

But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket (Acts 9:24-25).

According to God's promise, Paul was not suffered to be tempted above that which he was able to bear but a way of escape was provided, and Paul was on his way to become the mighty apostle to the gentiles.

What could cause these Damascus "rope holders" to take the time and the risk (when they might have been at home in bed) to help a new convert? What possessed them to be willing to furnish a basket, ropes, and strong arms to help Paul to escape when they knew to be caught doing it would mean death? It is certain that they did not do it for financial returns. Love for

Christ was their impelling force.

best.

If these consecrated "rope holders" could have known that the man they had in the basket would wield Kingdom-building, earth-shaking influence unequaled by any other man in world history, it would have added glamour to their service. However, this they did not know. Without hope of praise, honor, or financial gain they had given their

LITTLE OR NOTHING is known of the individuals who held the ropes that let Paul down over the Damascus wall in a basket under cover of darkness. Paul was a new convert. Only a few days before he had met the Christ on the Damascus highway. This experience made him a dynamic witness for Christ wherever he journeyed. The wicked and prejudiced in Damascus could not stand before the fearless, convincing testimony of this learned convert. Their only recourse was to kill him. Forces were organized and undercover guards watched the city gates day and night with orders to take Paul's life when he passed through any one of the city gates.

The eyes of Him who never slumbers watched Paul day and night, knowing the perils with which he was surrounded.

A few who could recognize the voice of the Lord and would give heed to His checks were alerted. An "over-the-wall basket elevator" was improvised. Then with Paul in the basket, strong, sturdy hands gripped the ropes that silently, swiftly lowered the basket to the ground and Paul vanished in the darkness.

General Superintendent Vanderpool



I am reminded of the thousands of modern-day "rope holders" found among the laymen in the church. Tithes, offerings, and service all are gladly given. The music, singing, and teaching in the church, Sunday school, and boys' and girls' camps rendered by the laymen are of untold value to the kingdom of Christ. They have asked for neither money nor praise.

The layman's reward lies in the many who now walk the narrow way to life eternal when they might have been on the broad road had it not been for the layman's faithfulness.

"Rope holders"! Look in the basket handle it carefully. Don't let it slip or fall. The boy in the basket may hold the future of millions in his hands.

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

The Laymen I Have Known

I THANK GOD for the laymen I have known. They have been men and women whose lives have reflected the likeness of Christ.

Most of them have lived in humble circumstances. Not many have been widely known outside of their own churches and communities. But they have loved God and loved the church, and have been willing to bear heavy burdens of responsibility and sacrifice.

They have given me my best illustrations of holiness in daily life. I have watched them rejoice when the fortunes of life smiled upon them, and give God the glory. I have seen them in the dark valley of bereavement, disappointment, and bitter sorrow, smiling through their tears and clinging to One too wise to make a mistake and too good to be unkind.

I have knelt with them at the altars of the church and in their homes as sins have been confessed and the divine touch of forgiveness has come. I have prayed with them as they made of themselves living sacrifices, yielding to God for the sanctifying power.

I have watched them grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, coming out of the darkness of sinful humanity and taking their first steps in the light radiant above that which shines on land or sea.

The church, of course, must have its ministry. But every preacher has been first a layman, and the church lives and grows strong in the devotion of all its members. The visible Church, the body of Christ on earth, the community of the Spirit here in this world, exists in and for its laymen. I thank God for the laymen I have known.

A Layman Writes:

"I Want My Pastor to Go First Class"

MY PASTOR is a professional man. The years and money he spent in college and in the seminary could have been spent qualifying him as an attorney, an architect, an engineer, and could have sent him well on his way toward the practice of medicine.

But he didn't want to be an architect or a lawyer; he was called to the ministry. Heaven knows that money didn't attract him. His is a dedicated, selfless job of service that only a firm faith and a lasting devotion could support. He is my pastor because that faith and devotion wouldn't let him settle for anything but the Christian ministry.

I had a hand in hiring him; I help to pay his salary; and I have a voice in virtually everything he does where my church is concerned. Like my church, he is my responsibility; and I want him to go first class. I have never subscribed to the theory that ministers of the gospel should eat less, dress cheaper, or live more frugally than other professional men.

Since he is the chief representative of my church, I want my pastor to look like his people care about him. When he goes to the convention, I want him to have money in his pocket for all of his expenses. I don't want him to have to scrimp and save from his own allowance to accomplish the work of the church.

Whether he makes more money or less money than I do matters not a whit. What does matter is that he be compensated in a fashion commensurate with his training, his ability, and his responsibilities. If he chooses to give all of his money to the poor and go threadbare himself, that is his business. If he goes threadbare through my own parsimony, that's my business.

I am proud of my pastor and the work he does. I know he'll never be rich in material things. But when he attends my conventions, when he speaks publicly, when he makes the rounds of the ministry, I want all who see him to know that he has a congregation that loves him.

I want my pastor to travel first class.

-Im Wiggins in the Texas Baptist Standard

Editorial Note . . .

BEGINNING in this issue of the *Herald of Holiness*, you will find a slight rearrangement of the editorial materials. The general superintendents' articles will be found on page 2, with the editor's material on page 3 and, as necessary, on page 4.

The description of the cover picture, which has been on page 2, will now appear on page 4. Telegrams and late news will be carried at the beginning of the news section, "The Church at Work."

Share with others the joy you have in being a Christian by giving generously to the Thanksgiving Offering for world e v a n g e l i s m.—S. T. Ludwig, General Secretary.

LAYMAN'S SUNDAY

Following the April meeting of the Board of General Superintendents, this notice was received in the Stewardship Office:

This is to notify you that a motion prevailed in the recent meeting of the Board of General Superintendents to set the third Sunday in October as Layman's Sunday. You may consider this the official proclamation of the Board of General Superintendents.

This year the third Sunday in October falls on the twenty-first. This is the day that has been set aside to honor the laymen in the Church of the Nazarene, who by their prayers, their giving, and their unselfish labor have made possible the spreading of scriptural holiness here and abroad.

The General Stewardship Committee is happy to present the testimonies of some of our faithful laymen, scattered throughout the country. These are but a few, but they represent a great host. We trust that your heart will be warmed and your zeal increased as you read these testimonies, and that you will respond with a hearty "Amen" as you remember God's blessings which have come to you as a result of faithful Christian stewardship.—Dean Wessels, Secretary, General Stewardship Committee.



OUR CHURCH at Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia, was organized in April, 1961, and the church building dedicated on May 19, 1962. The picture was taken on the day of dedication. In the center of the front row are the pastor, Rev. G. E. Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Berg, and District Superintendent A. A. E. Berg.

Bundaberg is a town of 22,000 population on the east coast of Australia. There are many other centers where the Church of the Nazarene should be established in this great continent, and the church is growing and reaching out. Two new churches have been organized since the one at Bundaberg and there are now 17 churches on the district and a total membership of 499. This was a gain of 10 per cent in one year.

The placing of the church in Australia through the Department of Home Missions has been possible because of the generous giving of Nazarenes to the General Budget. The pastors of our churches there have been trained in Nazarene Bible College in Sydney, supported by the General Budget. We have a tremendous responsibility as Nazarenes in bringing holiness evangelism to these great modern nations. We must give more than thanks in order that people may hear of the more abundant life in Christ through full salvation.—General Stewardship Committee.

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Devoted laymen are the life of the church. They are its reason for being, the end for which it exists. The third Sunday in October has been designated as "Layman's Sunday" throughout the Protestant churches of America. The Herald staff is happy to present articles from some of the lay members of the Church of the Nazarene. The material was collected by Rev. Dean Wessels, secretary of the General Stewardship Committee.

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He and his wife, Marjorie, have two sons and a daughter. Mr. Cannell is a member of several community service organizations and serves his local church as

Sunday school superintendent, church board member, and annex fund treasurer. He is also a member of the District Home Missions Board and the Eastern Nazarene College Development Council.

You will enjoy this testimony:

WHEN working as a toolmaker in Baltimore during the war, we got in contact with vending tools and felt it would be profitable to go into the tool and die manufacturing business. We started such a business (four partners—my father-in-law and two brothers-in-law) in 1945. Whatever progress we have made in the business we attribute to the goodness and blessing of the Lord. To us, running a business is, and always has been, second to doing the Lord's will—and we run our business accordingly.

Insofar as tithing is concerned, I feel that it is a command for me and all of God's people—to be taken literally. I have made it a rule of my life to pay my tithe, but more than that—to give back to the Lord as He has prospered me, in offerings over and above the tithe. In managing our business, as well as in the home, we have found that we can never outgive the Lord.

Just as important, in my estimation, is tithing our time. We have made it a practice to honor the Lord on His day and refuse to work on Sundays. We have sought to make available our equipment as well as man power to the work of the church when the occasion arises.

Whether at home or at work, my duties as Sunday school superintendent, church board member, member of the District Home Mission Extension Board, or member of the E.N.C. Development Council, come first. We definitely feel that the Lord has blessed our home and prospered our business both financially and managerially because we have set aside a tithe of both our money and time and tried to honor Him in all our ways.

"Practically all the spiritual movements of history have been marked by the large place which 'the people' occupied in the services and in the general activities of the church; and the less spiritual a movement becomes the more completely the pastor and other leaders absorb the time."—J. B. Chapman.

Because Nazarenes say thanks to God in a sacrificial Thanksgiving Offering, thousands now despairing will rejoice and give thanks. Let us each do our full share in reaching the goal of 1 1/3 million dollars.—Mary L. Scott.



His business stationery bears the letterhead, "DUNN'S MEN'S SHOP...Long Beach, California." His full name is HOWARD F. DUNN. His wife's name is Virginia (she prefers "Ginny"). The Dunns have two daughters—Dolly Jean and Jan, both married.

