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Complaining?

General Superintendent Young

Jesus gave small comfort to those who complained to Him about others. Usually He turned the conversation or inquiry to the plaintiff's own need. Take Martha of Bethany. She complained to Jesus about her sister, Mary, who was so engrossed in the Master's teaching that she forgot all about household service. Martha whined, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me." In reply, Jesus pointed out that actually Mary had chosen the better part. Perhaps He was also underscoring the fact that by her faultfinding and complaining Martha had missed the one thing needful.

One day a man came to Jesus, commanding, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me." Jesus' reply at first seemed to avoid the controversy: "Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" Then pressing to the heart of the issue, He warned the complainer against covetousness as He declared, "A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Jesus did not actually endorse the philosophy of the absent brother; He dealt with the one before Him.

In one of the closing scenes of our Lord's ministry Peter inquired about John, "Lord, and what shall this man do?" Jesus' reply was both enigma and rebuke: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee?"

Someone has observed that in the presence of God man is never a plaintiff; he is always a defendant. He cannot afford to be a "tattler." In the words of our Lord, "What is that to thee? follow thou me."

In His call to discipleship Jesus insists that God's kingdom and His righteousness must be first and that other things are relatively unimportant. This is the clue to His take-no-thought-for-tomorrow philosophy. Our assignment then in holy living is to discover these top priorities and follow them as guideposts on the road of life.

LATE NEWS

Urgent Prayer Request

Mrs. Ronald Bishop, missionary from British Honduras, underwent major surgery May 2, 1960, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. During the operation her heart stopped beating. Physicians were able to reactivate it by massaging, but she was still very low, at the time of this writing, and your urgent prayers for her complete recovery are requested. —DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Pastor H. T. Shearer sends word from Springfield, Missouri: "Scenic Drive Church 'over the top' Easter Sunday. New attendance record set with 221 present, and world evangelism offering the greatest, with \$355."

Rev. W. Elton Green writes, "After serving the Twin Falls, Idaho, First Church for the past eight years, I have accepted the call to our Maryvale Church in Phoenix, Arizona."

Treasurer Hugh Kelly sends word from Roxana, Illinois: "Easter offering \$1,200—largest ever for Roxana. Members and friends of our church felt the need of missions. We give God the glory."

Rev. Dale McClafflin has resigned as pastor of Kansas City Independence, Missouri, church, to accept the pastorate of the church in Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Rev. Hugh M. Bright has resigned as pastor of the church in Trenton to accept the call to pastor the Kansas City Independence, Missouri, church.

The Charles W. Weagleys, copastors of the church in Hemingford, Nebraska, have, due to health conditions, reluctantly resigned from the pastorate there and plan to take a six months' leave from the active pastorate.

Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Loveless, 147 Chandler Avenue, London, Ohio, will be celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary on May 29. Mr. Loveless entered the ministry in 1905, is now retired, and although eighty-four is still doing some preaching; Mrs. Loveless is seventy-nine. Their two daughters, Mrs. Hilda Roberts and Mrs. Lois Eades, are planning an open house reception for them in their home, Sunday, May 29, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Loveless served many years in the ministry as pastors and evangelists—for this reason their celebration will have a distinctive religious emphasis.



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GOD IS ABLE!

By OVELLA SATRE SHAFER

*Pen these words above them all—
Disappointments—plans that fall,
Sorrows that would numb and gail—
"God is able!"*

*Inscribe these words so all may know
That comfort from above doth flow
To us, His children, here below—
"God is able!"*

*Emblazon this in souls of men;
Trials will be blessings then,
Fears and troubles banish when
"God is able!"*

THANK YOU

This report is at the end of the tenth day of the Easter Offering and we have received \$859,400. The prompt response of pastors and church treasurers who sent the funds so quickly has been very heart warming.

We deeply appreciate the giving of the Nazarenes and our faith is that the offering will continue to come in until it is well over the million mark.

John Stockton

JOHN STOCKTON, General Treasurer

Facing Retirement with Grace

Realizing that the time would come when it would be necessary for me to lay down the active work of the ministry, I have prayed for a long time that when that eventuality became a reality God would give me grace to accept it in the right and Christian way. That time has arrived, and with confidence in God's past dealings I now face the issue with the same confidence that I have held in God for a long period.

My call to preach came in 1917, and was so definite that I could not doubt it in any sense. All has not been "a flowery bed of ease," but had I the opportunity to repeat these experiences, I would not hesitate to do so. God has given me, not a spectacular ministry, but one of very definite results. There are pastors, Sunday school superintendents, N.F.M.S. presidents, song leaders, and laymen who are active in the work today as a result of the grace that God bestowed on me, enabling me to preach "Christ, and him crucified," and conduct the business of the Kingdom with grace and holiness.

I shall not be entirely idle, as I am in spite of my age in good physical condition, and will be able to fill in, in an emergency, hold a few revivals, and help the pastor of the local church where Wife and I shall place our membership. It shall be my determination to be the best layman that I can, standing by the pastor, the district superintendent, and the general church as I have tried to do since becoming a Nazarene over forty years ago.

My prayer has always been, "Dear God, please give me grace enough to face the inevitable, and keep a sweet, humble, and graceful spirit." I feel that God is answering this prayer. My retirement will be at the end of the present assembly year.—C. F. HUNT, elder and pastor, Sligo, Pennsylvania.

Back Home

By GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT YOUNG

Last Saturday, for the third time in ten years, I visited my home church in Parkhead, Glasgow, Scotland. I was born within half a mile of this church and received the beginnings of my Christian training within her walls. The memories of this place are precious indeed.

