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For the Days Just Ahead

*For the days just ahead there is great apprehension;
Many hearts are afraid—ev'ry morrow they dread.
But our God holds the reins of this world filled with tension,
And His own He'll prepare for the days just ahead.*

*For the days just ahead—there's a hand that will guide you
Through the long, weary night till the darkness has fled;
And when dangers press hard, in the Rock He will hide you.
Be not anxious but trust Him for days just ahead.*

*What tho' sorrows may come—tho' hard trials come stealing?
By the hand of the Saviour His children are led;
He will comfort and keep; there is balm for our healing,
And His grace is sufficient for days just ahead.*

*Then look up and take heart when the battle is pressing;
Keep your eyes on the Cross, where the dear Saviour bled.
There He died to redeem and to give us His blessing,
And there's vict'ry in Jesus for days just ahead!*

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LATE NEWS

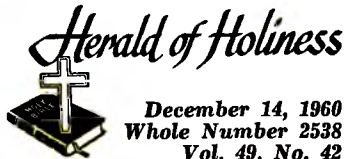
After serving the Mifflin Avenue Church in Lansing for over three years, Rev. Russell E. Spray has resigned to accept the pastorate of the church in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Pastor C. L. Rodda sends word from Huntington, Indiana: "First Church in an inspiring Thanksgiving Sunday gave \$3,900 for world missions, and had 519 in Sunday school, to lead the North-eastern Indiana District."

Pastor Charles E. Ballard sends word from Los Angeles, California: "The Los Angeles Marshall Memorial Church, working among the colored population of Los Angeles, has had a spectacular growth. On October 14 we had 41 in Sunday school, and on November 20 we had 958 in attendance. In order to accommodate the crowd, Sunday school was held all day in forty-five-minute sessions. Our building seats only 100. Pray with us that God will help us provide adequate housing. This harvest is a cumulation of three years' work due in large measure to the labor of Rev. Elwood Munger."

At a recent meeting of the Roswell (New Mexico) Ministerial Association, Rev. Ronald Rodes, pastor of Central Church of the Nazarene, was elected to serve as secretary-treasurer of the group for the new year.

Rev. and Mrs. James H. Garrison will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary early in January. They were married January 4, 1911, in Dorset, Ohio, at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Garrison has been preaching for almost fifty years, and in the Church of the Nazarene for forty years. He pastored at Brazil, Indiana, building their first church; also at Seymour and Oakland City, Indiana; and Framingham, Massachusetts. He was head of the science department at Eastern Nazarene College 1928 through 1939, then pastored at Rochester, New York, and Norfolk, Virginia. He served as superintendent of Virginia District for two terms, then pastored at Titusville, California; and Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania. Although now retired, he is pastoring a home mission work in Williamsburg, Virginia, helping to establish the first holiness work in that historic city. They have two children, Mrs. Donald E. Coombs of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and J. W. Garrison of Williamsburg, both Nazarenes.



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Rev. Robert W. Taylor has resigned as pastor at St. Charles, Illinois, to re-enter the field of evangelism as of February 1, 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hoffman celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at the Maplewood Church of the Nazarene, St. Louis, Missouri, on Monday evening, October 24. A beautiful candlelight ceremony was sponsored by their sons, Albert and Kenneth, with Rev. J. W. Burch officiating. After the ceremony, dinner was served to 189 guests, among whom were 5 ministers and their wives, and numerous out-of-town guests. Their Sunday school classes presented money trees, which were graced by telegrams, stacks of cards, and a score of packages conveying congratulations to this Christian couple who through the years have been true to the church and each other. The Hoffmans were charter members of First Church, and in 1935 became members of Maplewood Church of the Nazarene.

Hints on Personal Evangelism:

THE POWER OF A CHILD'S PRESENCE

By J. KENNETH GRIDER

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On the first Sunday of the November witnessing thrust, I hit upon a way of breaking down barriers in house-to-house visitation. I took along my nine-year-old daughter.

It is amazing what that did. Standing on porch after porch with her, as people came to the door, I was not someone who could harm the family. Wide open the doors went, more than at any time when I have visited alone or with another man. Wives alone in the home were free to invite us in for prayer. My daughter would thank the Lord for the doggie there in the living room, and for suchlike, which did not exactly make the people unfriendly toward the evangelistic party.

Besides the entrance it gave and the blessing of a child's leading out in prayer, it must be quite good training for the child who accompanies the adult. Our daughter is wide-eyed with her request to go out again next Sunday.

If a considerable segment of our Sunday school children were schooled in this way, the new generation of Nazarenes might not be as reticent about visitation evangelism as so many of us adults are at present.

Pastor Lewis A. Posey sends word from Pineville, North Carolina: "God moved mightily upon the church and people and there was \$977.26 in cash placed in the offering plates on Thanksgiving Sunday. We give God praise, honor, and glory for His wonderful blessings."

HOLY IS THE HEART

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*There's nothing like the Bible
To stir the deadened soul,
And light the narrow pathway
Toward the heavenly goal.*

*Words of men may charm us
With their earthly grace,
But the Word of God remains
A beacon to the race.*

*Words of love and mercy,
Power may impart;
Holy is the life that hides
Its message in the heart.*

Perfected Holiness

By LAWRENCE B. HICKS, Pastor, First Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified (Hebrews 10:14).

An analysis of this text will reveal that two parties are spoken about, "he" and "them." Of course the "he" is the Lord Jesus Christ; the "them" are all the saints who will "receive him" (John 1:12); will do His "will" (I Thessalonians 4:3); will walk in His "light" (I John 1:7); and "hold fast the confidence . . . to the end" (Hebrews 3:6).

Further, the text reveals that whatever "he" did for the "them" is described by the words "perfected for ever." "Perfected" is a verb in a past tense qualified by an adverb of time—"for ever." The forever extends the power and the gracious benefits of the "perfected" from the past into the present and projects them throughout eternity! Surely this is rejoicing ground for any of the Blood-washed saints of God!

Here one can see the potential sanctification of every child of God. Dr. Daniel Steele wrote, "God has begun to save every human soul" (*Love Enthroned*, page 15). Certainly Dr. Steele was no universalist. He did not say that God would save every soul, but that God has set up a perfect potential holiness for each of us. St. Paul insists in Ephesians 1:4 that we are "chosen in him . . . that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

The Holy Spirit is thus informing us that God has a definite purpose, a predetermined plan, whereby we can be wholly sanctified to the extent of being "without blame" in Christ and before the great Judge of all the earth, Almighty God. What a promise! It is little wonder that many in the Church and out of the Church stagger at this exalted state of heart purity.

First, the text denotes a past act that is a continual action. Thus it is the sure foundation for our Christian perfection in the love of God. It implements the "choice" of God as set out in Ephesians 1:4. It provides for the demand of the Saviour in Matthew 5:48. It is the means of purifying the heart as promised in Matthew 5:8. The full and very express purpose of this *perfecting act* is seen in Hebrews 13:12, "that he might sanctify the people with his own blood." The text plainly sets forth the fact that the "perfecting" is a work of grace and not of the earth, earthy (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Secondly, the text implies a human element. Shall we say, holiness *must be perfected*. We do no violence to the Scriptures nor wrest the text in so

saying. The Holy Spirit informs us through St. Paul in II Corinthians 7:1 that to be included finally under the promises of full redemption we must "cleanse ourselves" from certain worldly affairs. About the same thing is restated in II Timothy 2:21. While the being perfected is in the past, we receive it now.

Thirdly, let us notice the future. Surely holiness *will be* perfected in the eternal regions of heaven. While God in His greater wisdom sees us as "without blame" before himself in love today, the world finds fault. St. Jude strikes the final great note in the *Victory March* in Jude 1:24. In that verse Jude tells us that our glorious Saviour will "present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy."

Hence, let us rejoice in the "has been" of perfect holiness; let us walk in the light obediently in the *must be* of cleansing today; and hope rejoicingly for the *will be* of perfect rest and service in heaven forever.

THE PRICELESS PLAN

By JACK M. SCHARN

*See we the priceless Son of God
Bowed low to serve salvation's plan?
The hill of Calvary He trod
To offer grace and hope to man.*

*See we the blood upon His face?
A crown His wondrous head adorns.
Taking the sinner's rightful place,
Pierced by a thousand thorns.*

*See we His wondrous heart of love,
Broken by sorrow, grief, and pain?
Yet from this scene a crimson flow
That washes deeper than the stain.*

*See we this One who comes again
In glory through the parting sky?
With majesty and strength—Amen!
The final victory is nigh!*

Our Church and Her Ministers

By L. E. HUMRICH, Pastor, Midland, Texas

Every station and office has its corresponding duties. For instance, there are parental duties which devolve upon parents. There are filial duties which devolve upon children. There are pastoral duties, which devolve upon the ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our ministers have their minds and hearts directed to those duties at the time of their ordination and at other times. But there are necessary corresponding duties which devolve upon those Christians whom our ministers serve in the Lord.

St. Paul repeated these often in the salutations of many of his Epistles. To the Thessalonians he wrote, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake" (I Thessalonians 5:12-13). Relative to the approaching visit of Timothy to the Corinthian Christians, Paul wrote, "See that he may be with you without fear for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do" (I Corinthians 16:10).

There are a few facts which, if all will remember, will make for mutual understanding in our churches and will aid in promoting the kingdom of our Saviour. The Christian minister is called to his office by the Lord. He is qualified by the Lord. He is employed in doing the Lord's work. The means and instrumentality of doing it are laid down by the Lord.

The work of the ministry is a solemn work. It is connected with the mind and with the spirit; it concerns the undying souls of men. It is work which comprises all that is momentous in time and eternity. It is inseparably connected with the eternal glory or the everlasting misery of our fellow beings.

It is an arduous work that requires the outlay of the whole man: the energies of the body, the capacities of the mind, and the emotions of the spirit. Not only is it arduous from the lofty sublimity of its theme; it is arduous also from the array of opponents with which it has to contend. It requires all the devotion of time, means, energies, and resources which the most highly favored human being may possess.

The Christian minister is a steward and hence he must render a clear, minute, and complete account of himself and work to God. God will reckon with him and reward or condemn him, according to the employment of the talents he has had committed to his trust. That responsibility is connected with the eternal destiny of those under his charge. The blood of souls, if he should be faithless, will be required at his hands. Such are the work and office of the Christian minister.