When asked what influences were most significant in guiding him to become a Christian, Mr.

Dunn replied: "Christian home, Christian friends in the church, the evangelistic program of the Church of the Nazarene, and the year I spent at Pasadena College."

Howard Dunn is vice-president of Southern California Clothiers, chairman of Long Beach Youth for Christ, and charter member of the local Kiwanis Club.

He is a member of the Southern California District Advisory Board, member of the District Laymen's Retreat Committee, and is chairman of the Long Beach First Church Board of Trustees and the building committee. He also teaches a Sunday school class.

His productive and mature Christian life did not "just happen." There's an interesting and beautiful story behind it. We want to share it with you. IT IS A PLEASURE to report God's goodness to us in fulfillment of His promises in the area of stewardship. God has challenged us; God has sustained us; and God has blessed us.

When I was a young man twenty-one years of age in the midst of the depression I took a job on the Long Beach Police Department. I worked as a patrolman, vice squad officer, sergeant of the vice squad, and finally detective inspector.

When I went to work, I was a good Christian with a wonderful, intimate, emotional relationship with God. Somehow, during the pressures of police work, plus the conflict of work hours and church services, I lost the joy of my experience.

One day in church service the Holy Spirit tapped me on the shoulder and I was struck with the certain conviction that I was backslidden. It broke my heart. Immediately I yielded my heart, my life, my job, my all to Him, and, praise God, He came back with tremendous power and victory! I made many promises to Him that day, and one of them was that, when and if the police work endangered my religious experience, I would resign.

I continued as detective inspector on the Burglary Detail for two years. God was with me; the fellowship was sweet. I was N.Y.P.S. president; I worked on the day shift with Sunday off. There was very little conflict. Suddenly, without recourse, I was shifted to night duty and given a weekday off. Two years after my wonderful reclamation God allowed me to be put to the test. I had to prove the sincerity of my vows to God. I felt this was a test of the stewardship of my time. My wife and I prayed and sought God's will earnestly for several days. Finally, we determined that I should give up the ten-year seniority and start anew rather than break my vow to God and risk another spiritual setback.

I will never forget the day I went down to the police station and turned in my badge with nothing to turn to for a livelihood. We had two little girls, four and six years of age, and I was very much aware of the responsibility. The police captain requested that I take a six-month leave of absence so that I could return if it became necessary. I told him that I wanted to close that door. I felt in my heart that if God led me away from that job I could never return to it; that I should make the break final.

We had a small amount of accumulated funds and we began to search for a livelihood that would not interfere with our spiritual lives and church work. At this time we vowed that if God would be with us in this financial emergency we would be faithful to Him in tithes and offerings. It would be dishonest if we did not admit that we were fearful. We appropriated some promises, such as, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them," and, "Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God, which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus."* We stood on these promises and found that God is true and faithful.

We rented a store space in a new section of town and opened a men's shop. I will never forget the morning we opened that store for business. It rained torrents. The water came up over the curb and into the door of the store. But just before we had opened the door for the first day's business, my wife and I had taken our two girls into the back room and put our arms around them and around each other and dedicated ourselves anew, tearfully and fearfully, to Him. We pledged ourselves that if He would sustain us we would be faithful stewards.

•From "The New Testament in Modern English," \oplus J. B. Phillips, 1958 Used by permission of the Macmillan Company.

Under all the rules of economics we should have failed within six months. In our own strength we would have, but He was with us. He honors those promises. But God doesn't say He will make it easy—He says He will be with us. We had extremely hard times the first four years. He helped us through some seemingly insoluble problems.

Finally the business began to support us and it has been a joy to give our tithes and offerings.

The greatest challenge to our stewardship came when Long Beach First Church decided to move to a new location and build new facilities. The membership was challenged to make a sacrificial, three-year pledge. We figured out how much we could spare and were going to pledge that amount, but as we prayed the pressure of the Holy Spirit mounted and we came under financial conviction. God charged us with responsibility to give three times as much as we felt we could spare. It became such a conviction that my wife and I felt

Repose

Our every need may be supplied, Our quest for leisure satisfied, And yet no rest our spirit knows, For idleness is not repose.

If you would know a heartfelt peace,
From cares and burdens, sure release,
Then seek the Christ, who knoweth hest
And beckons, "I will give you rest!"

By PEARL BURNSIDE McKINNEY

as if God demanded it. We decided that God would provide the means and pledged \$200 a month for three years, with the balance to be in a balloon payment at the end of the thirty-six months, even if we had to borrow the money.

Praise God! He blessed us spiritually and the power of His presence was intimate and sweet. Our business increased by two-thirds. By the end of the thirty-six months we were up-to-date on our payments and made the balloon payment without obligation.

The night before the first meeting in the new sanctuary, the pastor called the church board together for a prayer meeting. We gathered at the new altar in the new sanctuary to pray for the first day of worship. I am a quiet worshiper, ordinarily, but God came upon me in power and glory. I shouted and walked the aisles. That one hour of ecstasy was worth all the gold in the world.

The Lord blessed in the opening services the next day and the altars were lined with seekers.

Again I say, God has challenged us; God has sustained us: God has blessed us. All glory to God!



MR. GLEN D. HARPER is a member of First Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was converted under the ministry of his brother-in-law, a minister of another denomination.

Glen Harper is Sunday school superintendent, a member of the church school board, chairman of the local membership committee, and member of the local church board. The Sunday

school and its success and outreach are his main concern.

He and his wife, Myrtle, have one daughter. Glenda Diane, nineteen years of age.

We trust that Glen Harper's testimony will inspire and bless you:

HE IS the Christ of every crisis. It was a crisis and a near-disaster that introduced me to the blessed Christ. Since I met Him, it has meant the difference between a broken home and a blessed home—one in which Christ is honored and His cause served with time, testimony, and money.

Not mentioning the eternal reward, the returns are great. As I saw our daughter closing out her high school (April, 1961), being able to look back in admiration, having maintained a clean moral standard, and facing the next chapter of life with the same high ideals, my only regret is that I did not find Him sooner.

Christian stewardship has no greater reward than that of seeing weary and sin-sick souls find peace and comfort through Christ.

Tithing, to me, is a part of God's plan in the experience of full salvation. I cannot comprehend proclaiming the experience and at the same time robbing God of this resource to build His kingdom. God has supplied my every need in such abundant portions that I am persuaded He cannot be outgiven.



MRS. ARTHUR JACKSON, known to her friends as Ora Mae, is a member of the Memphis Friendship Church on the Gulf Central District. She is active in both the local church and on the district, serving as N.F.M.S. president (district and local), Sunday school teacher, and member of the District Advisory Board. She was a delegate to the General Assembly in 1956

and again in 1960.

Mrs. Jackson is taking the minister's study course. She is listed as a "Qualified Teacher" under the C.S.T. program.

When asked what influences had been most sig-

nificent in leading her to become a Christian, she said:

"I watched Mrs. C. C. Martin, the lady I worked for, and found her to be so real and good that I wanted to be like her. She told me Jesus could do just that for me. She would spend hours talking with me. I have been working for her for twenty-six years. We have never had a misunderstanding. We always have our time of devotion; sometimes she prays, and sometimes I pray. We preach to each other. She will say we can't bother about work. No money could buy this experience."

We are happy to introduce Mrs. Arthur Jackson, and to share her testimony with you:

UNTIL 1950, I lived a miserable life. I went to seven medical doctors trying to find relief, but found none. The last time I went to my doctor, he told me he was going to commit me to an institution. I felt that I needed that.

I went home and prayed as I had never prayed before. The Lord heard me—I felt the change. I committed my way unto the Lord and He came into my heart. My, what a change! When my husband came home, I had cooked supper, which I hadn't done in quite a long time. I told him what the Lord had done for me and what I planned to do for the Lord.

Since that time my husband has been won to the Lord and my youngest sister has been won. She has eight children; all are Nazarenes. Truly the Lord has done great things for me, whereof I am glad.

It was in 1936 that I began working in Mrs. Martin's home. She is one of the charter members of First Church (Memphis). One day she had prayer in her home when the pastor called, and I was included. I wasn't a Christian, but to know that someone cared enough to pray for me was more than pleasing. I thought many times about being a Christian. I watched Mrs. Martin's life and found her to be real in her endeavor. I was like Ruth; I wanted her people to be my people, and her God to be my God.

In 1940, I was saved, but there was a longing in my heart for a deeper work. In 1950, I was sanctified wholly. My, what a wonderful experience! I began reading Nazarene literature. It was food to my soul.

We started a Sunday school in my home using Nazarene literature. There were thirty-five members. One day I asked Mrs. Martin if there was a Church of the Nazarene for colored people. She told me, "Yes," and called the Reverend Mr. Chambers, who was district superintendent. He came all the way from Nashville and organized the church I had longed for; we organized with three members. Now we are the Friendship Church of the Nazarene, and we have one student at the Naza-

rene Bible Institute in West Virginia.

One day I sat down and began thinking about how much I owe the Lord. I paid my tithes, but I thought, What about my time?

We are very careful to set aside time for three meals a day, time for work, time for school, time for shopping. All these things are necessary, but what about prayer time? Had I given the Lord all that is due Him? I believe that I owe the Lord fourteen and one-half hours per week. I am determined to spend that time doing something for Him. I will never be able to repay the Lord for all He has done for me. I love Him with all my heart. I desire your prayers.



ALVIN R. MITTELSTAEDT testifies that a wheat farmer can enjoy good religion and Christian stewardship.

After he finished high school, he started to study pharmacy at Washington State University. Because his father had a serious car accident, Al changed his plans and later took over management of the ranch.

