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Isaiah 25:8

I ATTENDED a funeral service recently. As I write this, the memory of it is vivid in my mind.

There was sorrow there. Loved ones were grieving over the passing of this one so dear to them. Sympathy was reflected on the faces of those who came to pay their respects to the family and the one whose body lay among the flowers. All were subdued in the presence of death.

But there was an awareness there of the presence of God. The one who had passed away was a faithful Christian. This was not an hour abandoned by God. The mourners did not sit alone. Tinged by the sadness of the parting, peace and faith were dominant in that beautiful auditorium. This was not defeat.

This funeral brought us near to eternity. The values that are eternal stood out there. We would all be a bit better for coming to this so common, yet so awesome, an event. We were all aware that we were traveling along the path that our departed friend and loved one had walked.

The soft music throbbed its message of hope and victory and heaven to our sore spirits, and it had healing in its beauty.

The man of God spoke with firm tones. He had certainty in His message. The words were backed by the centuries past, based upon the revelation of God through Christ. That truth in the atmosphere and setting was good to hear. I saw the faces of the mourners lightened by hearing. Their faith made easier their sorrow.

The path they would walk from this day onward would bring them nearer to the glad hour when they would clasp the departed one in their arms again.

Life had purpose. The transient would fade but that which they would need—really need—they would always have.

So the Church, God, faith, salvation were on the throne above death, after all, at that service.

Death is only the servant of the man who marches into eternity.

As we were dismissed we were content to follow in God's path of peace. □



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■ **By Ross W. Hayslip**
Tucson, Ariz.

"DON'T SHOP TOO LONG!"

WHEN the visitor to the services identifies himself as a new resident of the city and then tells the pastor, "I'm going to shop around awhile before I decide on a church home," it usually means one of two purposes in the mind of the shopper.

Hopefully the individual desires to be in the will of the Lord in the relocation of his church affiliation. He is sincerely seeking a place where he can be of greatest service to his God and the church.

If this be the case he will carefully survey the needs that seem apparent in the congregation of each church that he visits. Could his voice add to the ministry of the choir? Is there a class of junior boys or girls that needs a teacher? Does the smallness of the size of the congregation challenge him to see if a visitation program, maybe with only one person participating at first, might add to their numbers?

Of course all congregations have many needs, but somewhere God has a place of service for every layman. If the church shopper is earnestly seeking this spot, the Holy Spirit will lead him to it. If it takes shopping to find it—then more power to him.

I am concerned about the person who is looking for the church that can provide the most for him.

He likes the lovely sanctuary because he is a lover of nice things, or he seeks the older one to escape a building payment obligation.

He likes the larger church because there are more

people to carry the load, and the individual demands upon him will be less; or perhaps he likes the smaller one because he feels that he can rise to a place of prominence very quickly.

He wants a church with a youth program as long as he need not be personally involved in its operation, or he prefers one without too many young folks in order that he may have a proper environment in which to continue his criticism of this "rebellious 'now' generation."

Never does he ask, "What can I do for the church?" His attitude is reflected in the spirit of "What does your church offer to me?"

My years of experience as a pastor have taught me to try to display patient love toward the "shopper" who visits my church. I tell him of the other five churches of our denomination in our city and seek to point out a good feature of each one and say a kind word about each of my fellow pastors.

I want him to be happy in whichever church he chooses, and it ill behooves me to dangle special inducements before him to get him to arrive at a sudden choice to make our church his home.

If he is the kind of member that we need and God wants him with us, He will lead him to us. Otherwise God may have designs for him in another congregation.

My only advice to him is, "All of our congregations are working at a task too big for them. Don't shop too long!" □

■ By Doris Najarian

Jerusalem, Israel

"The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel" (Psalms 128:5-6).

God's Timely Assurance



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THE nurse woke me up at dawn on June 5, 1969. It was the second anniversary of the Six-Day War and I was scheduled to undergo my second major surgery on my left elbow.

As I lay on my bed in the Shawnee Mission Hospital in Kansas, I could very vividly recall the terrible experience in Jerusalem 15 months previously when I tripped and fell, shattering my left elbow. At that time I underwent my first major surgery on my elbow, which had lasted four and a half hours.

Two months later, as we were getting ready to leave on our first furlough in eight years, I was advised to contact an expert orthopedic surgeon in the States to have my elbow checked again.

Two of the best orthopedic surgeons in the Kansas City area were recommended. Finally, it was decided to make the necessary arrangements to have my left elbow replaced with a special custom-made elbow made of a new alloy called vitallium.

God's grace was sufficient. While the custom-made elbow was being constructed, in spite of the growing constant pain in my left elbow and arm, my husband and I continued our deputation ministry

in the United States and Canada, traveling over 76,000 miles and sharing with over 85,000 people God's miraculous undertakings which we had been privileged to witness in the Middle East.

As these thoughts were going through my mind, the nurse returned with a hypodermic needle and informed me very pleasantly that within an hour I would feel very good and would not know anything.

As soon as the nurse had left, I felt a strong urge to open my Bible and commune with the Lord before losing consciousness. Immediately I opened my Bible at random and my eyes fell on Psalms 128.

As I began reading I could feel the presence of One who has been so real to me since I first met Him at the St. Clair Church of the Nazarene in Toronto, Canada, back in 1946. I knew God was assuring me through His precious Word: "It shall be well with thee . . . The Lord shall bless thee out of Zion: and



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thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel."

My mind raced to Jacksonville, Fla., where we were pastoring in 1959 when God assured us of our call for missionary service even before we were called to meet the Department of World Missions. At that time we did not know that our service would first lead us to Lebanon and then to Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

But God, who knows best and does all things well, assured us through His Word: "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee" (Isaiah 60:13). And, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem" (Isaiah 66:13).

With these promises running through my mind over and over again I dozed off into unconsciousness, feeling greatly relaxed with the assurance that all would be well, as God had work for me to do yet in Jerusalem and the Holy Land.

After I regained consciousness I was informed that the surgery had gone well, but it would take some time before we would know the full extent of its success.

Three months later we were back in Jerusalem. We began our second term of service in this strategic area, encouraged with the timely assurance of God's guidance and help during the decisive days ahead, for "in times like these . . . *God is able.*" □



A Faithful Pilot

Though the storm around me rages,
And Satan tempts me sore,
I will place my hope in Jesus.
He will keep me evermore.