The apostle instructed the church at Corinth concerning Timothy, "See that he may be with you without fear" (I Corinthians 16:10). Today our ministers are to serve without fear. If they are to do this, it becomes the obvious duty of the church to supply its minister's needs and not let him fear as to his temporal support. If the minister is fully engaged in providing for laymen spiritual things, how reasonable that laymen should supply him with needful temporal things! It is difficult to say just how much should be given to those to whom the care of souls is committed. Perhaps most churches are able to do more in this regard than they think. But at least two things should be considered: the necessities of the pastor and his family, and the ability the church possesses. If he cannot be remunerated adequately, the church must do all it can. This the minister has an equitable right to expect. This should be done respectfully, with great courtesy, and in the spirit of promptness and love.

The pastor should be able to serve without fear as to the position he occupies in the esteem of the church. Let the church show him that he has favor in the eyes of its members and that he is planted deeply in their regards. The Christian minister should be received as from God, and should be honored and loved as such.

The minister has a right to expect faithfulness as to attendance on the means of grace. He should not fear as to the acceptance of his ministry in the midst of the church. If he must study, pray, and preach—and he must do these things—it is the duty of the congregation to be present to hear what has been prepared for them. May the laity of the church never be found guilty of religious vagrancy by being found seeking a morsel of spiritual bread here and there.

The courage of the minister will be greatly strengthened when the laymen join hands with him in doing the tasks connected with this holy enterprise. He may do a little singlehanded. But he will, like Moses, fail unless the laymen are near him and with him to encourage his heart and hold up his hands.

Remember to pray fervently and continually for him. Someone has well said, "Don't forget to pray for the only member of the church who has no pastor." Pray for him in the services of the church, at the family altars, and in the secret prayer closet.

The minister asks for no greater reward than that of seeing the holy fruit of his labors exhibited in the lives of his members. It was declared of one group, "Ye are living epistles." Strive to see

to it that the ends of preaching and pastoral ministry are answered in the holy life you live. Be the joy of the pastor's heart by holy fruitfulness, good works, and Christlike spirit.

There are a number of good motives for following such a course as has been outlined. The pastor himself will be happy. If he is with the church in fear, he cannot be happy. Would you have a happy and cheerful minister? Then see that he is with you without fear.

If the church will faithfully practice these things that have been suggested, the profit of the members will be increased. The minister cannot do good to the members unless he has their confidence, affection, and esteem. Otherwise his ministry will be paralyzed.

A happy, effective pastor is indispensable to the welfare of the church. Without it the church will have no attraction to those whom it seeks to win. Neither will there be joy for those within.

Finally, individual accountability to God is wrapped up in these thoughts. God will require an answer for the treatment given our brothers in Christ. Act as in God's sight, and for His glory, so that you may meet Him in the presence of the Lord Jesus with exceeding great joy.

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CHADWICK'S CENTENARY

By EVANGELIST ROBERT EMSLEY

Samuel Chadwick was born on September 16, 1860, in a small cottage in the cotton textile town of Burnley, Lancashire, England. His parents were devout Christians, and at an early age Samuel was truly converted to Christ. Having poor parents, however, he had as was the usual custom in those days, to begin work at the age of eight years and work long hours in a local textile mill.

As he grew up, Samuel Chadwick gave himself to much prayer and Bible study, sometimes, after a hard day's work, studying well into the night with only a candle to light the pages of God's Word.

Later he felt the "call to preach," but when interviewed as a candidate for the Methodist ministry, he was rejected. Disappointed, but not defeated, Chadwick became a lay pastor (a type of paid local preacher), and it was during this period of his work that he was sanctified wholly. This experience brought with it a fiery zeal for evangelism, and his service for God greatly prospered. Then a second time he offered himself for the ministry and this time was accepted.

In 1886, after training at Didsbury College, Manchester (and incidentally our new British Isles Nazarene College is also located at Didsbury), Chadwick was sent to work first near Glasgow, then to Leeds, and later to London.

In 1894, Samuel Chadwick returned to Leeds and began the most notable part of his pastoral ministry at the famous Oxford Place Chapel. Soon the building was too small for the crowds which flocked to hear his Bible expository preaching. Under his leadership the Chapel was enlarged, transformed into a place of vital evangelism, and later renamed "Leeds Methodist Mission." The congregation became the largest free church congregation in that city of five hundred thousand people.

In 1907, Chadwick resigned his pastorate and moved to Cliff College to become resident tutor of Bible and theology. Upon the retirement of Thomas Cook in 1912, Chadwick became president of Cliff College; and for twenty years he exercised an unforgettable ministry at the "College of the Underprivileged."

Chadwick's writing is to be found in the books *The Way to Pentecost*, *The Path of Prayer*, *The Gospel of the Cross*, and *The Call to Christian Perfection*, most of which are still obtainable at the Nazarene Publishing House.

In an age when G. Campbell Morgan and J. H. Jowett were "pulpit giants," Samuel Chadwick also had a part, but "out of the public eye." His task was to pass on to young men a vision and enthusiasm for the right blending of rugged evangelism and personal holiness. Several British Nazarene ministers owe much to their early training at Cliff College at the feet of Dr. Chadwick.

Never a robust man, however, he had long periods of illness and physical weakness, and yet his faith never wavered. Just before his death in 1932 he gave a parting message to the College staff:

"Stand together for the Word of God, but not in any stupid sense. Stand in a spirit of unity, of faith, of doctrine, according to the fourth chapter of Ephesians. This will be the great consummation of my work and hopes. I have stood true to the last. I have had no doubts, I have been sure of the living God. He knows my limitations, but I have loved Him and trusted in His mercy. My ministry has been the message of the Cross. I am not dead yet although it seems the end is not far away. God is very, very good to me, and if my day's march is over, I am ready for the roll call in the morning."

Thus passed on to God the soul of a saint, one to whom the holiness movement owes much, and whose writings still live with the message of "Holiness unto the Lord." May Chadwick's evangelistic fervor for souls and holiness and his last words, "Marshal the forces of prayer," challenge our church today in this our quadrennium of "Evangelism First."

God's Multiplication Table

By ANDREW F. CONE, *Pastor, Gardiner, Maine*

One of the least profitable and most discouraging tasks upon which we may waste our time is the task of adding up our resources and subtracting from them our problems and difficulties in order to arrive at a decision as to what we can accomplish. When we do this, however, we are using the wrong kind of arithmetic—adding when we should be multiplying. Instead of saying two and two are four, we should say two times two is four.

But you say, "Since the answer is the same, what difference does it make?"

Well, none, if you intend to stay in the two-by-two class all your life. Try going up into the big numbers though, and you will soon discover that it makes a great deal of difference whether you add or multiply. So let us always remember to multiply our limited resources by Divinity and we will find that we have a completely different answer from that which we are in the habit of getting. As our gallant preachers of another day used to shout, "One with God is a majority!"

All this philosophizing began with a verse in the Psalms (72:16) which intrigued me as I read it. In it the Psalmist declares, "There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains; the fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon."

I was struck first of all by the fact that here certainly was a small beginning and here were desperately limited resources. It was a handful of corn that was sown—not a bushel, not a peck, not even a quart, but a handful—one handful for a whole mountain! However, it was corn, not pebbles, or gold nuggets, or diamonds, or chunks of uranium. And corn is a seed, having within it that divinely instilled something called life, which no scientist has succeeded in isolating, but without which every scientist would soon be nothing but an unthinking, unfeeling pile of dust. Furthermore, life reproduces—but not merely a replacement. It multiplies to feed the multitude.

Seemingly, it has always been God's policy to use little, insignificant things to accomplish His will in the affairs of men. Gideon's 300 shouters, David with his "special delivery" message for Goliath, Elijah facing the flashing steel of the heathen priests on Mount Carmel, and the 120 frightened followers of a crucified Jew in the Upper Room—from human standpoint all were doomed to certain and speedy failure. But in all these cases we find that God multiplied them by himself, and that always results in victory.

I was struck further by the fact that environment is not necessarily the deciding factor, for this seed

was planted on a mountain. Now the top of a mountain is not the most likely location for a bumper crop of corn. It is too cold—everyone knows that good corn weather is "frying hot" weather. The ground is too hard. Then there is too much wind, and there are few more pitiful sights than corn after a strong windstorm has pulled at its shallow roots. Lack of heat, storms, winds, washing away of the soil, all make it next to impossible for corn to survive, much less bring forth an abundant harvest.

How similar this is to the condition facing the Church today, as in every age! From the very beginning those who preached the gospel have faced antagonistic religious systems which were deeply entrenched. People's religion was traditional—the religion of their fathers—therefore as unchangeable as the rules of a bureaucratic government. In some localities one of the hardest obstacles to overcome is still the fear that, should the people leave the traditional church, they would be barred from the ancestral burial ground. Prejudice in religion is even stronger than in politics and constitutes the nearest thing to an insurmountable obstacle.

This, however, is not the only hindrance. The hardness of the human heart has always presented poor soil for the reception of the seed of righteousness and godly living. As someone has said, "There is nothing in the doctrines or duties of the gospel which is at all congenial to man's fallen nature. Its truths are foolishness to him. Its purity excites his enmity."

Nevertheless, we find an encouraging thought here also, and that is that God makes the difference! In spite of small supply and difficult conditions, we read, "The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon" (Psalms 72:16). Here is a harvest more like the great cedar trees for which Lebanon was famous than a field of corn. Here is a crop capable of withstanding the terrific onslaughts of the elements on the exposed mountaintop—for the word translated "shake" carries with it the thought of a storm whipping and tearing at everything in its path. This corn, sending its roots down like the cedars, stands tough, resilient, and strong.

God can do that to a crop of corn and that is wonderful. But the glorious truth which sends a shot of adrenalin through our veins is that God can also do that for churches and Christians today. There never has been a time when it has been easy to serve the Lord and to extend His kingdom. Persecutions without, hypocrisy and strife within, inadequate buildings, too little money—the list is long and frightening. Sacrifice, blood, sweat, and

tears—that has always been the order of the day for the Christian Church. And, sad to say, Satan, taking advantage of conditions, has tempted and too often persuaded to discouragement.

But when God moves in, the picture is changed. Enthusiasm and courage take the place of timidity and depression. Light replaces darkness. Faith replaces despair and cries, "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). The church becomes an army with banners, marching with a conqueror's tread. Flood tides of glory inundate the souls of God's people while sinners tremble at the manifest presence of God.

Let us then change our arithmetic, get out of the two-by-two class, multiply our resources by Divinity, and we too may have a bumper crop on our mountain!

SAINTS



for
Supper!

By EVANGELIST NETTIE A. MILLER

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another (Galatians 5:15).

I was out with the church people for supper and in five minutes had *saints* in my *soup*. The conversation was the "Have you heard?" and "Did you know?" variety. No good news—just bad things about good people. I asked them if they knew the people they were talking about, and none of them did. I asked if they could prove it, and none of them could.