Last Saturday's service was a missionary rally with three speakers. The first was one of our own Swazi schoolmasters, Mr. Hobart Magagula, from Endingeni. He is in Britain on a government scholarship for a six months' course. He thanked the church in English for what she had done for Swaziland and then returned to his native Zulu to testify. Here Miss Margaret Latta, retired Scottish missionary teacher from Swaziland, interpreted his words of faith and commitment.

Miss Elizabeth Cole, missionary nurse in charge of the Mbuluzi Leprosy Hospital in Swaziland for a dozen years, spoke of the work of God there. The story of this hospital and colony, set up by the British government, is to this missionary nurse of twenty-five years' service an answer to prayer and a triumph of God's grace. Since 1948 some

three hundred patients have gone from this hospital, "symptom free." Indeed, the lepers have been cleansed as a witness to our Lord's coming, even as the word was given to John the Baptist.

The dedication of Miss Cole herself to her task is no less a witness to God's redeeming grace, for she has identified herself with the suffering and separation of these afflicted ones.

The writer gave the closing exhortation, with biographical tidbits and a personal witness. Then Dr. George Frame, district superintendent, made the appeal and twenty-two young people—mostly teen-agers—answered the call for sacrifice or service. The glow of that service lingers with me yet.

Now the first day of the district assembly is finished and Dr. George Frame was re-elected superintendent, carrying 93 per cent of the votes, after twenty years of service in this office, and the vote was extended to a three-year term with very little increased opposition.

Last night there were nine young people at the altar at the close of a youth rally. Surely this work must go on. My heart says, Amen!



THE CASTLE OF GIANT DESPAIR

By A. J. LOWN

Lisburn, North Ireland

The last person we would surely expect to find in an experience of complete discouragement and black despair would be the mighty prophet of Carmel—Elijah—whose very name signifies "Jehovah is my strength." Yet, to use John Bunyan's arresting phrase and figure, Doubting Castle had known no prisoner more resigned than the lonely intercessor who had brought refining fire and refreshing rain to backslidden Israel by his faith and prayers. Now, with bitter condemnation upon his lips of the people to whom he had given his life and ministry, he imposes upon his soul the

judgment that he is an abject and unqualified failure.

Instinctively we would condemn such weakness and self-pity in a life once strong and sacrificial, recoiling in wonder as the "I" of excuse and escape, twice repeated, is offered to God: *I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away* (I Kings 19:14).

Sad, sad confession! No mention of the rebuilt altar of Carmel, of the recently begun national reformation; no distinction between a people who had helped him to purge the land of the leading priests of Baal, and their still fanatical, enraged queen; no thought of comfort or help from God or man. But the Word of God reminds us that the notable prisoner of Giant Despair was a man of "like passions as we are": that we too are liable to the same moods subject to the same unexpected pressures and buffetings that broke even Elijah's tested spirit. In the sharp contrasts between our Carmel conquests and our juniper tree testings it is easy, fatally easy, to misjudge ourselves and others—to be crushed by the juggernaut of change-ful moods and varied fortune.

Mercifully, there is no condemnation in this story. The angel of the Lord deals tenderly with the depressed and burdened man, reminding us that there is One who understands our "lowest, loneliest vale"; One who believes in us when we find it hard to believe in ourselves, and whose comfort and correction can woo and win us back to duty, fellowship, and ministry.

THE CAUSES OF SPIRITUAL DESPONDENCY

These are clearly revealed in this story of a man in a wilderness, of a wilderness in a man's soul. It is recorded of a Roman emperor's exploits, "He came, he saw, he conquered." Of this episode in Elijah's life, the sacred historian gives this summary, "He saw, he arose, and fled," apparently, as Peter in Pilate's judgment hall fled from the taunt and threat of a woman's tongue—a formidable weapon—the last-ditch stand of a demented Jezebel. But behind the fear that became panic, then hysteria, leading to a breakdown of faith, courage, and testimony, there are contributing factors, blended human causes.

Undoubtedly physical exhaustion played its part—the tense drama of Carmel; an epic of prevailing prayer following; the joy-intoxicated run before Ahab's chariot to Jezreel, followed by Jezebel's fiendish threat; then a frantic flight of one hundred miles and a further day of exhausted pilgrimage into the wilderness. The flesh was weak indeed, with a weakness that only a compassionate God fully understands. When rest and respite were anticipated, taxing physical demand placed a devastating reaction of the body upon the soul.

Loneliness also made its contribution, a loneliness intensified by the leaving behind of his exhausted servant at the edge of the wilderness. A climax of loneliness—partly self-created—bringing him to a breaking point after years of lonely witness and endeavor! Even Jesus found it hard to face the final loneliness of His Gethsemane hour. Mental reactions differ in the extremity of loneliness that attends or follows crisis. When "no man

stood by" (him), Paul was cast in a new way upon the solace and strength of God; Elijah was cast into the black throes of mental despair. The pendulum of bitter feeling reached its furthest limit in brooding upon the real or imagined failure of others, turning reaction into recrimination.