He feels that his wonderful,

Christian, Nazarene mother and Nazarene pastors (Rev. and Mrs. Walter Watson, Rev. Murry Wells, and Rev. and Mrs. Lester Eggebraaten) were among the influences which were most significant in guiding him to become a Christian.

Mr. Mittelstaedt says: "Wife and I were both saved in a regular church service in 1946, and immediately joined the church. We were later sanctified, and dedicated our lives to the Lord. I was already established as a wheat farmer, but now with the Lord as my new 'Landlord' there was a new purpose and direction to our activity."

Brother Mittelstaedt has been a member of the church board (Connell, Washington) for many years. He has served as secretary of the board, chairman of the trustees, and was building chairman for their new church, completed in 1961. He is also a member of the District Home Missions Board, and a member of the Pinelow Camp Board.

After you have read this testimony, you'll agree that in this case a wheat farmer can "preach a mighty good sermon."

LOOKING BACK, I can say I am truly thankful that the Holy Spirit dealt with me until I became a child of His. Our marriage and home, I believe, could have been broken up.

The Lord has blessed us with many material things—and with four fine Christian children, and the privilege of working in His service. It is thrilling to feel that God—"my Landlord"—is always near, always available, always ready to help me, day or night. He supplies the land, water, sunshine, the operating necessities, the finest counsel

"Full, sacrificial, enthusiastic co-operation of all Nazarenes in the 1962 Thanksgiving Offering will guarantee our goal: one and a third million dollars for worldwide holiness evangelism."—Hugh C. Benner, General Superintendent.

—even gives me health to do the job—and then blesses me with His presence. Praise His name! Indeed, I have a wonderful Landlord!

Then, if I will but remain faithful and support His work generously, I have joy and peace and the promise of an eternal home with Him. Truly God is good to His children.

I marvel that God has been so good to me in that all the members of our family are Christians. When I think what I would sacrifice or give as a parent to see a wayward child saved, it makes it easy to support God's work and give time and money to see His cause go forward that it might be possible for others to find Him.

As some are called to preach or be missionaries. I feel that He would have me to be the best farmer that I can be that His work may have financial support. I am thrilled to be part of the Church of the Nazarene and, through its outreach, have a part in sending the gospel to many lands.



PAUL WINSTON RICE was born in Huntsville, Missouri. He graduated from Bethany Nazarene College in 1938, and later received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering at Oklahoma University. He took graduate study in traffic engineering at Yale University.

He was converted and sanctified in the Church of the Nazarene and met his wife, Dottie,

at the Norman (Oklahoma) First Church. They have two children—Larry, age twelve; and Brenda, age ten.

Paul is a registered professional engineer in Oklahoma, Texas, and Indiana, and a member of the Institute of Traffic Engineers. He now serves the city of Corpus Christi, Texas. When you see a traffic sign which says, "YIELD," think of Paul Rice—he "invented" it.

He has been Sunday school superintendent at Corpus Christi First Church since 1956, and is a member of the Board of Regents at Bethany Nazarene College. His attitude toward Christian stewardship is convincing and contagious—just read his testimony!

IN MY DAILY LIFE as a professional engineer I find that I must be positive in all phases of stewardship. There is no place for doubt or hesitance.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

The three basic areas of my life requiring stewardship are time, talents, and possessions. I must see that I give an unselfish share of each if I am to be an acceptable steward over any of them. I do not feel that I can "bargain" with God, or that I can "try" God to determine the measure of my stewardship. The only measure of my stewardship is expressed in the scripture from Proverbs, "In all thy ways . . ."

If my time, talents, and possessions are properly related to God, then my consecration will reflect true Christian stewardship and all that it entails.

I have proved without any question of a doubt that stewardship does pay in all areas of my life. My church activities, my home life, and my business activities require a total commitment to the will of God for my life. I can do no less.

I feel I must add one more important point, Call it influence, example, or heritage, but I must leave to others the same rich heritage and example I have received. I must so practice Christian stewardship in my life that it will be an unquestionable example to those that follow.



EUBERT H. STEENBERGEN

—known as "Bob" to his friends —was born in Ashland, Kentucky. He says, "My parents have been Nazarenes as long as I can remember; therefore I believe the close contact with a spiritual Nazarene program has been a very influential factor in my Christian experience."

Mr. Steenbergen is president of Steenbergen Oldsmobile, Inc.,

of Ashland, Kentucky. He is active in community service organizations, is president of the Ashland Dealers' Association, and a member of the Ashland Board of Trade.

In his local church he has served as young people's president, choir director (sixteen years), and Sunday school teacher. He has served on the District Advisory Board as secretary for eleven years, and was delegate to the General Assembly from the Eastern Kentucky District in 1952, 1956, and 1960.

His stewardship testimony is full of conviction and radiance. You will enjoy it.

Mr. Steenbergen entitles his testimony "Managing Some of God's Assets"—

GIVING TO THE CHURCH is a wonderful way of expressing to God our love for Him. Giving of tithes and offerings is merely doing what one should do when he has taken Christ as his Partner in business in this modern age of lavish living. We can proceed with confidence, knowing that our Heavenly Father is pleased when we do our best for Him in the area of stewardship.

WITNESSES

"I will lift up mine eyes" this fall
Unto the glowing hills,
To sun-illumined majesty,
To loveliness God spills.
"Unto the hills"! Oh, I shall see
The geese soar overhead
And trees all russet, bronze, and gold.
With now and then a red.

"I will lift up mine eyes" to life!
Against the teeming crowd
That throngs the years; oh, now and then
One little life speaks loud,
And witnesses in Jesus' name—
As one red tree lifts high its flame!

By BERNIECE AYERS HALL

I feel that God calls laymen to use their talents in the business and professional world to make large sums of money to provide our churches with the necessary income it takes to operate with any degree of efficiency. In this day of rising costs of living (and, by the way, it costs our pastor as much to buy the necessities as it does laymen), higher building costs, and the demand placed upon our churches for larger expenditures, we need laymen who will be willing to give God first place in their lives, even to the extent of giving not just 10 per cent, but in giving 30 to 40 per cent, or more.

Some few years ago I asked the Lord to use me, if He saw fit, to be able to give more to the church. I prayed (and still do) that He would be near and help me in my judgment in business to be wise and prudent in every transaction.

Over the last six to eight years we have seen our prayers answered to where today our corporations are doing in excess of two million dollars annually. But the best part of all is that we have increased our giving tenfold. It is a joy to give until it feels good; and I feel that God is pleased with our place in the world when we are working diligently to further His kingdom.

Being a Nazarene all my life, the plan of stewardship was instilled in my life rather early by my faithful parents. I am convinced that we should teach our children at an early age to give to the Lord, so that when they have matured they will know what they should do in the area of stewardship.

I praise God for the privilege of giving and for the ability He has given me to make my business a successful one. Taking God as a Partner and really trusting Him to guide your judgment is a rewarding and satisfying experience.

The Work of a Layman

By Sunday School Evangelist A. S. LONDON



I AM A LAYMAN. A general superintendent once said to the Lord, as we prayed together, that he was afraid I might be lost if I did not permit the church to ordain me to preach. But I have never felt that I had to be a preacher in the common usage of the word to do what God has called me to do.

The spirit and motivation back of the layman's task make

it a spiritual work. Our work is a divine work. A layman can be happy if he feels that he is doing God's work for God's glory in the field to which he knows that God has called him.

In the early centuries of the Church, there was very little official distinction between lay members and the clergy. Each was to witness to what he knew about the Christ.

The spirit of a layman is to feel that "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister" (Matthew 20:28). He is to witness where he labors—in the shop, the store, the office, on the farm, or in any place where his work calls him. Jesus said to His disciples, "And ye are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48). He was telling His followers to become testifiers for Christ. Someone has said that a good testimony by a good layman is worth more than a ton of argument from the lips of a preacher.

A good layman sees his work as a part of God's business. He feels responsible to give "to every man the gospel in the same measure as he has received it." He helps to bear other people's burdens, and tries to see others as he would that they should see him. He certainly tries to practice the golden rule.

The work of a layman is to be a partner with God. He is consecrated, and feels that in whatever work he may be engaged he is doing business for Christ, who has redeemed him. This kind of attitude makes any legitimate work a high calling.

The work of a layman is to be a gentleman plus being a Christian. He is a gentleman in his home, his place of business, in private, and in public. He is not free from blunders, but he must always keep the right motive.

It is tragic when any layman is not a gentle-

man in the true sense of the word. He must be honest, sincere, and Christlike in all his dealings.

A good layman knows that one learns by doing. I have often said that I would not belong to a church that did not give me an opportunity to work. Life is too short to sit around and do nothing. A good layman tries to prove himself as the kind of person that God can trust and the church can depend upon.

A good layman works to make society better by bringing the individual into right relations with the Christ. He believes that unclean hearts result in undesirable places in which people have to live. The community is made better only as lives are transformed through the power of the gospel.

The Sunday school was started by a layman. It is practically a layman's movement. The Early Church was largely built by laymen. Let all laymen join with us to fill our niche, accomplish our task, and make the world better by having lived!



By WILLIAM J. NICHOLS Nazarene Elder, Richmond, Indiana

PHILIP was one of the first men in the Church to put "Evangelism First." Philip is one of the lesser known characters of the Bible, but is nevertheless important. In the kingdom of God everyone gets a chance to do those tasks which have eternal results. Many times the things which we consider insignificant are the most significant to God. So it was with Philip.

Philip was one of the seven who had been chosen to relieve the apostles of less important duties. But Philip seemed to be destined for higher service than "waiting tables." He not only served, but preached, and in time became known as "the evangelist."