The food did not taste good—I had *saints* in my *soup*.

Ten minutes later the first course was over and the *entree* came.

I had bites of a general superintendent, two district superintendents, two evangelists, one teacher, and a pastor, in my *stew*. I realized soon that I was going to have *saints* for supper, for sure. It was *not* outsiders, but Nazarenes eating Nazarenes—one another.

The big bites came when characters were touched—that was the *dirt* for *dessert*.

I looked around and the crowd was eating their food and the *saints*, enjoying both. The looks on their faces told that they were gluttons for gossip. They devoured the people, my people—Nazarenes.

To devour is to eat greedily. They ate greedily, not the food, but the people whom they bit without mercy and knew nothing or little about.

This is wrong. Even the law of the land calls it defamation of character and has its punishment for it, but those who engage in this cannibalistic instinct seem to have no compunction of conscience.

Paul said this biting is done by those who are carnal. "Brothers, you were called to be free: only, do not make your freedom an opening for the flesh, but serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13, Moffatt*). For the whole law is summed up in one saying: "You must love your neighbour as yourself (whereas, if you snap at each other and prey upon each other take care in case you destroy one another)" (Galatians 5:15, Moffatt*).

There was enough biting there to leave the bitten crippled for the rest of his ministry. The Lord means for us to live by the Spirit, and we will not indulge physical cravings which are against the Spirit.

I left the table thinking how much better it would have been to have the feeling, Behold how they love one another! instead of they "bite and devour one another," and to have enjoyed manna from heaven instead of *saints* for supper.

Be careful what you say; you might be in somebody's dish today!

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THE REQUESTS

By GRACE V. WATKINS

*"But, Master," I cried, "the road is steep;
The canyons are stony and dark and deep.*

*I want a path that is always bright
With gentle sloping and golden light."
He looked at me then, as He quietly smiled,
And said, "You may have your wish, My child."*

*With joyful heart I sang on the way,
Glad for the warm and sun-filled day.*

*But never the dusk and the darkness came,
Or refreshing rest from the sun's gold flame.*

*Never a shower healing and cool;
I saw no flowers by a shady pool,
Or ever climbed to a hill's high crest
To look on a sunset-crimson west.*

*There was only the desert, empty and bare.
"O Master," I cried in lonely despair,*

*"I need the rain and the dark, and sweet,
Refreshing rest for my weary feet.*

*I need a hill, a storm for a friend,
And the challenging comradeship of wind."*

*Gently the Master turned His head.
"You may have your wish, My child," He said.*

*And now I have found the sustaining power
He gives in the dark and rugged hour,
And humbly I thank Him that there should be
A shadow, a cliff, and a storm for me!*

God of the Second Chance

By CELIA M. WRIGHT

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool (Isaiah 1:18).

Always this passage brings to mind the beautiful, appealing hymn using the same words repeated hauntingly. Surely every sinner is affected by its message. How wonderful it is that our great God is the God of the second chance—and of the third, fourth, and of many opportunities for repentance and salvation!

Although “now is the day of salvation” (II Corinthians 6:2), and you are never promised there will be another opportunity for salvation, still God in His mercy allows most of us more than one chance to yield to His call. Your life may end today, so do not delay to accept His call and message. Delay is dangerous, both because another appropriate moment may not come, and also because, as time flees, your heart grows harder and more wicked.

God likewise gives us many avenues of service. When you as a Christian have failed your task, or when you may have been hasty to do your own will instead of the will of the Lord, He opens ways for another trial, so that you may learn to obey Him and be conformed to the image of His Son.

In the books of Kings and Chronicles many examples are set forth. One of these is King Amaziah of Judah, who “did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart” (II Chronicles 25:2; also verses 7-9). A blessed, golden truth shines out in this story given of Amaziah. The king trusted in God, but when he had established himself in the kingdom, he began to trust in his own strength and wisdom. He hired one hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of backslidden Israel to help him in battle.

The Lord sent a prophet to Amaziah forbidding this confederation and saying, “God hath power to help, and to cast down” (II Chronicles 25:8). The king was concerned about the money he had already paid out, but the prophet told him, “The Lord is able to give thee much more than this” (v. 9).

After studying this account, the truth struck me afresh. After we have paid out our own strength, health, and money foolishly, if we turn with repentance and true faith to the Lord, He is able to give us much more than we lost. Now Amaziah had just paid out the enormous sum of an hundred talents of silver to these men of war, soldiers from their kinsmen, Israel. By canceling the union

of forces, not only would the king lose this money, but also he would lose the good will of his neighboring kingdom to the north, and lose much prestige in the eyes of all surrounding peoples.

Yet the prophet of God promised, “The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.” Can God give you more than what you would gain by worldly alliances? More honor, prestige, victories, friends? Apparently yes, although not always in man’s terms of reckoning. God’s greater gifts are always wiser and richer and stronger. King Amaziah had his second chance here, and he did what the prophet advised.

A similar record is written of King Manasseh of Judah. For this king was far more wicked than any king unless it was Jeroboam I, and King Ahab of Israel. Manasseh was so vile that God cast off His people Judah, and allowed them to go into captivity because of him, and still God was entreated in Manasseh’s behalf (II Chronicles 33). This evil ruler God even forgave and allowed him another chance, although his sins brought their inevitable result of punishment.

Manasseh’s father, King Hezekiah, who was a much better man and ruler, was himself foolish in some of his decisions, but God allowed Hezekiah a second chance and a new lease on life of fifteen years (II Kings 20).

The whole Bible is full of God-given second chances. God’s word is, “Go, and sin no more” (John 8:11). “Come ye after me, and I will make you to become . . .” (Mark 1:17). What He will make you to become depends upon His will for you personally. It depends upon your individuality, your location, your duties as they have been handed to you, right where you are. You too have failed. You too have paid out your life’s resources for selfishness and sin.

But God is able to help you, and to cast down your enemies. He is able to give you much more than you have forfeited by your own will. Blessed be His name forever!

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy
Like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice
Which is more than liberty.*

“We must make time for meditative habits and communion with God. The soul grows thin in its activities. Says Dean Vaughan, ‘Many a Christian’s incessant action is the grave of his spiritual life.’”—THOMAS COOK.

Marriage with Love

By WM. J. NICHOLS

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In Genesis 24:67 we find these words: "And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her." "And he loved her"—that is the story and description that should be repeated about every marriage. There are too many loveless marriages and loveless homes today. And there are too many Christian homes which have lost the full measure of love and devotion which is needed for a completely happy family life.

A young boy came into the house one day from play and asked his mother, "What do you promise to do when you get married?" His mother, momentarily puzzled, replied, "Why, you promise to love, honor, obey, cherish, and to be kind to each other." The young lad thought a few moments and then responded, "Why, you and Daddy aren't always married then!" This seems too often to be true even in "Christian" homes.

What is the secret of keeping love alive? There is probably no one conclusive answer. But we would offer two or three hints for guidance. The first is to always *keep God first* in our lives. When England's Princess Elizabeth was married, the Archbishop of Canterbury said, "The ever-living Christ is here to bless you. The nearer you keep to Him, the nearer you will be to each other."

This is one of the inexplicable Christian maxims. Just as in tithing we can't explain how the nine-tenths goes farther than the ten-tenths, so we can't explain this. But when we love God the most, we can love our companions and our children even more than if we put them ahead of God. It is hard for bitterness and strife to separate a family that is held together by a family altar.

The second hint we would offer is this: *Be careful of the little things*. Opening the car door, giving a deserved compliment, a meal at the restaurant, roses on a special occasion—these seem small, yet they can make a vast difference. Little foxes spoil the vines in marriage relationships too.

At a dinner the world-famous pianist, Paderewski, was seated next to Mrs. Dwight Morrow, who had recently celebrated her twentieth wedding anniversary. When he learned that she had been a student at Northampton Academy of Music when he played there, he asked if she ever visited her alma mater. She replied that she went back often. She liked to sit in her old chapel seat and think how much happier she was than she had ever expected to be. At this remark Paderewski stood to his feet. Here was a woman whose happiness

in real life exceeded the fondest dreams of an eighteen-year-old girl. Bowing deeply, he said, "Mrs. Morrow, I would like to meet your husband."

The third hint is to be big enough to understand or overlook the small petty differences that arise. William Cowper summed it up very adequately:

*The kindest and happiest pair
Will find occasion to forbear;
And something, every day they live,
To pity and perhaps forgive.*

In 1912 when the "Titanic" sank, nearly all of the women were rescued. One of those who went down with the ship was Mrs. Isadore Strauss. Safety had been offered to her but there was no room for her husband in the lifeboats, so she declined, saying, "My husband and I have been through many things together for many years. But we are old now and I cannot stand the thought of separation. I will go where he goes." They went down with the ship, standing arm in arm.

A happy home and a happy marriage are as near as we can come to heaven in this life. As Christians and as parents, we owe it to our children, our companions, and ourselves to make our homes the happiest possible.

Endless Tragedy

By JEAN LEATHERS PHILLIPS

*From that time many of his disciples went back,
and walked no more with him (John 6:66).*

*"... went back, and walked no more with him!"
Oh, tragic words! My eyes grow dim
With tears to think how they shall be
Bereft through all eternity.*

*To see His face, to hear His voice,
With Him to sorrow and rejoice;
To walk beside Him in the way,
To share His life from day to day.*

*How could they ever turn again
Into the ways of sinful men
And have communion hour by hour
With darkness and its fatal power?*

*And still this awful tragedy
Flows daily on. We all must see
Some friend, some loved one, turn away
And move toward Judgment's awful day.*

*Great God, break up our hearts again
For sinful, sick, rebellious men,
That power-filled prayer may lift toward Thee
The purchased of dark Calvary.*

NEWS



in PICTURE



Mrs. Wanda Knox and her two children: Geron, seven; and Jane, three, as they were leaving San Francisco for a new term of service in New Guinea. Mrs. Knox and her husband pioneered the opening of our Nazarene work in New Guinea in 1955, coming home in 1958 because of Mr. Knox's illness. Mrs. Knox will be teaching in the girls' school at Kudjip in the Territory of New Guinea. There are five other Nazarene missionaries on our field in New Guinea at the present time.

REVIVAL in Our Day

By EVANGELIST HAROLD L. VOLK

Never before has there been laid upon the heart and the conscience of the Church the burden of evangelism as it is today. There is no place today for a church that is not aflame with evangelistic zeal and enthusiasm. Nor is there any value in a

theology that is not passionately missionary (evangelistic).

Once we prayed, "Lord, give us a revival," but now we must pray, "Lord, we've got to have a revival." We must have a revival for our personal salvation. We must have a revival for our corporate safety. Millions of earth's people have never witnessed a revival. Some of us in America have never seen a genuine, world-shaking, history-making revival, a revival that changes the complexion of society. Other generations have had them but not ours.