The peril of good men is to treat depressing feelings as if they were facts, to accept a false and harsh estimate of oneself and one's work. Elijah had entered the innermost dungeon of Doubting Castle, God's providence forgotten, the memories of answered prayer blotted out, with no thought or desire to place his hand into his bosom for the key of divine promise. While Giant Despair contentedly slept, his prize prisoner seemingly doomed to spiritual suicide, a watchful, compassionate God acted—not in harsh, unkind condemnation, but with—

THE PERFECT CURE FOR DESPONDENCY

God took the tired body in hand. Merciful, miracle-working sleep began her kindly, mysterious ministry, begetting the first sign of returning sanity, a desire for food. The gift to take so much for granted, yet still as wonderful as the first pre-operation sleep given to Adam, "the soft dews of kindly sleep" were the first step in God's all-wise plan of recovery. A simple but strengthening meal prepared by the "angel of the kitchen" was given to the awakened but still weary slumberer, who was then bidden to rest again. The sleep of exhaustion became the sleep of transformation ending in the angelic command, "Rise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee." In His practical wisdom God would teach the lesson that excess of spiritual zeal must be balanced by extra care for the body. For lack of this sane precaution Elijah and many others have taken the first step toward the dungeons of Doubting Castle.

Sleep, food, and friendship had united to rescue a tired, strengthless, lonely soul from the pit of despair. Wondrous friendship! When few in Israel would companion Elijah or share his peril, an angel touched him with a comforting, assuring, friendly touch—a ministering spirit sent forth to minister to an heir of salvation when all the waves and billows of discouragement had gone over him. For saint and sinner it is still true:

*Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore.*

*Touched by a loving heart, awakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.*

Angels with human hands are needed today; in the sickroom, the kitchen, the church; for although God himself wipes away all tears from our eyes, He often uses human handkerchiefs. There are, alas, modern Elijahs, who may be lost to the church and its service unless God can find ministering saints who will patiently befriend and

wisely serve the broken in heart and bruised in spirit.

Rested and refreshed, the next stage of Elijah's spiritual recovery began with a holiday, a forty-day relaxing, reviving journey to the Mount of God, Horeb. The two hundred miles could have been covered in ten to twenty days, but in easy stages with time to spare and opportunity for reflection, the prophet's mind was prepared for the chastening, recommissioning meeting with God which awaited him upon the mountain. No holiday, of itself, can revive and remake a broken man; but it is often the prelude to a change of outlook and to God's fresh touch upon the soul.

Beginning with the implied reproof, and in the same question, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" a merciful invitation to completely unburden the soul, God gave His servant a new understanding of His methods and purpose. Not through the sudden, dramatic revolution of earthquake, wind, and fire would the kingdom of God be seen in Israel; rather through the "still small voice" of a sanctified conscience in the remnant who had not bowed the knee to Baal. Not through the memo-

rable Carmel revivals alone, but through the consistent living of those who would obey God rather than men. Perhaps not in his own time; hence he must appoint and anoint his successor, Elisha, for divine service to a new generation—and he who had fled from a queen must return to witness among kings and princes until the chariot and horses of fire should take him to dwell with the King of Kings for His eternal work.

A man of "like passions as we are"! An example of human frailty? Much more a sample case of the excellency of the power that is available for earthen vessels when troubled on every side, perplexed, persecuted, and cast down—enabling them to be not distressed, not in despair, not forsaken, not destroyed. How greatly Paul himself must have profited from his study of Elijah's life, as well as his study of the doctrine of the remnant! And to us comes the comforting assurance:

*Absolutely tender, absolutely true,
Understanding all things, understanding you;
Infinitely lovely, comfortingly near,
This is God our Father. What have we to fear?*

Let Nothing Destroy The "People's Meeting"

By **W. E. VARIAN**
Pastor, Howell, Michigan

The ready testimony, the spontaneous chorus, the fervent prayer were all part of my experience in prayer meeting every week. The teen-ager, grandmother, father, mother, and even children had the feeling of togetherness in this service. The pastor acted as a brilliant signal caller with his short, to-the-point exhortation.

The lay members prayed prayers that were filled with awareness of both their needs and the needs of their church. The warmhearted appeal to God for their pastor must have thrilled his heart. The testimonies without purposeful preparation were genuine and heart-sent. What a thrill to hear of the way God was leading these through the fire of temptation and trial! It inspired my young life to keep on the track.

To see the tears of honest love and hear that word of assurance from a leading businessman in our community was an inspiration I'll never forget. The testimony of a white-haired man who proclaimed he had yet to see "the righteous forsaken" inspired my teen-age heart.

One of the most blessed events of the whole service was when some dear old saint with a sometimes *off-key start* would begin a chorus of his faith. Everyone joined in and the spontaneity and vibrance would mount with the minute. God blessed this type of prayer meeting in my home church, East Liverpool First (Ohio) back in the early forties. The greatness of this wonderful church has been dependent on this type of people's meeting.

It has been my privilege to pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for nearly ten years and I believe the prayer meeting should still be the "people's meeting." The inspiration of the victories of others has often been the source of help for my own life. The prayer of an inspired layman who loves his church and minister has often lifted and dispelled the cloud dimming my view. There is a necessity for public expression for our people. What better place than prayer service?

Our prayer meeting in the local church has nearly doubled in the last three years. The secret is simply that people come to hear of victories won and to express their own victories. The spiritual uplift derived from this freedom is far beyond my using the time to give a complete message or sermon.

The desire of my heart is that our churches everywhere may always keep the "people's meeting." The liberty of our laymen has been a keystone of our public service these many years. If we take from our people this spontaneous ideal, then we take from them one of their spiritual rights. It is my concern that nothing shall happen to the "people's night."

TV'S

HIDDEN

DANGERS

By WM. J. NICHOLS

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We have heard and read much in the past months about the undesirable material—the killings, brutality, and violence—portrayed on the various television programs. Even some of the nation's largest magazines have cried out against this evil, and it certainly needs to be brought to the public's attention. But there are other dangers connected with television that are far more subtle than this and perhaps just as bad. We, as Christians and as parents, need to recognize and guard against these.

