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# Herald of Holiness

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## The Way of Holiness General Superintendent Williamson

**P**ILGRIMS who travel the Way of Holiness are an exclusive company. Isaiah said, "The unclean shall not pass over it; . . . but the redeemed shall walk there." The "Do not enter" sign is not enforced by arbitrary judgment. No national, racial, social, intellectual, or ceremonial demands are made of those who pursue their heavenly goal by using this "superhighway." They must have the qualifications, but they are all within the reach of those who have appropriated the provisions of redeeming grace.

The Way of Holiness is clearly defined in the Christian's Guidebook, the Bible. It is also perfectly illuminated both by day and night. Therefore "the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." This does not mean that the fool will not blunder and stumble. It does mean that God in His infinite wisdom knows the measure of the responsibility of the simple-minded, and in His great mercy judges him accordingly. If he falters and almost fails, God will bear him up as on eagles' wings.

The travelers are all going the same direction on the Way of Holiness. It is "one-way traffic." There are no intersections, but one does

need to watch for "merging traffic," for others of like faith are joining the redeemed. There are no "U turns." No one ever starts on the heavenward way and deliberately decides to face about and go to hell. Nevertheless, there are "detours" branching off to the right and left. They all lead into dangers. For while lions and ravenous beasts are not found on the way, they lurk in the shadows along it and are ever ready to devour those who fall prey to them. If those who turn aside escape the destruction of ferocious powers of evil, they will find themselves in confusion and delusion. All the "short cuts" and "bypasses" have "dead ends." They lead nowhere.

Like all the ways men travel, the Way of Holiness has two sides, and there are dangers on either of them. It also has a middle where the greatest margin of safety is found. Therefore the "middle-of-the-roaders" are not compromisers or straddlers. They believe in "safety first" and seek maximum progress with minimum peril.

Pilgrims of the holy way are happy. "The ransomed of the Lord shall . . . come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

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## TELEGRAMS

Dr. Hardy C. Powers great blessing in Hawaii Assembly. Aggressive program of expansion now on under District superintendent Cecil Knippers; 25 per cent increase in membership, two new churches; revival spirit prevailing.—REEFORD CHANEY, *Secretary*.

Charleston, West Virginia—Davis Creek Church, Charleston, with Rev. Dallas Baggett, pastor, and Charles Morton, Sunday-school superintendent, led entire denomination in Sunday-school rally day, October 24, with 1,272 present.—HADLEY HALL, *Chairman, District Church School Board*.

Calgary, Alberta, Canada—Significant day in history of our church at Red Deer, Sunday, November 14; I organized College Church at altar of First Church, with fifty members. Splendid co-operation by Pastor MacDonald and his church people. New college chapel dedicated in afternoon, with first evangelistic service of new church at night. Excellent crowds, grand spirit, all good tokens of future success of new church.—EDWARD LAW-LOR, *Superintendent of Canada West District*.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

General Superintendent H. C. Benner will leave Kansas City on December 8 to be gone for approximately two weeks attending the three district assemblies in the Republic of Mexico. The North Mexican will be held at Tampico, Central Mexican at Guadalajara, and Southeast Mexican at Tuxtla Gutierrez, which is within a relatively short distance of the Guatemalan border. Dr. Benner will be accompanied by Rev. Ira True, who will act as interpreter. The prayers of the people for the work in Mexico will be appreciated.

Rev. Harold M. Daniels has resigned as pastor of the church in Philomath, Oregon, to accept the pastorate of the North Hill Church in Spokane, Washington.

FLASH! Statistical report just received from the General Secretary's office shows a total of 172,527 boys and girls enrolled in vacation Bible schools in 1954! This is slightly more than a 20 per cent gain over 1953. Records show that almost 30 per cent come from unchurched homes.—*Mary Latham*.

Rev. and Mrs. Harry A. Carter celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on November 23. For thirty-four years they have pastored in the

Church of the Nazarene in Indiana. They are now pastors of the Speedway Church of the Nazarene in Indianapolis; their address is 414 S. Warman Avenue. They have a son, Ralph, who is pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Stinesville, Indiana; and a daughter, Virgie, wife of the Reverend Mr. Ketterman, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Corydon, Indiana. They also have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

After serving the Immanuel Church in El Paso, Texas, for five years, Rev. Dudley B. Anderson has accepted a call to pastor the newly organized Fairview Church in Clovis, New Mexico.

Pastor C. F. Beckett sends word from Charleston, West Virginia: "North Side Church recently closed the greatest revival in its history, many souls saved. We saw the church filled to capacity every night with many turned away for lack of room. The special workers were Evangelist P. E. Kuykendall and the Joy Beams. Altar was filled with seekers night after night. A total of \$3,000.00 was raised to pay off all indebtedness, with \$1,000.00 in cash expansion program in the near future. Sunday school averaging over two hundred."

Rev. and Mrs. C. K. Spell celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 24. Holiness Evangelist Kelly Spell was married to Miss Anna Price, teacher, in Salt Lake City, November 24, 1904; he met her while holding a meeting in the Nazarene mission of that city. For the past thirty-five years they have been members of the Church of the Nazarene, pastoring and evangelizing. They have three daughters: Mrs. Joe

Holly of Avondale, Arizona; Mrs. Ed Barker of Orange, Texas; and Mrs. Delbert Gish of Kansas City. Rev. and Mrs. Spell now reside in Glendale, Arizona (329 W. Glendale Ave.), and would appreciate hearing from friends of former years.

Pastor Ponder W. Gilliland, of Little Rock, Arkansas, sends word: "Charles F. Wilson has recently resigned as minister of music at our First Church here to become minister of music in Norman, Oklahoma. All the people of Little Rock First Church love and appreciate Brother Wilson and his family for their ministry during these three years. They have been faithful and loyal to the church in every way. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have filled many positions in the church, and have been sacrificial in their service. His work has been of the very highest order, and the entire church will miss him and his family."

## GLEANINGS

### From the Office Editor's Desk

"I am a reader of your paper, the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and it is a wonderful paper."—*A Friend from Illinois*.

"I thank you for the wonderful work you are doing in publishing the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and for what it has meant to me."—*A Friend in Oklahoma*.

"I've enjoyed the HERALD OF HOLINESS. . . I've kept most of the poems and made a scrapbook of them. Some of them have become very precious to me."—*A Subscriber in Manitoba, Canada*.

"I'm so pleased with the new article in the HERALD OF HOLINESS; 'A Thought for the Day.' It is so wonderful I can hardly wait until the next copy comes. I cut the article out and put it in my daily devotional book and read each day as it comes. Simply wonderful!"—*A Friend in Ohio*.

"I want to express my appreciation for such a fine paper as the HERALD OF HOLINESS. Our people look forward to receiving it each week and are high in their praise for its contents and the blessings derived."—*Nazarene Pastor in West Virginia*.

"I sure enjoy the HERALD OF HOLINESS. I would not want to be without it. I sure get a lot of help from reading it. Thank God for the HERALD OF HOLINESS."—*A Subscriber in Florida*.

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## "The Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth"

By P. P. Belew\*

**T**HE A-bomb and the H-bomb are now grim realities, and the scientists possess the know-how for making the even more deadly C-bomb, which has the potential for destroying all life on this planet. These specters of doom and death have filled millions of human beings with dread and fear. The one bright hope shining against the background of gloom is the scriptural fact expressed in the caption of this article, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

The configuration of events long predicted in the Scriptures is now taking form. "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (II Pet. 3:10). But the Apostle continues, "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Pet. 3:13).

It matters little whether God permits Christ-rejecting humanity to pull the trigger for its own destruction and that of the world which it has corrupted, or orders it done otherwise. The important facts are that destruction is coming and that man should set his house in order. "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?" (II Pet. 3:11.) "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

If Christ comes for His people before this storm of judgment breaks, as I believe that He will do, they may witness the spectacle from the divine heights of complete safety. But should He will for them to pass through the holocaust, it will be but the momentary prelude to a glorious and immortal dawn. Whatever happens, you who possess saving faith in Jesus Christ have nothing to fear. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

The time of this cosmic conflagration and the agents employed to accomplish it will be no surprise to God. It will not occur a minute earlier or a minute later than the time which He has decreed. "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world" (Acts 15:18).

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But now is the time for Nazarenes to heed the call to service: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (I Cor. 16:13). It was of such a time that the prophet declared, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits" (Dan. 11:32). Jesus says, "Occupy till I come" (Luke 19:13). The lowering clouds of impending doom, broken only by the lightning's threatening flash and made vocal by the thunder's ominous roar, should but quicken our pace. We should accelerate all efforts to garner the ripened grain before it is destroyed by the tempest's devastating crash. Let us thrust in the sickle and reap!

## Sunrise and a Rainbow

By Hazel C. Lee\*

**O**NE of the most enjoyable experiences I had while we were in the hills was watching the sun rise over the mountains each morning. Our house was on a mountaintop 7,000 feet above the plains which could be seen from our front yard. The shifting panorama of the clouds morning and evening was a constant delight to watch.

One morning it seemed as though God were in a prodigal mood as He flung color after color across the sky, making a glowing path for the sun. Little bells seemed hung in the throats of the birds as they made silver music in the early dawn. Everywhere was a clear shining after the rain of the night before. The wind played through the trees like a great aeolian harp. With nature I praised the Creator of all things beautiful. As I waited for the sun to burst over the mountain in a blaze of glory, I looked back at the western sky, supposing it untouched by color. To my astonishment, arched across the sky were the delicate colors of a rainbow. Indeed here was beauty upon beauty! Sunrise and a rainbow!

As I wondered and worshiped, the sun came over the mountain and with a Midas' touch turned every leaf, every flower, and every blade of grass into shining gold. The world glistened in the pristine beauty of a day newly born. And in the presence of such glorious light the rainbow faded away.

When He comes in clouds of infolding glory, the rainbow of His everlasting covenant shall fade away and circle around His throne. For that which was promised shall be completely fulfilled as we are ever with our Lord in the shining dawn of an eternal day.

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**DID YOU READ  
YOUR BIBLE TODAY?**

When you teach the Bible—

## YOU TEACH TRUTH

By Koy W. Phillips\*

**I**N A DAY when many false doctrines are abroad, men need light to find their way. God's Word will be a "lamp" unto their feet. Bible truth is the best antidote for error. We will win men to Christ, not by argumentation, but by proclamation of the truth.

You teach truth which has a *higher source than man*. William Jennings Bryan put the challenge to those who rejected the divine inspiration of the Bible to put their theories to the test and produce a book the equal of the Bible, or admit that the Bible comes from a source higher than man, or that man has so degenerated that less can be expected of him now than nineteen hundred years ago. Teach with authority if you teach the divinely inspired Word.

You teach truth that all men need. The Creator of man is the Author of the Book you teach. It contains the truths that all men need, and the only truth that meets men's needs. The Bible is the universal Book with universal value and appeal.

You teach truth that *brings life and joy and happiness*. Contrary to the worldling's ideas, but true as truth itself, God's desire is man's happiness. Bible truth makes clear that the righteous man is the blessed, truly happy man. He has life, stability, a hidden source of strength, fruitage, and perennial freshness. The Psalmist shows the real contrast between the righteous and the wicked; the righteous are like the living, flourishing, fruitful tree, as compared with the chaff, the victim of every wind—lifeless, rootless, fruitless.

You teach truth *regarding the direction of man's help*. The human prerequisites sound paradoxical. Death is the gateway to life; mourning is the prelude to happiness; loss is the source of gain; surrender is the strategy for victory; servitude is the path to greatness; humility puts one on the divine elevator; slavery is the only door to freedom. "He that loseth his life . . . shall find it," Jesus said (Matt. 10:39). God would make it clear that salvation is not through human merits or efforts. "By grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2:8). When a man fully realizes his helplessness, he has reached the place of help. When faith ceases to be a credential and becomes the helpless, upreaching hand of necessity, God reaches down. When you teach Bible truth, you point to the God of all grace as the only source of human help.

You teach truth about *living at peace with God's world*. This is a moral universe. Men who live in sin, disregarding and disobeying God's will and law, can live at peace neither with themselves nor with God. When you teach men about

an uttermost salvation that frees from the spirit of lawlessness, you point the way to inner harmony which also means harmony with

God's will. Furthermore, when you teach the revealed law regarding human conduct, you teach the code that is in harmony with the moral universe. Philosophers fumble in the dark when it comes to the science of conduct. You teach truth that is crystal-clear—what a panacea for our confused generation! Man can live at peace with God's world if he will live by the truth of God's Word.

You teach the truth *about the nature and character of God; about the origin, duty, and destiny of man; about human sin and the divine remedy; about the kingdom of God, which "is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 14:17); about life, death, and eternity*. When you teach the Bible you not only teach the truth about fallen man's lost estate and present plight, but also point the way to an inheritance among them who are sanctified and made whole.

You teach truth *that is eternal*. The intellectual fads and philosophies change and shift as the sands. When you teach Bible truth you stand on the impregnable Rock of Ages. Though the devices of man may purport to melt the earth with fervent heat, we rest assured that His Word is indestructible. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35).



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## PROCRASTINATION

By Ora I. Claress

*I have not time God's precious Book to read—*

*For I've a hundred other things to do.*

*My parakeet is begging for his seed,*

*And there's the morning paper to glance through;*

*The milkman's at the door, he must be paid—*

*It seems as if I'm wanted everywhere.*

*The twins are calling, "Where's the marmalade?"*

*Baby is tired of sitting in his chair.*

*This day has seemed like all eternity—*

*At last the children are tucked into their nest.*

*My Bible's here, but I'm too tired to see.*

*I'll read tomorrow—tonight I must have rest!*

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# The Bible and the Boy Next Door

By Dwayne Hildie\*

I SAW him as he climbed out of the cockpit of the late model jet fighter plane. Beneath the trappings of his flying suit was the body of a young man—crew haircut, gay smile, and adventurous spirit. A few minutes before he had flown his plane at a speed faster than sound. Just who was he? He was, and is, a part of this generation which we call youth.