The outbreak of persecution after the death of

Philip's friend, Stephen, caused the early Christians to become scattered. Someone less dedicated to God might have been daunted by the death of a close friend, but not Philip. He proceeded to Samaria to preach the same gospel that Stephen had been killed for preaching.

Philip found Samaria under the power of Simon the sorcerer. But soon his ministry convinced both the people and Simon—and the revival was on! The revival went so well that soon the Jerusalem church sent Peter and John to Samaria. When they arrived, they laid their hands on the people and they were sanctified.

Then, while the revival was still at high tide, God called Philip for an assignment of personal witnessing. And here we must note—in the sight of God the winning of one soul in the desert through personal evangelism was just as important as winning the many through mass evangelism in Samaria. It is to Philip's credit that he immediately "arose and went." Had he waited or argued he might have missed his contact.

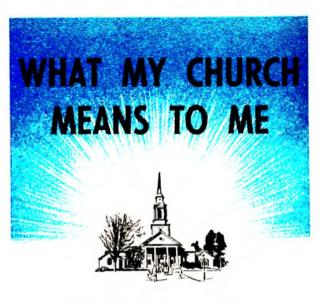
It wasn't by accident that Philip and the Ethiopian met, for the angel had given explicit instructions, and Philip soon found the one to whom he was to witness. He was the right man at the right place at the right time. We are sometimes tempted to think that the gospel will reach only the down-and-out, but it also reaches those who are up-and-out. God had prepared the heart of this important man from Ethiopia to receive the gospel. God always prepares the way ahead of us.

The words of the Ethiopian should speak to our hearts. He had no way to understand or find God without guidance. There are many near us who will never find God unless we guide them. This may have been the only chance this man had to find God. There were other Christians in Jerusalem, but somehow they had missed this man. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the man soon found Christ as his Saviour. This man, who had been to Jerusalem to worship and was yet hungry, found what he had been looking for out in the desert.

We hear nothing more of Philip for twenty years, but we do know that he kept the spiritual glow. And we know that in winning others he also was able to win his own family, for his four daughters became preachers.

We may never know in this world the good our faithfulness, obedience, and witnessing accomplish. But we can look at this experience of Philip's. We are told that a Christian church has existed in Ethiopia from apostolic times to the present. How much may depend upon one individual! Not every one of us can reach the masses from the pulpit, but we can all evangelize on the personal level; and God expects every believer to do this. We must put "Evangelism First."

In God's work money talks. My Thanksgiving offering says to the General Board, "Send a dedicated young couple overseas, open a new home mission church, win another soul to Christ." I want the money God has entrusted to me to speak that kind of language.— Albert F. Harper.



By Frangelist J. J. STEELL.

THIS is my personal testimony, so I am writing in the first person singular.

I joined my church thirty-six years ago. I was a Christian when I joined, so I didn't need to change my way of living to conform to its standards, its rules, or its doctrines. To be a Nazarene is first of all to be a Christian.

My three daughters and three sons were all reared in my church. They were cradled in its nurseries, trained in its doctrines, sought their Saviour at its altars, attended one of its colleges, and married husbands and wives who likewise were its children.

Three sons and their wives are in its ministry. Three daughters and their husbands are all teachers and officers in their local churches. The grandchildren are all members of its Sunday schools and, as they are old enough, are also seeking God at its altars.

I'm thankful for the leaders and educators of my church. Its faithful general, district, and local workers have lovingly contributed much to the spiritual and moral welfare of my children and their parents. I'm too deeply indebted to them to ever pay up.

My church has been a personal and family training school, We have attended all its general

assemblies and conventions, and all district and zone gatherings for thirty-five years. My children can't remember when they started attending Nazarene gatherings. We have all sat at the feet of nearly all her general superintendents, past and present, and drank deeply at the wells of spiritual truth as they opened the Scriptures. We have been enriched beyond measure with these privileges.

The greatest contribution my church has made to me has been to give me the opportunity to do what God called me to do forty years ago. Not once has it stood between me and my conscientious duty. It has given me wide-open doors to preach and teach New Testament truths as straight and "hot" as desired. In fact, it has encouraged and strengthened my hand in standing for holy living. Never has it ever asked me to "tone down" a single truth. I have enjoyed complete freedom from fear of church leaders or ecclesiastical pressure.

I love and appreciate my church, but I am not in bondage to it. I know all the Christians of the world are not in it, and all who are in it are not of it. Also, my highest loyalty is not to my church, but to my Saviour, who is Lord of the Church.

My giving, my service are to Him, not to my church or its leaders. I'm motivated, not by fear of church leaders, not by desire merely for their approval, but by love for Him. I can whole-heartedly co-operate with the aims, the program, the budgets of my church because I believe my church leaders love and want to please Him too.

My sincere prayer is that the above will always be true. But if the necessity for a choice between loyalty and devotion to my church and love, loyalty, and devotion to my Lord ever comes, there is but one course to take—for the Lord of the Church has my heart. When He stands once more on the sacred soil of Mount Olivet to take over the reins of world government, I realize the machinery of my denomination will be "junked," along with all other denominational machinery, and all the sanctified saints of God will be united in wonder, love, praise, and service, when all racial, social, and denominational barriers will be obliterated forever.

Until that glorious hour, Lord, help me to be a humble, grateful, loyal Nazarene, "sanctified, and meet for the master's use" (II Timothy 2:21).

"The TIME



By ROSS W. HAYSLIP
Partor Whitting California

AS A LAD, I sat in the praise services and listened to the saints as they related their experiences in their great crisis encounters with God. They told in detail how God's grace had saved and sanctified them. With great definiteness they stated the time, manner, and place of their salvation.

Some were saved at noontide in a cornfield. Others met God at midnight at the altar of a log church. One man, I recall, was sanctified at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, while riding down the road in his two-wheeled cart. I heard these experiences related so often that I knew them by heart, but I enjoyed them and was disappointed at the omission of any of the familiar details.

Some of those testimonics resembled those of William Carvasso, who served sixty years as a Methodist class leader. Testifying as to his sanctification in his *Memoirs* he wrote: "One evening while engaged in a prayer meeting the great deliverance came. I began to exercise faith by believing 'I shall have the blessing now.' Just at that moment a heavenly influence filled the room; and no sooner had I uttered or spoken the words from my heart, than 'refining fire went through my heart-illuminated my soul-scattered its life through every part and sanctified the whole.' I then received the full witness of the Spirit that the blood of Jesus had cleansed me from all sin. I cried out 'This is what I wanted! I have now got a new heart.' I was emptied of self and sin and filled with God. I felt that I was nothing and Christ was all in all. Him, I now cheerfully received in all His offices; my Prophet to teach me, my Priest to atone for me, my King to reign over me. O what boundless happiness there is in Christ, and all for such a poor sinner as I am! This happy change took place in my soul on March 13, 1772."

As Carvasso gave his testimony, he lived again in his memory this great experience. As the saints of my youth told of their meetings with God, I saw a sparkle in their eyes and heard a lilt in their voices. On the wings of definite testimony they were transported back across the years to that glorious time and place. So vivid and real it became to them that I likewise felt the reality of it.

I cannot escape the feeling that in our day of orbiting space capsules and automation it is good to hear folks describe in an exact manner how God met them in transforming power. An uncertain age needs a certain witness!

THE CHURCH AT WORK



Telegrams . . .

Madison, Wisconsin—New church organized at Marquette, Michigan, September 16. Rosswell Brunner, recent graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, appointed pastor. If you have friends here, or at air base nearby, contact him at 733 Bluff Street. This makes the second home mission church organized on our district within three months.—D. J. Gibson, Superintendent of Wisconsin District.

Charlotte, North Carolina-North Carolina District twenty-second anrual assembly held at High Point First Church, September 19 and 20. Ministry and leadership of General Superintendent Samuel Young deeply appreciated. District Superintendent Lloyd B. Byron gave splendid report, showing outstanding gains in ten years of service on North Carolina District. He has one year remaining on a three-year extended call. Rev. Harry Rich of Haiti used of the Lord as speaker to N.F.M.S. convention. Mrs. Lloyd B. Byron returned to office of district N.F.M.S. president by overwhelming vote of confidence in most wonderful convention. In closing service of assembly Dr. Young ordained to eldership Ray Harroll Condry. Days of achievement and progress ahead for North Carolina under leadership of Superintendent Lloyd B. Byron.-Byron E. LeJeune, Reporter.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada—Just recently closed first Laymen's Retreat, Canada Central District, at Cedardale Camp, Pefferlaw. Far exceeded expectations with 129 registered from 23 churches. Music at its best by consecrated laymen. Dr. John Stockton of Headquarters thrilled us with his Spirit-filled messages. Fellowship of the finest. Plans under way for 1963. Terrific spiritual impact on all who attended.—Bruce Taylor, District Superintendent; W. Fawcett, Registrar.

Scottsdale, Arizona—Mrs. Frances Tosti, wife of Rev. A. J. Tosti, pastor of our Prescott church, passed away in surgery today (September 23). Funeral services held in Phoenix First Church, Wednesday, September 26.—M. L. Mann, Superintendent of Arizona District.

Word has been received that Rev. Minerva Pearl Hamel, retired Nazarene elder, died August 25. She is survived by her husband, Joseph H., of 16218 Lindview Drive, San Leandro, California.

After pastoring the church in Grafton tor four years, Rev. Wm. R. Dillon has resigned to accept a unanimous call to pastor the church in Marmet, West Virginia.

