest District, died December 18, 1954. He was born March 27, 1871. He was united in marriage to Ivy M. Whelpley of Mulliken, Michigan, on December 28, 1897. After having taught in the public schools for about ten years he was ordained to the ministry in 1903 in the Apostolic Holiness Union. He united with the Church of the Nazarene in 1909, and pastored churches in Racine, Wisconsin; Stockton, Illinois; Chariton, Iowa; and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

It was in the field of the general church that Brother Fleming made his greatest and most lasting contribution to the cause of holiness. In 1911, at the Third General Assembly, he was elected assistant secretary for the assembly. In 1919, following the death of the general secretary, Rev. Fred H. Mendell, Brother Fleming was appointed general secretary by the Board of General Superintendents. At the 1919 General Assembly he was elected general church secretary for the denomination, and was re-elected at four successive General Assemblies—1923, 1928, 1932, and 1936. During the years of his secretaryship the records were kept with business-like precision and a tradition of service to the church was established.

For a number of years Brother Fleming also served as executive secretary of the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism, as general stewardship secretary, and as secretary-treasurer of the Mutual Benevolent Society. While he was general

stewardship secretary he wrote a number of splendid stewardship tracts, some under his own name and some under the pen name of Max Murdock. An interesting side light on Brother Fleming's stewardship principles is the fact that on January 10, 1897, about eleven months before their marriage, having become convinced of the truth of the scriptural emphasis on tithing, he wrote up a personal tithing pledge signed by himself and his fiancée, Ivy M. Whelpley. His giving was often up to 25 per cent of his earnings. Upon his resignation from the office of general church secretary in 1939, Brother Fleming continued to serve the interest of the Mutual Benevolent Society from 1940 until 1944. Brother Fleming was one of the first leaders in the church to urge an adequate pension program for retired ministers and worked tirelessly during his official connection with the church to help bring it about. For the past ten years he was retired, and for the past eighteen months was in ill health.

Survivors include his wife, Ivy M. Fleming, at the home in Spokane, Washington; three daughters and one son: Mrs. Stanley Zook, of Elkhart, Indiana; Basil A. Fleming, of Spokane; Mrs. Justine Wallace, of Santa Barbara, California; and Miss Wilma Ruth Fleming, of Spokane; also five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## Funeral Service

Funeral rites were conducted by his pastor, Rev. P. J. Bartram, of First Church of the Nazarene, Spokane, Washington, and Dr. E. E. Zachary, district superintendent. Rev. Jerald Johnson, pastor of the Coeur d'Alene church, sang "Sweeping Through the Gates," requested some months ago by Brother Fleming, and "The Pearly White City." The family expressed themselves as feeling that they had been to a coronation service. Interment was at Fairmount Cemetery in Spokane.

## PRAYER

By Nona Keen Duffy

*Dear God, who art in heaven,  
We know that Thou art Love;  
We thank Thee for Thy counsel,  
For comfort from above.*

*Be Thou our loving Leader,  
Our Guardian and our Guide;  
And as our loved ones gather,  
We ask that Thou preside.*

*Fill every heart with gladness  
And keep us in Thy way;  
Direct us in our study,  
And light of truth display.*



## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

*Did Our Literature Help Him Find the Way?*

IT WAS midafternoon on an early December Saturday that the radio receiver at the Air Crash Rescue Squadron at Brookley Air Force Base on Mobile Bay crackled with the request for a crash boat to swing into the bay. The fellows scrambled to their stations, high-powered engines roared, and the sharp prow sliced the bay water into silver spray. Some of these runs are simulated maneuvers, while others are the real thing, as one of M.A.T.S. big C124 Globemasters or a hospital ship with some mechanical trouble prepares to land on a base where runways almost end at the water's edge. For these lads of Air Rescue it is always the real thing until danger of crackup is past, or until notified that their maneuver is only practice.

On this afternoon as the boat swung back toward its base, a nineteen-year-old airman from Arkansas slipped and fell into the water. He was thrown the life ring—almost reached it, and then without apparent cause, he slipped beneath the waves. They found his body some hours later.

The chapel organ pealed forth its sweet music of comfort and hope while the men of his squadron filed in for the memorial service. The chaplain asked me to sing "Abide with Me"; the Methodist minister where the lad worshiped said many nice things about him. All who knew him said that he was a fine Christian; he attended church regularly—even walked when he didn't have bus fare. I felt that surely he must have been a good boy, for in his jacket pocket when they pulled him from the waters of the bay was found a copy of *Come Ye Apart* and *Conquest*. Evidently this airman prayed and fed his mind upon good literature.

As I left the chapel I shook hands with the lad's captain, whose eyes brimmed full with tears. He had been deeply touched upon finding the Nazarene periodicals in the boy's jacket. I couldn't help but thank God for our free literature to these wonderful American boys and girls of our armed forces. I thanked God for someone who sent in the request for the literature to Kansas City. Who

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