In the last one thousand years there have been four great revivals. In the twelfth century was the revival under Waldo and the Waldensians. In the fourteenth century was the revival under Huss and Wycliffe. In the sixteenth century was the Reformation under Martin Luther and his co-workers. In the eighteenth century was the revival under the Wesleys and Whitefield.

We haven't had even one of the lesser revivals such as were sandwiched in between those past great revivals, that is, revivals under Finney and Moody, right up to the door of the twentieth century.

Travailing Christians are the greatest need in our churches today. We have plenty of *educated* Christians. I cast no aspersions, but if the world must wait for educated Christians to win it to Christ, then the world has already heard the "crack of doom." They will never do it.

We have lots of *popular* Christians. We have lots of *rich* Christians. We could double our missionary programs without even feeling it. We have all of these, but still we do not have revival. The reason is we need *weeping* Christians, brokenhearted Christians.

I have seen many revivals, and some of them were genuine revivals. I have seen revivals in terrible auditoriums, and under extremely adverse conditions, but I've never seen a revival without weeping, travailing Christians. It is not preaching; it is not singing—I've had revivals without any special singing. God can and does use all these things. But it is weeping, agonizing, prostrating ourselves before God, ceaselessly, earnestly, anxiously, personally, and witness bearing that win the day.

There are some things about revival that I do not know, and I thank God I do not have to know them. But I do know that if you put certain things into practice, if you pay the price in a certain way, the heavens open up, the Spirit of God comes down in mighty Pentecostal power.

That is what it takes.

We talk a lot about having revivals, about needing revivals. But how hard it is to get a group of preachers, even, to give themselves to fasting, to prayer, and to intercession.

My friends, if we really saw the condition of sin-

ners going to hell, if we really believed in hell, we would be in tears sobbing out our intercessions for men to God, sounding out our witness to men for God.

This home of the soul is the place of many mansions.

Heaven is described as a city by that divine Atlas, the Bible. It is fifteen hundred miles square, has walls of jasper, gates of pearl, streets of gold, and has no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it, for the Lamb is the light thereof (Revelation 21:10-23).

This glorious place is called a country—"a better country." This world is not our home; by faith we see "the Fatherland." The climate is ideal. There are no extremes of heat or cold, no wet or dry seasons. "They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them" (Isaiah 49:10).

It is a well-watered country. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1). This fountain breaks forth from the eternal Rock of Ages, deep and broad and clear to water the country. It is the "water of life."

The fruit is abundant and accessible to all on either side of the river; it affords variety, "twelve manner of fruits." The supply is certain and constant every month; and finally, the tree on which it grows can never die. It is the "tree of life" (Revelation 22:2).

The inhabitants of that fair land are the best, the elite, the redeemed of all ages. Only those whose names are found written in the Lamb's "Book of Life" shall receive passports to the better land. There will be no unhallowed passions to rankle in the bosom of any individual. None but the pure in heart are admitted. There will be no contentions, no bloody wars, but calm and peace shall reign forever (Revelation 21:27).

This is a healthy country. The dwellers there shall never say, "I am sick." No fever, pain, cough, or disease shall play havoc with the citizens of heaven. Death in that region will be a forbidden stranger. The dwellers there shall live forever (Revelation 21:4)!

When we step into the chariot of salvation and say good-by to things and time, our homeward flight will be more rapid than that of a sunbeam. Hardly shall we lose sight of the shores of earth till we shall behold the glory and majesty of the celestial city. Home at last! God's tomorrow promises to be better than today.

"Care is such a foe to happiness, that when it enters the heart happiness departs. Next to sin, it is the greatest evil that can come into a soul. It hinders prayers, prevents usefulness and defeats itself. The more the bewildered bird beats about the cage, the less chance it has of getting away. Fear and faith cannot keep house together."—THOMAS COOK.

I Give Thee Thanks!

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN

*I give Thee thanks for every leaf that falls—
A splash of color in a browning world;
For each home-staying bird that flits and calls,
For squirrels and chipmunks in their hollows
curled.
I give Thee thanks for snow clouds in the skies;
For harvests piled beyond the threat of rain;
For laughter in a child's expectant eyes;
For frost's white beauty on my windowpane.
I give Thee thanks for love and hope and prayer;
For eyes which see and for a heart that feels;
For knowledge that I am Your child and heir;
For Thy beneficence that soothes and heals.
And for the stream of Thine upon whose banks
I gladly walk, dear God—I give Thee Thanks!*

Heaven

By EVANGELIST JAMES ROBBINS

In one sense, heaven is a condition of one's soul. The poet said, "Heaven is begun within my soul." A right relationship with God brings heaven within. Paul said, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14:17).

Heaven is also a place. It is the future abiding place, the eternal home of the redeemed. I can still hear my mother as she went about the duties of the house singing,

*"There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith I can see it afar."*

or

*"Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond
the skies;
Oh, they tell me of a home far away;
Oh, they tell me of a home where no
storm clouds rise;
Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day!"*

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

A Clean Heart and a Right Spirit

One of the great prayers of the Bible is found in Psalms 51: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (v. 10).

This is part of a passionate cry for restoration wrung from the heart of one who had fallen into terrible sin. His fall had brought him to see that his problem was deeper than he had thought it to be. Not only had he transgressions to be blotted out (verse 1); he was conscious of an inner sin from which he must be washed, cleansed, and purged (verses 2, 7).

Only in the experience of a clean heart could he hope to have the presence of God and His Holy Spirit (verse 11), know the full joy of the Lord (verse 12), and see others brought to the knowledge of the true God (verse 13).

But along with a clean heart, the Psalmist saw the need for a right spirit. These two are placed together because they belong together. It is impossible to keep a pure heart without maintaining a right spirit.

A right spirit is as important as right doctrine. One may be as straight as a gun barrel theologically, and fail utterly of being what God wants him to be unless with right belief there is a right spirit.

A right spirit is as important as right standards. Scriptural standards of conduct and life are so necessary in an ethically confused age such as ours. But an ethic as clean as a hound's tooth counts for nothing unless along with it is kept a right spirit.

This is because every day people listen to what we say, and they look at what we do—but even more, they feel what we are. There is a sensitive intuition which goes behind word and deed and grasps the quality of our spirit. The spirit of a person is intangible and hard to define, but it is very easy to recognize.

For this reason, a sanctified Christian must guard carefully against a wrong spirit. There is peril in the growth of a critical, faultfinding, querulous spirit. There is danger in the inroads of a cynical spirit, suspecting and looking for the worst in others. A harsh, bitter, unloving spirit and a vengeful, resentful spirit alike are destructive of peace and power.

Here, as elsewhere, our Pattern is Christ. When Paul said, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9), the context shows that he referred to the Holy Spirit as the one great essential for Christian discipleship.

But what better definition is there of the Spirit of holiness as He manifests himself in the sanctified soul than that which is suggested in the phrase, "spirit of Christ"?

A spiritual Christian is measured by the degree to which the spirit of Jesus characterizes every thought, word, attitude, and act. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

The spirit of Christ, a right spirit, is a *spirit of kindness, compassion, benevolence, and love*. We may well remind ourselves that the first miracle Jesus wrought, at Cana in Galilee, was a miracle of sheer kindness, relieving the embarrassment of a young host whose friends were too many for his provision. Paul describes this spirit in his great "Hymn to Love":

Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful; love is never glad when others go wrong, love is gladdened by goodness, always slow to expose, always eager to believe the best, always hopeful, always patient (I Corinthians 13:4-7, Moffatt*).

The spirit of Christ, a right spirit, is a *spirit of meekness and humility*. "I am meek and lowly in heart," the Master said (Matthew 11:29). Meekness is not weakness, spinelessness in the face of evil. Jesus was capable of terrible anger, as when He found the minions of the Pharisees buying and selling in the Temple and, under guise of keeping the law, violating its spirit. Yet when they cursed Him, struck Him, mocked and spit upon Him, He opened not His mouth. There was none of resentment, no kickback, no carnal self-assertiveness.

The spirit of Christ, a right spirit, is a *spirit of devotion to God*. Repeatedly our Lord withdrew from the crowds, and went up onto a mountain or into a desert place to pray. The great mystery still is, "If He who needed to pray so little, prayed so much, how is it that we who need to pray so much, pray so little?"

The spirit of Christ, a right spirit, is a *spirit of selflessness, of sacrifice, of passion for the lost*. Its full measure is seen in our Lord's willingness to go to the Cross, not as a martyr unable to escape, but offering himself up to God, a Sacrifice without blemish and spot.

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There is a lesson, too, in the verbs used in this prayer. "Create in me a clean heart"—this is the word used in Genesis 1:1, "God created the heaven and the earth." He spoke and it was done. "Renew a right spirit"—this is the word used of repairing the altar (II Chronicles 15:8) and the Temple (II Chronicles 24:4).

The creation of a clean heart is once and for all, but the renewal of a right spirit is a continual need. The spirit of man so quickly gets corroded. It becomes hardened and encrusted. It must be kept, guarded, and renewed as the inward man is renewed day by day (II Corinthians 4:16).

*Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.*

Christ Came—and Is Coming Again!

"Advent" in Christian terminology means two things. It marks the season of the year beginning the fourth Sunday before Christmas in which the Church commemorates the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also refers to that future event which is the hope of the world, His coming again.

It is instructive to contrast what the Bible teaches about the two "advents" of our Lord.

He came the first time as a Babe in a manger, unnoticed by the world of pomp and circumstance. He will come again as a King on His throne, casting down dominions and powers, to rule the nations with a rod of iron.

He came the first time cloaked in humanity, almost "incognito," recognized only by a handful of the faithful, some lowly shepherds on the hillside, and some star-gazing magi from the East. He will come again in the blazing light of Deity, as the lightning flashes across the sky, and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him (Revelation 1:7).

He came the first time in humility, born in a stable, cradled in a manger, to grow up in poverty in a house of toil. He comes again on the clouds of glory, and all the holy angels with Him.

He came the first time to be despised of men, rejected of His generation, and put to a shameful death. He comes again to receive the obeisance of all—for every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:10-11).

He came the first time to choose His own, and to make possible for all men the forgiveness and favor of His Heavenly Father. He comes the second time to receive His own into mansions of glory, ever to be with the Lord.

He came the first time to be judged by kings and governors and the rulers of the people. He comes again to be the Judge of all, for the Father has appointed Him judge of all the world (Acts 17:31).

He came the first time to suffer and die and rise from the dead. He comes the second time with

the keys of death and hell, to destroy man's last enemy, and to deliver up the Kingdom to the Father.