Need I fear when He's my Pilot?
Need I quail when billows roll?
He's the Master of the tempest.
He's the Hope of every soul.

Then I'll place my trust in Jesus,
Until this brief life is past.
We will sail to that fair harbor,
To my heavenly home at last.

Bonny McLain

St. Albans, W. Va.



Pen Points

Erosion

HE WHO thoughtfully crosses America is troubled by the waste of our land by erosion. Wind and water have been allowed to peel the good topsoil from the face of many fields leaving barren, fruitless acres. Vast areas which once produced food and fibre are now plundered by the elements.

Men who once scratched a living from those fields were content to take from the soil all they could get without putting back anything to preserve its fertility. The valuable topsoil, produced by centuries of vegetation, is now piled in dunes by vagrant winds or carried to riverbeds by rampant rains.

Erosion does not change soil nor destroy it. It simply rearranges it, making it unavailable for our use. It takes the best portion of the field away from us while allowing us to keep the deed to the land. It results when shortsighted men loosen the soil without protecting it from vandal winds, or till it without defending it against gully-washing rains.

Men, like fields, can be impoverished by erosion. They are not bad men but they once were valuable good men. Today they produce little because they were poor stewards of their once bright talents.

They tried to do good, to produce, and to bless others without tending well their own souls. They gave without replenishing and worked without worshiping. They prayed for others without praying for themselves. They still belong to God, but the flowering beauty of their lives is diminished. The song, the beauty, the adventure are not what they used to be.

Where once these Christians produced abundantly, there remains now only a dismal struggle to endure the wind and rain. Slowly their love has been blown thin by the winds of haste.

Their mercy is tarnished by resentments, hope is dimmed by disillusionments, and zeal is abated by weariness. Their purpose rusts like a worn-out plow in the fence corner. Their once clear path of truth is confused and lost in the shifting sands.

Once the signature of God upon their lives was clear and bright but now it is blurred by their own poor stewardship. Erosion, erosion, erosion, how stealthily it comes, how subtly it works, and how devastating are its footprints!—MILO L. ARNOLD, *Colorado Springs.*

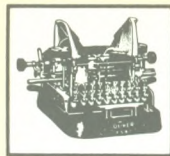
Worship is never wearisome when we are "alive to God," in whose presence life is never stale nor stagnant. Lord, fill us up so that we will never be "fed up."

John Hancock



50 YEARS

AGO . . .



In the
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of Holiness

Top row, left to right: Edw. Heath, Alta Fisher, Mrs. Edwards, Juanita Burge, Julius Miller, pastor. Middle row: Mrs. Boyd, Bessie Heath, Mrs. Morris, Leota Trimmer, Nellie Furness, Mrs. Miller, leader. Bottom row: Caroline Burge, Genola Burge, Josephine Miller, mascot, Evelyn Scamahorn, Mrs. Alice Smith.

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A layman's look at a divine miracle

"She Shall Be Made Whole"

VALENTINE'S DAY, 1970, will long be remembered as more than just a day of hearts and flowers by the Rev. Vernon C. Morse family of Pawtucket, R.I.

The "first lady" of the Nazarene parsonage—Mrs. JoAnn Morse—was spending five days with her husband and three daughters, her longest stay at home since being stricken ill nearly one year earlier.

On Friday, March 7, 1969, Mrs. Morse fulfilled as usual her week's tour of duty as a third grade teacher at an elementary school in a nearby town.

The next morning she was rushed to a Providence, R.I., hospital, her body totally paralyzed by a massive virus attack upon the nervous system, a disease technically diagnosed as *Guilain-Barre syndrome*.

Thus began a four-month period in which Mrs. Morse—her life completely in the hands of God—lay in the hospital's intensive-care unit—speechless, sightless, and without hearing. She contracted pneumonia three times, underwent a tracheotomy operation, and faded to a 90-pound shadow of her former self.

To compound this delicate situation the doctors acknowledged this was the first case of its kind to be treated at the hospital. They frankly

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Seekonk, Mass.

admitted it would take a divine miracle to keep her alive.

The outlook indeed seemed hopeless. But during those four long months of uncertainty, God revealed that there was a way still open—PRAYER At the home church, around the community, throughout the New England District, and beyond, faithful, untiring prayer warriors stormed the gates of heaven with petitions for her recovery.

With Mrs. Morse hospitalized, a strange, unprecedented loneliness enveloped the parsonage. For her husband it meant adjusting to a new way

of life without a helpmate. For the children—Linda, 14; Karen, 10; and JoLynn, six—it meant, above all, a home without a mother.

At the outset of his wife's illness, Pastor Morse claimed Luke 8:50—"Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole." It was to become his mainstay throughout the entire ordeal.

Returning one evening from the hospital, exhausted in body and broken in spirit, Pastor Morse went immediately to his bedside for a much needed season of prayer. In a matter of moments God broke through the clouds of despair and showered him with the blessed assurance his wife would be made whole.

Mrs. Morse missed the beauty of spring that year, but by the middle of June, with the advent of summer only days away, God produced some visible answers to prayer.

She regained her voice and her sight was partially restored. Her will to live—subordinate only to the greater will of the Father—was once more ignited by the spark of old-fashioned grit and resolve.

By July it became apparent Mrs. Morse would have to be moved to another hospital because the specialized type of therapy required to adequately restore her to health was not available in the Providence area. On



July 8 she was transferred to Wallingford, Conn., a distance of over 100 miles.

Frustrations multiplied for both Mrs. Morse and her husband, because the pattern of what had become three-a-day visits was abruptly changed to an average of three trips per week.

Because of recurring complications, Mrs. Morse, on five separate occasions, was sent 25 miles further away to a New Haven, Conn., hospital for emergency treatment.

My wife and I visited with Mrs. Morse one day in mid-October. When my wife saw her she remarked, "Mrs. Morse hasn't changed a bit." Other than requiring the assistance of a wheelchair, and maintaining (for therapeutic objectives) her subnormal weight, there was every indication God was effecting a steady and sure recovery.

Mrs. Morse came home for the first time to spend two days with her family at Christmas. It was her second visit to the parsonage which occurred over the Valentine's Day weekend. At Easter, she was able not only to enjoy a third trip to Pawtucket but attended the Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service as well as the services on Easter Sunday. It was her first church attendance in more than a year.