I looked into the science laboratory of a large university science building and saw what looked to be a small army of people peering into test tubes, boiling weird-looking concoctions in glass vessels over the flame of Bunsen burners. Members of that "army" were tinkering with such things as atomic power, the latest research which may sound the death knell to man's common enemy—disease. Again, who were they? The same answer—youth.

We see them tearing about town in "hopped up" cars, their apparent unconcern for life or property, whether theirs or someone else's, a problem to the community. They seem to be a totally different generation from anything the world ever has produced before. In such settings as these one might almost wonder, Could it be that a book of such ancient origin as the Bible can find a place of interest or value in the lives of such youth as these?

Sometime last year, *Time* magazine boldly stated that "the younger generation is looking for a faith . . ." Even children of the atomic age must have a pivot point to their lives; and when we contemplate the uncertainty and confusion attendant to the materialistic thinking of our times, it becomes more readily apparent that even in this age of "crazy, mixed-up kids" (as youth has been characterized by one modern writer), the Bible is still able to speak with the voice of authority, commanding a place in the living of even the "boy next door" who so vitally characterizes the spirit of modern youth.

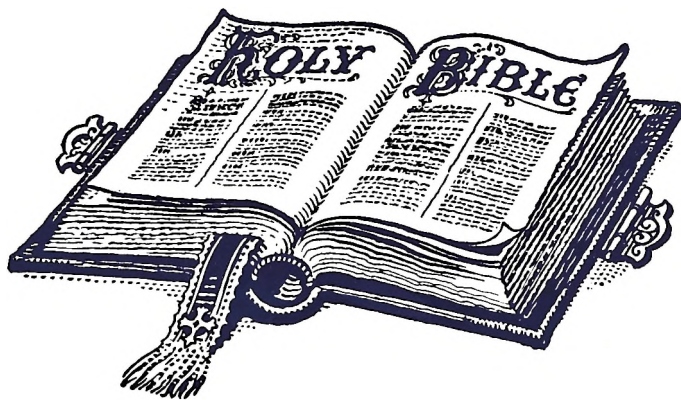
Though it is true that modern young people have exchanged the horse-drawn chariot or donkey for "hot rods" or "jets," it is equally true that the voice of the boy next door can be heard saying, as did his counterpart two thousand years ago: "Father, give me my share of the family inheritance now, that I may

invest it in present opportunity and retire on pension before I'm out of the N.Y.P.S. age." It is likewise true that the same principles of failure and return are for modern prodigals just as meaningful and characteristic as in Christ's day. Externals have changed, but beneath the modern accouterments of civilization in the "age of the atom" lie the same basic problems, desires, and needs. Sin has altered its form, but its effect remains the same; and the same remedy for sin which lifted the curse from the hearts of Roman young people living in the ancient catacombs can be applied with equal success to the life of the boy or the girl who lives next door to your home.

A good many young people of my acquaintance seem to be looking for something which will dare them to be different. We see the effect of this among that group of teen-agers who would dress in "outlandish" (to us who are more mature) garb, or ride the highways at reckless speed. We click our tongues and remark that all they want of life is a new thrill. Perhaps that is true, but it seems to me that the same basic urge which sends a young man or woman down a long church aisle to an altar of prayer is a part of the spirit of daring which in other realms we would deplore. Let modern youth hear the words of Christ uttered two thousand years ago: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24), and you will find even in this generation those who will respond to the challenge of giving everything for a cause.

Last week "the boy next door" was in my office. He had not been attracted to our church through a stellar youth program, nor had he been inspired by great preaching. Though he came from a godless home, he had found peace of mind and heart from searching the Scriptures. His testimony still rings in my thinking, for though it cost him the privilege of living at home, he had

found that the treasure within the pages of the old, outdated, black-bound Book was more to him than the comforts of home, and for this treasure he would remain true to his God. I like to think that this is exemplary of the spirit of modern youth—the same spirit which will



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# Our Best Argument—the Bible

By C. B. McCaull\*

*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect (Gen. 17:1).*

“There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil” (Job 1:1).

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit” (Joel 2:28-29).

“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire” (Matt. 3:11-12).

“And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49).

“For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence” (Acts 1:5).

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Rom. 8:7).

“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ” (I Cor. 3:1).

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9).

“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thess. 5:23).

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

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And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth” (John 17:17-19).

“And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).

“And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith” (Acts 15:9).

“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost; (for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost” (Acts 8:14-17).

“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Rom. 6:6).

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Heb. 13:12).

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (Jas. 4:8).

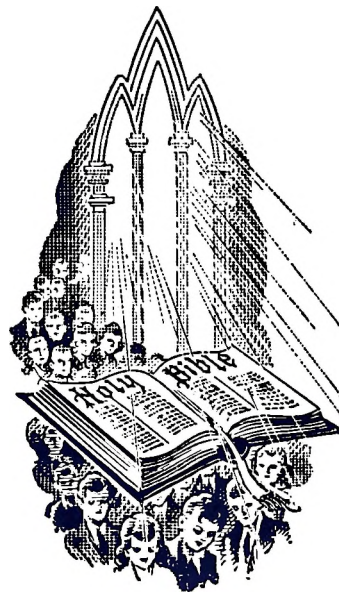
“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully” (Ps. 24:3-4).

“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

“Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy” (Jude 24).

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27).

“To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our



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# The Bible in the Home

By J. T. Gassett\*



**M**ost of our homes have one or more copies of the Holy Scriptures. The silent witness of these Bibles on shelf or table could be greatly multiplied by regular and devotional reading of the Word in its entirety. Through family and private devo-

tions the home is a good place to promote and to acquire the practice of day-to-day reading from the Scriptures. Of course some passages of scripture have more meaning and interest than others, but piecemeal reading often omits many rich treasures from the Word.

Several years ago I made a statement in a sermon that everyone ought to read the Bible through at least once in a lifetime. At the close of the service a lady seventy-three years of age came to me about it. She told me she had been a Christian and had read her Bible regularly for over fifty years but had not once read it entirely through. She said: "I am going to meet the Lord in just a few short years and, God being my Helper, I will read the entire Bible before I die. I do not want to stand before Him and confess that I never did read His entire Word."

Our homes can make the Bible more meaningful by encouraging and promoting memorization and study of the Scriptures. For instance, a few years ago I visited in the home of a nearly blind Christian lady who was a true saint of God. One of her great sorrows was that she could no longer read her Bible, but she would testify and quote long passages of scripture though she was almost ninety years of age. One day she said: "Each day the Holy Spirit takes me through the Bible again. He helps me to remember the verses I memorized when I was young." She had followed the example of the Psalmist, who said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Ps. 119:11).

We need a renewal and a revival of Bible reading and Bible study in our homes. We need to know the truth and the spirit of the Scriptures. The Bible is God's message to us and to the world. We need to know and understand that message.

Read the Word with your heart open for God's blessing and He will send you spiritual refreshment. Study the Word under divine illumination and your faith will be strengthened. Believe the Word and your soul will find assurance in the promise of the unfailing God. Obey the Word, and the Spirit of God will guide you in the paths of righteousness. Exalt the Word and sinful, lost mankind will find the way to eternal life. Teach

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the Word and seed will be sown for time and eternity. Do you have a copy of the Holy Bible in your home? Make the most of it today!

## THE BIBLE

*Blessing my life through the years as they fly,  
Guiding my footsteps t'ward mansions on high,  
Growing more sweet as the glad days go by—  
The Bible, God's wonderful Word!*

*Helping me over life's uneven way,  
Giving me strength through the heat of the day,  
Bidding me pause for a season to pray—  
The Bible, God's wonderful Word!*

*Whispering comfort when sorrows oppress,  
Lending me grace for my deepest distress,  
Cheering my soul with its soothing caress—  
The Bible, God's wonderful Word!*

*Giving me courage and strength to endure,  
Promising refuge, eternal and sure,  
Pointing me home to the land of the pure—  
The Bible, God's wonderful Word!*

(By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK, in *Golden Windows*; used by permission)

## Bible Society Offering

**O**N BIBLE Sunday, the Church of the Nazarene again takes part in its annual offering for the Bible Society. This project has been sponsored by the Nazarene Young People's Society and has become a popular feature of the fall program in our churches. No doubt the young people in your church will be presenting the matter and your pastor will be calling attention to it. This offering, though not large from any one church, is our part in the world-wide enterprise of translating, printing, and distributing the Bible or portions of it in more than 1,050 languages. Our missionary work in the non-English-speaking countries is utterly dependent upon this work that is being done.

The American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society carry the major part of this task, aided by the twenty-two other national Bible societies, located in as many different countries. Let us join this year in the 150th anniversary of the organization of the British and Foreign Bible Society by having a part in this offering. Money from offerings in the U.S. will go to the American Bible Society. Money from offerings in the dominions of the British Commonwealth will go to the nearest auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

—LAURISTON J. DU BOIS  
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throw away everything material for the thrill of receiving that which is eternal. The Bible still has a place in his heart and life—the boy next door!

### Our Best Argument—the Bible

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Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints" (I Thess. 3:13).

"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74-75).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:11-14).

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication" (I Thess. 4:3).

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48).

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God" (Heb. 6:1).

"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (I Thess. 4:7).

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18).

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb. 12:14).

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy: for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:15-16).

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (II Cor. 7:1).

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (II Cor. 13:11).

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## UNIVERSAL BIBLE SUNDAY

### DECEMBER 12

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## GROWTH

By W. Shelburne Brown\*

As we walk in the light the Lord will show us spiritual truths constantly that we never have seen before. These truths will be revealed to us as we walk in the light. That is, there must be obedient response to God's will all along the way if we expect to continue in His grace and to allow the Lord to cleanse us from all sin.

Some of the truths God will show us are concerning personal spiritual living. The faithful Holy Spirit will reveal some actions, words, attitudes that need correction. He will also indicate areas of spiritual omission where we have failed God.

When a person is given new light like this, there are three possible reactions. Two of these are headed for spiritual defeat. First, if new light is given to the sanctified heart, the person may feel defeated. Such an individual might say to himself, "If this is wrong, then I am not sanctified." Thus throwing away his confidence, he is spiritually defeated and his faith in God weakened. A second possibility is that of too easily excusing oneself. Such a person might say, "I am sanctified, and therefore this is not wrong." To do this is to cut oneself off from the cleansing power of Christ and the direction of the Holy Spirit. From this sort of response to new light arise the glaring discrepancies between profession and practice. Having claimed the cleansing power of God, some blunder ahead as though God could do nothing further for them. Being unteachable, both God and man can look only in pity on them.

The third possible response to new light is freely to open the heart to God's revealing grace. The "eternal yes" that was said to the Lord when the consecration was made complete still applies. Thus with perfect love in the heart toward God, one accepts the new light and puts it into practice. So God leads on from strength to strength and from glory to glory.

You have heard of the "unknown bundle." It was the vast unknown future wrapped up in that load which was laid on the altar before God. One never knows what truths God will reveal down the road, but the "yes" is already said. Some of us need more teaching than others. Some of us started on a lower level when the consecration was made. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

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# ROCK FOUNDATION

By Louis McCurdy\*

*Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation (Isa. 28:16).*

INTO this world of wickedness came the Son of God, promised to us from the beginning of time. He was to be a sure Foundation for those who believed in Him; but most of the world was trusting in a refuge of lies of their own making.

Both the Psalmist and the Apostle Peter affirmed in no uncertain language that Jesus Christ was the Stone which the builders rejected. Isaiah tells us here that, although God had laid a rock foundation in Zion, many people had already built themselves a refuge of lies. There must have been only a very few who had built on the rock foundation that moral structure for their lives on those horizontal and vertical lines that God had stretched out for their building guidance.

Here is a short list of the lies that we sometimes hear. Invite someone to attend church, and his answer might be, "I support my own church." If God were to give an immediate, audible reply, it might well be, "Yes, you do support it—about five dollars a year, if the canvasser urges you long enough."

Again we hear, "I attend another church." But if we had a chance to look at God's record we might see this—"Attends church faithfully, both on Easter Sunday and at Christmas time, if nothing hinders." I believe God would always have an answer for the other half of these half-truths.

Here is a half-truth we hear quite often, "I'm just as good as a lot of church people are"—and we feel like reminding that person, "Yes, my friend, and you're just as bad as most of them are."

Another says, "I'm too busy to go to church." God might well ask him, "Busy at what? club meetings? church bingo? Saturday night revelry? Sunday sports? Sunday visiting?"

All of these lies and half-truths point directly at a great personal neglect, "The stone which was set at nought" by the builders. How foolish it is for people to build that refuge of lies under which they will try to hide until the Judgment! The hail and the flood will wash both lies and the sinners into the great pit of destruction. What a pity when they could just as well have builded their moral structure on the rock foundation!

In verse seventeen, this building line by which we will be judged is placed by God alongside the rock foundation, so that we can build our lives on that foundation. Thus we can get them straight in line with God's moral standards. If we can pile up layer upon layer of stone or brick and get it straight up and down with His plumb line, then our relations will be right between us and God—laid to His plummet in true holiness.

\*Nazarone Elder, Canada West District

If we build along God's horizontal lines, we get our relationships right with our fellow men; and when we get built up alongside His vertical plumb line, then we stand right with God. We shall then be fulfilling the law as summed up by Christ, ". . . love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and . . . thy neighbour as thyself."

But all around us we hear people say that their idea of moral standards is just as good as Moses' laws were. They were hiding behind a lie that is as shifting as a flood. I stood on a great rock jutting out into a stormy Pacific, and got nearly dizzy as I watched the waves pounding against it. But when I shifted my gaze to the rock underneath, the dizziness left me, and I was thankful to be on a rock foundation. I am thankful today that God made laws that are still as unmovable as that rock, and not altered nor changed to suit every individual whim and fancy.