After serving for sixteen years on the Northeast Oklahoma District, and for the past four years at the Dewey church, Rev. "Bill" Livingston has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Bellefontaine Neighbors Church in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. E. W. Wells and the Church of the Nazarene in Ballinger, Texas, recently celebrated a double fiftieth anniversary. The Ballinger church was Rev. E. W. Wells's first pastorate, and he was the church's first pastor in 1912.

Rev. A. C. McKenzie, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Bridgeton, New Jersey, was recently elected president of the Greater Bridgeton Ministerial Association.

Rev. W. P. Colvin writes, "After six wonderful years of pastoring the Harmony Church, we feel led of the Lord to resign and accept the pastorate of our First Church in Thomaston, Georgia."

Rev. Earl W. Transue has resigned as pastor of the church in Bloomfield, Missouri, to accept a unanimous call to the Lake Forrest Church in Houston, Texas.

After pastoring the Villa Heights Church in Roanoke, Virginia, for over six years, Rev. Loren W. Gould has resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Gary, Indiana.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER Secretary

"Fiesta" at Chamelco

By REBA SPOON, Guatemala

Yesterday the yearly fair, or fiesta, began here in Chamelco. There are many fiestas during the year, but this is the big one honoring the patron saint, John the Baptist. Today many people from San Pedro Carcha (about five miles from here) came carrying the image of their patron saint, who is St. Peter. They were met by the group from here with the

image of St. John. Then they all returned to the temple to perform the necessary rituals. This is the "most looked forward to" time of the year for these people, but we dread it. In front of our house as I write this are a father and mother with three children, and the mother is so drunk she can hardly walk. As a matter of fact, she isn't walking, but sitting, and he can't seem to get her going.

A lot has happened since the last sentence. I have three children in my kitchen, from across the road. The father is drunk and was fighting with the mother. The children were scared half to death. Darrell isn't here, so I went over and got the children and tried to talk to the man, but he is too drunk. I came back and began preparing coffee for the poor woman in front of the house, so that her husband could at least get her home; but by the time it was ready, she was on her feet again. Things have happened faster than I could write them. The children are home now, as their father is sleeping.

Next morning—The marimbas play day and night, and I have only to step outside to see men staggering in drunkenness. A little while ago a woman was sitting on our steps trying to keep out of the sight of her husband, who, she says, is crazy.

All of this is done in the name of religion. Burning their candles and incense, or drinking, dancing, and praying to their idols, cannot fill the gap in the lives of these people. Only Christ can do that. Will you pray for them with us? How desperately these people need the truth! Pray for them, and also for us.

Moving Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Brown have returned to Barbados. Their address is P.O. Box 253, Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Brunt are in the States on furlough from Trinidad. They will live at 6227 Forest, Kansas City, Missouri.

Prayer Request

By ELMER NELSON, Panama

I would like to request prayer for my wife. She got malaria about ten days ago and has been very ill. She is improved and responding well to medical treatment, but has been left very weak. Your prayers will be much appreciated.

Rev. Howard Grantz III

Rev. Howard Grantz, missionary to Peru, has been ill with virus pneumonia. The illness did not respond well to the treatment and he was in the hospital for some time. The Grantzes would be grateful for the prayers of the folk at home, that Mr. Grantz may be restored to full health soon.

A Good Year at Williamson Bible Institute

By ALLEN WILSON, Guatemala This is the last day of classes here at Williamson Bible Institute. The exams begin on Monday and the graduation exercises are planned for Saturday evening. We have one young man and three young ladies that are graduating this year. We are enjoying very much working with the Guatemalan young people and helping to prepare them for Christian service in the Church of the Nazarene. God has been good to us and we have had a very good school year.

Back Home in Durban By JOSEPH PENN

Republic of South Africa
We do thank the Lord for His protection and leadings thus far. Our goods from the States are here at the docks. Since we will not be able to move into the new house until September I, we are living at the "Concord" missionary

home here in Durban.

We have had the privilege of having several services in the homes of some of the Indians here. However we are trusting that we will be able to get a tent and benches, etc., which we can use in the Indian areas about us. Some of them seem to be very hungry for the truth. Application has already been sent in for certain church sites.

EVANGELISM

IDWARD LAWLOR Secretary

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The districts shown report the following churches as having received the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. This is presented on the basis of members received by profession of faith during the assembly year. The groups and qualification standards shown as follows:

GROUP MEMBERSHIP GAIN REQUIRED

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I	1-24	4
11	25-74	8
III	75-149	12
IV	150-299	18
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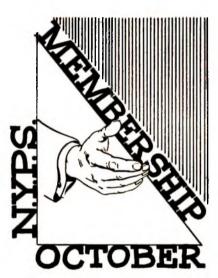
Church	Pastor	Membership at Last	
CHUICH	EASTERN MICHIGA	Assembly	Gain
Roseville	R. York	13	
Sandusky	R. Spencer		4
Montrose	M. Richards	15	6
Detroit Faith	Mrs. E. Surratt	19	5
Auburn Road			6
Flat Rock	M. Scutt	40	18
Vassar	E. Raymond	40	.8
	O. Ferris	44	13
Beulah	J. Williams	54	8
Monroe	O. Burton	68	14
East Detroit	S. Norton	63	8
Caro	E. Varian	103	20
Flint West	B. Gill	110	16
Richfield	E. Hendley	139	14
Port Huron	U. Godman	174	29
Detroit First	B. Kirby	880	32
	NORTHWESTERN OH	10	
Risingsun	J. Wolford	0	11
Marysville	R. Greene	0	5
Bellefontaine	D. Kiper	22	11
Archbold	A. Meadows	0	4
Defiance	E. Baker	68	9
St. Parls	F. Suman	69	9
Greenville	R. Smith	72	ģ

Indian Lake	J. Dodds	73	11
Mount Sterling	R. McNeely	79	12
Toledo Oregon	J. Wells	176	19
Lima First	C. Norell	277	19
	PITTSBURGH		
Bethel Park	F. Drayer	0	20
Brownsville	R. Randall	18	4
Anita	R. Williams	19	4
Saxonsburg	E. Huston, Jr.	19	26
Portage	K. Kaminske	21	8
Aliquippa	J. Kanzlemar	30	13
N. Cas. Mah.	C. Spencer	36	11
Meadville	D. King, Sr.	40	8
Waterford	W. Couchenour	43	8
Washington 11	A. Swift	43	10
Atlasburg	K. Neiderhiser	55	9
Brookville	J. Kuhn	55	14
Smithton	N. Ford	55	16
Erie	M. Minich	157	21
Oil City	R. Lewis	178	18
New Castle I	G. Sarber	252	30
MIN COSTIC I	o. Sarber	234	20

Attend Your COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

Bethany Nazarene College Bethany, Oklahoma Tuesday, Wed., and Thurs. November 27, 28, 29, 1962

Write for more information to DR. ROY CANTRELL, President, and plan now to attend.



MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

DEAN WESSELS, Secretary

Our retired ministers and widows appreciate the gift subscriptions to the Herald of Holiness and the Other Sheep, as well as the regular monthly check and birthday and Christmas gifts. The following letter is from a retired minister in a western state:

It is the greatest pleasure for me to acknowledge to the Department of Ministerial Benevolence my first check and the card entitling me to a subscription of the "Herald of Holiness" and the "Other Sheep," which are both very precious to me. These favors are highly appreciated—far more than I am able to express with pen and ink. By this assistance I will be able to keep up my bills each month. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the

Department of Ministerial Benevolence and to our general church for the provision that they have made for this time of retirement. I certainly appreciate the Church of the Nazarene and its policy. In closing, I want to say thanks again for these fine favors.

Your contributions to the Department of Ministerial Benevolence helped to supply the needs of this retired elder during this past year. Your love and faithfulness made possible this testimony.

-Department of Ministerial Benevolence



"The Thanksgiving season reminds men of the debt they owe to both God and man. To be a growing Christian, a person must accept the responsibility of co-operating in sharing with others the rich blessings he has received. The Thanksgiving Offering is a good opportunity for each church member to join with others in showing gratitude by giving to reach the goal of one and one-third million dollars for the world-wide work of the church.

"Since Nazarene Theological Seminary is a part of the general church, the money given in the Thanksgiving Offering becomes a means of both financing the world-wide service of the church today and also training missionaries, pastors, and evangelists for the continuation of the church in the future. Giving thus makes the donor a partner with God in the work of His kingdom."

-Lewis T. Corlett, President Nazarene Theological Seminary

GENERAL INTERESTS

A Year in Our Seminary By RICHARD S. TAYLOR

Generally it is inappropriate to advertise "spirituality," just as it is incongruous to plug one's humility. Nevertheless, certain discoveries made during my first year on the faculty ought to be more widely known.

This conviction came to me as the faculty began the new year (1962-63), not in discussion, but on their knees. President Corlett read a portion of scripture, then voiced the feeling of all when he urged the necessity of a deep Godconsciousness on the campus. When the group went to prayer it was with a spontaneous spirit of supplication for the presence and power of the Spirit throughout the year.

But this prayer meeting was not a rare or unique event in Seminary activity. This emphasis is the norm, as I have been delighted to find. No apology is made for the student-faculty prayer meetings and other constant efforts to promote spiritual depth above all other objectives.

Students who desire spirituality but expect a cold academic atmosphere are pleasantly surprised. In contrast, the occasional theologue who has adopted a superintellectual pose and feels above religious fervency will be uneasy—at least until he is gripped with a sense of his own need, and seeks his own Pentecost, as most do

At this point of spiritual warmth—as well as in all other vital areas—the faculty pulse is as the beating of one heart. No one could work side by side with these men, as I have this past year, without sensing the tremendous throb of personal devotion and the unity of spirit and purpose. This complete oneness is all the more impressive when seen in the light of the marked diversity in type of temperament and personality.