On March 3 of this year, Mrs. Morse underwent an operation for plastic surgery relative to the closing of her tracheotomy incision. As of this writing, she still must accept many months of exhaustive therapy and at least a year of absolute rest. Also the final phase of this divine miracle has yet to happen—that she shall walk again.

The gap, however, is closing fast. Coordination and balance are excellent as each day with the aid of a walker her total steps increase.

On June 26, Mrs. Morse was dismissed from Gaylord Hospital. It was truly a red-letter day, a time for unequalled rejoicing, as a wife and mother returned to assume a role so abruptly terminated 16 months earlier—that of overseeing the activities at the parsonage.

JoAnn Morse is a living testimony that the age of miracles has not passed. This experience in her life is positive proof God is not dead, that the Great Physician is still the Master of the healing arts.

Only eternity will reveal how widespread has been the influence of her illness upon the lives of individuals. Perhaps not until then will the purpose of her affliction be made known. □



Faith at Home

The Master Craftsman

HOW can you compare anything in this experience to religion, Mom?" Susan's voice was *almost* as skeptical as my expression the day those unfinished chairs arrived.

While ordering them, I'd mentally pictured the ladder-backs in living color—completed and necklacing our dining room table.

Then they came. Reality took hold.

"You don't know anything about finishing wood," my husband pointed out. "And I don't either," he added.

We stared dejectedly at my "bargain" assortment of bland white slats and rungs.

For days our living room was covered wall to wall with do-it-yourself books. My mind became equally cluttered with authors' (sometimes conflicting) methods.

Finally though, sandpaper in hand, I was prepared to start.

Eight chairs and 10 sore fingers later, I was ready to stain.

Two chairs and one brown-splotched dress later, I was ready to quit. Something was decidedly wrong!

The stain was too transparent; the absorption irregular—dark here, hardly at all there . . .

Desperate experimenting at last produced a richer tone shading the wood evenly, perfectly.

However, any joy I felt was soon shattered.

Where is that soft luster they're supposed to have? I wondered, when my final step, the hand-buffed oil finish, remained dull and lifeless.

Thoroughly baffled, I wrote to the product's manufacturer and waited. . . .

At last, my answer came. I'd just misunderstood the original directions. Now I got lovely results easily.

All at once, the similarity of this episode to our spiritual lives struck me.

When we accept Christ, we become painfully aware of our crude, unfinished characters. We find ourselves without personal know-how in bringing out the highest quality and deepest beauty possible.

Yearning to be less mistake-prone, more love-filled, we search for answers—from the Scriptures, our minister, or possibly more mature Christians.

Even so, we can end up stymied, because we've misinterpreted advice received.

Then we muddle around trying to solve sticky problems on our own. When will we learn? Why do we forget?

Our Maker can unfailingly smooth out any rough spots, fill imperfections with His grace, blend flaws into traits pleasing to Him. We have simply to ask.

It's unimportant if fellowmen brand you and me hopeless wrecks. God sees the fine, useful souls we can become.

In His eyes, we are worth salvaging. In His hands, we become more than we dreamed possible.

Amazing, isn't it?



By **Rosemary Lee**
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WE WATCHED and listened as newscasters relayed information on the homeward progress of the damaged "Apollo 13" spaceship. The whole world kept a prayerful vigil for the safe return of the three astronauts.

During all of the voyage, the newsmen repeated over and over the importance of one system aboard the ship. This system was known as the "life support system" and it consisted of the oxygen, water, and electrical power. These three items were both separately and collectively necessary to maintain life in the hostile environment of space.

The "life support system" was essential to the survival of the crew. In the unfriendly surroundings of space the first and foremost task was to maintain the vital life-supporting system.

There are some interesting characteristics of the life support system.

First, it is designed and built to support life in a hostile environment.

Second, it must come from outside the hostile environment.

Third, there must be close cooperation and communication between those who receive its benefits

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Reading, Mass.



The Spiritual Life Support System

Photo by NASA

and the administrator and director who oversees and controls its function.

While we listened to the news and read of the events, God began to reveal a spiritual allegory. There are similarities to the Christian life, and important ones. There is a life support system just as essential to our Christian welfare as to the safety of the crew of "Apollo 13."

No one will doubt that Christians are in a hostile environment. Jesus confirmed this truth in His high-priestly prayer in John 17 when He said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." In fact, He said, the world would hate His followers for this very reason (v. 14). Peter calls the early Christians "strangers and pilgrims" In I Peter 2:11. It is safe to say the world is as hostile towards Christians as space environment is to the astronauts.

This fact being true, then the Christian is as much in need of a life support system as the astronaut. This life support system must come from outside our unfriendly, worldly atmosphere. Peter warns that men, especially in the last days, shall be scoffers and mockers of God (II Peter 3:3). It would be disastrous to allow any of this foreign worldly environment into our spiritual life support system.

Our spiritual life support system originates with Jesus, well away from the contamination of evil and sin. But the problem arises in getting the life-supporting necessities from the Source to the ultimate user.

This takes power. Much of the power of the giant "Saturn 5" rocket is used to boost the life support system into space, as well as the astronauts.

The Christian has ample power at his disposal. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The Holy Spirit is the Administrator and Director of all the power necessary to maintain a spiritual life support system in these perilous times.

Satan knows this better than anyone and will do his best to snarl, to clog, and to block our source of spiritual power. If he is successful we will float into a spiritually meaningless life which eventually ends in hell.

Notice what close contact the astronauts maintain with NASA headquarters at Houston—requests for help coming down, information and instructions going up—a constant communication.

The Christian must have no less contact with the Source of his spiritual life support system. To panic in a spiritual emergency would be just as fatal as a panic in "Apollo 13" would have proved fatal. By contrast, notice how calm and level-headed the astronauts were in the face of calamity.

While Paul was not an astronaut, we could apply his words when our spiritual life support system is being threatened by the forces of evil: "But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (I Corinthians 10:13). □

All That I Was . . . All That I Am

All that I was—my sin, my guilt,
My death—was all my own;
All that I am, I owe to Thee,
My gracious God, alone.
The evil of my former state
Was mine, and only mine;
The good in which I now rejoice
Is Thine, and only Thine.
The darkness of my former state,
The bondage, all was mine;
The light of life in which I walk,
The liberty, is Thine.
Thy grace first made me feel my sin;
It taught me to believe.
Then, in believing, peace I found,
And now I live, I live.
All that I am, e'en here on earth,
All that I hope to be
When Jesus comes and glory dawns,
I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

—Horatius Bonar.