In the midst of our many revivals, there are still too many people who are rejecting the Christ. Multitudes are hiding behind their bulwark of lies. Peter preached one morning to the rulers, the elders, and the scribes, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders" (Acts 4:11). But only the day before, after the lame man was healed by the Temple gate, five thousand of the common people had been converted. They had planted their feet on a solid foundation. I am glad today to be one of that mighty throng who are standing on the rock Foundation—Jesus Christ!

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## Universal Bible Sunday—December 12

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### Because He Loves Thee\*

By Haldor Lillenas

*O troubled heart, One walks beside thee  
When thou art weary and sore distress'd.  
Along thy pathway He fain would guide thee  
When many trials thy soul have press'd.*

*O weary heart, thy understanding  
Hath failed to fathom the reason why  
Thy cherished plan and thy fond ambitions  
So oft must perish and often die.*

*O fainting heart, thy Father loves thee,  
Tho' oft His planning may seem obscure.  
Within His heart thou art not forgotten;  
His arms of mercy hold thee secure.*

#### REFRAIN

*He does it all because He loves thee,  
No matter what thy lot may be.  
His watchful eye sleeps not above thee;  
What He alloweth is best for thee.*

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## Scriptures in 1,077 Languages

Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,077 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1953, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society.

Languages in which the whole Bible has been published .....	200
Languages in which a complete Testament has been published .....	257
Languages in which at least a Gospel or other whole book has been published .....	620

Total languages in which some part of the Bible has been published .....1,077

The whole Bible was published for the first time in Luo and Nupe, languages of Africa, and in Karo Batak, spoken in Sumatra.

Complete New Testaments were published for the first time in Roviana, spoken in the Solomon Islands; Meru, spoken in Kenya, East Africa; and Simalungun Batak, spoken in Sumatra.

The American Bible Society added five new languages to the list in which it has published the Scriptures, three of which are spoken in Africa: Bano'o in the Cameroons; Gbeapo and Tchien, both spoken in Liberia; and two Mexican dialects, Mazahua and Tlapaneco.

There are some ninety languages in which short passages or collections of passages have been published, but in which no complete book of the Bible has appeared.

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*Though he [Christ] were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him (Heb. 5:8-9).*

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## Mental Exercise

By Mont Hurst\*

**H**OW OFTEN do we hear people speak of what they term "brain fag"? Of course, there is no such thing. It is simply a case of abuse of the mental faculties and misdirected thinking to the extent that every thought seems to end in a period of exhaustion. The greatest thinkers the world has ever known never knew what it was to suffer "brain fag" or rest because of mental exhaustion. The human brain, like the heart, goes right along at all times in its action, but of course when a person is asleep there is a sort of suspended action.

Proper mental exercise is very necessary to the well-being of the heart, mind, and soul. Mental prostration comes as a result of physical exertion or misdirected thinking. The person of whom

others say, "He never has a care," is one whose mind is mostly unemployed and who is indifferent to the real issues of life which require careful thinking. Proper physical exercise generates good mental exercise. Cicero said that it is exercise alone that supports the spirits and keeps the mind in vigor. Our minds are certainly invigorated and enlarged with regular periods of meditation and thinking on the things God has done for us and is going to do.

It was Virgil who said that mind moves matter. Shakespeare said that it is the mind that makes the body rich! These verities should be indelibly stamped upon our calendar for daily living in such a way as to cause us to activate them with daily regularity. It is the quiet period that counts most for mental exercise. It is then that the mind is not in a frenzy with some matter at hand. Someone has said that almost all of the great minds were formed in secrecy and in solitude. It is certain that no great minds ever came into being in a turmoil of bedlam and frenzied going about over nothing really worth-while. Really great minds come out of those hallowed moments of relaxation and meditation when God is closer and values are more vividly written across one's mental screen.

Catullus penned, "Oh, what is more sweet than when the mind, set free from care, lays its burden down!" It is surprising when one first realizes the physical benefits that come after proper mental exercises have been performed. It could not be any other way. After all, our physical apparatus is completely under the rule of our mental make-up. Proper physical exercise relaxes the mind, even if it is only a short walk in a quiet park; and proper mental exercise relaxes the body.

Many people say they do not have time for meditation. That time never comes unless it is realized and seized upon. Disraeli said that the art of meditation may be exercised at all hours, and in all places; and men of genius, in their walks, at table, and amidst assemblies, turning the eye of the mind inwards, can form an artificial solitude; retired amidst a crowd, calm amidst distraction, and wise amidst folly. The art of meditation is the key to mental exercise that keeps the mind from centering on any single thing which can cause it to become exhausted and unproductive of direction.

Meditation is the precious exercise of the mind which brings to one's attention the great truths, the beauties, and purposeful activities which make life joyful and worth-while. Did you ever hear of anyone sitting in a lovely garden or drinking in the beauties of a verdant forest glen or hill-top who complained of "brain fag"? Of course not! Proper exercise of the mental make-up was under way. For inspiration, mental and physical rejuvenation, and a closer walk with God, our minds must be centered on things spiritual and allowed to bask in the healing sunshine of meditation. That is the only mental exercise that brings desired results.

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# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for December 12: Growth in Grace

Scripture: II Pet. 1:2-11 (Printed: same)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (II Pet. 3:18).*

The subtle tendency toward spiritual stagnation is so strong that few of us completely resist it. The danger of looking back to the past, although at times essential, is that our gaze might linger too long and we lose our spirit of adventure. We enjoy settling down and "resting a while." There are some who have become so enamored with the "good old days" that they have become blind and immune to the present, and highly intolerant of anything new. The older we grow, the more we need to watch and pray that we become not too timid to tackle the untried things ahead. The writer of Ecclesiastes in the closing chapter describes one of the characteristics of age as being "afraid of that which is

high." We lose our agility, the muscles lose their flexibility, the bones become brittle, and we become more and more conscious of the danger of falling; hence we venture less from the tried path. We become over-cautious and, in defense, at times critical of those who strike out ahead. God has had to arouse His servants from this lethargy time and time again, as He did in the instance of His servant Joshua: "Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" (Josh. 13:1).

A man never passes his prime spiritually until he ceases to grow in grace and willingly accepts the belief that the best is behind him. There is always much land ahead to be pos-

sessed if only we can be aroused. In fellowship with Christ the best days always lie ahead; even death becomes a doorway into the eternal city of vast and glorious adventure. The lessons of yesterday should stand us well in our todays and in conquest of tomorrow. The valleys we have gone through and the mountains we have scaled will provide us with understanding hearts and forbearance for those who have yet to make the perilous journey. As we add to our Christian living the disciplines of grace as outlined by Peter—faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity—our progressing years shall continue to give birth to new victories and glorious conquests. Above all, we will increase in our knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.



## The Young People's Society

Anniversary Year

L. J. DU BOIS, Secretary

**A** LITTLE more than a century and a half ago, a girl's craving for her own Bible opened a new field of Christian endeavor which has had no parallel in history.

Then—as now—millions were without the Word of God. But little Mary Jones, daughter of a Welsh weaver, did not think of the problems of millions. She knew only that she wanted a Bible as her own and that it was her own personal problem.

The story of Mary and how she got her Bible is one of the most heart-warming tales of faith. First she had to learn to read, then spend six years saving. When at last she had accumulated enough for her purchase, Mary trudged barefoot for twenty-five miles, to learn that Bibles no longer were being published in her native Welsh and that none was obtainable.

It was Rev. Thomas Charles, of the village of Bala, in Wales, who gave the girl her Book in the year 1800. To the minister it had been evident for

years that the supply of Bibles for the Welsh people had been pitifully inadequate, and every effort to get more had fallen upon agencies already overburdened with other duties or had resulted in prices too high for the scanty means of the people.

In the same year, 1800, an edition of 10,000 Bibles was exhausted in four months and whole districts failed to receive any. Two years later, Mr. Charles tentatively suggested to some friends on a committee of a Religious Tract Society his idea for a new society. The society would supply Scriptures for the people of Wales.

The idea caught fire. The alert mind of Joseph Hughes saw its possibilities. "If for Wales, why not for the kingdom? Why not for the world?" Why not, indeed?

On March 7, 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society was launched. One hundred and fifty years later, people of at least sixty nations are commemorating the historic event.

There are now twenty-four national Bible societies, all joined in the United Bible Societies, and they are currently distributing 20,000,000 volumes of Scripture each year.

Although the jubilee year, 1954, is being observed with proper appreciation and thanksgiving for the accomplishments of the past, it is also a period for serious reflection on the work still to be done. Hundreds of millions of people are still without their copies of the Scriptures and the number grows greater, rather than less, each year.

The first aim of the societies was to increase distribution during 1954 to 25,000,000 copies, a total designed to keep pace with the birth rate. By 1960, it is hoped that 50,000,000 copies will be distributed annually.

The second goal is to bring about a mass statement of faith in the Scriptures—the greatest mass statement in human history. All who believe in

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# THE QUESTION BOX

**Q.** *Would you say that most of our Nazarene church members are living up to the doctrine of entire sanctification?*

A. A person does not have to be sanctified wholly in order to be a member of the Church of the Nazarene. He must believe in sanctification as a second work of grace, but he does not have to possess it in order to join our church. Since this is the case, I prefer to state your question thus: Would you say that most of the members of the Church of the Nazarene who profess to have the blessing of entire sanctification are living up to this doctrine? It would be easy to answer your question in the negative, as some ministers and laymen among us do. Nevertheless, when I stop and give it serious thought, I am not inclined to say, "No." Who am I to sit on the judgment seat and claim to know the condition of the hearts of men? A more pertinent question, I think, is this: Am I, as one who professes to be saved and sanctified, living up to my profession? Are you, as a member of the Church of the Nazarene and a professor of holiness, living what you profess? In answering you the way I have, that is, by making your question personal, I have no desire to put you on the spot or imply that you did not have a right to ask the general question which you did. I am sure you were sincere in what you asked. Still, I believe that it is best for you and me to judge ourselves and not others. The all-important thing is for each of us to get the second blessing and live it. By the grace of God and only by His grace I am able to answer the question I have put to myself in the affirmative. I hope that you can so answer the question which I have asked you, and I have no reason to doubt that you can. God help every reader of this discussion who professes to be saved and sanctified to answer the question, "Do I have what I profess?"

**Q.** *How can a sanctified person backslide?*

A. By failing to walk in the light, or obey God. In other words, by sinning. A person backslides from entire sanctification by the same method that he falls from the grace of conversion. The temptations may be of a somewhat different type, but the

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method of backsliding is the same. If you were here and read what I have written, you probably would say that I have misunderstood your question. What you mean perhaps is, How is it possible for a sanctified person to backslide? It is the establishing grace, and how can a person fall from it? Wesley thought at first that the sanctified could not backslide and finally he was lost, but he changed his mind. Why? For two reasons—he got a clearer view as to what the Bible teaches on this subject, and he saw some people backslide and never get back to God. Moreover, we are on probation so long as we are in this world, it makes no difference how long we have been saved or sanctified. There is no such thing as a foolproof religion on this earth. I am told that a Cadillac car is a wonderful piece of machinery and has an unusual guarantee. It won't go to pieces on the road with reasonable driving and handling. Nevertheless, it likely will be smashed to pieces if a fellow drives it over a 300-foot precipice. No machine has a foolproof guarantee, much less a person with the power of free moral choice. But you may ask how the carnal mind, which is destroyed when a person is sanctified, can come back into the heart. You must remember that the carnal mind is a psychical-ethical state, or condition, of a person and that state can come back when the rules for its elimination are violated. The sin nature is not an evil entity, or personality; it is an evil state, or condition, of an entity, or personality. When it is eradicated, it ceases to exist, but such a state can be brought back into existence by a free moral agent when he through temptation deliberately chooses against God. Eternal security as a religious dogma for either the saved or the sanctified is a very dangerous delusion to which no Christian should give any place.

**Q.** *Is it true that a group of Early Church men met to decide by vote which of the many Christian writings should be regarded as the Word of God? As I understand it, some books were rejected, some counted doubtful, and the twenty-seven books which now comprise the New Testament were accepted. Since all men are*

*prone to error, how can we be assured that their judgment was final authority?*

A. To answer your question fully would require many pages. But briefly let me say that the twenty-seven books were made a part of the canon gradually according to certain principles, and then by about the end of the fourth century that canon was accepted by the Church. God didn't hand the New Testament down from heaven. But I believe that He directed the men and the Church in their selection by the Holy Spirit. The value of the New Testament across the years proves this to me. God inspired men to write these books and then He led men and finally the Church to accept the books which had been inspired.

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Read, Study, Memorize,  
Carry It

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sharing their Scriptures with those who want a copy of the Word of God—as Mary Jones wanted her copy—will be asked to have a part in a World Good Will Book, as a testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings, and their desire to share it with others.

Throughout the world, in remote villages and giant cities, people will sign the book. Nazarene churches contributing in 1954 will be represented in the Good Will Book by the signatures of the pastor, N.Y.P.S. president, Sunday-school superintendent, and N.F.M.S. president.

To Mary Jones, sobbing before Rev. Thomas Charles, it was small comfort that a copy of the Bible was available in English. She could read only Welsh. A century and a half later, as whole nations become suddenly literate and as the art of printing explores new horizons, the goal, "To each in his own tongue," becomes a realizable accomplishment, and 1954 becomes a year of rededication.

*And Jesus stood still (Matt. 20:32).*

Any sinner's cry for mercy will cause Jesus to stand still, listen, and grant the petition.—EARLE F. WILDE.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## Prayer Request

**P**LEASE pray for Rev. Albert Garver, one of our North American Indian workers. He has suffered a complete nervous breakdown and has had to take a leave of absence from the work. He is at home in Ohio for the present.

## Safe in Italy!

The tremendous catastrophe in Salerno, province of Naples, has left all our dear Nazarenes in Castellammare of Stabia free. Thank God! We have only one family in the province of Salerno and they are all safe! Castellammare of Stabia is a place close to Sorrento, Amalfi, Salerno, and Capri, but the catastrophe was more in the town of Salerno and in other localities close to that town.