And their devotion is contagious. Students who may have been wobbling a bit gradually find themselves, and go out to pioneer another holiness church somewhere, or lead an established congregation into fresh revival fires. Not all of them find themselves; a very small number won't let themselves be exposed to the glowing side of Seminary influence.

But when we hear testimonies such as the following we know that the persuasive, persistent searchings and revealings of the Holy Spirit are in our midst. It was given last May in our last chapel service, by a young man about to graduate. He said: "When I came three years ago I was very uncertain about my spiritual experience, my doctrine, or my place in the Church of the Nazarene. Now I rejoice that God has helped me to get these questions settled, and I go out with inner spiritual certainty and the glad awareness that a holiness ministry is God's will for me."

I say, Thank God for our Seminary and the work it is doing. It is the child of the entire denomination, is supported by the entire denomination, and quite obviously it is *blessing* the entire denomination.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Northwest Indiana District Assembly

The Northwest Indiana Assembly was held August 23 and 24 at the Indiana University auditorium, Gary, Indiana. Rev. Harold D. Latham, host pastor, did an outstanding job of arranging and organizing schedules and facilities.

Our presiding general superintendent, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, was at his best in preaching and administration. Again and again he thrilled and challenged the hearts of all those present. On Thursday evening Rev. Wendell Wellman

brought a practical and challenging message on behalf of the work of the Sunday school.

The report of our district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, revealed that progress had been made in all departments under the leadership of Rev. Owen Burke. Church Schools chairman: Mrs. Opal K. Morgan, district N.F.M.S. president; and Rev. Darrell E. Luther, district N.Y.P.S. president.

The assembly re-elected Superintendent Morgan for another three years with a wonderful vote.

Sunday school attendance last year averaged 6.289 with an enrollment of more than ten thousand. The summer camp program, including boys' camp, girls' camp, youth institute, and camp meeting, was one of the greatest.

The churches raised nearly \$750,000 for all purposes, and the valuation of church and parsonage property stands at more than 4½ million dollars. The churches of the district closed the year with a net gain of 130 in church membership.

The assembly closed on Friday night with an inspiring ordination service. James O. Kesler was ordained an elder, and the credentials of Rev. Melvin Wire were recognized in transfer from another denomination.

God used this assembly as an avenue of blessing to all who attended.—Wesley D. Tracy, Reporter.

Kansas City District Assembly

The convention and assembly of the Kansas City District were held in Kansas City First Church, August 27 to 30. Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, presided with efficiency and grace. His timely messages were deeply appreciated by all who attended.

Dr. Orville Jenkins, district superintendent, was given a unanimous vote on a one-year call, and received 204 votes out of 206 ballots cast on a three-year call. The Jenkinses have quickly won their way into the hearts of the people across the district.

Dr. Jenkins reported a district membership of 4.476, a net increase of 206, with 321 coming by profession of faith. Over \$77,000 was given to world evangelism, making the district a "10 per cent" district. Eighteen churches were "10 per cent" churches, with several others coming very close.

The District Advisory Board for the coming year is composed of Rev. C. Win. Ellwanger, Rev. Ralph Jared, Dr. John Stockton, and M. Frank Turner. Frank Turner begins his twenty-seventh year as district treasurer, and Rev. Harper L. Cole his seventh year as district secretary.

A district home mission revolving fund was set up with a goal of \$25,000 for the first year.

"Small Church of the Year" awards went to Bethel Glen and Southwood churches. "Evangelistic Honor Roll" certificates were awarded to Bethel Glen, Kansas City First, Highland Crest, Lakeview, St. Paul's, Shawnee, Southwood, Trinity, Osawatomie, Ottawa, St. Joseph Northside, and Topeka Auburndale.

In an impressive ordination service on Thursday evening Dr. Powers entrusted elder's orders to Jimmy Lee Bond, Walter Crow, Kenneth E. Hendrick, Jerry D. Lambert, James R. Martin, Charles Ray Millhuff, and Richard Young.—Reporter.

Wisconsin District Assembly

The twenty-seventh annual assembly of the Wisconsin District was held August 9 and 10 at Camp Byron, Wisconsin.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, presiding general superintendent, directed the assembly with characteristic grace and efficiency, and his messages were much appreciated.

The sixth report by Rev. D. J. Gibson, district superintendent, revealed a year of progress, with a full schedule of personal activities as district leader. He pointed out that Wisconsin was a "10.9 per cent" district for the past year, and that this made the seventh year as a "10 per cent" or better district. Under his leadership new churches have been started this past year in Marshfield, Wisconsin; and in Marquette, Michigan; with one at Hudson, Wisconsin, scheduled for the near future. Superintendent Gibson is entering the second year of a three-year extended call.

Olivet Nazarene College was represented by President Harold W. Reed, Song Evangelist James Bohi, and Ovid Young, piano accompanist. Dr. Reed congratulated the Wisconsin District on the unique accomplishment of paying its educational budget in full by October 31 for thirteen consecutive years. Mr. Elden Rawlings ably presented the interests of the Nazarene Publishing House. The "Outstanding Small Church Award" went to Appleton church; Rev. Ray Keith, pastor.

Assembly time is also camp meeting time in Wisconsin. God's Spirit used the impassioned preaching of Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism, and the stirring ministry of Song Evangelist James Bohi. The victories of the week climaxed in a flood tide of blessing in the Sunday services which marked the close of the camp meeting.

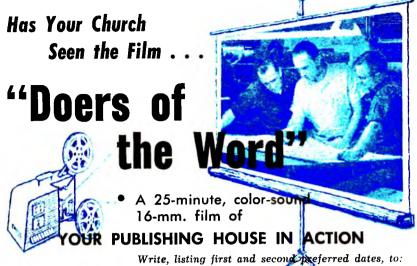
During the assembly sessions Dr. Lawlor presented the features of the "Operation Doorbell" plan of evangelism for the fall.

In an unforgettable service, which climaxed the assembly, Gilbert Mowers and Wesley Burns were ordained to the ministry by Dr. Benner.

The Wisconsin District is still characterized by the sense of oneness and unity of task that has made it unique.—Gordon Wetmore, Reporter.

Eastern Kentucky District Assembly

The Eastern Kentucky District enjoyed the blessings of God throughout each service of their eleventh annual assembly. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presided with ease and dignity and was most gracious throughout each business session. He was at his best in making the business of Kingdom building a blessing and spiritual challenge to all who heard. At various intervals during the business sessions, the Holy Spirit moved upon the entire assembly.



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Our good district superintendent, Dr. D. S. Somerville, was re-elected for a three-year extended call after giving his eleventh assembly report as our spiritual leader. With a good vote of confidence, the district presented him with a Polaroid Land camera and a good love offering. His report highlighted the spiritual progress made by the district.

Mrs. D. S. Somerville was elected unanimously to serve her twelfth year as our district N.F.M.S. president. Our district N.F.M.S. is a "star" district.

As a district, we appreciate the leadership of Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Somerville.

Immediately following the district assembly, we enjoyed one of the most outstanding camps conducted on our district. The special workers, Dr. George Coulter, Rev. Wilbur Brannon, and Song Evangelist Curtis R. Brown, were at their best. Their Spirit-anointed ministry was a blessing. God's presence was manifested in every service; saints were blessed, sinners were converted, believers were sanctified, and spiritual problems were solved.

The camp was climaxed with our beloved superintendent challenging 100 people to give \$100 in 100 days for the reduction of campground indebtedness. Of this challenge, \$7,900 was pledged on the campgrounds, with the remaining sum to be raised by the local churches. Certainly we can say, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.'

N. A. RIICHE, Reporter.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Tuscaloosa, Alabama-Rev. T. C. Sanders, Jr., came to First Church here in July, after serving our church in Belfast, Ireland, for the past three years. Brother and Sister Sanders have endeared themselves to members and friends, and God is richly blessing under his capable leadership. There is a strong spirit of unity among the people. Recently in a Sunday evening service

God came in a glorious way and, during the song service, several people came to the altar of prayer. The preaching hour was given over to the mighty outpour-ing of the Holy Spirit. Real victories were won for many of our people, and there were shouts of praise. After much prayer and preparation the evangelistic committee of the N.Y.P.S. launched an old-fashioned, brush-arbor revival, scheduled for one week. God came in such a way that the services continued for two weeks. Different pastors on the Tuscaloosa Zone assisted, and by actual count more than eighty persons bowed at the altar. We thank God for His presence and blessing.—Mrs. UNZELL HAMRICK, Secretary.

Chattanooga, Tennessee-On Sunday evening, August 26, First Church closed an old-fashioned revival with Rev. Forrest McCullough as the evangelist. We feel he is one of the most forceful speakers and Holy Spirit-anointed evangelists today. We truly thank God for the Spirit's visitation upon the church during this time of revival. The Lord is blessing First Church under the leadership of our good pastor, Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks.—BILL Knowles, Reporter.

Evangelist Earl L. Sprowls reports: "Since my entering the field of full-time evangelism, God has given us some wonderful revivals and has met the need of many seeking souls. We give God praise for His blessings. Many times we did not get to preach. It is a joy to work with our fine pastors and their people. At this writing I have one open date in December, then have some open dates in January and February of '63. Write me, 1317 Lakeview Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan."

Greensburg, Indiana-Our church re-cently closed what we feel is the best revival of its history. Evangelist H. F. Darnell and Kenneth and Geneva Ashby and sons were the special workers.

People came from far and near to hear the sincere and earnest messages so much needed today, preached without fear or compromise. A good number of new people were reached, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers sanctified wholly. We thank God for the ministry of these workers. The Ashbys are a blessing with their musical talent, Spirit-anointed singing, and interest in souls. -A. J. ARBUCKLE, Pastor.