Reprint from the *Alliance Witness*

■ By C. Neil Strait
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Broken Hearts Are Present

WILLIAM BARCLAY has said of public worship: "Whoever else will be at service, there will be someone with a broken heart."

Broken hearts are all around us. And they make their way to worship. They come to seek comfort, for their hurt is deep. They come to seek help, for their brokenness is real. They come to seek direction, for they are perplexed.

But what do the "broken hearts" have to do with the average churchgoer? A lot.

We are responsible for maintaining the atmosphere of spiritual warmth that allows comfort to flow unabated to broken hearts.

We are responsible to share ourselves in the midst of the worship experience, to make the church and its ministry an instrument of help.

We are responsible for the sharing of the good news with others, a sharing that gives direction and encouragement.

May we, the next time we worship, ask ourselves if there are any broken hearts around us. It could make us more conscious of our part in the moment of worship. And when we become instruments of healing, we are healed also! □

Editorially Speaking

By W. T. PURKISER

The Way They Take It

It is not what happens to them but the way they take it that marks the difference between the Christian and his unconverted neighbor.

Jesus told us that God makes His sun to shine and His rain to fall on just and unjust alike. All share the blessings of nature and the common environment. And by the same token, all share its liabilities.

Sometimes there is too much sun, and drouth results. Sometimes there is too much rain, and the floods come. And in either case, the just are included along with the unjust.

Sorrow, bereavement, disappointment, betrayal, sickness, and pain come to all alike in the human family. To suppose that the wicked always suffer and the righteous always prosper is a heresy as old as the "comforters" of Job 2,000 or more years before Christ. But heresy it is.

This does not mean that it does not "pay" to be a Christian and to live aright. The way of the transgressor is hard. The only point is that the "pay" is not always in terms of dollars and cents or other tangible benefits, and the hardness of the transgressor's way does not always become apparent until he has gone too far to turn back.

The real difference between people is not what happens to them. It is in the way they take it, and what it does to them.

Examples of the difference are all about us. Two men were crucified with Jesus, one on His right hand and one on His left. There was no distinction in the fate to which both came. But one died with a curse on his lips and bitterness in his heart. The other died with a prayer on his lips, and hope in his heart.

Business failure may come to two men in the same line of work. One becomes cynical and hard. The other seeks to learn from his failure and gets up to try again.

The sharp sword of physical pain may pierce the bodies of two women. One turns to complaining and self-pity, suffers more terribly, and shrivels in spirit. The other gains an inner radiance and grows in patience and strength of soul.

WHAT GOD DOES NOT SEND, He can use. Why we suffer may always be beyond our understanding. How we suffer is, by the grace of God, within our power to decide.

Evelyn Underhill once put it into simple terms: "All he asks us to do is to weave up all he gives us,

however odd it looks, into the fabric of our lives . . . not to puff us up . . . but to bring us nearer to what he wants and intends. Often his great works are done through those who are in the dark themselves."

Paul's letter to the Philippians breathes serenity and joy that are hard to capture in words other than those the apostle himself used. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Who would ever guess that such words were written by one looking into the very jaws of death itself, whose life on earth was subject to the whim of the brutal and utterly unpredictable Nero?

But we can't honestly face life like this until we have come to the place to which Paul came when he said, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ." Only then is it true that "to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

It wasn't a philosophy of life that made the difference with Paul. It was the presence of One who was in himself "the way, the truth, and the life."

We cannot know what tomorrow will bring to us. What we can know is that God has more solutions than life has problems. And in the grace that brings such knowledge are courage, and faith, and hope. □

Peter's Last Words

The last words of great men have a certain fascination for most of us. While the joker laughs about "famous last words," we still have the lingering feeling that the last words a person speaks or writes—particularly when he is fully conscious—are of special importance.

The Apostle Peter is no exception. His first words recorded in the New Testament were, "Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net" (Luke 5:5).

Peter's last words, the closing lines of his second letter, were, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him

be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (II Peter 3:18).

Between these two sayings were some of the most striking events of the New Testament.

Peter had been among the first to follow Jesus as His disciple. He had been chosen as one of the first three in the apostolic group. He had been the first to make the unqualified statement that Jesus was the Messiah, long promised and long awaited by the people of God.

Peter had been the first to push his way into the empty tomb of the risen Redeemer. He had been the spokesman for the Church on the Day of Pentecost. While not in any sense a "pope" in terms of the later use of that term, Peter had been truly outstanding among the followers of the Saviour.

Peter's last letter is a clear statement of the fundamentals of the Christian faith—the grace and peace that come through Christ, cleansing from the corruption that is in the world through lust, the truth and dependability of the Word of God, the peril of error, the great hope of the coming day of the Lord.

But the thought with which Peter closes is concerned with the Christian's never ending challenge to be a growing person. Having laid the foundation of faith, and having begun to add virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love (II Peter 1:5-7), we are to continue to grow in grace and knowledge.

THERE IS NO NEGLECT on Peter's part of the importance of the crisis experiences of God's grace. He never got over the effects of his first meeting with the Master and the decisive choice to which it led. He lived in the light of the baptism with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

But Peter saw clearly that laying the foundation is not the same as building the house. He saw that

forgiveness and sanctification are not the end, but the beginning of a growing and dedicated life. He remembered what we sometimes seem to forget—that holiness is a way to be travelled, a life to be lived, a mission to be accomplished.

And Peter saw clearly that the Christian's growth depends on two factors. It is growth in grace. And it is growth in knowledge. Both are essential.

Some have thought to grow in grace without growing in knowledge and have become fanatics, unguided missiles blundering along through life. Others have increased in knowledge without growing in grace and have become formal, empty, hollow men who are all head and no heart, all brain and no brawn.

The order with grace first and knowledge following is exactly right. Grace precedes knowledge and gives it direction and life. "Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," said John (1:17).

Grace is sheer gift. There is no earning attached to it. Someone has defined it in terms of an acrostic:

God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense.