In a few days I hope to go there to visit our dear ones in Castellammare and we shall know more about the last very bad event in Salerno. In a night some villages and many people were destroyed and the persons dead! The whole country was moved by such a tragedy! Just where the nation was glad for the coming back of Trieste to the country came the bad news of the hurricane in Salerno. How we ought to be always ready to go before the great judgment bar! But we praise the blessed Lord for His wonderful grace!

With Brother Morgan we have prepared some new pamphlets for the distribution among the Italian people, that they may better know salvation and sanctification in the precious name of Jesus. We have given also the *Manual* to be printed in the abridged edition, so necessary for our

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work to let our people know what we believe and what we stand for. It is really a great privilege to preach the gospel of Christ in Italy and how the blessed Holy Ghost makes free!—ALFREDO DEL ROSSO.

## Uruguay

The Lord has been blessing in a very definite way during the last few weeks. In Carasco, Brother Denton has seen an unusual response to the opening of the new work there. Here in 14 de Julio after several months of apparently just standing still, the work is beginning to move forward again. Families of the children who were saved last summer during the vacation Bible school are showing a good spirit of co-operation during the last few weeks, and God is definitely working with them. Several folk have looked us up to see what the Church of the Nazarene teaches, and are showing a desire to fellowship with a church that presents a doctrine such as ours. Among these are a family from Hungary, who seem so happy to have found the Church of the Nazarene. They want to be baptized just as soon as the church will accept them.

Brother Johnston plans on being with us two weeks in November, for a revival. Pray with us that it shall bring Holy Ghost conviction and salvation for many of our neighbors in the weeks to come.—OATHER PERKINSON, *Uruguay*.

## Furancungo

We have just started new work about twenty miles from our existing work in the Chiuta area, which is about eighty miles from the mission station. When I visited the work at Chiuta last month, our two workers asked if I would accompany them to interview the chief concerning starting fresh work. That day we held services in two villages where, I am told, the people had not previously had the gospel. On being interviewed after the services, the chief agreed to allow one of our workers to settle in that area and to conduct services. Until he has a home there he will cycle over each week to conduct services and visit the people.

This is the first year that we have had the Alabaster boxes at Tete, and the people have responded wonderfully well. This method of giving to the Lord has caught their imagination. Although they had had the boxes for only six months prior to their being opened, the amount given was four pounds, eleven shillings, nine pence. One or two had as much as ten shillings in theirs. This is sacrifice, considering that they are able to work for only about six months of each year, and their monthly wages are about one pound, ten shillings.

We are still waiting for news concerning my wife's permit to enter Portuguese East Africa. At present the application is in the hands of the authorities in Lisbon and we are trusting that the permit will be through in time for her to return with me after council.—NORMAN SALMONS, *Portuguese East Africa*.

## HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

### Exalt Christ at Christmas

**T**HE Christian and the Church face a tremendous propaganda barrage during the holiday season that makes it difficult to avoid the secularizing and commercializing of Christmas, the birthday of our Lord. For that reason, much planning and effort should go into the activities of Christmas time. It is easy to get into the rut of custom and habit and fail to

appropriate the Christian, evangelistic opportunities of Christmas.

### Christmas in the Church

1. People are easily led to think of Christ at Christmas. The church does well to make this a time of evangelism. In spite of the "Christmas rush," a special emphasis on visitation evangelism for four weeks before Christ-

mas is important. Some pastors may plan to receive new members on Christmas Sunday.

2. The Christmas program of the Sunday school is an annual institution. Simple programs that require only a few rehearsals are often more effective than elaborate ones that bring a sense of dread and frustration to many Sunday-school teachers. Group pres-

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entations in settings as close as possible to actual classroom methods will help the boys and girls to share the Christmas message with a sense of reverence. This type of program, while not as humorously entertaining for the audience as "showing off" through individual recitations, has a far more helpful influence on the boys and girls. Some Sunday schools also plan an "open house" in the classrooms following the program. Others have the Christmas program on Christmas Sunday morning, planning it so that the families will also be present for the morning worship service.

3. Young people like to go caroling at Christmas. A little guidance will help them to plan this with a feeling of giving helpful service, rather than merely a joy ride.

4. The church will want to advertise Christmas Sunday services widely, and the messages need not be on the birth of Christ alone, but on His whole life and mission. Evangelism will be the pastor's purpose, helping people who come to church only a time or two a year to see their need for Christ and His salvation.

5. The midweek service before Christmas can be given over to singing carols and some special features such as a candlelighting service of consecration to Christian living. Emphasize family participation and advertise widely, attracting those who do not ordinarily attend.

6. Emphasize Christ throughout the Christmas season. A poster for the bulletin board (17 x 22 inches), with the wording, "Christmas for Christ," may be secured for 10c or six for 50c from *Tidings*, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. Window cards (8½ x 11 inches) with the same message and the additional line, "Make This a Christian Christmas," (5c each, six for 25c) and brilliant two-color auto bumper strips with the same wording (minimum order, fifty for \$6.00) may be purchased from the same address. These are interdenominational materials.

7. Give opportunity for a special Christmas offering for a benevolence outside the local church. Many churches use this offering for the Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund.

8. Record the Christmas Sunday morning service or choir cantata for playing back to shut-ins.

9. Use the influence of the church against the advertising of alcoholic beverages for Christmas gifts and their use in office Christmas parties.

### Christmas in the Home

1. Use Christian Christmas greeting cards. Perhaps you will want to order

yours from the nearest branch of the Nazarene Publishing House.

2. In Christmas giving, plan as family gifts (not exchange presents) those within the family's means. Plan for some gifts to those who cannot return them, perhaps in the form of kindly service rather than store-bought articles. You may want to include a gift to a missionary or home-mission pastor.

3. Include a Christian benevolent cause in your gift list, and make this a family project.

4. Include the Christmas story prominently in the home Christmas decorations.

5. Have an evening of Christmas carols and stories with the family group.

6. Plan a family devotional service on Christmas Eve. Invite the pastor to include your home in his Christmas Eve rounds, for the reading of the Christmas scriptures.

7. Send Christmas tracts in letters, bill payments, etc. during the Christmas season. These are good ones: *The King's Birthday, A Message for This Christmas Season, Peace: the Message of Christmas*, all priced at 50c per 100 from American Tract Society, 21 W. 46th Street, New York 36, New York.

8. Invite a neighbor family to the Christmas worship services with you.

### THE SPARK

*Hope like a flower  
May bud in the night,  
And spread thru the darkness  
A ray of warm light—  
And spirits depressed  
Through trial and pain,  
When touched by its magic  
Soar upwards again!*

—ALICE W. NORTON

## A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

### "THAT SPLIT SECOND"

Monday

*Take my will and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.*

He takes it, but He still leaves the operation of it to you. And the only way to grow in grace—or to stay in grace—is to work your consecration in the details of everyday life. Not in some vague "always" your will is His, but in the very specific, bothersome present. He has given you the power to live a holy life. Use it. (Rom. 6:13-14.)

Tuesday

Learn to listen for the Holy Spirit. In that split second you will hear Him say: "Yes, I know this is hard, but speak gently"; "Yes, that would be clever to say, but be kind"; "Yes, you are busy, but he needs your help." In that second you can choose to be "human" or to be Christlike. (I Cor. 13:4.)

Wednesday

Look for the grace and take it. A girl, praying at the altar, sobbed, "The days have been so hard. There was grace, but I didn't take it. I was sorry for myself and grew bitter." In that split second when Satan says, "Pity thyself," you can choose to take the grace. It is there for you. (Rom. 5:20.)

Thursday

Instead of hugging a slight or an injury, turn it over to God. "Roll thy way upon the Lord." ("Cast" your care upon Him; it sounds like an act of the will.) Try it. No chance then for gloom or bitterness to accumulate, for He fills the vacuum with His peace. "How soon a smile of God can change the world!" (Ps. 37:5, margin; I Pet. 5:7.)

Friday

"You suffer less when you suffer well." If you groan, the tooth aches worse. If you think how mean they are to you, the hurt is doubled. In that split second choose to forget. Start singing a song of praise, and the hurt is lost in the joy. (I Thess. 5:18.)

Saturday

That day you had promised yourself and God to fill with loving service, with prayer for revival, was chewed into useless bits by a hundred nettling demands. You bungled everything you touched and mislaid everything you needed. Bitterly disappointed, you caught His whisper, "You can give Me your 'bad' days as well as your 'good' ones. I will take them too—just so you lived them for Me." In that split second when the enemy says, "You're useless," listen for the word of love. (Rom. 8:37.)

Sunday

You have set aside this hour for prayer; but once on your knees you find you "don't feel like praying." In that second, start thanking. Literally count up the blessings for which you are grateful—or should be—and tell God how you feel about them. Gratitude brings God near; then prayer is natural. (Jas. 4:8.)

Give your "split seconds" all to Him!

# THE HOME CIRCLE

## Are They Too Young?

How old should a child be before he is taught about Jesus?

Not long ago we were in a bookstore in Phoenix, Arizona. The owner of the store is a grandmother, and, as are most grandmothers, she was interested in her grandchildren. Her stories had to do with them. I asked her about some literature she was selling, and she began to tell me the good qualities of this book and that one. She said:

"The biggest trouble with teachers and parents of children is that they think children have to be able to read before they tell them the stories of the Bible. Anyone who teaches tiny tots should remember that she is supposed to tell the stories of the Bible when children are placed under her care. Why, a few Sundays ago I took my little two-and-one-half-year-old granddaughter to Sunday school. She went to the tiny tots' department and seemed to enjoy it a great deal. The next Sunday morning when her mother was dressing her, the little girl said, 'Mother, I want to go back to Grandmother's Sunday school.'

"Her mother was shocked and quite displeased. 'Why, Honey, you must go to your own church. That's where you belong, and you know you love it.'

"'No,' the little girl insisted, 'I don't want to go to my own.'

"'Why do you want to go to Grandmother's church?' the mother asked.

"'Well, over at Grandmother's church they tell you all about Jesus, but at our church we just play with blocks.'

That story left me speechless. I began to wonder if maybe many of us think that children do not know enough to hear the stories of Jesus, or at least we act as if we believe that. The Bible is full of the most interesting and wonderful stories ever written.

The grandmother of the above story also told me one of the mistakes mothers and fathers and teachers make is to get tired of telling the same stories. She said, "Children do not get tired of hearing the same story over and over."

My father was a wonderful storyteller. Nearly always before the children went to bed, he would sit down for a storytelling period. Every night he came to the place where he asked, "What do you want me to tell you?"

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And always, yes, always, we asked for the same stories he had told us time and time again. The familiar stories were the best ones.

Your tiny child—do you tell him Bible stories, or do you merely let him "play with blocks"? You will find, of course, that it is much more of a task to tell interesting stories than it is to "let him play with blocks." Study to tell the Bible stories interestingly—and they will be told interestingly if you believe they are interesting!

## Another One to Think on:

In one of the churches in Phoenix there is a smart, naughty little four-year-old girl. She is hard to manage at home and is especially hard to manage at Sunday school. Remember, she is smart.

The church school was in session. The teacher was following her lesson in the material provided for her by her church. She was telling the children all about the young life of Jesus. We really know very little about it, you know. God did not seem to deem it either wise or necessary to inspire such writings.

The teacher said, "Jesus was a good little Boy. After every meal He helped His mother dry the dishes."

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## The Housewife and God By Enola Chamberlin

*I sweep and wash the dishes,  
I hang clothes on the line.  
I iron the shirts and blouses,  
I make the windows shine.*

*I cook the breakfasts, suppers,  
I spread the beds each day.  
I sew on hooks and buttons,  
Put coats and toys away.*

*I hear the children's lessons  
As they swiftly forge ahead.  
I listen to their blessings,  
And tuck them into bed.*

*I know my tasks are humble  
As through each day I plod.  
But I know that they have beauty  
Within the sight of God.*

The smart little girl didn't like to dry dishes and that story just didn't sound like the truth to her.

"Where does it say that Jesus helped His mother dry dishes?" she asked.

"Oh, right here in my book," the teacher explained.

"But I want you to show me in my Bible," and taking her Testament, which she could not read, she said, "Show me where the words are right in my own Bible."

Of course the teacher couldn't, for they were not in the Bible nor are they in any of the historical writings of Bible times. I doubt if there was much drying of dishes when Jesus was a little Boy. In the homes of kings and princes there were many dishes, but in the poor home in which Jesus lived there were probably very, very few dishes.

I have never been much of a believer in telling untruths to children. Anything I have to take back when the child reaches his teen years and asks me about it again, I believe I should never have told him in the first place.

Once when I was teaching in a public school, I had all the children make presents for their parents at Christmas time. The gifts were simple, but took lots of work for first-graders.

When Christmas was over we were gathered in the classroom. I asked one here and one there what he got for Christmas. Suddenly I became aware that a little first-grade boy was crying as if his heart would break.

"What's the matter, Myron?" I asked. "Are you sick?"

"No, but I just remembered that my daddy and mother didn't give me anything for Christmas. I gave them something," and then he burst out in tears afresh.

"Why, Myron," I asked, knowing that his parents were well-to-do, "didn't you get anything for Christmas?"

"Oh, yes, I got a wagon and a ball and bat and, oh, lots of things. But my daddy and mother didn't buy me anything."

"Well, who did give you all those things?" I asked.

"Santa Claus."

There are so many beautiful stories of Jesus: the miracles, each one; the parables; the trips Jesus took; Jesus' method in choosing His friends. The truth is beautiful! Why create doubt in the minds of the tiny folks?

**WE** RIGHTLY speak of the Bible as God's Word. However, it cannot be God's Word in the truest sense unless it is God's Word to someone—to you or me.

But the Bible cannot be God's Word to any individual except as that individual meets certain conditions. God can speak to you and me only as we take the right attitude toward Him. The Bible becomes God's Word to us as we open our hearts to it.