Rev. Isaac J. Ratcliff writes: "After five great years with our Huntington Vintondale Church, I have resigned and am now working in the full-time field of evangelism. Will be glad to go as the Lord may direct. Write me, 1120 19th Street, Huntington, West Virginia."

Evangelist W. C. Raker writes: "On August 26, Wife and I closed our third revival with the North Side Church in Danville, Illinois, and were given a call to return in '64. Pastor Glen Evans and his people are great folks. This was our first revival since June 3, as we had to cancel our summer work because of my illness. God has answered prayer, and it's wonderful to be able to continue in the field. On November 4 we will be closing a meeting with the Normandy Church in Jacksonville, Florida, then have an open date we'd like to slate between Florida and Charleston, West Virginia (our next meeting). We carry the full program for the meeting, and will be glad to hear from anyone desiring our ministry. Write us, Box 106, Lewistown, Illinois."

Valdosta, Georgia-First Church is enjoying great days of victory. Recently we closed the greatest revival in the history of the church, with Evangelist Paul Stewart. The church was filled for every service, and more than one hundred souls sought and found God at the altar during the one week. The Sunday following the close of the meeting we received eleven new members by profession of faith. According to charter members, the financial and spiritual condition of the church is the best ever. Plans are now complete for the erection of a new church building-this will mean a new day for the Church of the Nazarene in this growing city. We have purchased lots in a fast-growing section of the city.-Theo. Carter, Pastor.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD E. AIRHART

Topic for October 21:

"What Think Ye of Christ?"

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:13-17; Mark 10:45; John 3:16; 6:35-40; Ephesians 3; Philippians 2:5-11 (Printed: John 6: 35-40; Philippians 2:5-11)

GOLDEN TEXT: The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, hut to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

For height and depth of meaning, for majesty and sublimity of content, no passage of scripture about Christ surpasses this one in Philippians 2:5-11.

lesus Christ is God. Phillips helpfully translates verse 6: "For he, who had always been God by nature, did not cling to his prerogatives as God's equal." Here are trinitarian inferences. Eternally existing, Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, was and is true God. So exalted were His state and position that they are described as equality with the Father. That Jesus possessed knowledge of His deity may be seen from the passage in John's Gospel, as well as in

Christ became man. The act of the eternal Son becoming man, including His estate resulting from the act, is known as the Incarnation. In its earthly duration this is known as the state of His humiliation. Verse seven says, literally, "He emptied himself." This is to say that in becoming man He was stripped of His eternal glory, and the privileges and prerogatives of His ex-alted estate. It was, as P. T. Forsyth has said. a "self-disglorification." He retained His divine nature although in a state of humiliation. He came "out of the ivory palaces, into a world of woe.'

Christ identified himself completely with us. It is a common error to suppose that He was God amongst us in the disguise of human flesh. Not so; without laving aside His divine nature He assumed our human nature (in sinlessness). His was not only a human body. but also a human mind and soul, that is, a whole nature. And in so doing He stooped to the depths, living our life. and that as a servant, and dying our death, and that as a criminal on a cross. Human understanding cannot plumb these depths!

Jesus Christ is the God-Man. He is, in the union in one person of two natures, the absolutely unique One. Having assamed our nature, He bears it now and forever in His exalted estate. Therefore He is the perfect Advocate and Inter-

All that Christ is. He is for us. Because of love He laid aside the scepter and took up the towel. In love He bore the Cross. He is made unto us of God "wisdom, and righteousness, and sanc-tification, and redemption." How shall we do less than make Him Lord in our livest

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Deaths

CHARLIE AUSTIN EMMERT, a faithful and much-loved member of the Church of the Nazarene in Erick, Oklahoma, died July 2 as the result of a tractor accident. He was born December 27, 1932, in Wellington, Texas. In 1953 he was united in marriage to Miss Betty Baker. Not only a willing worker in his local church, where he had accepted responsibility as N.Y.P.S. president, song director,

and steward, he was also a willing worker for the district. He loved his home, his church, and his God. He is survived by his wife, Betty; a son, Craig, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Enmmert; two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Conrad and Mrs. W. A. Pace; and two brothers, J. C. and Ervin. Funeral service was conducted in the Erick church by Rev. J. W. Livingston, Rev. W. T. Johnson, and Rev. Bill Ray.

JOHN E. THOMPSON, a dedicated layman of the Countryside Church of the Nazarene on the Kansas City District, died of a heart attack on May 31 at his home near Odessa, Missouri. "Brother John," as he was known to all who loved him so much, was converted in 1949. In 1951, he and his wife, Melissa, became charter members of the Countryside Church. He is survived by his wife, a stendamphter. Melissa, became charter members of the Countrystue Church. He is survived by his wife; a stepdaughter, Esther Fern; a stepson, Edgar; four brothers; and three sisters. He was born August 6, 1906, at Lupus, Missouri. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Modie M. Schoonover and Rev. Alfred L. Jones, with interment in the Wood's Chapel Cemetery.

ORA F. SCOTT was born July 23, 1885, and died March 24, 1962, in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and four

"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

October 21-"Divine Safety Vault," by Wilson R. Lanpher October 28-"Your Tattletale Heart," by Wilson R. Lanpher (featuring music by the Treble Clef Choir of Olivet Nazarene College) Elevated to

November 4—"Duty Elevated Beauty," by Wilson R. Lanpher

sons. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor. Rev. C. B. Nixon, and also Rev. Dee Henderson at Elwood, Indiana, where his body was laid to rest.

MRS. ETTA HELM was born in Calhoun County, MRS. ETTA HELM was born in Calhoun County, lowa, October 21, 1891, and died June 26, 1962, at Travis Air Force Base Hospital, near Vacaville, California. She was well known for her missionary efforts and work in the Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband, Lee R. Helm, of Vacaville, five daughters: Zelta Dech, Rosalie H. Berg, Rhoma Runyon, Evangeline Bass, and Roberta Winter, missionary in Guatemala; and two sons, Jay D. and Paul E. She was laid to rest in the Elmira-Vacaville Cemptery. Vacaville Cemetery.

MRS. CLELLA DAVIS EATON, age seventy died July 7, 1962, at her home in Milltown, Indiana, after a long illness. She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for forty-three years. of the Church of the Nazarene for forty-three years, and until illness prevented was active in the church. She is survived by her husband, Amzie Eaton, of Milltown; two daughters, Mrs. M. E. Scutt and Mrs. Eldon Cornett, missionary in Seoul, Korea; a brother, Rev. C. W. Davis; and a sister, Mrs. F. O. Elliott. Funeral service was conducted in Ramsey, Indiana, by her pastor, Rev. Robert Latham, and Rev. A. L. Emmert of Corydon, with burial in Woods Chapel Cematery. Ramsey, Indiana. Cemetery, Ramsey, Indiana.

MRS. GOLDIE STEVENSON, age sixty-nine, died at her home in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, on July 4, 1962. She was born September 19, 1892, in Troytown, Pennsylvania. She was a charter member of the Stockdale Church of the Nazarene, also the founder of this church, having begun the work as a young woman with a Sunday school in her living room. She has been a source of blessing and inspiration to hundreds of people; she was a real soul winner. She is the widow of John D. Stevenson, and is survived by a son, Jack R.; four daughters, Mae, Mrs. Thelma Fillingham, Mrs. Marion Donaldson, and Mrs. Dorothy Reed; also three brothers, Robert M., Sr., Charles F., and Clarence J. Ingland (Her twin brother); and one sister, Mrs. Ora M. Edwards.

MRS. FANNIE DENNARD HILL died February 16, 1962, at the age of sixty-three. She was the wife of Edwin Hill of Asheboro, North Carolina. She was a native of Georgia, and a resident of Asheboro for the past twenty years. She was a faithful member of the Asheboro Church of the Nazarene. After giving a glowing testimony, she passed on to be with her Lord. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor. Rev. J. Theron Flannery.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

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I would like to recommend the ministry of Rev. Kermit Phillips to Nazarenes everywhere. He is a preacher of unusual ability and a soul winner. He comes to us from a sister holiness denomination and is available for revivals, camp meetings, and holiness conventions. I have known him personally for twelve years and commend him without hesitancy as a man of God and an understanding preacher. Address him 15318 Mayb Trails Particles as a man of God and an understanding preacher.
Address him, 15118 Mark Twain, Detroit 27,
Michigan.—E. W. Martin, Superintendent of Eastern Michigan District.
WEDDING BELLS

Miss Carolyn Faye Matheny of University City, Missouri, and Mr. Dale Preston Figge of Gary, Indiana, were united in marriage on August 25 at the Wellston Church of the Nazarene in St. Louis with the pastor, Rev. M. L. McCaskell, officiating.

Miss Deanna Marie Whipp of Rockville, and Mr. Charles Robert Brown of Kemptown, Maryland, were united in marriage on August 18 at the Oakmont Church of the Nazarene in Gaithersburg, Maryland, with Dr. Ernest E. Grosse, district superintendent, officiating.

Miss Charity May Rodefer of Malden, Illinois, and Mr. Ralph Arthur Hill of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missourl, were united in marriage on August 11 at the Malden Methodist Church, Malden, Illinois.

Mary Nancy Smith and Charles David Vaughan were united in marriage on August 10 at McClurkan Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, Tennessee, with Rev. J. R. Vaughan, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. F. Cox,

Miss Carol Jean Hummel and Mr. Shadrack Howard were united in marriage on July 1 at the College Church of the Nazarene, Bourbonnais, Illinois, with the pastor, Rev. Forrest W. Nash, officiating.