The officials of a group of junior high schools made a survey and found that the children were spending twenty-seven hours a week watching television, just fifty-five minutes less than the number of hours they spend each week in school.¹ Regardless of how good the programs might be, television is taking far too much of our time—for both children and adults.

Educators have begun to question the reading ability of the next generation. Too much of the time that was once spent in reading good books is now used for watching television. One research project showed that people spend more money for the *repair* of television sets and radios than for the purchase of books.² As parents, we need to provide our children with good reading material—Bible story books, Christian fiction, the classics, and such good books. And we need to provide them with the example as well as the precept.

An international poll was made of the reading habits of various countries. It was found that the French were the most prolific readers with 70 per cent of their population reading serious books of fiction and nonfiction. Only 50 per cent of the English and Canadians were engaged in such reading, 40 per cent of the Swedes and Norwegians, and 20 per cent of the Americans.³ Very few books in our country sell a hundred thousand copies, but it is common for many of the "popular" records

to sell one million copies. If just one hour each day were taken from the time spent in watching television and used for reading, the average reader could read thirty-six books a year.⁴

Some would claim that the educational advantages to be found in television offset any disadvantages such as those mentioned. Here again we need to be careful and remember that television is a commercial medium that is designed for a mass audience and as such the aims are at entertainment rather than education. The cost of producing programs for television is so exorbitant that the sponsors cannot afford to pay for the time that is required to properly develop a given subject.⁵ And many times the presentation is prejudiced by the sponsor's interests.

Another subtle danger is found in the fact that the children will stay in the house to watch their programs when they should be outside getting the sunshine, fresh air, and wholesome recreation that they need. In too many instances the television set has become an inexpensive baby sitter and a means of keeping the children quiet.

We hear people say that at least since the coming of television people stay at home more. But herein lies another of these hidden dangers. We perhaps do stay at home more but the television has almost done away with family conversation in many homes. We need more of the wholesome times of just "talking" in our homes when the children can feel free to bring up their problems, questions, and ideas. In many homes the family rushes from the evening meal to the television screen, where they sit engrossed until bedtime.

Another danger, which perhaps isn't as hidden, is the television commercial. The worst of these of course are those which glorify smoking and drinking. The tobacco and liquor industries do far more advertising on television than does any other industry. Our young folks need to learn to be very analytical and critical of the advertising claims made on television. This includes other commodities such as patent medicines, beauty and health aids, etc.

MAIN SOURCE: *Teaching Children to Read*, Lillian Gray and Dora Reese, Ronald Press Company, New York, 2nd Edition, 1957.

¹Quoted on p. 7 of Gray and Reese, taken from Josette Frank, *Your Child's Reading Today* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday and Co., Inc., 1954), p. 22.

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⁴*Ibid.*, p. 405.

⁵*Ibid.*, p. 421.

DO NOT WORRY

By CLYDE W. RATHER

Fret not thyself (Psalms 37:1)

A man lay on his bed in the midnight hours: sleepless, desperately restless. He was threatened with a physical breakdown. In that lonely chamber he heard a voice calling his name, and the words: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee" (Isaiah 41:10). Whatever may be the explanation in our modern terms, there came with "the pestilence that walketh in darkness" the touch of divine friendship and concern, which furnished a new and effective start on a joyous recovery.

Men grow weary under the discouragements of life. Moral exhaustion is one of man's gravest perils. Spiritual weariness is a snare to many a saint under the attritions of human life. Then we say: "God does not hear. God does not care."

The scourge of our present life is its lack of poise and restfulness, occasioned by the cracking whip-lash of the twin demons "Hurry" and "Worry." Premature gray hairs and furrowed faces too often reflect care-haunted lives, yet the unflinching promise is, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

Surely He whose eye is on the sparrow and who numbers the hairs of our heads should not be dishonored by the "heathenism of care." He who neither slumbers nor sleeps whispers, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

There is deep pathos in the fact that many people are finding life a dark riddle, a bitter frustration. A young woman leaped from an airplane, leaving this note behind: "I have had nothing but discord; I long for harmony. Perhaps I shall find music where I go." This cry of despair is symptomatic of many.

Why do people reach such conclusions about life? It is because they have failed to adjust them-

selves to those views and laws of life that bring harmony. They have fallen victims to godless philosophies that leave the throne of the universe empty. One says, "Life is a jail sentence which we endure for the crime of being born."

"Fret not thyself"—three times these words are emphasized in the thirty-seventh psalm, showing that centuries ago "corroding care" was as common as today. How understanding the sacred writer was! God's Word is powerful because it strikes so directly at the point of our need. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7). We know the promise by heart, but we are apt to forget the shortest and most important word—*all*. Ups and downs of faith, ups and downs of loyalty, doubts and fears, spiritual depressions, and sterile lives may be due to our unwillingness to grant God the responsibility for our anxieties.

A simple way to give God His chance is to take this very day one of your greatest worries or problems and give it over to Him. Try Him with it for twenty-four hours. The promise of God depends upon that. Do God's will today as you understand it. Then be patient. Wait quietly for Him. God will not fail. He cannot disappoint those who trust Him.

Let us pray: "Heavenly Father, help us to proceed in accordance with this inspired direction today. May we seek first Thy will and do it, then patiently wait the fulfillment of the promise. Since Thou art at the helm, we need not fear the gathering storm. We lay our anxious fears aside and wait patiently for Thee. We commit ourselves just now for time and for eternity to Thy love and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."

WHAT MIRACLES!