If we are sinners, we must come to God's Word in repentance if we would hear the voice of God through it. When we delight in our sinning or even continue to make a place for it, the Bible becomes a closed Book.

Confession and repentance accompanied by a genuine spirit of humility, of poorness of spirit, must characterize the sinner if he would hear God speak as he reads the Bible. It is a wonderful Book when we come to it as we should. Then, and only then, does it really become the Book of Books.

Are we ready to be taught? Do we want the truth revealed as to what our own needs are? If so, the Bible will indeed become "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). Thus it becomes God's Word to you and me.

The Bible is a Book about Christ; and another condition of its becoming the Word of God to us is that we must look at it through Him. Faith in Jesus Christ is essential to our understanding of the Bible. Christ is the living Word. He says: "All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him" (Matt. 11:27).

The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible, and He is its greatest Interpreter. He is in the world to represent the Father and the Son. It is His business to make vital the truth of the Bible as it teaches us about the Father and the Son. Anyone who takes an attitude of disrespect or even of indifference toward the Holy Spirit makes it impossible for God to speak to him through the Word. As the Holy Spirit enables God the Father to speak to us about Christ through His written Word, new light is flashed on our pathway day by day; and as we walk in the light more light is given.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17).

## It Was Good Dessert!

**I** CAN always find a place during a meal for dessert. It matters not how much I've eaten before, I can make room for pie, cake, ice cream, custard, or whatever the dessert may happen to be.

**Recipes Necessary** This time it was lemon chiffon custard. I am especially fond of it, and I ate my share. After I had finished, I could have said, "Away with recipes, cooks, and stoves. After all, the only thing that really counts is the eating of the dessert, the actual experience that comes when one bites into, chews, and finally swallows it." I don't care a thing about dessert that I don't get a chance to actually eat; I must experience it for myself if it really is to have any value. Therefore, I say again, I could rule out recipes, cooks, fires, stoves, and everything else except just the eating of the dessert.

But before I go too far I'd better remember that this lemon chiffon pie was not only made by a good cook, but she had a recipe that she followed carefully; and she cooked the prepared dessert in an A-1 stove. I must not forget while I am thinking about the experience and its importance that it would not have been possible if there hadn't been in the mind of this cook, and before that in her recipe book, the plan for making it. Finally, then, it would be foolish—wouldn't it?—if I were to discount these other things. All of this of course moved toward the end of the experience of eating the custard; but there could not have been that experience without the plans and activities which preceded.

Why have I said all of this? In order to emphasize the fact that while in a sense the purpose toward which we are always driving in our work as preachers is to get people saved and sanctified, to get them to have certain experiences, nevertheless, there are some other things which are very important if people are going to have those experiences. Those who cook well use recipes. Some may argue with me on that point and say that the Negro cooks of an earlier day just put a little of this, and that, and the other in and achieved the end-product, which was of the best quality, without any recipe. This was not the case; they had a recipe in their minds, and had learned it from others by years of watching and working. They may not have been able to tell you exactly what their recipe was, they might not have had anything written down, but they had a recipe. All persons who cook anything that is worth eating have recipes, and those recipes are absolutely essential to the finished product.



are indissolubly bound together, and to neglect one of them is finally to neglect all of them.

During the first twenty-five years of the present century there was a striking example of the Church's failure along the line of theology. The liberal religious thinker said, "It doesn't make any difference what you believe." He discarded not only his theology but also his theological terminology, or words, and said, "Let's have the life; experience; or a varied, glamorous, and wonderful form of worship—these are the important phases of our religion. After all, theology with its specific terminology," he said, "isn't important." Thus he discarded his ideology. What happened? Communism came in with an ideology, and it has swept through the minds of millions of men. This has slowly brought the liberalist to his senses. As a result, we are now hearing more about theology and doctrine. A revival is on, and it is first of all a revival of theology.

Once again I would emphasize the fact that we can't have a proper theology without a proper terminology. We need interpretative terms, which often are not found in the Bible, to describe specifically the position which we take as to a particular line of Bible teaching. Take the deity of Jesus Christ for instance; the word deity isn't found in the Bible as applied to Christ. He is spoken of as the Son of God, but that phrase is used in different ways, even in the Bible, and certainly two people may use it with reference to Christ and not mean the same thing. Therefore, we need to say that we believe in the deity of Jesus Christ, or better still, we need to say that we believe fully the Bible teaching about Christ. It implies that He is unique, the only uncreated Son of God, or the eternal Son of God. These are theological statements of the truth as to what Jesus is; they are not Biblical descriptions of what He is. They are interpretative words, or phraseologies, which help men to state clearly and adequately their belief as to the Bible teaching about Christ.

THE SAME is true as to the second blessing. The Bible teaching may be interpreted in various ways; in fact, it has been interpreted in various ways. But as a

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Wesleyan, or Arminian-Wesleyan, interpretation of the Bible teaching is correct. It is not enough for us to believe that; we must have terms which specifically and fully describe what that Arminian-Wesleyan position is. Eradication, more than any other word, is the one which the early men in the holiness movement in America used to describe their view, or their interpretation, of the Bible teaching as to the second blessing. If they used only scriptural terms, others might use those terms also but mean something different from what they meant; but those who opposed their position have not misunderstood what they meant when they used the word eradication.

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THE SAME is true when we come into the field of religion, as I have already intimated. We want people to have certain experiences, and there is a sense in which that is the all-important thing; we must get people saved and sanctified. Nevertheless, we must remember that we cannot get people saved and sanctified without having a recipe, a philosophy, an ideology, a theology, or some basic information. I can't sanction the attitude taken by some when they say the important thing is to get the experience; it doesn't matter whether you use this or that term, or understand this or that term, just so you get the experience. It doesn't make any difference whether you have a theology, ideology, or understanding—the thing is to get the experience. The only trouble with this position is that you can't get and perpetuate the experience without some understanding, knowledge, theories, recipes, philosophies of life, ideologies, or theologies. There always has to be some thinking before there can be any worthwhile experiencing. Man is a thinking creature, and thinking opens the way for experiences; and right thinking opens the way for the right kind of experiences.

THE Christian religion has at least four very important aspects. It is a belief, first; second, an experience; third, a life; and fourth, a liturgy, or form of worship, a way in which we actually

**Theology and Terminology** approach and commune with God after we have received a religious experience. These four aspects are related to one another; if we let down in one, sooner or later we'll let down in all of them. One of the strangest things is that oftentimes good people, and seemingly otherwise intelligent people, can't see this truth at all. They intimate in one way or another that it doesn't matter so much what we believe, just so we get the experience. We should also remember that when we talk about theologies, ideologies, recipes, theories, intellectual plans, ideas, or concepts of certain things, we are involved immediately in terminology. We can't have correct theology without correct terminology. Concepts, or ideas, can be expressed only in words, and right concepts can be expressed only in the proper, or certain specific, words. We not only have to have a theology, we also have to have a terminology. Letting down in our terminology means letting down in our theology, and letting down in our theology means that, sooner or later, we'll let down in our experience, our living, and our worship. All four of these aspects of our holy religion

This is just another illustration of the truth I am emphasizing. If we are going to have experiences like they ought to be down across the years, then we're going to have to have a theology that is what it ought to be; and if we're going to have a theology that is what it ought to be, we're going to have to have a terminology that is what it ought to be. If we are careless at any of these points, we'll suffer the consequences.

I'M FOR dessert; I like it, and the main thing I'm after in connection with it is to eat it, experience it. But I ought to realize that I can't have dessert that is worth eating without proper recipes, theories, planning, or understanding. I ought to be as wise when it comes to conversion or entire sanc-

tification. I want the experience above everything else, and I want others to get the experience; but I ought to realize that these experiences cannot be perpetuated in their true form without some attention to theories, theology, or ideology, and this cannot be kept in its place without some understanding of terminology, or better still, some right use of words.

Again, we are not in the "short run" in this business of proclaiming the gospel of full salvation; we are in the "long run." We are not working for just one generation; we are working for our generation and those who are to succeed us. This being the case, we must be sure that we maintain the proper attitude toward all the different aspects, or phases, of the Christian religion; for if we let down on one of them, sooner or later it will affect all of the others adversely.

## NEWS of the Churches



Greensboro, Indiana—October 17 was home-coming day with 176 in Sunday school. We will soon be closing our third year here and God has blessed in many ways. We are on the second year of a three-year call, and give God praise for all His blessings.—James Ford, Pastor.

Denhoff, North Dakota—In October we had a great revival with Rev. Winfield Mundell as the evangelist. This proved to be one of the greatest revivals in this town for many years. God gave 32 seekers at the altar, with 4 young couples saved, and already 2 new members added to the church. Brother Mundell preached the Word and God used him in a wonderful way. There was much prayer and fasting on the part of the lay members and God honored this. A fine spirit of unity prevails in the church. Our Sunday school has averaged 103 for the last five months, and the population of our town is less than two hundred. We give God praise for His blessings.—Elmer O. Nelson, Pastor.

sanctified, among them new people who were saved for the first time. Six new members were received into the church.—J. H. Livingston, Pastor.

Newman Grove, Nebraska—God has given us one of the greatest revivals we have had here for many years. Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep were greatly used of the Lord. Brother Estep's messages were old-fashioned and heart-searching and brought conviction and results. We were able to reach some folks outside the church, and most of the unsaved of our Sunday school were saved and sanctified. A nice class of members has been added to the church. We want the Esteps to come again.—James E. Wallick, Pastor.



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McEwen, Tennessee — Pine Hill Church had a ten-day revival in October with Rev. Juett R. Cox, of Trevecca Nazarene College, as the evangelist. Brother Cox is a man of God and the Lord used him in a special way. The Holy Spirit came, and sixty-nine people sought and found the Lord in saving and sanctifying power. We give God praise for His blessings.—Bettye Ball, Reporter.

Flora, Illinois—As we enter our second year as pastor with this church, we thank God for the progress made in all departments. The church membership has more than doubled, our Sunday school has shown a steady increase, and the prayer meetings now number above 50. The first unit of our new church, which will seat 300, with 13 individual classrooms, is now up to the floor level; and construction is under way on the walls. We recently had a very successful revival with Evangelist A. L. Parrott. Our church was helped and encouraged by his ministry. There were 29 at the altar seeking God to be saved or

North Middletown, Kentucky—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. R. M. Banning as evangelist, and souls praying through to God. Brother and Sister Grant Stone were the fine song evangelists. The first Sunday we broke our previous record in Sunday school with 204 present; and the last Sunday we broke it again with 223 present.—Paul Vickers, Pastor.

Overland Park, Kansas—Lakeview Church feel that they have recently closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church with Rev. L. B. Mathews as evangelist. Brother and Sister Diffendorfer, who are attending our Seminary, handled the music in a very fine way. The attendance was very good, largely due to the forceful, old-fashioned, Biblical preaching of Evangelist Mathews. When people bow at an altar as they did in this meeting and pray through, finances and co-operation for the Kingdom are no problem.—E. E. Reep, Pastor.

## MOLALLA, OREGON

We give God praise for the way in which the Church of the Nazarene has been able to serve this rural town of less than two thousand population and also the surrounding communities. We are today building on the labors of faithful laymen and former pastors of fifteen preceding years. During our two years here the people have shown a most willing and cooperative spirit, so that we have been able to make gains in all phases of the work, also improve the church property. Our people come from some five or six logging and farming communities nearby and are known and respected for their church loyalty. Our Sunday school now averages 135, and we have a beautiful church and parsonage, only five years old, in an attractive location. The property is valued at \$30,000.00 with a debt of less than \$9,000.00. The church auditorium, largest in the area, will seat 325 people, and the full basement comprises a fine Sunday-school plant. In a recent school term, there were nine members of the church enrolled at our Northwest Nazarene College. In spite of some setbacks, due to a transition from logging to farming in this area, progress is still evi-



denced in our work. We are seeing souls find spiritual help at the altar, and a good spirit prevails in the services Sunday after Sunday. In recent weeks, an adult Sunday-school class presented the church with an

eight-foot neon sign, and had it mounted on the front of the building; also the board of trustees is sponsoring a complete redecorating program for the exterior of the building.—J. L. Van Arsdel, Pastor.

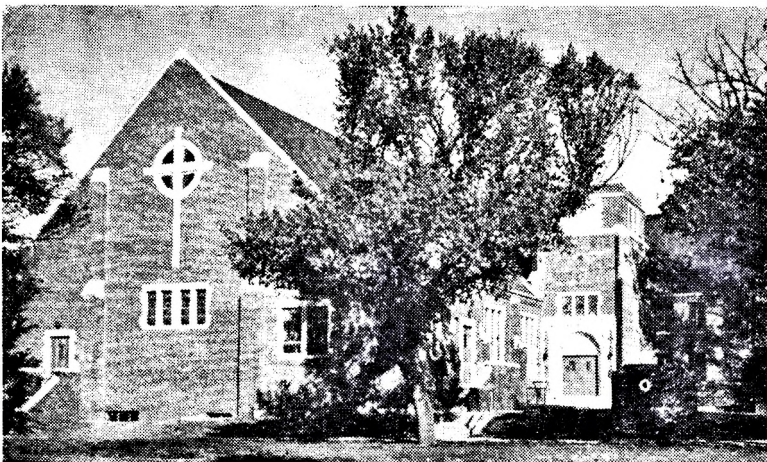
Guthrie, Oklahoma—We recently closed a good meeting in our church with Rev. George Brannon as the evangelist. Brother Brannon did some wonderful preaching; the church prayed, and God blessed our efforts. On the last Sunday morning the Lord came on the service and 12 people came to the altar without any preaching. There were 18 people at the altar, most of whom prayed through, and our church was greatly helped. Brother Brannon did his very best, fasting one meal a day with the rest of the church. We had a better attendance in our Sunday school than

we have had in years; our average for last month was 170. Our N.Y.P.S. is growing, and the N.F.M.S. is going ahead of last year. We are co-operating in the Sunday-school contest, and the people are showing good interest.—E. L. Looman and wife, Pastors.