It is grace that imparts the "divine nature" (II Peter 1:4). Godliness does not make people into little gods. It is the result of a relationship to God. To see this is to be saved from self-righteousness, from the idea that some sort of intrinsic worth results in moral superiority.

BUT AS GRACE is God's initiative, the knowledge of Christ is our response. Knowledge does not come by exposure. It is the individual's grasp of the truth offered to him.

Growth demands not only grace but gumption. And grace and gumption must be mixed in the right proportions. To have more grace than gumption is futility. To have more gumption than grace is frustration.

But the knowledge that contributes to spiritual growth is a special sort. It is "the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

To know Jesus Christ as Lord is to find in Him the ultimate authority for life. The Great Commission is not just a call to make converts. It is a call to make disciples—adherents who will be taught to observe all that Christ commanded.

To know Jesus Christ as Saviour is to find in Him the answer to our hearts' deepest probings, the satisfaction of our deepest needs.

If we knew Him as Lord alone, we should be left in despair, for no man unaided can keep His commands. But He is Saviour as well as Lord, and in His salvation is His enabling.

Peter's last words are words for us in times when so few seem to mature in Christian grace and character. If we will hear and heed them, we may indeed "grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15). □



I'll Claim the Prize Divine!

Though "sorrows crowd around my head
Like bees around a hive,"
I pray my soul shall stand erect
As long as I'm alive.

Though health may fail and sight grow dim,
And weakness lay me low,
I pray that faith within my heart
Shall ever brighter grow!

This earthly course may seem severe,
But, with His hand in mine,
I cannot fail to win the race
And claim the prize divine!

Alice Hansche Mortenson
Racine, Wis.

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ACCOUNTS FROM ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES—DISTRICT REPORTS

DAKOTA

The second annual assembly of the Dakota District was held in Jamestown, N.D., with presiding General Superintendent George Coulter leading the meetings. He ordained three men—Wesley Bollman, Jerry Engle, and Roger Fromm.

District Superintendent J. Wilmer Lambert reported \$389,462 raised for all purposes, representing an increase of \$41,825 over the previous year. The district gave \$33,690 to world missions, \$5,622 to NMBF, and \$5,461 to education. He said 88 members were received by profession of faith during the year.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) R. W. Carpenter and James Ranum; (laymen) Virgil Arndts and Norman Holmes.

Mrs. J. Wilmer Lambert was reelected to head the NWMS and Rev. Harold W. Carrison was reelected president of the NYPS. Rev. R. W. Carpenter was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

UPSTATE NEW YORK

Brooktondale Campgrounds, New York, was the meeting place for the thirty-third annual assembly of the Upstate New York District. General Superintendent Samuel Young presided over the meetings. He ordained Kenneth Hinman and Charles Wheeler.

According to the report of District Superintendent Jonathan T. Gassett, there was a total of \$879,772 paid for all purposes. The district gave 10 percent for world missions. There were 11 Evangelistic Honor Roll churches. A total of 241 members were received on profession of faith.

The assembly was highlighted with the visits of Dean Bertha Munro and Dr. Edward S. Mann.

The elections to the advisory board include (elders) Everett Kaufman and Jay Patton, (laymen) John Tice and John Christensen.

Reelected to their district posts were Mrs. Ruth Tyner, NWMS president; Rev. Raymond Sharpes, NYPS president; Rev. Everett Kaufman, chairman of church schools board. □

NORTHEASTERN INDIANA

The twenty-eighth annual assembly of the Northeastern Indiana District convened at the district campgrounds located two and one-half miles southeast of Marion, Ind.

Dr. Fletcher Spruce, completing his first year of an extended term as district superintendent, reported percentage gains as follows: 9 percent gain in total finances, reaching \$2,167, 227, and 13 percent increase in pastors' salaries. He said the district gave 11.3 percent for world missions.

Church membership stands at 9,655 for the district.

Presiding General Superintendent Edward Lawlor ordained Stephen Lee Manley, and recognized elder's orders of Charles E. Bertram and Robert A. Scheidly.

Elders elected to the advisory board were Walter B. Greek, Verdean F. Owens, and Harold E. Priddy.

Rev. Frank Garton was elected NYPS president. Mrs. Harold E. Priddy was reelected NWMS president. Rev. Verdean F. Owens was reelected chairman of the church schools board. □

NEBRASKA

Dr. Whitcomb Harding, completing his eighteenth year as district superintendent of the Nebraska District, reported to the fifty-eighth annual assembly of the Nebraska District held at Kearney, Neb.

Six churches made the Evangelistic Honor Roll and 26 churches were 10 percent in giving for missions. Four churches achieved both goals.

Special speaker was Dr. Curtis Smith. Many seekers found spiritual victory in the evangelistic services. Guest musicians for the assembly included the Colonial Quartet from Mid-America College, Olathe, Kans., and Jim Bohi, soloist.

Presiding General Superintendent George Coulter ordained Kenneth Crow. His assembly challenge was evangelism—winning sinners into a personal experience with God.

Those elected to the advisory board were (elders) Doug Clem, Edward Johnson, and Rudy Beaver.

Reelected to head the NWMS was Mrs. Ruth Beaver. Rev. J. Robert Meade was elected NYPS president. Rev. William S. Pirtle was elected chairman of the church schools board. □

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO

The eleventh annual assembly of the Southwestern Ohio District met at Middletown, Ohio, July 1 and 2, with Dr. Orville W. Jenkins as the presiding general superintendent. Dr. Jenkins ordained Nelson Allen and Danny Coomer.

District Superintendent M. E. Clay, completing the third of a four-year term, reported financial and membership gains during the past year. He reviewed the gains for the district over a 10-year period since the district was organized in 1960.

The district report showed 590 members received by profession of faith with a net increase of 226 members. Twenty churches achieved the Evangelistic Honor Roll and 46 gave 10 percent or more for world missions. Money raised for all purposes increased \$213,862 during the year with a total of \$1,932,991. The district gave over 10 percent for missions.

A district camp center is under consideration, and with an increased dis-

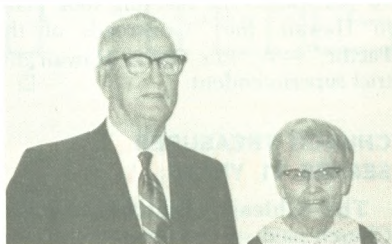
CHURCH HONORS SENIOR MEMBERS

LANCASTER (CALIF.) FIRST CHURCH recently hosted a dinner in honor of its members 80 years old and over. The pastor, Harold W. Beeson, and the people feel fortunate to have the influence of their senior members whose godly lives are an example of the beauty of holiness.