*I cannot travel each man's land
Of grief, nor banish night,
A magic lantern in my hand
To make all pathways light.
But One loves much! And I can pray
That He illumine each dark way.*

*Pray that each pilgrim may reach out
And yield in sweet release
His bitter fear, his haunting doubt—
To catch Christ's whispered, "Peace!"
And lo! what miracles still stem—
When fingers touch His garment's hem!*

—BERNIECE AYERS HALL



MARY LATHAM, director of vacation Bible schools, at a recent Publishing House Sales Conference, explained to the staff and branch managers the 1960 "Traveling for Jesus" vacation Bible school program.

A vibrant young Christian gives—

A Tribute to My Church

I am a young person today who, contrary to popular ideas, is trying to live a successful Christian life. I am active in my own local church and am thrilled with the possibility of winning other young people to Christ. I realize today that, above all others, my thanks must go first to Christ and then to my church—the Church of the Nazarene. This is why I have attempted to write this tribute.

My first glimpse of the folk called Nazarenes took place when I was about four years of age. I can still remember my first impression of these friendly but somewhat noisy folks! I glanced with wide-eyed wonder as they sang and prayed and testified. Even in my childish mind, I knew that most of them meant what they said, and believed what they preached.

Soon after attending a few services my parents felt led to "cast their lot" with the people called Nazarenes. Needless to say, I shall be eternally grateful that they did.

The Church of the Nazarene introduced me to the best Friend I'll ever have—the Lord Jesus Christ! It was at her altars that I repented of my sins and found a glorious sense of peace. Later on at an early age I was invited to join the church.

The significance was carefully and prayerfully explained to me and I'll never forget the moment when my pastor reached down to grasp my tiny hand and to extend to me "the right hand of fellowship." I joined along with a class of four others, all of whom were adults. I do not know what that service meant to them, but I shall never forget the deep, rich blessing I received and it is one of those beautiful pictures forever etched on my memory.

Then the church gave me the benefit of godly teachers who were interested in me both as a pupil and as a person—teachers who planned an endless number of socials and parties to keep me interested in the church and to show me the wholesome relaxation of good, clean fun.

Through my troubled teen-age years the church enabled me to stem the tide of unbelief and sin. Occasionally the pressures of life seemed to be too much to bear, and when I sought help at her altars, she freely gave me what I needed. I was encouraged to try again and again.

Precious memories come back to me of wonderful services, inspiring messages brought by God's servant, Communion services, and many other priceless moments tucked away in the corner of

Early one morning it was necessary that I call on a certain family, because of a business matter in connection with the church. I knocked at the door, and the man of the house came to let me in. He said, "We were just having our family devotions." I replied, "Fine, let me join you." Together husband and wife and I knelt in their living room to beseech the throne of grace for help through the day.

The husband began his prayer, and I could tell immediately that he already had audience with the King of Kings, for there was that electric touch to his prayer that made me feel the current moving on the line. He voiced his love to Jesus in words of thanks and appreciation. He prayed for his good wife and for his business during the day, reminding the Lord that all he possessed belonged to Him. Then he asked God to bless his pastor and family and his wonderful church that meant so much to him. Tears came to his eyes which told of a deep well of love for the Kingdom and what it meant to him.

Heaven and earth seemed to come together as he asked God's blessings on the wonderful Church of the Nazarene everywhere. He earnestly pleaded for God's undergirding of our great general superintendents in all of their world-wide responsibilities. Nor did he forget the missionaries and their many areas of need,

By RAYMOND C. KRATZER

Pastor, First Church, Nampa, Idaho

which told me he had read the *Other Sheep* and took seriously the prayer requests listed there.

Of course he did not forget Northwest Nazarene College and its great potential, for he had invested hundreds of dollars in it. When he concluded his prayer it seemed that heaven filled the room. And in that atmosphere his wife extended the lines of petition until my heart was thrilled to know that God still had some intercessors who faithfully bridged the gap. When it came my turn to pray, the wheels on the gospel chariot were so well oiled that it was a thrill to be carried along on the path of communion and fellowship with our wonderful Lord.

I left their home that morning with a new awareness of the strength of the church. I was made to realize that many quiet families, who may not "flash in the pan" as far as public work is concerned, are shining every day in their sphere of responsibility. When the day of rewards is ushered in, I am sure there will be a lot of surprises when the King of all the universe places the laurels of honor upon the heads of the faithful keepers of the family altar.

"As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me. Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalms 55: 16-17).

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my heart—moments to be relived over and over again. Moments that grow sweeter with the passage of time!

The church continued to show confidence in me and gave me a Sunday school class. These duties and responsibilities guided me over many a troublesome time when otherwise I might have given up.

And now, as a young adult and as supervisor of a Junior High Department, I realize my responsibility to my generation and to those who follow me. For Christ is the center of my life, and I feel I can best serve Him in the Church of the Nazarene.

She has encouraged me to go on in spite of almost insurmountable obstacles; she has rejoiced with me in my joys, and offered solace to me in my sorrow. She has placed her sanction on the most important events of my life. Even more recently she has shown me the way to a richer, more rewarding life of service through *Witnessing to Win*.