Ferriday, Louisiana—Our church has had a good revival with Rev. A. J. Hoof as evangelist. We had an old-fashioned revival with people getting saved and sanctified. We praise the Lord for Brother Hoof, who preaches the gospel people need to get to heaven.—J. W. Nixon, Pastor.

Paoli, Indiana—Our church recently had a very good revival with Rev. Morris Scutt of Spencer as the evangelist, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoneoff of Bedford in charge of the music. A wonderful spirit prevailed, God gave seekers at the altar, and the entire church was helped. Brother Scutt is a good preacher and soul winner, and the Stoneoffs are splendid young people and were a great blessing in the services. Last spring we had a good revival with Evangelist John Harrold, and only one barren altar in the fourteen services.—Carlton Gollither, Pastor.

## NEWTON, KANSAS



Sunday, February 21, marked the date of the first service in the new sanctuary pictured here. It was the fulfillment of a dream that had been in the hearts of the people for many years. Under the leadership of our

fine pastor, Rev. Clifton Norell, the construction of the sanctuary was carried on very smoothly, and completed in about ten months. Much credit is due former pastors and the people for their consecrated lives and

devotion to God in making funds available for such a beautiful building. God has marvelously blessed, and we have one of the loveliest churches in this city. The sanctuary has a seating capacity of 600, including the balcony and overflow; it is furnished in beautiful oak pews and matching accessories. The building is 45 x 82 feet in size, with full basement, giving ample room for the needs of our growing Sunday school. On Sunday, April 25, Dr. Samuel Young was with us in a beautiful dedication service. His challenging message placed a greater responsibility on the members of the church as they face the future with their new equipment. District Superintendent Ray Hance also participated in the service, adding much inspiration. The financial program of the church is well in hand, and the church is being well received in the community. Last assembly year the Sunday school broke all previous records in attendance, having the largest attendance for one day, one month, and one year.—Mrs. Willis Overholt, Secretary.

# Sunday-School Attendance Report

Carrington, North Dakota—We recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. Alva O. and Gladys Estep as our workers. The preaching of Brother Estep was strong, soul-stirring, effective, and well received; and the song leading and singing of Sister Estep added life and inspiration to each service. Brother Estep also presented his scene-o-felt pictures in a very effective way. We are rejoicing over the victories which have been won and the new people who are coming into the church. This is the second revival the Esteps have held in our church in two years and they were well received. We do appreciate their ministry among us.—Ralph E. Hull, Pastor.

Nashville, Tennessee—We recently closed one of the most successful and profitable revivals that I have known anything about at the Inglewood Church since my first contact with this church some eight years ago. Perhaps more people have been at the altar in previous times but never so many new people, many of whom were reached through the ministry of Rev. George Cocoris, converted from the Greek Orthodox church. He is without a doubt one of God's chosen vessels who has "come to the kingdom for such a time as this." As a direct result of the Billy Graham Crusade in Nashville, which was followed by this outstanding revival with Brother Cocoris, we received a fine group of new members, seven of whom were by profession of faith. The unusual ministry of George Cocoris, Nazarene evangelist, could well be shared with the entire church.—Don Jernigan, Pastor.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon write: "Recently we closed a good revival at Elmwood, Indiana, with Pastor Paul Herrell. Three different services during this revival God broke in on us with wave after wave of glory, so that we didn't get a chance to preach. Some real victories were won here. At present we are in a revival at Bellairé, Ohio, with the aggressive pastor, Rev. C. L. Gardiner. God is blessing; had a good altar service last night. Because of a change of dates we have open time for a one-week, Sunday-to-Sunday revival, December 12 to 19. Any pastor interested in this date address us at 39 South Prospect Avenue, Pat-chogue, New York."

Benton Harbor, Michigan—This church recently closed a good week of services with Rev. William Tidwell as special worker. Brother Tidwell's messages were an inspiration and a challenge to a life of holiness and service. The altar services were very fruitful. Every service was well attended, and new families were reached by the church. We thank God for His blessings upon our church.—R. D. Bredholt, Pastor.

District	1953-54	October	Percentage
<b>SOUTHERN ZONE</b>			
Kansas City	8,777	9,548	109
Kansas	7,686	8,129	106
Southwest Oklahoma	6,004	6,315	105
Abilene	5,481	5,501	100
Dallas	4,791	4,998	104
Louisiana	4,279	4,477	105
Northeast Oklahoma	3,998	4,145	104
South Arkansas	3,751	3,991	106
Houston	3,242	3,426	106
Districts not reporting: Nebraska, Northwest Oklahoma, North Arkansas, Southeast Oklahoma, San Antonio			
<b>SOUTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Northern California	14,317	15,124	106
Southern California	10,285	11,872	115
Los Angeles	8,893	9,678	109
Arizona	3,437	3,692	107
New Mexico	3,104	3,129	101
District not reporting: Colorado			
<b>NORTHWEST ZONE</b>			
Oregon Pacific	6,939	7,184	104
Northwest	6,127	7,087	116
Rocky Mountain	2,445	2,453	100
Minnesota	2,081	2,232	107
North Dakota	1,656	1,761	106
Nevada-Utah	778	918	118
South Dakota	782	870	111
Alaska	524	529	101
District not reporting: Washington Pacific			
<b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>			
Western Ohio	13,753	14,328	104
Central Ohio	12,612	13,654	108
Northeastern Indiana	9,437	9,964	106
Southwest Indiana	9,067	9,629	106
Indianapolis	7,863	9,311	118
Illinois	8,076	9,113	113
Eastern Michigan	8,117	8,795	108
Michigan	7,975	8,475	106
Missouri	7,355	7,617	104
Iowa	6,098	6,084	100
Northwest Indiana	5,060	5,607	111
Chicago Central	5,309	5,556	105
Northwestern Illinois	4,835	4,489	93
Wisconsin	2,238	2,329	104
<b>SOUTHEAST ZONE</b>			
West Virginia	9,905	10,138	102
Alabama	7,300	7,752	106
Tennessee	6,882	8,548	124
Florida	6,436	6,895	107
East Tennessee	5,637	5,832	103
Georgia	5,245	5,407	103
Kentucky	5,621	4,718	84
Mississippi	2,651	2,734	103
Districts not reporting: Eastern Kentucky, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia			
<b>EASTERN ZONE</b>			
Akron	10,177	11,430	112
Washington-Philadelphia	9,458	10,662	113
Pittsburgh	8,027	8,606	107
Albany	3,190	3,633	114
New York	1,968	2,117	108
District not reporting: New England			
<b>BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE</b>			
Canada West	4,838	5,003	103
Districts not reporting: Maritime, Australia, British Isles South, British Isles North, Canada Central			

Estimated average for October, 1954  
Gain over last year's average

387,119  
20,978

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*  
Department of Church Schools

Evangelist L. M. Payne reports: "My last two revival meetings were in Oklahoma. At Stigler, with Pastor J. D. Brazil, the revival spirit was manifested in the first service and the church prayed and carried a burden. Quite a few souls were blessed at the altar—some reclaimed, others converted, and some sanctified. I had a week-end campaign at Geary with Rev. Grady Bohannon, where God met with us and gave us an outstanding altar service. A fine man past seventy years of age prayed through to victory; he and his wife had a spell of rejoicing and the whole church was blessed. I close at Milburn, Oklahoma, on December 5, after which I have some open time. Am now slating for both '55 and '56; will come for freewill offering and entertainment. Write me at Bethany, Oklahoma."

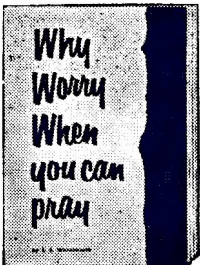
preached rugged and heart-stirring messages that bore fruit. He was untiring in his efforts with seekers at the altar, giving instruction and praying with them. The Spirit of the meeting was wonderful throughout. We are in our sixth year as pastor of this fine church and are having the best year yet. Our Sunday school shows a large gain over last year, and we have received in the first two months of our assembly year seven new members. God has enabled us to give at least 10 per cent for missions the past several years, and last year the church reached almost 14 per cent. These are wonderful days and we thank God for His guidance, blessing, and victory.—Ellis L. Teasdale, Pastor.

Fort Worth, Texas—It is some nine months since the Northside Church sent in a report. We have been busy and active in the various departments of the church. First, we have remodeled the platform and choir loft in the sanctuary, making it more

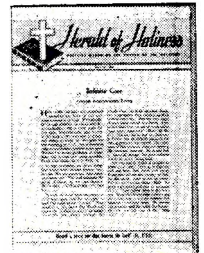
beautiful and also more convenient; also purchased a Hammond organ. The platform and aisles of the sanctuary have been carpeted, and asbestos tiles have been purchased to cover the halls and Sunday-school rooms. We have secured a vacant lot situated across the alley on the west side of the building. On this we hope to put a fireproof building which will be used as a center for the expansion of our youth program of the church. Our N.F.M.S. program has been enlarged to include three chapters, one of which is a men's chapter and has a membership of over twenty men, with a similar number of ladies in the other two chapters. The Sunday school and young people's societies are in a good and healthy condition. Recently we had a good spiritual revival with Dr. A. L. Parrott as evangelist. About ninety seekers found victory at the altar during the twelve-day period. Every department of the church was helped. The preaching was good and sound, on a broad foundation. Our pastor, Rev. Hugh B. Dean, is universally loved; and during the fifteen months he has been with us has proved to be wise, good, and deeply spiritual. We thank God for sending such a man to us. We have recently given him a three-year call.—Norman M. Bloore, Reporter.

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gains in almost every department. Even though we are in the drought area, this church gave 14.4 per cent to world evangelism this past assembly year. We have people who love God, and we are praying that this year will be the best in the long and colorful history of the church.—Foy Bullock, Pastor.

Evangelists W. W. and Wilma Geeding write: "Because of a cancellation we have January 5 to 16 open. If any pastor is interested in slating this time, please write us at 376 W. Pine Street, Canton, Illinois."

### Annual Council Meeting Guatemala Missionary District

Greetings from the thirtieth annual council meeting of the Guatemalan Missionary District. We have recently closed our fiscal year, and we are happy to report gains in every department; but that just means we will have to work harder this coming year to keep on the increase.

Rev. R. W. Birchard was re-elected district superintendent, and in his annual report to the council he urged that we go all out for souls this year. This being our fiftieth anniversary here in Guatemala, we are launching a Crusade for Souls campaign, and work has already been started toward this end.

Please remember to pray for your missionaries here in Guatemala in these days of uncertainty, that our work toward spreading the gospel will not be hindered, and also that many people will be won through the effort of the Crusade for Souls campaign.

LUCILLE HUDSON, Reporter

### Albany District Preachers' Meeting

Preachers of the Albany District—from Rev. C. P. Lanpher, dean of the ministers, to Donald Shelp, just out of Bible school—have acclaimed this year's preachers' meeting, October 25 to 27, the best yet.

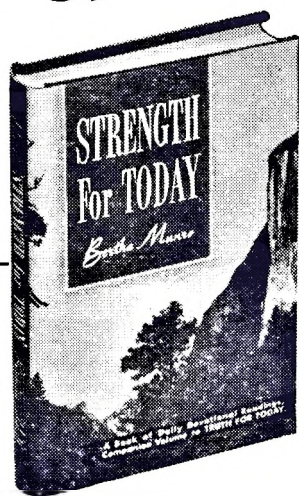
The LeTourneau Christian Camp on Canandaigua Lake provided an ideal atmosphere and setting for spiritual and physical recreation and fraternal fellowship. With services, meals, sleeping rooms, and recreational facilities all on the same ground, there was time for unscheduled sings, theological discussions, story swapping, and fun.

The special speaker, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, referred to himself as "just one of the fellows." Before the first message was finished, every pastor and pastor's wife knew that here was a general superintendent up from the ranks. His treatment of the subjects pertinent to preacher and parsonage was unmistakably sincere and sympathetic. It would be impossible to improve Dr. Vanderpool's popularity rating among the Albany District preachers.

Rev. Lyle Potter, winding up a month's tour of the district, brought two addresses that greatly enlightened the brethren Sunday-school-wise. Augmented by the inspired singing of his good wife, Brother Potter's messages at the convention and among the churches have given the schools of this district a "shot in the arm."

Presiding at the sessions was District Superintendent Renard D. Smith. His fairness in discussions, his impartiality among the brethren, and his sense of the spiritual were never

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more in evidence than during the convention. The general superintendent rightly attributed the united and brotherly spirit of Albany District to the spirit of its leadership.

Christ was with us. I wonder if the disciples were more blessed as He taught them by the Sea of Galilee. It was He who turned everything into blessing. No song, discussion, paper, or message could fall flat with Him there. It seemed to make little difference who sang, spoke, played, or prayed.

After two days of calm and peace, the little lake put on a real storm for us on the closing day. It was almost as though it were saying, "You've had two days of peace; now back to the storm!" But He that was by the side of His preachers on stormy Galilee is with all of our preachers—and we know it better since the preachers' meeting.

HOMER M. SMITH, Reporter

## DEATHS

MRS. CLARA B. WEST was born in Clinton, Illinois, on August 4, 1894, and died May 4, 1954. She joined the Clinton Church of the Nazarene in 1924 shortly after it was organized, and gave the rest of her busy life serving the Lord in various capacities of duty and leadership in the church. She was a most loyal and faithful member of the church, and her Christian influence will long be remembered in the church and community. She is survived by her husband, James B. West; two children, Norma and Robert, both of Clinton; also four stepchildren, Mrs. Erva North, Mrs. Ethel Baker, Mrs. Howard Rogers, and Mrs. Cecil Underwood, all of Clinton.

MRS. EFFIE DE BOARD was born January 19, 1885, at Piney Creek, North Carolina, and died June 16, 1954, at Twin Falls, Idaho. Sister De Board was saved and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls in 1937. She served her Lord faithfully; truly she was a "mother in Israel." She became a charter member of the South Park Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls, of which she was a member at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Roscoe; three sons, Wayne, Merl, and Dean; and one daughter, Mrs. Nona Askew. Funeral services were held in First Church, Twin Falls, with Rev. E. G. Vevig officiating.