All around the world this Advent season the bells ring out the memorial of His first coming. There is no doubt about the fact that Christ, the Hope of the ages, came in Bethlehem of Judea many centuries ago. In the striking figure of Oscar Cullmann, "D-day" has already occurred. Sin's defenses have been breached. But the certainty of "D-day" reminds us that "V-day" is just as sure. There are some battles to fight, to be sure, but these only assure our hearts that as certainly as "D-day" has passed, "V-day" will surely come.

Will it be in '61? We cannot know, and we must "occupy till" He comes. But come He shall, the meek and lowly Jesus, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!

Editorial Notes

Today's *Herald* carries the Sunday school lesson comments for December 25, the last of the 1960 series prepared by Dr. Robert L. Sawyer, associate professor of religion, Bethany Nazarene College. Dr. Sawyer's incisive and clear analyses of the International Bible Lessons for the year have been much appreciated. Comments on the lessons for 1961 will be prepared by Rev. J. W. Ellis, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California.

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The National Safety Council reminds us again of the dangers of the drinking driver. A drinking driver was involved in at least 30 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents in 1957; 55 per cent of Christmas season fatal traffic accidents involved a driver who had been drinking. These figures appear on the records even though it is acknowledged that in many accident cases the fact that a driver had been drinking is not recorded and is not entered on the driver's official record. The Council goes on to point out that drinking to any extent reduces the ability of any driver. Small amounts of alcohol reduce judgment, self-control, and driving ability.

It is pretty hard, in a close-knit society, to take the attitude toward the liquor industry, "I'll let it alone if it lets me alone." It just won't let us alone, as the mayhem on our streets and highways eloquently testifies. The innocent, and nondrinkers, suffer as much and sometimes more than the guilty.

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Drs. Hammond and Horn of the American Cancer Society estimate that the death rate from coronary artery disease runs 70 per cent higher among smokers than nonsmokers. Other estimates (as by Dr. A. Carlton Ernstone, president of the American Heart Association) place the figure as high as 150 per cent for heavy smokers. Thus not only lung cancer but heart disease must be reckoned as part of the cost of the use of tobacco.

Busy Days in **PERU**

By HONORATO REZA
Editor of Spanish Publications

It was my privilege last August, for the second time in three years, to visit our Nazarene work in Peru. The nineteen days spent there were full of activity and spiritual enrichment.

The evening of my arrival in Lima, I preached in our First Church, which has been pastored by Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Heap for some time. They were attending a council meeting in Chiclayo up north and a fine layman had charge of the service.

A few years ago our work in the capital was undergoing a critical period of adjustment, but faith and work have paid large dividends. The young people have taken upon themselves the task of street preaching every Sunday evening before the evangelistic service, with fine results. Our radio program, "La Hora Nazarena," has been used to great advantage in getting new contacts. A fine spirit of unity was felt among the brethren.

The following day I arrived at Chiclayo, where the center of our work is located, the church there being the largest on the district. The young people's annual convention started that night, followed by the missionary and Sunday school annual gatherings. These were presided over by Mr. Castulo Galvez, Mrs. Gwladys Heap, and Mrs. Rachel Julca, respectively. The services were well attended. Over five hundred people gathered every night for great rallies and times of spiritual enjoyment.

The District Assembly proper began with the Sunday night service and ran through the following Wednesday. Our own missionary, Rev. Clyde Gollieher, presided with efficiency and dispatch. A fine spirit of love and understanding prevailed throughout the business sessions, and ambitious plans were laid for the following year. It was a real joy to see the district personnel work with one aim only: that of pleasing the Lord in the task of saving souls.

Tremendous progress was enjoyed in every line. Finances increased 30 per cent over the previous year. The N.F.M.S. contribution to the over-all program jumped from 23,000 soles to nearly 75,000 soles in the period 1959-60. Pastoral support has increased 500 per cent in the last eight years. More and more participation is being given our national pastors in the affairs of the district.

Our altars were filled at almost every night service. When at the last meeting we had expected a decrease in attendance, we were happily surprised to see the crowd overflow the auditorium. That night they raised the highest offering of any service and the manifestation of the Spirit was real.

Our Peruvian work can easily be divided into three sections: the churches on the coast, where the financial and membership strength is apparent; the work in the mountains; and the jungle work among the Aguaruna Indians. Each of these sections requires a somewhat different approach on the part of our leadership. But we have enjoyed appreciable success in every area.

A new Bible Institute campus is currently being developed. Up to now the girls' dormitory has been located in a building adjacent to the church and the boys' dormitory a few blocks away. A property was acquired in the outskirts of the city of Chiclayo, where, eventually, classrooms, chapel, and dormitories will be constructed to house the growing student body coming from all areas of the district.

It was a real privilege to fellowship with our national pastors, faithful servants of the Lord who have dedicated their lives to Christ. Also, it was my privilege to stay in the home of District Superintendent Gollieher, and eat most of my meals with all of our missionaries and their families. The names of Gollieher, Heap, Grantz, Flinner, and Gray speak to me of loyalty, consecration, fellowship, and spiritual leadership. Certainly our missionaries there are being used mightily of God for the spiritual liberation of men and women. Our host pastor, Rev. Espiridion Julca, and his wife, Mrs. Rachel Julca, would be a credit to any holiness church anywhere. My life has been enriched with their fellowship.

Ten days were spent with Rev. Gollieher in a visit of the Aguaruna Indians in the jungle. My twenty-five-year-old dream was fulfilled when I visited this section. I was able to see the place where Esther Carson Winans lived and the place where she is buried. I was amazed at the tremendous sacrifice it must have been to the Winanses and the Douglasses to work among these people. I was inspired at the new plans now being developed: the building of a missionary home in Cusú, right in the heart of the jungle by the Marañon River, and the new push on evangelism which I am sure will come as an answer to a long-felt need among the Aguarunas.

I never felt a stranger among the Nazarenes of Peru nor was I ever homesick while with them. I thank God for the privilege of being a worker together with my Peruvian friends in the great task of preaching holiness. My prayers and interest will follow them in the years to come.

TWO MINUTES

and FOUR CENTS



By **E. WAYNE STAHL**
Retired Nazarene Elder, Lowell, Mass.

This was the amount of time and money I invested recently. Already I am receiving joy dividends of 500 per cent. And "the party of the second part" in this little history will, I am sure, receive even greater returns in satisfaction and blessing.

It all came about in this way: A gentleman living in New York state had read an article of mine in a certain religious paper. He wrote me inquiring for further details concerning part of the aforesaid article. He was an entire stranger to me.

Of course I was happy to respond with the information. Later, taking about two minutes to roll them up in a slit envelope, seal it, and affix a four-cent stamp, I sent a few copies of the *Herald of Holiness* to him.

Almost by return mail I had a check from him paying for a year's subscription, so pleased was he with the official organ of our church. The very "gladness of God" was in my soul on receiving that subscription! I trust that when we meet on the golden boulevards of the New Jerusalem, he will thank me for sending him those few copies of the *Herald*. He seems a devout man.

Fellow Nazarenes, what opportunities we have for disseminating the transcendent tidings of holiness through our church paper! Why let old copies accumulate in attics or basements when we might let them, like the dispersed first Christians who when "scattered abroad went every where preaching the word" (Acts 8:4)!

Keep copies near the front or back door of your home. When callers come, deliverymen, salesmen, or other folks, never let them get away without receiving a copy or more. *At the same time you can give a testimony for Christ.*

Everlasting benediction may result for some of the recipients, as for a certain sick man in this city where these words are being written. Seriously ill in a hospital, he had a companion in tribula-

tion there, a Nazarene man. The latter received the *Herald of Holiness* regularly, and after reading it, loaned it to his fellow patient.

What ensued? *This second person was saved through reading it!* Though he was a member of another denomination, the paper revealed to him that there was an experience of salvation that he did not have. And he sought and found the pearl of great price.

Today both these men are forever done with time. I like to think that the one who was a Nazarene has heard the other say to him there, in "the glory that excelleth," "The pages of your church paper were truly for me leaves from the tree of life, which were as the balm of Gilead for my sick soul and directed me to the Physician there."

SUGGESTION: What a superb Christmas gift would be a year's subscription to the *Herald*, a present that would come fifty-two times during the following year!

I AM PERSUADED

By **PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY**

*I am persuaded that He is able,
Whate'er the task may be,
Able to keep me, able to strengthen,
Able to set me free.*

*I am persuaded that He is able,
Able to satisfy
Each contrite sinner seeking forgiveness;
Ready to hear our cry.*

*I am persuaded that He is able
To keep until that day
All I've committed unto His keeping.
Oh, glorious coming day!*

"All men are called of Christ to be saved. And with that call comes a commission. We are chosen by Him to serve—not as servants, however, but as friends. Every true Christian does two things: he worships Christ and he serves Christ. To worship without serving may lead to fanaticism. To serve without worshiping may lead to Phariseism. As a true Christian I must accept the commission as well as the call. I must say, with Christ at the beginning of His earthly ministry, 'I come to do thy will, O God.' Only having done this will I be able to say at the end of life's little day, 'I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.'"—H. G. PURKHISER.



FOREIGN MISSIONS



GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Missionaries on the Move

Rev. and Mrs. Spurgeon Hendrix of Cuba now are living in the United States. Their address is 409 No. Redmond, Bethany, Oklahoma. They will remain here for the present.

Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Gay, on furlough from Cape Verde Islands, are now living at "Shalom," 61, Gilnakirk Rd., Cherryvalley, Belfast 5, North Ireland.

Miss Lois Drake is home on furlough from Africa. Her home address is 1008 Rodd St., Midland, Michigan.

Miss Lydia Wilkie is home on furlough from the Cape Verde Islands. She may be addressed at 1401 E. 16th St., Kearney, Nebraska.

Miss Dorothy Bevill returned to Africa on December 2. Her address there is Box 14, Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. John Pattee writes: "We expect to be home before Christmas, on furlough. You may address us at 1469 Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, California."

Rev. and Mrs. Berge Najarian arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, on November 12, 1960. They will be working in our Naza-

rene Bible School. Their address is: P.O. Box 2328, Beirut, Lebanon.

Trinidad and Tobago Assembly

For the first time we were able to call ourselves the "Trinidad and Tobago District" as we met in our fifth annual assembly in Port of Spain this year. Our newest church in Canaan, on the island of Tobago, was represented by her pastor and a group of lay delegates.

Our business sessions were interspersed with singing and testimonies and many special songs. One lady testified that she had heard some say an assembly was boring, but she had not found this one so at all.