Three couples in the Lancaster congregation have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries.



Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller



Mr. and Mrs. Earl Yocom



Pictured from left to right are Lillian Fleming, Cora Cooper, Sadie Iler, Lena Jenks, Laura Rice; back row—Paul Mitchell, Tom Fleming.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wirick

tract center budget, the District Advisory Board was authorized to negotiate a purchase.

Elected to the advisory board were (elders) Luther Watson, Wesley Poole, and Wilbur Jackson; (laymen) Ralph Hodges, Wayne Gallup, and Marvin Beam. Mrs. M. E. Clay was reelected NWSM president. Rev. Gary Koch was reelected NYPS president. □

1,000th NTS GRAD IS MRS. EUNICE BRYANT

The one thousandth graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary, hooded and given a *magna cum laude* B.D. degree at graduation ceremonies May 12, was Mrs. Eunice Bryant, Nazarene missionary the past 20 years to Guatemala and El Salvador.

Mrs. Bryant, who holds an honors 1940 A.B. degree from Olivet Nazarene College (third in her class), graduated with the second highest honors among the 51 B.D. grads, having been awarded the dean's prize for the highest number of distinctions on her 15-hour comprehensive examination—and a special award, by vote of the faculty, for scholarship and citizenship.

Mrs. Bryant and her husband, Rev. Lawrence Bryant (B.D., NTS, 1949), are the parents of five children and the grandparents of three. Their daughter Marilyn, who was the first child born to a student-couple 25 years ago as the theological school was in its opening year, is the wife of an NTS senior at the present time. A son, Kenneth, teaches Spanish at Eastern Nazarene College.

What has NTS meant to its one thousandth graduate? She says: "Nazarene Theological Seminary has made

a tremendous contribution to my life and ministry. I have been especially privileged in the span of contacts which furlough studies here have provided.

"In 1948-49, I eagerly absorbed classes under Drs. S. S. White, L. A. Reed, Ralph Earle, and Mendell Taylor.

"As I scribbled notes in class and dug into collateral reading assignments, my Bible took on new and vital meaning, so that I went to Guatemala fired with a passion to share what seminary professors had helped me to discover.

"Almost daily during our first term on the mission field, I had opportunity for utilizing information which I had received in NTS. Methods, ideas, the spirit of our professors, the enthusiasm of fellow students, the contagion of the very atmosphere clung to my mind and heart. Seminary preparation made my missionary task a more meaningful one.

"By the time I returned to classes in 1960 and again in 1970, some of my classmates had become seminary professors. Now it was their turn to broaden my horizons.

"I have no way of adequately evaluating the personal impact nor the effect the seminary has exerted in my total ministry. It has given me assurance so that I can preach without apology, but at the same time it has snatched away dogmatic false security.

"The consistent Christian lives of our professors, their spirit of sacrifice, and their personal concern as they counsel with and pray for the students have set a standard of excellence which has served as a pattern for my own improvement.

"Daily fellowship with Christian students has provided new insights into the possibilities of Christian service. As I have shared concepts with them, their clear views have helped me revamp my own attitudes and become a more mature child of God.

"Seminary has helped me to shove my own spiritual roots deeper, to have a more adequate understanding of other persons and their needs, and to tackle my missionary assignment with refreshed joy. Freely I have received. I would share just as freely."—J. KENNETH GRIDER. □

A REPORT FROM "LA HORA NAZARENA"

"LA HORA NAZARENA" the Spanish-language broadcast, reaches out as an arm of evangelism. An inspiring letter recently received from a listener in Mexico states—

"Some time ago while listening to 'La Hora Nazarena' on my radio, I experienced a strange thing. I remember I wrote you, asking that you pray for me, and I even told you some of the things which I had gone through in years past.

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He continued, "All this is due to the fact that, with all my heart, I promised to receive Christ Jesus within my soul, recognizing Him as my only Saviour . . . only to Him does my soul belong.

"It is my desire to thank 'La Hora Nazarena' since it was the reason for



Bryant

my writing, and it brings me great happiness to listen to your program; I only ask Christ Jesus that he continue to help you to go forward with the sowing of the Gospel. . . ."—COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. □

STRANGE PATHS OF "GOD-LED" MEN!

In the spring of 1960 a young Methodist minister waited for a traffic light in a Pennsylvania town. He was attracted by the lights burning in the Church of the Nazarene.

Visiting the service, he found Rev. A. A. E. Berg, district superintendent of Australia, showing slides and giving his personal testimony.

"I was arrested and challenged at the dedication of this man and the strength he had shown," said Rev. William Goodman. "I was stirred and I wanted what this minister had and I wanted to be a part of the Church of the Nazarene.



Reunion: Goodman and Berg

"Though it took quite a bit of adjusting and praying, I finally received the Holy Spirit, entered the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and graduated in 1964."

After graduation Mr. Goodman pastored one year in Ogdensburg, N.Y., and in 1965 took a pastorate in Hawaii.

He served four years in Kailua and one year in Ewa Beach, completing now his five-year term.

Rev. A. A. E. Berg, district superintendent from Australia, is shown meeting Rev. William Goodman for the first time since that original encounter 10 years ago. The meeting took place in Hawaii, the "Crossroads of the Pacific."—W. LEE GANN, Hawaii, district superintendent. □

CHURCH TREASURER SERVES 41 YEARS

The Chicago Emerald Avenue Church paid special honor to its retiring church treasurer, Mr. Paul Geeding. Mr. Geeding is a charter member of the church, which was organized in 1926. He served as church treasurer 41 years.

The church honored Mr. Geeding with a surprise "This Is Your Life" program, a dinner, and a certificate of appreciation for his years of faithful stewardship.

Out-of-town guests were Rev. and Mrs. Harold Glaze from Hensley, Ark., and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Smith from Walbridge, Ohio. The wives of the guest ministers are Mr. Geeding's daughters.



Pictured is Pastor Paul Richardson presenting Mr. Geeding a certificate which indicates his years of service.