ANDREW G. NYLIN was born October 5, 1865, at Stora Wilby, Sweden, and came to the United States in 1881. He was married to Jennie S. Clark in 1888; six children were born to this union. Two children and his wife preceded him in death. Four children survive him: Maud, Ruth, Gilbert, and Amos. He was a charter member of the Utica Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Brooklyn, New York. He later became a charter member of the East Rockaway church. He was a trustee and steward for many years and was faithful to the church as long as his health permitted. He died October 1, 1954, and the funeral was held in the church he loved, with Rev. Donald H. Strong, pastor, officiating. He was buried in Greenfield Cemetery, Hempstead, New York.

FLOYD W. WELLS, charter member of the Church of the Nazarene, coming in with the union of the Independent Holiness church in 1908, died September 27, 1954, at Cleburne, Texas. He was united in marriage to Mary Alice Benningfield on March 21, 1903. To this union seven daughters and one son were born. Mr. Wells is survived by his wife and children. He was a charter member of the Cleburne, Texas, Church of the Nazarene. To the end he maintained a burning testimony to the saving and sanctifying grace of God. Funeral services were conducted in Godley, Texas, with Rev. Mike Courtney and Rev. J. C. Traweek officiating. Interment was in the Godley cemetery.

FREDDIE MARION, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barnes of Elkhart, Kansas, was born at Longton, Kansas, March 22, 1943, and died at a hospital in Elkhart, on October 6, 1954, at the age of eleven years and six months. Freddie had given his heart to the Lord and was a faithful attendant at Sunday school and loyal to his church, taking a special interest in the Junior missionary society and the Caravan work. He was also active in 4-H and Boy Scouts. Besides his parents, he leaves to mourn his passing

two sisters and one brother of the home, two half brothers and three half sisters; also his grandparents. Funeral services were held in the Elkhart Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Dallas McKellips officiating.

ALICE CHASE WOOLLEY was born in High Point Township, Iowa, on December 27, 1889, and died in Osceola, Iowa, September 18, 1954. Funeral services were held from a funeral home in Leon, Iowa, with Rev. Lewie L. Watters, pastor of the Leon Church of the Nazarene, officiating, with final resting place at Garden Grove, Iowa.

MRS. CASSIE HAMPTON was born in Harrison County, Missouri, on March 4, 1881, and died at her home in Leon, Iowa, on October 6, 1954. Funeral services were conducted from a funeral home in Leon, with the Rev. Lewie L. Watters, pastor of the Leon Church of the Nazarene, officiating, with final resting place in Leon cemetery.

MRS. MAYRTLE LAUNRENA BERRY died in a hospital in Bellaire, Ohio, August 18, 1954, at the age of eighty-one years. She was born in Parker, Kansas, November 28, 1873. On August 21, 1901, she was united in marriage to Dr. James Clark Berry, who preceded her in death nine years ago on July 31, 1945. Sister Berry was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene, Shadyside, Ohio. She lived a wonderfully consecrated life with a never-failing testimony for her Lord and Saviour. She was faithful to God and her church to the end, attending church as her health permitted. Funeral services were held at Shadyside, with her pastor, Rev. Lewis H. Theodore, officiating.

MRS. EMYALY ANGELINE (TESTER) SHOCK was born September 12, 1869, and died October 11, 1954, after six weeks' illness. She was converted in a Nazarene revival in October, 1941, united with the Rockford, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene, and lived a faithful, consecrated life until the end. Her love for God and the Church of the Nazarene was her very life. Heaven has been made richer by her home-going.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. C. C. Swallow is an ordained elder, and a member of our district. He has preached in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and in many of our Western states. We are sure that his many friends will be interested to know that he is available for evangelistic services. He is a good preacher, and will be a blessing to your church.—Gene E. Phillips, Superintendent of Iowa District.

### WEDDING BELLS

Rev. Vera Weightman, Nazarene pastor at St. Albans, Vermont, and Rev. W. W. Clay, pastor of Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene, Vicksburg, Michigan, were united in marriage on November 12, in the St. Albans Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. J. C. Albright, superintendent of New England District, officiating.

Miss Jean Slang and Mr. Frederick Nott were united in marriage on October 23, in Port Alberni, B.C., Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. L. Falk, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. O. P. Burreis of Cincinnati, Ohio, a child, Donnis Bevan, on November 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Alton H. Swift of Eliot, Maine, a daughter, Marsha Eileen, on November 4.

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

One of our post pastors writes what his church is doing for the servicemen at Camp Gordon, Georgia. Rev. W. H. Boswell, of Augusta, says: "We are putting on an intensive drive to reach all the men we can in Camp Gordon. We had seventeen present in a Saturday night service during a recent revival. Several of these men received spiritual help during this meeting. We have thirty or more attending regularly or occasionally. We are happy that God has given us this avenue of service."

Chaplain Reginald A. Berry, formerly of the USNS "Gen. D. E. Aultman," %\* Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, has been transferred to the U.S. Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, Nevada.

Rev. Clair E. Umstead, 1032 South Bradford Street, Dover, Delaware, writes that he would be glad to contact any young men stationed at the Dover Air Force Base. You may write him at the above address, should you have any relatives stationed there.

Chaplain Clifford Keys has recently been awarded the Senior Parachutist Badge. He also writes: "I have 'Showers of Blessing' broadcast regularly in the local U.S. Army Hospital. It is being well received by the patients as well as hospital personnel. I am getting many new contacts through this broadcast. Also I am distributing printed 'Showers of Blessing' sermons among the men." Chaplain Keys is currently stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Chaplain (Major) James E. Morris was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

Corporal Dennis R. Wright writes the following: "I have been wanting to write you for some time and tell you just how much I do appreciate your interest in not only me, but all the Nazarene servicemen. This is a very important program, and I am sure that there are results. By sending my wife and me the *HERALD* and *Conquest*, we continually build spiritually, the way we should, even though there are no Nazarene churches within 115 miles."

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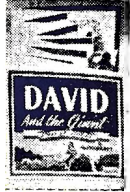
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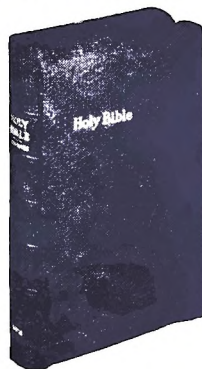
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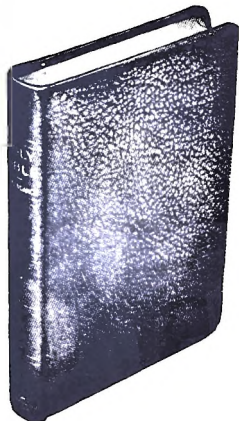
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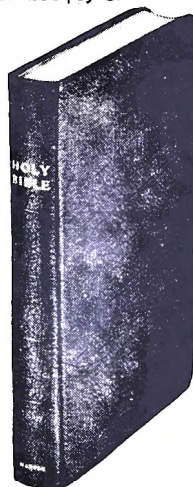
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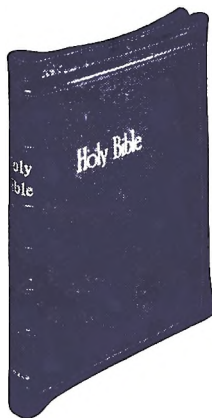


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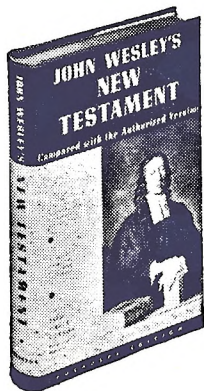
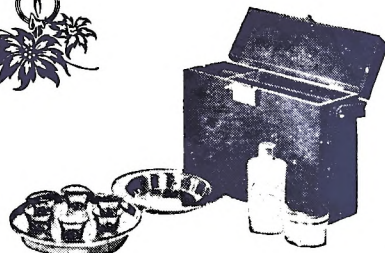
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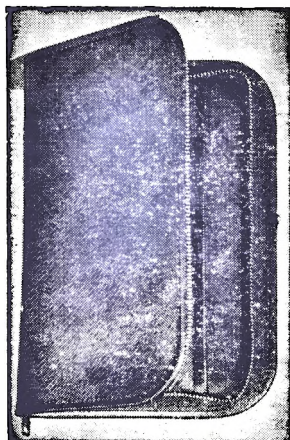
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## NAZARENE CLERGY EMBLEM

Does your pastor have one of these distinctive-looking emblems on his car? Baked-on enamel on rustproof aluminum. 3 1/2 x 3 1/2".

DN 50 **50c**



# —for that serviceman!

## THE NAZARENE SERVICEMAN

By Chaplain Claude L. Chilton

Remember that serviceman with this helpful little book. Inspirational reading, valuable information, practical suggestions. Pocket-size, dignified-looking, presentation page.

**75c**

## NEW TESTAMENT WITH PSALMS

A Testament designed specifically for the serviceman. Fabric binding, resistant to varying weather conditions and constant wear. Size 2 3/4 x 4 3/8 x 3/8". Clear black type.

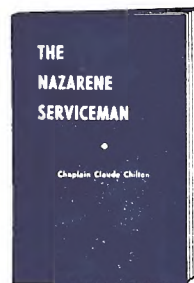
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## BIBLE CASES

Possibly your serviceman would like a Bible case. Genuine leather, lined, triple-stitched, durable zipper. When ordering, specify choice of black or brown. Boxed.

No. 4200R 9 x 6 1/2" **\$5.95** No. 98 8 x 6" **\$5.25**

No. 4201R 10 1/2 x 7 1/2" **\$6.45** No. 99 9 x 7" **\$6.25**



## POCKETKNIFE

For something small and practical, give a knife. Two blades of carbon cutlery steel, simulated pearl handle, brass-lined, 3 1/8" long. Imprint "Christ My Guide" especially significant for serviceman.

No. X19T **85c**

# This Christmas . . . give STRENGTH FOR TODAY!

A gift appreciated every day of the year.



*Gifts that reflect good taste  
in Christian giving!*

### DUTCH COLONIAL TRIVETS

Here's the answer to your gift list! Hand-cast in old-fashioned iron with satin black finish. Inexpensively priced, yet of highest quality. It's the latest thing in the gift line!

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|--------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| No. T1 | Bless This House   | 7" wide  | \$1.50 |
| No. T3 | God Bless Our Home | 5½" wide | \$1.00 |
| No. T5 | Jesus Never Fails  | 6" wide  | \$1.25 |
| No. T6 | God Answers Prayer | 6" wide  | \$1.25 |

### THIN NEW TESTAMENT WITH PSALMS

For that one to whom you wish to give something extra nice. Self-pronouncing, thinnest India paper, pocket-size—only 4¼ x 6¾ x ½", clear black type, GIFT-PAK.

Specimen of Type

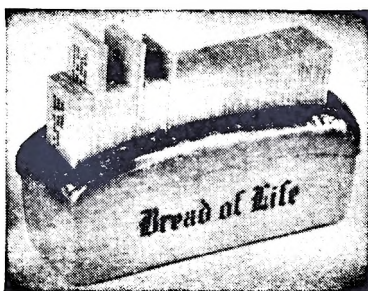
#### Against false prophets

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

24 And he that keepeth his



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| TP65X | Genuine leather, paper-lined, red under gold edges   | \$6.00 |
| TP66X | Genuine leather, leather-lined, red under gold edges | \$6.75 |
| TP67X | Hand-grained morocco, leather-lined, gold edges      | \$8.50 |
| TP68X | Same as TP67X in maroon                              | \$9.00 |
| TP69X | Same as TP67X in blue                                | \$9.00 |
| TP70X | Same as TP67X in red                                 | \$9.00 |



### "BREAD OF LIFE" PROMISE BOX

Miniature, plastic, shaped and colored loaf of bread containing some 365 cards with scripture and poem. A gift that will sow gospel seed the year around.  
No. C162P \$1.50



### PERPETUAL CALENDARS

A gift that is different, lasting, and usable! Embossed scripture text and religious design on highest quality copper. Edges of base curved for holding pencil. 5 x 2". Boxed.

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| No. 2171 | He Careth for You  |             |
| No. 2172 | God Answers Prayer |             |
| No. 2173 | Trust in the Lord  |             |
| No. 2174 | Jesus Never Fails  | \$1.25 each |



**Keep CHRIST in CHRISTMAS!**



### "ART-WOOD" PLAQUE

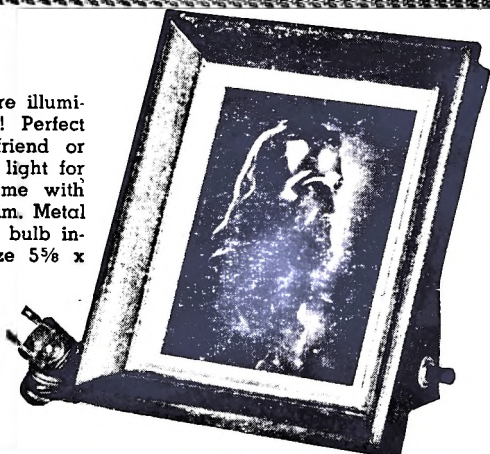
Many of your friends will appreciate receiving this new design featuring the Golden Rule and John 3:16. In deep, rich mahogany with raised letters highlighted with gold. 6 x 4". Boxed.

No. N1545 85c

### Inspira-Lite

Beautiful Sallman's picture illuminated with a soft radiance! Perfect for an aged or shut-in friend or loved one. Ideal as night light for child's room. Wooden frame with mahogany finish and gold trim. Metal case containing seven-watt bulb inconspicuously attached: size 5½ x 6¾.