In return I offer to her and to the One who established her—my life, my time, and my talents. I will serve in any capacity be it small or great. I only ask that I might serve and work and win and that I might be worthy of the name Nazarene.
—ROSE MARIE GRAY, *Baltimore, Maryland.*

The Miracle of Lourenco Marques

By C. H. STRICKLAND

Superintendent of South Africa (European) District

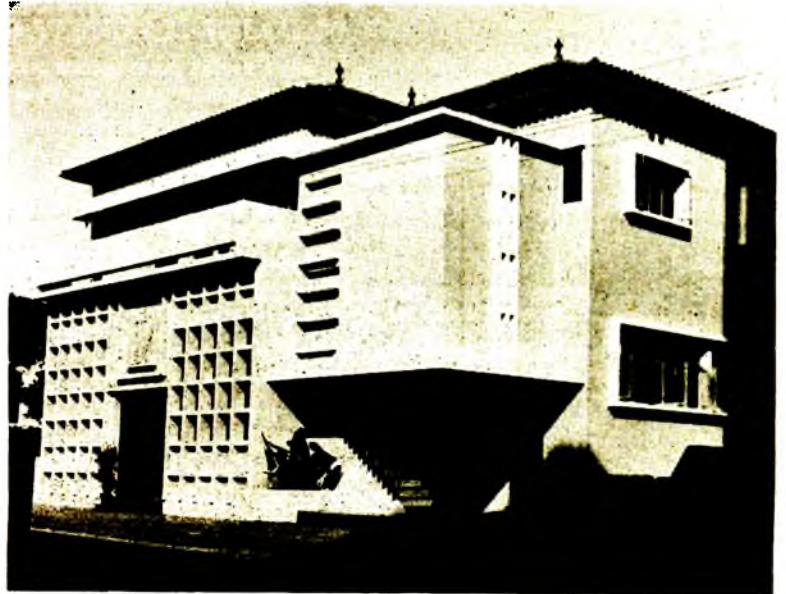
Lourenco Marques, situated on Africa's east coast, is the center of Portuguese culture in the colony of Mocambique. It has a splendid natural harbor, and is the shipping center for the northern portion of the Union of South Africa, as well as Central Africa.

The first European Church of the Nazarene on the African continent was organized here on November 17, 1948. None of our churches in South Africa have been organized and maintained under more trying and difficult circumstances. It was nearly four years before we could secure a pastor in the persons of Rev. and Mrs. Floyd J. Perkins. Meetings were held in homes of the members and friends. Property was impossible to secure, and permits to erect a church impossible.

The Perkinses had to leave the country every three months, crossing the border into Swaziland, where they had to make a new application to return. It finally became necessary to evacuate the Perkinses.

The pastoral problem was finally solved as Brother Perkins taught one of his converts, Mr. M. M. C. Dias, who felt a call to preach to his people. Quietly but effectively Brother Perkins taught the course of study in Spanish to Mr. Dias. Brother and Sister Dias have proved to be God's people and leaders for Lourenco Marques.

For ten years all applications for a church were turned down by the administration. Finally, during 1959, suddenly and wonderfully the door opened. We were granted permission to purchase



property in a lovely area of the city and our plans for the building were approved. Through the help of the Department of Home Missions, gifts from friends in America and Africa, and the sacrifice of the Portuguese people, the church pictured here was completed and dedicated on January 17, 1960. It has a seating capacity of nearly four hundred, with an adequate parsonage upstairs. It is well situated in the heart of Lourenco Marques and accessible from all parts of the city. A revival meeting followed the dedication and the attendance averaged nearly one hundred each evening, with a number seeking and finding peace with God.

Thus have ten years of patient labor and prayer been rewarded in the erection of this beautiful church.

THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE

By EVANGELIST H. B. GARVIN

The temptation to take the way of least resistance is one which is common to all who have any hard or difficult task to perform in life. I suppose that this urge to avoid hard and difficult tasks has confronted mankind throughout the history of the race. But the path of least resistance is by no means a straight and narrow way. It is a dangerous path, and those who consent to follow

it will soon find themselves engaged in dodging important and vital issues. It leads to the wrong kind of compromise.

Compromise may be helpful and practical in resolving differences in human judgment, and in the settlement of many misunderstandings in the social system in which we live. But when it comes to fundamental and vital moral issues, compromise



Remember

THE WEEK OF PRAYER

May 29—June 5

This call to prayer comes from our Board of General Superintendents! We are requested, as a people, to remember the *Fifteenth General Assembly*, which will be in session June 19-24 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Pray that this elected body of Nazarenes may be:

- 1 Blessed of the Lord as they assemble for Holy Communion, Sunday, June 19;
- 2 Led of the Holy Spirit as they deliberate on all questions of polity and program;
- 3 Prayerful in enacting legislation and setting goals for the future;
- 4 Aggressive in planning for the advancement of God's kingdom around the world!

Let every church, under the direction of its pastor, share in this week of intercession. And by means of public and private participation,

let every Nazarene join in this period of prayer.

—GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

is a dangerous business and will lead to ruin for the Christian. Those who take the way of least resistance in life will be like the stream of water that meanders its way among the hills and across the plains on its way to the sea, forever avoiding the highlands, and finding the lower levels. This is true in human behavior, and it sets a pattern which will influence the destiny of men.

By way of illustration: a parent may withhold proper correction from a child to avoid friction, hoping for peace by compromising what is right and good, thus starting a trend which will eventually wreck the life of the child. A pastor may allow some evil to be concealed in the church which will rob the church of revival victory year after year—this for the sake of avoiding a minor friction or unfavorable comment.

An evangelist may be tempted to ease up on a line of preaching that is unpopular and distasteful to those who are not deeply spiritual in his congregation with the hope that he may be able to preach to larger crowds and win more men to the

Christian way. He may thus follow the easy way and think it wise and good. This course may obstruct the true gospel of the Christian Church, and also fail to gain his purpose in the end.

Finally, nations that follow a course of appeasement with aggressors rather than resist aggression at its very beginning, are following the path of least resistance in a vain hope for peace and protection in the future. These may soon find themselves totally robbed of precious human liberties and subjected to slavery.