TWO NAZARENES recently attended "Decision" magazine's Christian School of Writing in Minneapolis. Pictured center are Mrs. Betty Martin, contributing writer for the "Herald" and pastor's wife from St. Paul Grace Church; and Tom Wilson, director of program and promotion for the Department of World Missions. Staff members pictured are Dr. Sherwood Wirt, editor of "Decision," on the left; and Joe Bayly, managing editor of the David C. Cook Publishing Company, right.

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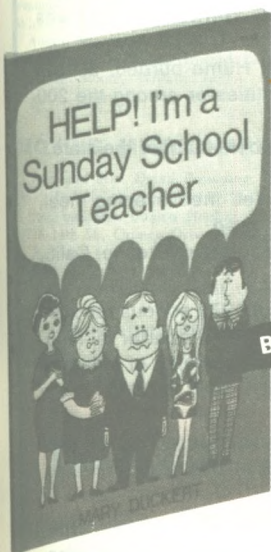
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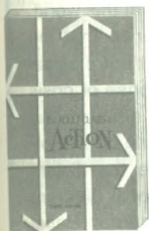
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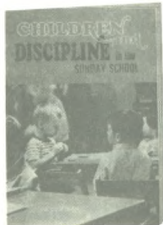
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TWO LAYMEN IN JACKSONVILLE CHURCH HONORED



Hyatt

MR. ELMER HYATT, 50, from the Jacksonville (Fla.) Central Church, recently graduated *cum laude* from Florida Junior College with a major in psychology and history. He attended school at night to continue his education. Hyatt is chairman of the board of trustees at his church, teacher of the "Pioneer" Class, and former Sunday school superintendent.

MR. JOHN WALKER was recipient of the "Dollar-a-Year" Award at Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, during the commencement exercises. The school received over \$1,000 contributions through contacts Mr. Walker made. He was also instrumental in getting his church to give \$1,000 to Trevecca during a special campaign to qualify for the President's Award. □



Walker

NEWS OF REVIVALS

SCORES OF PEOPLE SOUGHT THE LORD at a recent revival at the Trenton, Ohio, church. The singing

Speer Family of Nashville ministered to good crowds in every service.

Thursday night and Sunday night services were marked with a spontaneous moving of the people to the altar—replacing the preaching portions. In both services the long altar and the front seats were lined more than once with people finding spiritual help.

A. M. Wilson is pastor of the Trenton church. □

THE BRANDON, FLA., CHURCH saw young and old alike surrendering to God during a revival held the third week of June. Evangelist Ben F. Marlin of Orlando, Fla., preached during morning and evening meetings each day of the crusade. Mrs. Marlin engaged in child evangelism.

After nights of round-the-clock chain praying, 12 to 15 teens stood around the altar on Saturday night, lifted in spirit. A great breakthrough on Sunday morning continued into the midnight hours with reports of new victories being phoned to Pastor A. V. Bowden.

The revival report stated—"Bruised relationships in the home have been healed, family altars have been instituted, and a church has been revived. The backslidden have returned, believers have been sanctified. The Wednesday evening prayer meeting crowd doubled after the crusade, lending credibility to the better than 40 renewed commitments. We give God the thanks." □

IN A SPECIAL service, Rev. E. K. Richey, pastor of the Gahanna (Ohio) Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, was presented a check for \$2,500. The presentation was made by the church secretary, Mrs. Willard DeLong, on behalf of the congregation. It marked the occasion of Mr. Richey's twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of Shepherd Church. Approximately 500 attended the anniversary service. Guest speaker was General Superintendent Orville W. Jenkins. Standing left to right: Mr. Ralph Fenster, Sunday school superintendent; Rev. Richey, pastor; Mrs. Willard DeLong, church secretary; and Dr. Orville W. Jenkins.



Pro: Church Board Attendance

I am writing in regard to a question and your answer that appeared in the "Answer Corner" of the June 24 *Herald of Holiness*.

The question reads: "When nominating persons for the local church board, should consideration be given to a person's work schedule, which would not permit one to attend any of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings? How effective can a board member be if he can't attend the meetings, participate in the discussions, and vote on different matters?"

The problem we face is, too many of our people have the opinion that they are elected to the church board and when they have attended the meetings they have discharged their duty. . . .



NORMA ARMSTRONG, CST director at Charleston (W. Va.) First Church, presented a Certified Sunday School Administration Certificate and Certified Teacher Certificate to John Jenkins, Sunday school superintendent. She also presented to Edgel Osborne, 77, head of the Home Department, the Certified Sunday School Teacher Certificate. These presentations were made in a recent Teacher Appreciation Banquet.

As a pastor, I prefer to have officers who can do the job they have been elected to do and are able to attend all the board meetings. But if I have to choose between a Sunday school superintendent (or other officer) who can do his job effectively and is unable to attend the board meetings and a person that can attend all the meetings but cannot or will not effectively fill his office, I will take the former.

JOHN W. ESTERLINE
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"READINESS" was the goal as John L. Knight, assisted by department secretaries Pat Culbertson (left) and Alicia Laser (right) made the final check on supplies for International Laymen's Conference.

INTERNATIONAL LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

With record-breaking enrollment, the Second International Laymen's Conference on Evangelism draws near. More than 1,600 delegates from across the United States, Canada, Old Mexico, and Ireland will assemble at the Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood-by-the-Sea, Fla., August 18-23. Dr. Orville W. Jenkins, adviser to the Department of Evangelism, will give the keynote address, "Let's All Evangelize."

Speakers for early morning devotions include the following superintendents: Dr. Eugene L. Stowe, Dr. George Coulter, Dr. V. H. Lewis, and Dr. Edward Lawlor. Dr. Samuel Young will complete the morning devotionals with the Communion message Sunday morning.

In addition to Dr. Jenkins, the night speakers in the order they are scheduled include: Dr. John L. Knight, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism; General Rudolfo Curti, layman from Old Mexico; Mr. Sidney Cairns, layman from Ireland; Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, Luthern Hour speaker; and Paul Skiles, executive secretary of the Department of Youth.

Two hours each morning, Wednesday through Friday, will be given to seminars under three headings: (1) churchmanship, (2) personal soul winning, and (3) total participation in church music.