**\$5.95 each**



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| No. 595 | Head of Christ     | No. 597 | The Good Shepherd |
| No. 596 | Christ at the Door | No. 598 | The Boy Christ    |

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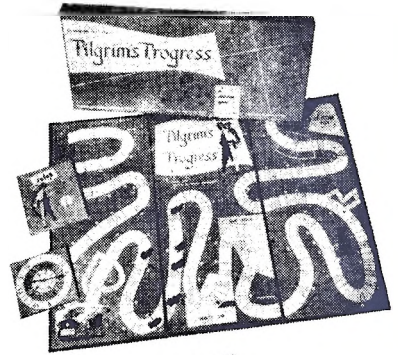
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# Christ-honoring gifts suited to youthful tastes!



## PILGRIM'S PROGRESS GAME

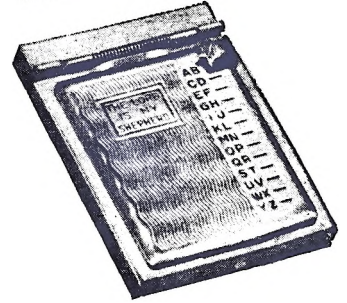
Why not give a game . . . a game that teaches the fundamental principles of living the Christian life? It will provide entertainment to many. **\$2.95**



## LUMINOUS CROSS DESK MOTTO

A dignified 2½" luminous cross mounted on an ebonized plastic base 3 1/16 x 1". Motto stamped in gold. Boxed for giving.

- No. 3040 Follow Me
- No. 3041 By Faith Alone
- No. 3042 The Lord Is My Shepherd **35c each**



## TWO BLADE PENKNIFE

A high quality pocketknife your friends will be pleased to receive. Convenient to carry in a purse or pocket. 2¼ x ⅝", boxed. **No. AD17 85c**



## MIDGET TELEPHONE INDEX

A new gift item! An attractive, hammered-brass index, small enough to carry in a purse or pocket. The slightest pressure on the indicator gives the desired number and address. Text die-stamped on front. **No. GD-1210 \$1.00**

## PILOT WHEEL PINS

Give a pin that carries a testimony. Gold-filled with gold letters against a blue background. Comes in two styles—pin with safety catch or button with screw back.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>PIN STYLE</b>          | <b>BUTTON STYLE</b>        |
| No. 321 Jesus Never Fails | No. 3210 Jesus Never Fails |
| No. 322 Jesus Saves       | No. 3340 Nazarene          |
| No. 334 Nazarene          | No. 3220 Jesus Saves       |
- 40c each**



## BIRTHDAY AUTOGRAPHS

Something that is very popular among young people! For each day of the year, there is an inspirational quotation and space for signature of friends. Compiled by Dell Aycock. **75c**

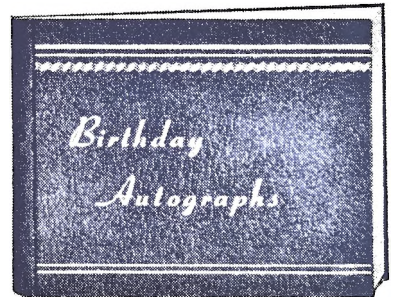
## TINY TESTAMENT WITH PSALMS



Specimen of Type  
man was the Son of God.  
40 There were also women  
looking on afar off; among  
whom was Mary Magdalene,  
and Mary the mother  
of James the less and of

The most popular Testament for beauty, durability, and legibility! Self-pronouncing, India paper, vest-pocket size—2⅝ x 3¾ x ¼". **GIFT-PAK.** Truly a gift to be cherished.

- No. TP44X Genuine leather, overlapping covers, red under gold edges **\$3.50**
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- No. TP47X Hand-grained morocco, half-circuit, leather-lined, gold edges **\$5.50**
- No. TP48X Same as No. TP47X, in maroon **\$6.00**
- No. TP49X Same as No. TP47X, in blue **\$6.00**
- No. TP50X Same as No. TP47X, in red **\$6.00**
- No. TP51X Same as No. TP47X, in brown **\$6.00**



For scores of additional gift suggestions, see our two-color catalog of

## Christmas Gift Ideas!



## This Christmas . . . give STRENGTH FOR TODAY!

Suited to young and old alike.



*"Just what I wanted"*  
*-gifts for children!*



### BEDTIME PRAYER NITE LITE

The gift any boy or girl would love! Made of durable plastic, hand-painted in ten colors, hangs on wall, six-foot cord and six-watt bulb, push-button switch, about 7½ x 8½ x 2". Attractively boxed.  
 No. V5540

\$3.95

### WASHABLE PLASTIC BOOKS

Four 12-page "Little Books" with full-color pictures and simple words of explanation. Especially helpful in acquainting the nursery and kindergarten child with God. Packed in colorful box. Size 5½ x 6¾".

No. 5005 \$1.00



### WIPE-OFF COLOR CARDS

A gift box of eight specially treated coloring cards with crayons, which can be used dozens of times. Fascinating to children!

- No. 1047 Children of the World
- No. 1048 God's Creatures, Animals
- No. 1056 Noah, Jonah
- No. 1057 Ruth, Daniel
- No. 1058 Jesus, Joseph

Each set, \$1.00



### DOT-TO-DOT DRAWING AND COLORING

Children 7-12 will particularly enjoy this gift box of three 8½ x 10" 16-page books to outline and color. All Bible subjects. Box of eight quality crayons included.

No. 5003 \$1.00

### ILLUMINATING CHILD'S PRAYER PLAQUES

An inexpensive yet significant gift all children will treasure. Both the prayer and the kneeling child glow several hours after being exposed to light. Comes in gift envelope.

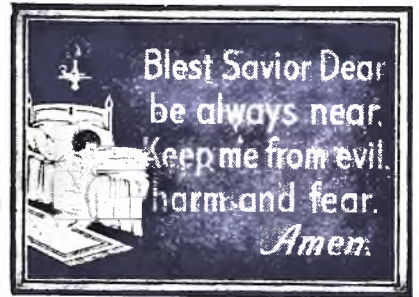
- No. K-3555 Pink
- No. K-3556 Blue

40c  
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### BIBLE STORY JIGSAW PUZZLES

Beautiful, multicolor, nineteen-piece Bible puzzles—just the kind little folk will be thrilled to assemble! Three to the box, interlocking, heavy cardboard, different colored backs, protective finish, 8¾ x 11¾".

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Gifts with a Christian emphasis!



Let's keep Christ in Christmas!

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*Inexpensive gifts that  
show your thoughtfulness!*



**LUMINOUS CROSS**

A little 2½" cross with cord and tassel that gives a soft glow after lights are extinguished. Popular as a significant Christmas remembrance.  
No. GD3015 15c

**RUSTIC MOTTOES**



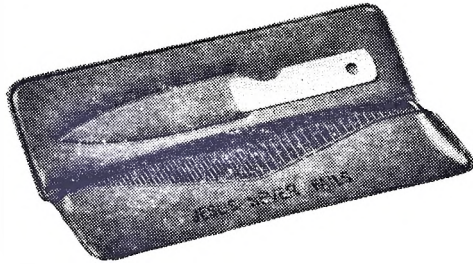
Beautiful cross-sawed pine mottoes with sparkling lacquered finish. A gift item you couldn't go wrong on!

- RP11 Assorted texts, 2 x 6" 25c
- RP20 "Thou wilt keep him . . ." 3½ x 9" 40c
- RP23 "And we know that all things" 3½ x 9" 40c
- RP31 Twenty-third Psalm 5 x 10" 50c
- RP32 The Lord's Prayer 5 x 10" 50c

**PLASTIC-FRAMED MOTTOES**

A meaningful little gift in brilliant colors. Suitable for the wall or table. Size 2¾ x 3¾".

- No. 152 Gethsemane
  - No. 154 Christ at Dawn
  - No. 155 Christ at the Heart's Door
  - No. 156 Boy Christ
  - No. 157 "Only One Life"
  - No. 159 "Prayer Changes Things"
  - No. 161 "The Lord Will Provide"
  - No. 163 "God Bless Our Home"
- 10c each, 12 for \$1.00



**PLASTIC COMB-FILE CASE**

A quality steel, three-cut nail file and 5" plastic comb in an attractive "Vinylite" brown case. "Jesus Never Fails" imprinted in silver.  
No. 5000



**SALT AND PEPPER SHAKERS**

Novel red cedar miniature barrels 1¾" high, bearing the inscription "Give Thanks Always." A unique gift!  
No. BB 45c a pair



**BALL-POINT PEN**

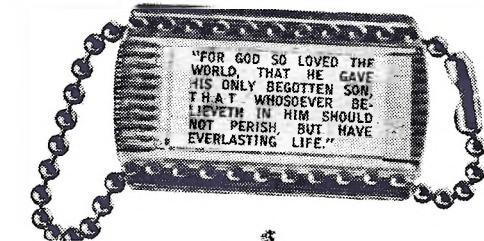
Give a Scripto ball-point! 4¼" long and 5/16" in diameter. Polished-chrome tip and cap, plastic barrel. Specify choice of red or blue.

- No. T410 He Careth for You
  - No. T411 God Answers Prayer
  - No. T412 Trust in the Lord
  - No. T413 Jesus Never Fails
- 30c each

**BEDTIME PRAYER REMINDERS**

Unique and appealing to all ages. Cross glows after brief exposure to light. Size 2¾ x 5¾".

- No. V9400 Head of Christ
  - No. V9404 Boy Christ
  - No. V9405 Christ at Dawn
- 15c each



**IDENTIFICATION KEY CHAIN**

Something that is always useful! Card with John 3:16 text has space for name and address on other side.  
No. 640-3 25c

**GOSPEL GEM PROMISE BOX**

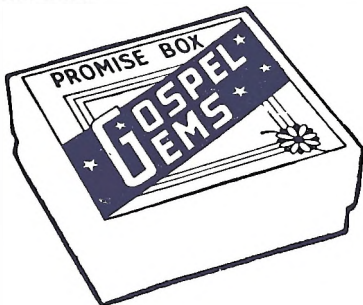
Inexpensive as a gift but thoroughly appreciated. Each verse is carefully selected to bring uplift and blessing.

No. G40 40c

**NAIL CLIPPER AND CASE**

A little item anyone could make good use of. High quality clipper and file in soft leather case. "Jesus Never Fails" imprinted in gold. When ordering give preference of green, black, or red.

No. 2500 50c



**This Christmas . . . give STRENGTH FOR TODAY!**

The most giftable book of the season.



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# Keep Christ in Christmas

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Twelve Full-Color Reproductions  
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## The \$6.95 Series

Order by number

- No. M4700 Head of Christ
- No. M4701 Gethsemane
- No. M4702 Heart's Door
- No. M4703 Good Shepherd
- No. M4704 Boy Christ
- No. M4705 Christ at Dawn

A burnished bronze frame with decorative corners. This neat pattern sets off the pictures with a pleasing effect. Over-all size 18½x22½ inches. Carefully packed for safe delivery. This series of twelve Sallman masterpieces represents high value for the price asked.

- No. M4706 Children's Friend
- No. M4709 We Would See Jesus
- No. M4710 Follow Thou Me
- No. M4711 The Lord's Supper
- No. M4712 Christ Our Pilot
- No. M4713 Teach Me Thy Way

## The \$3.95 Series

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- No. M4500 Head of Christ
- No. M4501 Gethsemane
- No. M4502 Heart's Door
- No. M4503 Good Shepherd
- No. M4504 Boy Christ
- No. M4505 Christ at Dawn

A low-priced but neat frame. Burnished bronze finish. Over-all size 12½x16 inches. Modest price permits a wide use in public places as well as in the home. Order the picture of your choice.

- No. M4506 Children's Friend
- No. M4509 We Would See Jesus
- No. M4510 Follow Thou Me
- No. M4511 The Lord's Supper
- No. M4512 Christ Our Pilot
- No. M4513 Teach Me Thy Way

## The \$1.95 Series

Order by number

- No. M4300 Head of Christ
- No. M4301 Gethsemane
- No. M4302 Heart's Door
- No. M4303 Good Shepherd
- No. M4304 Boy Christ
- No. M4305 Christ at Dawn

Here is truly a bargain for those who must limit their expenditure for classroom or gift purposes. Molding is finished in burnished bronze. Over-all size 9¼x11½ inches.

- No. M4306 Children's Friend
- No. M4309 We Would See Jesus
- No. M4310 Follow Thou Me
- No. M4311 The Lord's Supper
- No. M4312 Christ Our Pilot
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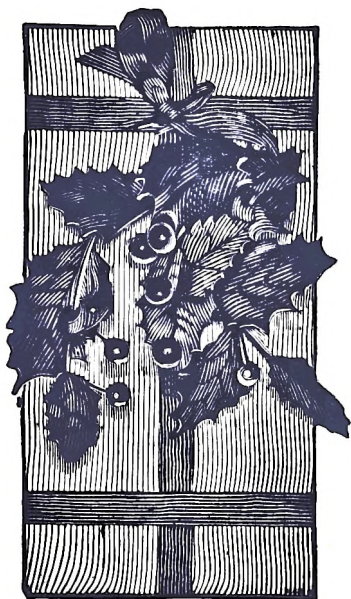
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# The Christmas Offering

Your Gift of Love to Our **RETIRED MINISTERS**

*They SERVED WELL in their active years:*

- ✓ Preaching the full gospel
- ✓ Instructing our youth
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- ✓ Establishing missions around the world

**S**URELY the Christmas season carries with it the thought of those devoted, sacrificial ministers and also their widows now in retirement from active service. In years gone by, their minds and activities went out to help others who needed it. Now that they sit, often alone, in their homes this coming Christmastide, we can do no less than remember them. In days past they brought cheer to others; let us now carry cheer to them with a generous Christmas offering. This will warm their hearts, remind them of the birth of the Christ child, and push back the inevitable loneliness that is theirs as they think back upon their years of active service. It is just as *He would have us do.*

Your church will be taking an offering this month. Won't you be God's channel of blessing by giving more generously than ever before?

**Make a Generous Gift to This Worthy Cause**

**The money given in this offering will be credited on the N.M.B.F. Budget of your local church.**



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