BORN --to Rev. and Mrs. (Joyce Woods) Heaton of McDonald, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Joy Nell, on September 12.

—to Harold and Shelda Beals of Pueblo, Colorado, a daughter, Carol Lynette, on September 5.

to Bernard and Helen (Becker) Highland of Illinois, a daughter, Linda Pontiac, II August 27. Kaye, on

—to Rev. J. Calvin and Judy (Knudson) Mulder of Bushnell, Illinois, a daughter, Tonja Alisa, on August 27.

—to David and Linda (Fleshman) Moore of Metropolis, Illinois, a daughter, Dalinda Dawn, оп August 23.

— to Allen and Gioria (Yoder) Sprunger of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Janice Ranae, on August 19.

- - to Roger and Marlene Hayes of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, David Kent, on August 20.

--to James and Joan (Mumau) Tripp of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Jeffrey Lee, on July 19. ADOPTED

—by Lewis and Loraine Granger of Linden, Michigan, a baby boy, Benjamin Duane, on August 15; he was born June 27 of this year. SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

--by a Christian mother in Indiana for her son. who needs work very badly, but even more he needs

God in salvation;
—by a Nazarene reader in Kentucky that she may continue to live for God, also for healing of her

a Nazarene reader in Washington that she —by a Nazarene reader in Washington that she may always be in the center of God's will, also a special unspoken request that everything will work out for the best of all concerned;
—by a young man in Illinois, feels God is calling him to be a minister, and soon to be married—he want's God's special direction in all things.

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Crime at Record Pace, Says Hoover

Washington, D.C. (EP)—Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has warned that this may be the worst year for crime in the nation's history.

If the crime rate in the United States continues during the second half of 1962 at the level of the first six months, it will eclipse the unfortunate record of 1961—the worst in history from the standpoint of both adult crime and juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Hoover made public preliminary statistics for the first half of 1962 showing that the crime rate increased 3 per cent during that period over the com-

parable rate in 1961.

Crimes against the person showed a particular increase in the first six months of this year, the FBI chief said, with aggravated assaults increasing 6 per cent, murder 4 per cent, and forcible rape 3 per cent. Crimes of violence rose 7 per cent in cities over 100,000 population, he warned.

Crimes against property also increased, with automobile thefts up 6

per cent.

Although the crime rate is much higher in big cities than in small communities, the greatest increase—6 per cent—occurred in cities between 10,000 and 25,000 population.

Spiritual Dimension in Healing

PHILADELPHIA, PA. (EP)—Dr. William Standish Reed, forty-year-old surgeon from Henderson. Texas, said at the Seventh Internation Conference on Spiritual Healing that the medical profession must recognize the spiritual dimension in healing. "If you take the soul out of medicine," the doctor declared, "we physicians might as well be veterinarians."

Missionary Church Association Votes Merger Approval

FORT WAYNE, IND. (MNS)—The Missionary Church Association has voted to approve a proposed merger with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, it was announced following a meeting of the Association's General Conference here. The plan must be endorsed by a two-thirds vote of member churches before the union becomes effective. The Christian and Missionary Alliance approved the merger at its General Council meeting at Miami in May, subject to ratification by the 1963 Council.

The Association has 54 missionaries and the Alliance, 860. The new group will be known as the Missionary Al-

liance.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Legal action is pending against Jesuit priests who led a mob attack on Assemblies of God missionaries and believers in Carmo do Rio Claro. Brazil, according to reports



Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

How does a pastor keep from getting involved in running a taxi service? Is there a gracious way of escaping this situation, especially where it was started by former pastors? The demands are so great in one pastorate that the pastor's family has to dip into their grocery allowance in order to meet the gasoline bills.

That you, as a layman, are concerned about the matter is the first step toward a solution. Because a pastor does not punch a time clock, and often is not very successful in maintaining regular office or study hours, it is all too easy to exploit his desire to serve with improper demands on his time and car.

I think the answer lies in the hands of the church people. One church board frankly told its pastor, "We don't want you to do anything we can do." If this spirit could prevail throughout the church, cases of genuine need in the congregation would be cared for by the church people themselves in the spirit of Christian service.

Let's face it: God calls men to preach the gospel; some churches call them to do everything else but. We'll never really reach the measure God has for us until we operate in the spirit and according to the plan of Acts 6:2-3: "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business."

Would you please reconcile or associate the verses in the Bible that say, "We are not under the law, but under grace," "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, . . . but to fulfil," "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth," "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ"? What part of the Mosaic law has been done away with?

The problem is that the term "law" means different things, according to the context in which it is used. For example, the New Testament speaks of the law as the whole of the Old Testament teachings concerning God and His right-cousness. In this sense, Jesus came not to destroy but to fulfill the law, and the law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. The law in this sense, said Paul, "is holy, . . . and just, and good" (Romans 7:12).

But again, the term law is used in the narrow sense of the sacrifices and ceremonies on which the people had

come to depend for their salvation. In this sense we are not under the law, but under grace; and Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to them that believe.

To me, the great word of the New Testament on this subject is found in Romans 8:3-4: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Where will the Great White Throne Judgment take place? Will it be in heaven, or on earth, or where will it be? And how long will it take God to judge all the people?

The whole of our information on this subject is contained in Revelation 20: 11–21:5. From what is there said, the judgment of the great white throne will take place after the first heaven and the first earth are replaced by "a new heaven and a new earth." Since all this will occur after the sounding of the seventh trumpet, when there shall be time no longer (Revelation 10:6-7), the question

"How long?" or "How quickly?" really has no meaning.

But let no uncertainty as to time or place lessen the absolute certainty of the event itself. "God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14). "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrew 9:27).

from missionaries in the area.

While laying the cornerstone for a new church, Assemblies of God believers were attacked by a mob of approximately two thousand people led by five Jesuit priests. The believers were mauled and many injured, including Rev. John Lemos, director of a Bible Institute near Sao Paulo, and six national pastors.



I Know Christ Lives Today!



I HAVE NEVER SEEN a sea calmed in an instant, nor five thousand men fed from a basket—but I know the same Christ is alive today.

I know because I once saw someone give a weary housewife a cup of

water to drink. It was not beside a well, and the woman was probably not so sinful. But there it was, cool and refreshing.

And not too long ago I saw someone look out over a city and shed tears for its waywardness. The city was not Jerusalem, but the sins were the same—and it was night.

And more recently I met a stranger walking along a dusty road. He had come just to talk to me about my soul and to tell me about heaven.

And just now I overheard someone praying for his enemies; and in his prayer he said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."

That's how I know Christ lives today.—C. B. Mc-Caull, Adrian, Missouri.

Influenced by the Unusual



WHAT is the unusual? The unusual can best be explained by relating a series of events with which I am familiar.

I know a man who was raised a Catholic. His childhood ambition was to become an altar boy in the Catholic church. This man is now

a minister in the Church of the Nazarene. Isn't this unusual?

A lady whom I know was raised in a German Protestant church. In this church the men wore beards and the ladies wore little white bonnets. In the worship services, ladies were required to remain silent. This lady married the Nazarene minister mentioned above. Isn't this unusual?

Approximately three years ago I saw this same lady take the platform to testify before hundreds of people at the Nazarene campgrounds at Indian Lake, near Vicksburg, Michigan. The substance of her testimony was this:

"Until now, I have often wanted to give to missions but felt that I had so very little to give. I no longer have that feeling. The missionaries whom you are honoring in this service tonight, prior to their leaving for a foreign field, are my son and his family." (Shouts of joy and satisfaction—yet tears of sadness.)

Wasn't this unusual?

I am also acquainted with the missionary family mentioned. The husband received his master's degree from the University of Michigan, and was principal of an elementary school in Saginaw, Michigan. His wife, also a college graduate, was teaching school. Their income was more than satisfactory. However, a future in education was turned down so that they could accept the appointment by the Church of the Nazarene as missionaries. Isn't this unusual?

Why am I so familiar with the people and events related above. The minister and wife are my parents. The missionaries are my brother and his family.

My love for Christ, the Church of the Nazarene, and the people in the church are closely related. I have felt Christ in the church; I have seen Christ in the people of the church. I love both Christ and the church. I should like to express my feelings by use of the paraphrase, "I love the church, not only for what it is, but for what I am because of being a part of it."—Leonard I. Wilson, Layman, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Look Up!



WHY seekest thou rest when thou art born to labour?" This question by Thomas a Kempis is important for the present time. In such an hour as this the Church could either fall into a deadly lethargy or provide the thrust for God that can be

felt around the world. If we do seek rest, it may be because we do not hear the Master calling. It may be because we do not see the fields of harvest.

This was true in at least one instance in the lives of the disciples. John 4:31 shows them urging Jesus to eat and rest from the strain of the day. His reply burned deep, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me" (v. 34). To know the reason God sent Christ to earth is to know that His will is the saving of souls. Jesus cared more about souls than about His own welfare.

At that moment He gave the disciples a living challenge: "Lift up your eyes, . . ." (v. 35). No time for rest! If "Evangelism First" is to be more than a slogan, we must re-evaluate our relationship to God. Is our experience vibrant? Christ was trying to tell His followers that souls were more important than security. If they would only "lift up" their eyes and see the fields, evangelism would mean more than food or lodging; yea, more than life itself. It would become an incessant compulsion.

"Lift up your eyes," is a statement of commission for us. Of course, the grand finale to the Gospels is the statement, "Go ye into all the world" (Mark 16:15); but Christ has to teach us first to see the harvest fields before we can properly accept the commission He is giving. Lift your eyes from the dust of the earth and gaze at the ripened fields so white. What a sight!—Clayton Bonar, Pastor, Canyon Hill Church, Caldwell, Idaho.

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