The night meetings were times of inspiration and challenge. Slides from the General Assembly were shown, and our people were encouraged as they realized that ours was an international church and we were all one in faith and purpose.

"Evangelism First" was highlighted as our new emphasis, and our pastors were given the materials to begin working on the "Try Christ's Way" program in their local churches.

Missionaries and nationals alike realize that this is OUR day in Trinidad and God is challenging us to work NOW while it is our day. Pray that God will help us to do what He has placed us here to do.—RUTH SAXON, *Trinidad*.

Thirty-sixth Guatemalan Council

The thirty-sixth Guatemalan Council session convened at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Hudson in San Miguel Chicaj, Guatemala.

God was with us from the very beginning and blessed our hearts.

Several construction projects were reported completed during the past year. New conversions had been made and converts united with the church. Two vacation Bible schools were held at more than two thousand patients treated by our nurses in the clinics. Four students graduated from the Williams Bible Institute.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the prayer and fasting service which we shared with the ministers and missionaries around the world, on the fit Wednesday of October. It was a joyous time and the presence of the Lord was very near to us as we laid before Him some of our burdens for our people in Guatemala.

We made plans to emphasize the "Evangelism First" theme of the quadrennium throughout our entire district.

Pray for the Spanish-speaking people of the many Indian tribes, and your missionaries here in Guatemala.—ELIZABETH WILSON, *Reporter*.

Letter Writer's Prayer:

*I wrote a letter to my friend
That penned a picture of my heart;
As I reread its paragraphs
I saw myself with a sudden start.*

*There was friendship, it was true,
But where was Christ, my Lord?
There was I in fine display,
But Christ was not outpoured!*

*My thoughts were superficial,
My phrases cute or nice,
But none would find such blessing
As to make him read it twice.*

*In my correspondence, Lord, be present:
In my writing, be Thou near;
To those who read my sentences
Speak Thou through eye, through ear.*

*Forbid that I should write in vain
By failure to reveal
In all my friendship letters
The Christ I know, I feel.*

*O Thou who gavest man language
As to no beast or bird,
Express thyself today through me,
Thou glowing, living Word!*

—Lyle Prescott



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Department of Ministerial Benevolence
DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

An active pastor, whose wife was recovering from a serious operation, sent this letter of gratitude. They had received Emergency Medical Assistance from the Department of Ministerial Benevolence.

"Thank you for your concern and your help in our time of need. Your check came at a most opportune time. We have a fine church here, and a wonderful chance to serve the Lord, but financial pressure was beginning to bother our ministry.

"Things are working out, and the Lord is blessing our work. I never cease to praise God for leading me into the wonderful fellowship of Nazarene people and allowing me to labor shoulder to shoulder with such dedicated and lovely people."

You have made Emergency Medical Assistance possible for this pastor, and many other pastors in similar circumstances, by your faithful giving to the Ministerial Benevolence budget.

the *Answer corner*

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Do you believe it is pagan to observe Christmas Day?

No, if the observance is a Christian observance. There are some ways of "celebrating" Christmas which are pagan or worse than pagan. Some miserable people conceive of the spirit of Christmas as the sort that comes in bottles. The so-called "office parties" the days before Christmas and New Year's are a disgrace to any civilization.

But Christmas can be a very beautiful and sacred season for devout Christians, whose thoughts turn constantly to the coming of the Saviour into the world. It emphasizes the greatest event in human

history, the incarnation of the eternal Second Person of the Trinity, when the Word, who was with God and who was God, became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1, 14).

Incidentally, let's banish "Xmas" from all our writings and all our cards. Our Christ is no X, no unknown quantity. He is our Lord, before whom every knee shall bow and to whom every tongue shall confess. "Xmas" and "Xian" may be thoughtless, but they come too close to blasphemy for me.

If sanctification is essential to entrance into heaven, how can we be saved short of sanctification? See II Thessalonians 2:13.

II Thessalonians 2:13 says, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." This verse, together with Hebrews 12:14, shows that we cannot be finally saved short of sanctification.

The problem of the questioner is, however, that he restricts the term salvation to conversion, or the new birth. But salvation is a much broader term than justification or initial salvation. It also

includes final salvation, as is seen for example when Paul, looking forward to the coming of Christ, says in Romans 13:11, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed"; and Peter, in I Peter 1:4-5, speaks of "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

We have so many social activities at our church that many feel they cannot attend prayer meeting. People say, "We cannot attend everything." I think the juniors and teen-agers should have parties, but why for the older people? People want to get together, but if there were not so many parties our older people would come out one night for prayer meeting and another night for Bible study.

It sounds as if this church needs to take a good, hard look at itself and its program. Certainly, if any institution should put first things first, it is the Church. There is real peril in getting the calendar so full of social engagements of all kinds that our main purpose for being goes by default. Even in the area of church machinery—committees, boards, and the like—the machine can get so big it takes all the steam to run the wheels and there is no power left to

pull the load.

A pastor friend of mine ruefully went over the announcements for the week—something on every night except Tuesday. Then he said, "Now Tuesday night we are going to have Family Night." An almost audible groan went up from the people. "No," he said, "I don't mean here at the church. I mean at home. Tuesday night stay home and get acquainted with your families." It's not a bad idea.

Why was the word "also" used in I Thessalonians 4:8? Does it not imply two works—separating sanctification and the endowment with power?

This verse and the one preceding read: "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." However, there is no word corresponding to "also" in the original. It simply reads, "Who giveth his Holy Spirit to you," as in the Ameri-

can Standard Version of 1901. In Acts 15:8-9, it is the giving of the Holy Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost that purifies the heart by faith. This verse makes no allowance for a "third blessing" of an endowment with power as a separate work of grace following entire sanctification.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By ROBERT L. SAWYER

Topic for
December 25:

God's Unspeakable Gift

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2 (Printed: Luke 2:8-20)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift* (II Corinthians 9:15).

The birthday of the King of Kings! What rejoicing, how the angels sang! What rapture, how precious and tender the kneeling shepherds! What serenity, how Mary, the mother of Jesus, pondered the revelations of God's will in her heart! What rest and satisfaction to Joseph and Simeon and Anna; how they marveled and thanked God for His unspeakable Gift—Jesus Christ!

The Gift: Jesus was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit, that He might bring to a sin-cursed world full redemption through His blood. It is difficult to think of Calvary on this day of Christ's birth; yet the manger of Bethlehem and the cross of Calvary are inseparable. "For this cause came I into the world" (John 18:37), Jesus reminded His disciples. Many will find it easy to sentimentally accept the Christ of the manger, but refuse to take up the cross of the resurrected Lord.

The Message of Love: "God so loved . . ." (John 3:16), is the message of God through Christ to fallen man. Love is the message of Christ to us. Love must be our message today.

How can we do less than give our best—our all—to the propagation of the good news—sins can be forgiven, the heart cleansed, the soul can find rest and peace. Hallelujah—what a Saviour!

In the three previous lessons we have prepared our hearts for the Christmas story, Christ is the Fulfillment of prophecy, the incarnate Son of God, the Redeemer, and our coming King.

The Responsibility: In all of our giving and receiving gifts at this warm and friendly time of year, we must not forget that we must share God's greatest Gift, His Son.

We may, like the shepherds, not only find Christ for ourselves, but with strength and joy praise God and share with others this "unspeakable gift."

This Christmas gift can change one's life and bring real joy and peace to men

of good will.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15).

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First Church in Samoa

On November 6 the charter for the first Church of the Nazarene in American Samoa was opened and sixteen members were received into the church. Fifteen of these are by profession of faith and one, Rev. Robert Manuma, by transfer. Rev. Jarrell W. Garsee reports that God's blessings were poured out upon the people in this service and

that the people are participating in the "Try Christ's Way" witnessing effort. Preparations were being made for the first Thanksgiving offering from Samoa.

Services in Pago Pago are carried on mostly in English, although some of the people do not understand it thoroughly. Among the members of the new church are people of different nationalities: Samoan, Togan, European, Chinese.

We greatly need our own church

building in Samoa, but this has been delayed by necessary corporate registration and other legal requirements. Pray that it will be possible to secure property and erect a building soon. In the meantime a branch Sunday school has been started at Nu'u'uli.

Home Missions Harvest

Chicago Central District is the latest to be added to the list of districts organizing a new church this fall and winter, through the end of January. The charter was officially opened for the Crystal Lake church on October 16 by District Superintendent Mark Moore. Services have been conducted in Crystal Lake for several months, with attendance between thirty and forty-six. Three and one-half acres of land have been purchased and a church building will be constructed soon. Rev. Ralph Wright has been appointed pastor.

Eleven districts have now reported new churches during this period. This is a part of the "Evangelism First" emphasis for the present quadrennium.

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In order to keep our records up-to-date, we depend on YOU (pastors, parents, friends) to let us know any changes of address for our service personnel or to notify us of any discharge from the service.

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If you are uncertain that we have been notified,

please drop us a line giving the name and current address of the person involved, stating whether it is a change of address or discharge.

We appreciate your interest in the commission and could not function effectively without your help.

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"In a few months I will be getting my separation from the army.

"I would like to say that I have appreciated your sending me the Nazarene periodicals during my stay in the service. They have been an inspiration and encouragement to me.

"I have had the privilege of attending a few Nazarene churches. At present I am attending one in San Antonio, Texas. The pastor's ministry and presence have been a blessing to me."

-Sp/4 PAUL S. MARSHALL

"This is to inform you that I will be relinquishing my service with the air force very shortly, and you may stop sending me literature.

"I just wish to express my heartfelt thanks to a commission that stands behind the servicemen and provides them with good literature. It has certainly meant a great deal to me."

-CLIFFORD B. JOHNSON

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Savings and Service



We haven't found a goose that lays golden eggs, but one way to have your

money increase and at the same time work for the Lord is to make a deposit in the General Church Loan Fund. October 30 was the date for the semi-annual interest payment on these deposits, and 341 depositors received a total of \$14,198.64 in interest for the six-month period.

Some depositors have requested that their interest be left in the fund, to accumulate to their credit until the maturity of their note. We are glad to make this arrangement, and whenever the interest being held for a depositor amounts to at least \$100.00, a new note is sent.

Recently we received the first deposit from a district of money being set aside for delegate expenses at the 1964 General Assembly. A number of districts have indicated they will do this, although many of them will not have these funds

available until their 1961 district assembly.

Perhaps you have thought of sending in a deposit, but have put it off. Why not send in a deposit now, or write a letter for any additional information you need? Any amount of \$100 or more may be sent in, for a minimum term of at least one year. You will receive 3½ per cent interest each year; but if you make your deposit for a five-year term, the interest rate is 4 per cent. Deposits of \$10,000 or more for a five-year term receive 4½ per cent interest. Your money is amply secured and you have the satisfaction of knowing that every dollar of it is used to help a Nazarene congregation get a greatly needed building. Write to the Division of Church Extension today at Box 6076, Kansas City 10, Missouri.