So on and on it goes, the winding path of least resistance, forever shifting responsibility and hoping to avoid conflict. But those who follow this course do not master themselves and their circumstances in life, and cannot hope to achieve in things that are good and great—and certainly they cannot please God in the course of their lives. Oh, that God's people, the Church, might put on their spiritual strength and meet head on the evils of our day! Glorious victory awaits us if we will do it. Such a course as this has led the Church of the past centuries to victory and triumph.

A decorative header featuring a large, ornate letter 'E' on the left, which is part of the word 'EDITORIALS'. The 'E' is filled with a textured, brownish-gold pattern and has a quill pen nib extending from its base. The word 'EDITORIALS' is written in a bold, black, serif font to the right of the 'E'. The entire header is framed by a series of dots on the left and right, and a large, stylized quill pen feather arches over the top of the text.

EDITORIALS

MAJORS Versus MINORS

Majors and minors are not essentials and non-essentials. Instead, majors and minors in this article refer to the internal and external elements of personal religion. Both are essential but the former are the source of the latter—"out of it [the heart] are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Thus the writer names them majors in contrast to their outward expressions, which he calls minors.

The most careful attention to external details will not bring salvation or assure one of heaven. Externals, in themselves, never save here or hereafter. The Pharisees mastered the art of *majoring on minors*. They paid "tithe of mint and anise and cummin," but strained "at a gnat," and swallowed "a camel." They made "clean the outside of the cup and of the platter"; they appeared beautiful, outwardly. On the surface they had the signs of righteousness. They built "the tombs of the prophets" and garnished "the sepulchres of the righteous." They left the impression that, if they had lived "in the days of our fathers," they would not have killed the prophets. These Pharisees were experts in the minutiae of external living. But if you will read Matthew 23:23-30, you will find that this is only one side of the picture. All of these evidences of external living are blacked out by the heart condition. The Pharisees omitted "the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith." Also, they were "full of extortion and excess." Within, they were filthy, "whited sepulchres, . . . full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness." Their hearts were "full of hypocrisy and iniquity." They were "hypocrites," from God's standpoint, first, last, and all the time.

The Pharisees majored on minors, and he who majors on minors will of necessity minor on majors; or he who majors on the outward effects of the Christian life will minor on the inward cause of the Christian life. It is easier to make a "show"

of the Christian life than it is to be a Christian at heart.

But this article would be a misrepresentation if it ended with what has been said. It is true that it is not our business as Christians to major on minors. Nevertheless, he who majors on majors will minor on minors. He will realize the importance of minors, and their fundamental relation to the majors in life. One who is genuinely a Christian on the inside, in the heart, will take care as to how he lives. He is definitely interested in having the minors properly express what is within. If he is crucified with Christ, in deed and in truth, he will want people to see the Christ in all that he does and says.

He who majors on minors is a Pharisee—he's a sinner of the worst kind. But he who majors on majors will not ignore the minors, even the most external of the externals. Majors and minors cannot be separated; they go together. We need to minor on minors as well as to major on majors. We need to see to it that the spirit of Christ within properly gets out on us—in our words, in our deeds, in our friendships, in our dress, in everything which has to do with life and conduct.

"Economical, Beautiful, Durable"

The advertisement described a product thus: "Economical, Beautiful, Durable." Immediately the change which Jesus Christ brings to a sinner came to mind. It is "economical, beautiful, durable." Salvation is economical. The song rightly says; "It pays to serve Jesus." It pays to serve Jesus in dollars and cents.

Here's a man who was saved many years ago. His walk with Christ has meant that he never touched tobacco, intoxicating liquors, or spent one penny on moving picture shows. Also, there are other needless or harmful ways in which he has

not wasted his money. It has been economical for this man to serve Jesus Christ! In addition to the money he saved by leaving off something, he also handled more economically the money which he used legitimately. It is economical to follow

By *Stephen S. White*

Christ. The Christian gets more for his money than the man who turns his back on Christ.

True religion is "beautiful." The Bible has much to say about the "beauty of holiness." There is nothing more attractive than one who is living the Christian life in its fullness. The beauties of nature—the towering mountains, the rolling oceans, the deep and many-colored canyons are alluring, but they can't compare with the beauty of holiness. It is good to look upon a handsome and well-dressed man; upon a woman who is cultured, refined, and beautiful—the gift of God to society. It is a joy to behold a baby in its mother's arms, a baby with dimpled cheeks and captivating smile; it attracts and holds your attention. Then there are homes of beauty and buildings which are stately and attractive. God is the Giver of all beauty, and we thank Him for it. But there is no beauty which equals the beauty of holiness—the life of a Christian who is walking on the highway of holiness.

Economical, beautiful, and—durable! There is nothing that is more lasting than true goodness. It was Socrates who said, "No harm can come to a good man." It seems natural for personal goodness and life with God forever to be joined together; they can never be put asunder. Do you want to live with your Maker forever? Do you want something that is permanent, something that is durable, something that will withstand the storms of time and land you safely in the eternal city? Then seek God, and find and keep the fullness of life that is in Him. Christianity, as it is lived in the heart of the individual, is economical, beautiful, and durable! "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent" (John 17:3).

What's the Matter with God?

"Well, I guess God doesn't make babies as good as He used to." These words came from the lips of a six-year-old boy. He heard his mother and grandmother talking about a baby which had been born without arms. For the first time, human de-

formity confronted him, and he immediately put the blame on God. "What's the matter with God?"

The child was rather young to grapple with the question of misfortune and suffering; nevertheless he was doing that very thing. This is the most difficult problem thinkers have ever faced. What's wrong with God? Why is there so much evil in the world—not only deliberate evil, the evil which an individual brings on himself with his own choices, but natural evil—misfortunes and calamities which come upon members of the human race?