There will be 10 sections of the seminar on churchmanship, each with a moderator and a speaker. The moderators include: Dr. J. Wesley Mieras, Dr. Lloyd McArthur, Dr. Homer Adams, Mr. George Jetter, Mr. Vernon Lunn, Mr. E. H. Steenbergen, Mr. Harlan Heinmiller, Dr. J. R. Mangum, Mr. John E. Wordsworth, and Mr. A. Lewis Shingler.

Speakers for the churchmanship seminars are: Mr. L. Milton Durby, Mr. Gerald D. Oliver, Mrs. Carolyn Lunn, Dr. J. Dudley Powers, Dr. J. Harlan Milby, Mr. Merritt Mann, Mr. Chesley Lewis, Mr. Frank Rice, Miss Miriam Mellinger, and Dr. Val Christensen.

The personal soul winning seminar will be led by Lay Evangelist Leonard Whipple assisted by Rev. Archie Parish, minister of evangelism, Coral Ridge Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

The music seminar will be directed by Lay Song Evangelist Ron Lush.

Delegates will have a choice during the afternoon between recreation or special interest seminars. Subjects and leaders for the special interest groups are: inter-cities ministries, Dr. Lowell Hall; social work, Barbara Snowbarger; physical fitness (women), Dr. Wanda Rhodes; physical fitness (men), Dr. Marvin Snowbarger; communications, Miss Mary Latham; creative arts, Mr. Harvey Collins; music, Prof. Ray Moore; living with teens, Mr. Norman Shoemaker; secretaries, Imogene Salter.

Saturday morning seminars will be conducted for professional groups. Leaders and subjects are: law, Mr. Jim Posey; higher education, Dr. Don Young; homemaking, Mrs. Nona Kelley; data processing and systems, Prof. Floyd John; general business, John Bundy; medical, Dr. Glenn McArthur; communications, Mr. Elden Rawlings; public schools, Mr. John Adams; sales, Mr. Charles Bruce; architects, builders, and engineers, Mr. Darrell Zimmerman.

The general committee serving since the last General Assembly include: Gordon Olsen, chairman; M. A. (Bud) Lunn, vice-chairman, chairman of promotion, and secretary; and Paul Skiles, Norman O. Miller, Willis Snowbarger, Selden Kelley, Neel Price, Otto Theel, Homer Adams, John W. Bundy, D. A. Diehl, Harlan Heinmiller, Elvin Hicks, J. R. Mangum, E. S. Mann, Ralph Marlowe, Lloyd Glenn McArthur, J. Wesley Mieras, L. D. Mitchell, Kenneth Olsen, Blaine Profitt, F. L. Smee, E. H. Steenbergen, and Robert Wilfong.

Members of the music committee are: Prof. Ray Moore, chairman; James Van Hook, Paul Skiles, Donald Bell, and Eleanor Whitsett, organist.

Several outstanding singing groups will be present, among them: the Coralaires, from West Virginia; Good News singers from Texas; and the Lost and Found, of the Department of Youth.

The Department of Evangelism is

serving as sponsor of the conference and giving general oversight and supervision both to plans and program.

Our people everywhere are urged to pray that God shall make this Second Laymen's Conference the beginning of a mighty evangelistic thrust. This must be, by the help of the Lord, a tremendous launching pad for the *Decade of Impact*, when 500,000 souls shall be brought to Christ and the Church!—JOHN L. KNIGHT □

PIONEER PREACHER PASSES

Rev. L. E. Grattan, 85, died May 24 in Canon City, Colo. Rev. Grattan was born in St. Louis, Mich. He was converted in Chicago First Church and was present there for the meeting of the East and West in 1907.

His pastorates were in the mid-western and western parts of the United States. He served the church as pastor and evangelist. At one time he served as a district leader on the western slope of Colorado.

He was a personal friend of Dr. Phineas F. Bresee. A unique memorial was presented to Nazarene Theological Seminary Library to honor Rev. Grattan in his lifetime. It is a letter of instructions and guidance from Dr. Bresee to Rev. Grattan. Its spirit and message are timely.

Rev. Grattan is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha H. Grattan, of the home; two sons, two daughters, several grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Services were held on May 27 in the First Church of the Nazarene, Canon City. Officiating were Rev. Ronald E. Corbin, Rev. Harold L. Pearson, and Rev. Charles Helsel. Interment was in the Lakeside Cemetery at Canon City, Colo. □

NAZARENE CAMPS

August 17-23, Tabor Nazarene Camp, Tabor, Ia. 51653 (located on Hwy. 275). Marion McCandless and Clayton Bailey, evangelists; Paul G. Parr and the Song Masters Quartet, singers.

August 24-30, Abundant Life Crusade, First Church of the Nazarene, Long Beach, Calif. 90815. Paul Martin, evangelist; Paul Skiles, music. Sponsored by Harbor and Imperial Zones of Southern California.

MOVING MINISTERS

Verdean F. Owens from Anderson (Ind.) Goodwin Memorial to Muncie (Ind.) First.

Roy Quanstrom from Brookfield, Ill., to Pontiac (Mich.) Hillcrest.

L. Wayne Quinn from Stockton (Calif.) First to Bakersfield (Calif.) First.

Wallace R. Renegar from Fort Worth First to Bellflower, Calif.

D. Eugene Simpson from Pompano Beach (Fla.) First to Anderson (Ind.) Goodwin Memorial.

Clyde E. Tomey from Monroeville, Ind., to Selma, Ind.

We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it.

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WE CAUGHT A FISH

THE strains of “Oh, How I Love Jesus” drifted gently up to me in the cab of our pickup. We were returning with our Bible school graduates from the annual senior trip to see the world-famous citadell of King Henri Christophe in the north of Haiti.

I was absorbed dodging the holes and jackknifing the truck around the hairpin mountain turns. Something unusual must have happened, for the singing continued until we stopped at the checkpoint in Plaisance.

I got out of the cab and went back to the camper-like cover we had over the back of the truck. One of the boys called out, “Pastor, we caught a fish.”

Then I remembered the young man we had picked up walking miles from nowhere. When he had climbed aboard, one of the fellows had witnessed to him and the others had prayed. The song that had lightened my way was the signal that the young man had just prayed through!

We completed the journey refreshed. The miles seemed short as the students sang and praised the Lord.

These young men on a pleasure trip did not lose sight of their goal in life—to make Him known. There are probably a lot of young people around just waiting for a testimony and a prayer—if we would listen to God, and keep our eyes open.

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