News of the Churches

Highland, Indiana—First Church recently had a good revival with Rev. Gene Sanders as evangelist. Young people from Olivet Nazarene College and First Church in Kankakee, Illinois furnished the music from night to night. The attendance was the best we have had for some time in revivals; the preaching was good; and a number of seekers prayed through to God for forgiveness and entire sanctification. We are entering our fourth year in this pastorate, and new people are attending the services and finding the Lord. The Sunday school is gaining over last year; the missionary work is taking on new life; and the young people's work is going fine. We have a young man coming from Olivet to direct our music. We praise God for His blessings.—L. D. Lockwood, *Pastor*.

Lawson, Missouri—In October, Canaan Hill Church had an outstanding revival with Evangelist and Mrs. W. C. Raker as the special workers. The Lord used Brother Raker's heart-searching messages in a mighty way and gave a number of seekers. Mrs. Raker's singing was enjoyed by all. Our church shows definite signs of progress, for which we thank God.—PHIL RILEY, *Pastor*.

Columbia, Mississippi—Our district superintendent, Dr. Otto Stucki, was guest speaker for our service on Sunday morning, November 13. "Try Christ's Way" was the theme of his sermon, and pledges were made for the home mission drive.—Reporter.

Osseo, Minnesota—Our church enjoyed a gracious time of "crusading for Christ" in early October with Evangelist Claude W. Jones. The church was encouraged, souls sought the Lord, and one month later ten people united with the church, most of whom came as a result of the revival meeting. We rejoice in the goodness of our Lord, and have extended another call to Brother Jones.—EDWARD J. JOHNSON, *Pastor*.

Ossian, Indiana—Our church recently enjoyed one of the best revivals of its history, with Rev. John Harrold as the evangelist, and the Edwards Trio furnishing the music. Brother Harrold's messages were Spirit-anointed and heart-searching. Conviction settled upon the hearts of the people, and forty-eight bowed at the altar seeking God for conversion and entire sanctification. Seven joined the church by profession of faith. We appreciate the fine leadership of our pastor, Rev. Chester Pasko. Under his guidance for the past six years we have enjoyed a steady growth, with the Sunday school attendance gaining 10 per cent each year. We give God praise for His blessings.—AVIS HULVEY, *Secretary*.

Rev. L. M. Tucker writes: "I am a licensed minister on the Central Ohio District. I served as pastor of the Pleasant Valley Church at Coshocton, but resigned a few months ago to enter the evangelistic field. I have some open dates for the spring. Write me, 417 Long Street, Cambridge, Ohio."

Evangelists Harry and Esther Carlsen write: "We have just concluded our third trip to Europe, this trip of seventeen months, taking us into eighteen countries. We were privileged to minister among the good people in both the North and South British Isles districts. God blessed, and many souls were saved and sanctified. The work there is moving forward. We also spent many months in Scandinavia, laboring in over forty towns and cities. People were very responsive to the gospel; many nights people were turned away because of lack of seating room. Now back in the United States, we will be returning to the evangelistic field on January 1. Not knowing just when we would return, we did not slate too many meetings, but are now ready to schedule; write us, Box 174, Carbondale, Pennsylvania."

Evangelist Joseph W. Peters reports: "I have had a good year in the evangelistic field, and have seen a good number of souls saved and sanctified. I have enjoyed working with our good pastors and people. I have some open time in 1961, between January 15 and March 26. Write me, P.O. Box 22, Virden, Illinois."

Rev. J. L. Longnecker writes: "I have resigned as pastor of First Church in Flora, Illinois, effective January 1, and am entering the field of full-time evangelism. I am now building my slate and will be glad to hear from any of our churches, large or small. Write me, 401 W. Sixth St., Beardstown, Illinois."



Pictured here is our new church building, which was dedicated on October 16 by our district superintendent, Rev. R. W. Hurn, with a debt of a little less than \$3,500. We consider this to be just short of a miracle. The building is valued at \$56,000, on one of the finest locations in the city. It will care for more than two hundred people in Sunday school or in the sanctuary. We have averaged just over ninety-five so

far this assembly year. Our people are responding wonderfully to the "Evangelism First" program. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Rev. D. D. Elliott, who began the work on the building before he left about fourteen months ago. In fact, we do not feel the building would have been erected without his sacrificial and challenging service.—CARSON N. SNOW, JR., *Pastor*.

Escondido, California—On November 8, while working on the remodeling of our First Church, our pastor, Rev. W. A. Jordan, suffered fractures to both heels resulting from a fall. Present reports are about three weeks in the hospital, and several months of confinement to wheelchair activities. The building-remodeling program began early in August and is progressing nicely, with two new Sunday school department rooms completed, and other remodeling creating the Youth Department of three classes, separated by folding doors, etc. Emphasis has been put on the maximum utility of heretofore idle space. Finished plans call for a new, larger entry via a glass foyer, additional auditorium seating, and an adequate heating air-circulating system, with provisions for refrigerated air-conditioning at a future date. God has blessed in the volunteer labor undertaking. Contracted estimates ran as high as fifty thousand dollars, while conservative estimates, using voluntary labor, are twenty-five thousand dollars. We thank God for the response of the local people.—LLOYD F. DOWNING, *Reporter*.

Our churches at Kellogg and Osburn, Idaho, recently concluded a two-week, union revival campaign during which God came in great power, giving one of the most fruitful revivals of recent years in this area. Many people were reclaimed and sanctified, numbers were saved for the first time, and both churches were revived and lifted to a new level of unity and love. Evangelist Joseph W. Selz brought Bible messages with great unction and anointing. He is a preacher of holiness, serves with humility and love, and carries a deep prayer burden for souls. We greatly appreciated his ministry of holiness evangelism. We are now planning for a union baptismal service, and classes to prepare candidates for church membership. We deeply

appreciate the denominational emphasis, "Evangelism First."—HOWARD D. HOPKINS, *Pastor at Kellogg*; HAROLD P. GILLIAM, *Pastor at Osburn*.

Visalia, California—In November the Farmersville Church had a good revival with Evangelist George M. Knight. He is an outstanding holiness preacher. God blessed, the church was helped, and the pastor was encouraged.—GERALD COUCH, *Pastor*.

Did You Know?

The Nazarene Publishing House is now publishing a periodical in Braille for blind readers?

Evangelist M. J. Jones reports: "We have had a wonderful year in the work of evangelism, conducting sixteen revivals—in Florida, Indiana, Ohio, Texas, Kansas, and Iowa. God has blessed and given nearly one thousand seekers at the altar, with many wonderful victories among the young people in different places. It has been a real joy to work with our fine, co-operative pastors. I have some open dates in the winter and spring months of 1961; will be in Ohio, Indiana, and Missouri next fall. Also, I have some time open in the spring of '62. It is a real delight to work in the evangelistic field. I have now moved to Florida, and would be glad to slate some meetings during the winter and spring in Florida, Georgia, or Alabama. My home address now is 2624 Hawthorne Street, Orlando, Florida."

Stratton, Ohio—Recently our church had a wonderful revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Daniel C. Hoffman as the special workers. Brother Hoffman is a wonderful Bible preacher, and preaches with a great concern for lost souls. God blessed and many precious souls prayed through to victory, especially one young lady who plans to complete her calling to the mission field. We give God the praise.—DOMINICK PROSPERI, *Pastor*.

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First Church, La Grande, Oregon



In a beautiful service on Sunday, September 11, the new church and educational unit of the La Grande church was dedicated. It was indeed a milestone in the history of this church. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool brought the dedicatory message, with Rev. I. F. Younger, district superintendent, assisting in the service. Greetings were extended by the city council and the local Ministerial Association. Some of the former pastors also participated in the program. The church is a commodious building, finished in redwood and brick veneer, seating 200 in the sanctuary, with overflow seating for 60. The building contains 19 classrooms, with 3 assembly

halls, plus nursery, pastor's study, etc. The insurance company valued the building at \$65,000. The church was constructed almost entirely by donated labor with the pastor, Rev. Lawrence Abl, serving as contractor and building supervisor. The total debt is \$14,000. During the three years Brother Abl has been with us, the Lord has blessed the church along other lines; church membership increased from 45 to 92, and the Sunday school has gained 56 in average attendance, with total giving almost doubling at last assembly report. We are grateful for all of God's guidance and help, and now push forward in the "Try Christ's Way" program.—*Reporter.*

Evangelist Dave Hall writes: "We have two open dates immediately; they are December 29 to January 8, and January 12 to 22. Write us, 776 E. Simpson, McPherson, Kansas."

Burlington, Iowa—First Church recently had a good revival with Evangelist J. T. Drye and Professor Curtis Brown as the special workers. The crowds were good, and the spirit was wonderful. Brother Drye is a sound, Spirit-anointed, Bible preacher, and Brother Brown sings in the Spirit. First Church is on the move for God, and we appreciate being the pastor of these people.—ROBERT L. ELLIS, *Pastor.*

Owensboro, Kentucky—Some few weeks ago First Church enjoyed one of the best revivals in its history, with Rev. Coolidge Grant as evangelist, and Brother Paul Herman Lewis as song evangelist. A wonderful, sweet spirit permeated the entire place, and God blessed with seekers, many of whom prayed through to definite victory. Fifteen new members were added to the church. Rev. and Mrs. E. Warren Hayes and their two fine boys came as pastors last July, and are doing a wonderful work. They are talented musicians, and their ministry in music is unexcelled. Mrs. Hayes is a faithful and accomplished organist, and Brother Hayes does an outstanding job with the choir and is a wonderful soloist, as well as being a great preacher. The Hayes team is doing a wonderful work in Owensboro First Church, and they are loved by all. In November we had our pastoral recall, and the vote was unanimous for another year.—EVELYN MILLER, *Secretary.*

Evangelist Charles A. Gibson reports: "This has been a good fall for us in revival work. We began in Crawford, Nebraska, with Pastor H. C. Zerbe, where we had good fellowship. The people are devoted to God, and we saw good increases with a goodly number of folk seeking and finding the Lord. At Coshocton, Ohio, with Pastor W. E. Zimmerman, we found a large and devoted crowd of people. They were faithful in attendance, there was keen interest, and many sought the Lord, with gratifying total results. They had a fine choir, have a wonderful building, all air-conditioned, and well-planned and ample Sunday school rooms. They have recently completed a lovely, new, modern parsonage. Brother and Sister Zimmerman have led these people wisely for more than ten years, and have seen a great increase in attendance and membership. We then went south to South Zanesville, Ohio, for a thirtieth anniversary service and a revival. God blessed in both, with church members revived and several souls finding the Lord. Rev. R. B. Frederick is the faithful pastor. Our last meeting was with Rev. Harold Bedinger at the Alorton Church in East St. Louis, Illinois. God blessed and gave good interest with souls praying through to victory."

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holy, it is a worthless word. It is folly to expect that the true, pure, holy Christ will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," to persons who have, according to their own profession, not done well, been good or faithful.—J. B. Chapman.



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AIRMAIL Your Order This Very Day!

Rev. W. C. Raker writes: "Since resigning our pastorate in September, Wife and I have been kept busy in the field. We just recently closed a meeting at East Side Church in Canton, Illinois, our eighth revival in Canton. We go now for our fourth meeting with the Bethel Church in Arenzville, Illinois. We have already received a good number of calls for both '60 and '61, and thank our pastors and people. We will be in Pennsylvania for revivals in January, and have an open date for the East or South. We carry the entire program for the meeting, when desired. Write us, Box 106, Lewistown, Illinois."

Evangelist Marvin S. Cooper writes: "At present I am in my twelfth consecutive week of what has proved to be a God-given group of revivals. I have seen some of the clearest cases of regeneration, reclamation, and entire sanctification that I have seen in a long while. Truly it is God's time to evangelize. Christianize, organize, and conserve Bible holiness. I am to be in Illinois, April 5 to 13, and would be glad to slate February 22 to March 5, and March 8 to 19, with pastors desiring my services. Write me, 1514 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington 7, Virginia."

North Dakota Workers' Convention

The North Dakota District Workers' Convention was recently held in New Rockford, where the pastor, Rev. Theo. Rosenau, and his people royally entertained those present.

District Superintendent Harry F. Taplin had each session well planned. Various department heads added much to the convention as each presented the work of his organization.

Our hearts were greatly stirred and challenged as Dr. Hugh C. Benner, general superintendent, spoke to us out of his own rich ministry. He made each of us feel that we could do no less than go back to work more deeply in love with Christ, more thoroughly abandoned to His will, and more determined to extend His Kingdom.—DUANE SPRINGER, *Reporter*.

Canadian Nazarene College

Faculty and students of Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, are rejoicing these days over the rich ministry of the Holy Spirit during our fall revival meeting, November 7 to 13, with Dr. L. Guy Nees, a former president of the college and presently pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, California.

At every service, young men and women responded to the gospel call, oftentimes with only a word of invitation from Dr. Nees. The preaching of the Word of God by our evangelist was Christ-centered, Bible-authenticated, and balanced. All of us appreciated the ministry of Dr. Nees. This is the second outstanding spiritual event of our fortieth anniversary year.

Canadian Nazarene College looks forward these days to her relocation in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, next summer and is endeavoring to serve effectively this great land of the North.—WILLARD H. TAYLOR, *President*.

Grace to live right is the only guarantee of grace to die right. Speculation about religious truth is no passport to heaven; holiness of heart and life is the key to the city of God.
—J. B. Chapman.

"However religious a man may be, however correct his beliefs and punctilious his ritual observances, unless he loves he does not know God."—J. B. PHILLIPS.

Deaths

DONALD BRUCE DEISENROTH was born in Pasadena, California, in 1922, and was killed August 8, 1960, while taking off in a crop-dusting trainer plane near Watsonville, California. He served as a fighter pilot in World War II, and had worked as a crop duster for the past seven years. Don was married in 1941, in the Hanford Church of the Nazarene, and is survived by his wife, Norma; daughters, Linda, age seventeen, and Verla, age fourteen; and a son, Don Michael, age eight. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Deisenroth of Pasadena College.

JULIA F. GAYTON was born October 18, 1881, in Bristol, Rhode Island, and died on June 27, 1960, in a hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. She was a member of the Bristol Church of the Nazarene for over fifty years; a faithful follower of the Lord, always on hand to do her duty. She was loved by all who knew her in Bristol, and will be sadly missed.

MRS. ALICE N. HOWARD was born at Wolfe City, Texas, December 2, 1875, and died July 18, 1960. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Greenville, Texas. She was converted early in life, and later sanctified at Old Peniel camp meeting, about sixty-three years ago. She lived a good life. She was married to Frank A. Howard in 1906; he died in 1940. She is survived by two sons, J. B. and Dalton; a daughter, Mrs. Florence Dillard; also four brothers, John, Elford, H. A., and W. M. Cozby; and one sister, Mrs. Lucy White. Funeral service was conducted by her former pastor, Rev. Harold Harcourt, now of Durant, Oklahoma; and Rev. James Weir, of Greenville, Texas; with burial at Wolfe City in Mount Carmel Cemetery.

MRS. LULA BELLE PARDUE, age eighty-one, a long-time resident of Wasco, California, died in October, 1960, in a hospital in Bakersfield, California. She was born in Madison, Kansas, July 19, 1879. She came to Bakersfield from Oklahoma in 1937, and then made her home in Wasco. She was preceded in death by her husband, W. L., in 1954. She is survived by four sons: Ray, Lee, Homer, and Lloyd; four daughters: Mrs. Norma Harmon, Ethel Pardue, Mrs. Muriel Hodges, and Mrs. Wanda Hildebrand; also a sister, Mrs. Ollie Stone. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Robert D. Scott, of Fresno, assisted by Rev. C. W. Grim, with interment in the Wasco cemetery.

TIMOTHY PATRICK McCANN, age eight months, died October 20, 1960, at Overland, Missouri. He was born February 8. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McCann (mother the former Elaine Roth); a brother, Stephen; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George McCann and Mr. and Mrs. Perry H. Roth, Sr.

EDWARD MUNN RHODES was born January 17, 1870, at Rosston, Arkansas, and died October 10, 1960, in El Dorado, Arkansas. He was married in 1892 to Peggy Sue Swinney, who died in 1954. After the family moved to El Dorado in 1920, he started a Sunday school; and after a revival in 1921, the First Church of the Nazarene was organized. Although he was not a licensed preacher, he was always telling people about Jesus. Although past ninety years of age, right up to the day he died he was trying to win souls to Christ. He is survived by five daughters: Mrs. W. A. Meggs, Mrs. Charlie Brewer, Mrs. A. G. Whately, Mrs. J. S. West, and Mrs. Floyd Sandifer. Funeral service was held at First Church, with Rev. Carl Prentice, Sr., officiating, assisted by Rev. J. W. McClung. Burial was in the old family cemetery near Rosston.

MRS. FLOTILLIE FULLZ was born December 29, 1874, and died August 6, 1960. She was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene in Middletown, Ohio, where she had lived for fifty years.

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Announcements

RECOMMENDATIONS—Rev. Eugene C. Sommer has recently united with the Church of the Nazarene on the Northwest Indiana District, and I wish to recommend him as an evangelist. He is a Bible preacher of ability, and our churches should keep him busy in revivals, camp meetings, and holiness conventions. Contact him, 621 N. Main Street, Monticello, Indiana.—Arthur C. Morgan, Superintendent of Northwest Indiana District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Shaver, Jr., of Bethel, Kansas, a daughter, Rachel Delane, on November 10.

—to Perry and Mary Winkle of Nampa, Idaho, a daughter, Anita Perilyn, on October 19.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Taylor, Jr., of Richland, Washington, a daughter, Stephanie Lucille, on October 16.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a group of Christian young people in Northern California for their pastor, who is very ill, that God will heal this man according to His own will; by a Nazarene lady in Louisiana for a good Christian friend in the church, that God will touch and

heal and restore him to health without having to undergo a serious heart operation.

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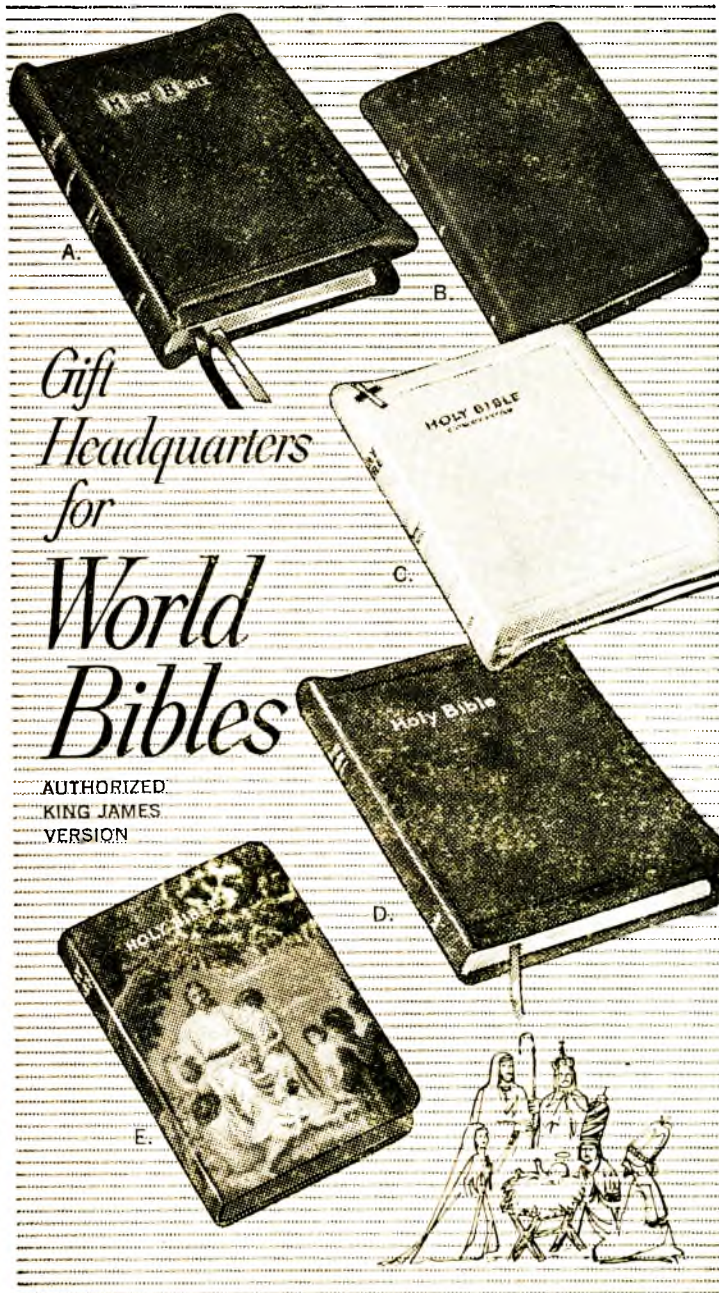
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