Why doesn't God do something about the natural evil which is in the world? Is He not as good as we thought He was, and therefore does not care about men's sufferings, about the injustices of life? Or is He as holy and righteous as we believe, but is limited in His power?

The question which this little boy raised will never be completely answered. We must wait until a better day when we shall understand more fully. But some help is possible now. God is both all-good and all-powerful. However, He limited His unlimited power when He created free moral agents—angels and men; those who could choose to cross His will, to go against Him. God could have chosen to create only material things, that which is mechanical, that which would obey His will unswervingly. But He wanted those who would love Him because they chose to love Him, and so He created free moral agents; and when He did this, He placed a limitation on His power. He said, "I'll create beings who can reject Me, who can take their own way in spite of what I want. I have to make beings like these in order for them to love and follow Me, because they choose to love and follow Me." God took the risk of making a devil possible, in order to make an archangel possible; to make a Hitler possible, in order to make a Lincoln possible. He had to make both kinds of human beings possible or else reject the possibility of either. God had to limit His power by creating free moral agents or refuse to limit it and create only the mechanical—that type of reality which has no power of choice. This helps to answer the boy's question, "What's wrong with God?"

There is another fact we must take into consideration: Natural evil is always directly or indirectly the result of moral evil. In the last analysis, God is not responsible for the deformed baby. Sin is responsible for that. Maybe not the immediate sin of the parents, but the fact that the human race is sinful. If man had always chosen to do the right, there would have been no misfortune, suffering, and deformity. But when man

chose not to do the right, that opened the flood-gates to more voluntary sin and also to natural evil.

What's the matter with God? There's nothing the matter with God. The trouble is with finite, free moral agents—angels who ceased to be angels because they disobeyed God, and men who became sinners because they broke God's command. Sin created sinners, and sin created sorrow, misfortune, and pain. Sin—moral evil—created all natural evil.

Again I say, "What's the matter with God?" Nothing! He's all right. He's all-good and He's all-powerful, except that He chose to limit himself by the creation of finite persons. This made it possible for some of His creation to love Him because they *wanted* to love Him. And when He did this, He also made it possible for some to hate Him because they chose to hate Him. This turned loose hell in the world!

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

Our Greatest Needs

are not money, pleasure, things, not even good health, but

Monday:

A burden bearer. Worry is the number one killer. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." (I Peter 5:7; Isaiah 53:4a.)

Tuesday:

A scapegoat, to take the blame ("the guilt complex"). "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." (John 1:29b; Isaiah 53:6c.)

Wednesday:

A problem-solver, a wisdom-supplier. "Christ Jesus, . . . is made unto us wisdom." "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask." "The Comforter, . . . he shall teach you." "Ask the Father in my name." (I Corinthians 1:30; James 1:5; John 14:26; 16:23c.)

Thursday:

A listener. Someone to tell our joys to. Joys and successes are overflowing things—remember the woman who found the coin and called her neighbors in to rejoice with her. The neighbors are sometimes bored, but Jesus never. "The apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done."

"Ye people, pour out your heart before him." His listening will double your joy. "I will go . . . unto God the gladness of my joy." (Luke 9:10; Psalms 62:8b; 43:4, margin.)

Friday:

A job-giver. Someone to make us feel needed, to make life worth living. Someone to recognize and call out our latent potentialities and put them to work. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should . . . bring forth fruit." (John 15:16.)

Saturday:

Someone to save us from that lost loneliness of uncertainty, Someone to make us sure. Someone to show us the way to God and save us from ourselves—a *Redeemer.* Someone to complete our incompleteness. "Crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me."

"I am the way, . . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father." (Galatians 2:20; John 14:6, 9.)

Sunday:

A true Friend. Someone to love—"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Someone on whose unfailing love to depend. "I have called you friends," Christ says; and, "Love one another, as I have loved you."

Then, "peace of mind"? "My peace I give unto you." (Acts 20:35; John 15:15, 12b; John 14:27.)

*What a Friend we have in Jesus.
All our sins and griefs to bear!*



By WILSON R. LANPHER

New Lutheran Church

After ten years of efforts leading to a merger, three Lutheran groups are now joined in the American Lutheran church. A constituting convention held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, recently, formed a new denomination of 2,250,000 persons. Joining in this significant union were the American Lutheran church, the Evangelical Lutheran church, and the United Evangelical Lutheran church. The new church will be the first in the twentieth century to combine major Lutheran groups of different national backgrounds. The new denomination will have more than 5,000 local congregations in the United States and Canada, with nearly 4,500 ordained ministers. The publishing houses of the three merging churches will be consolidated under the name, "Augsburg Publishing House."

Concerning Pastors' Wives

Preachers' wives have had many things said about them by their husbands—and others. But one pastor's wife recently received a high compliment from her pastor-husband in a most unusual place. The production editor of the

Baptist Program magazine conducted a survey to find out how Southern Baptist churches obtain their pastors. In order to obtain this information that he was using in connection with a doctor of theology thesis, he sent questionnaires to a selected group of Southern Baptist pastors and laymen. One question to be answered by pastors read, "What two things does your wife do best in church work?" A Virginia pastor's unusual but most fitting reply was, "She radiates friendliness, and she loves her pastor."

A Changing Tide?

For years the mass flight to suburbia has been on and city churches in all denominations have felt the result. Almost every First Church of any size has "mothered" several new churches. And this has been true in our own Zion. Now comes the word from at least one expert that a reversal of the trend may be coming in the future. A Philadelphia city planning director, Edmund H. Bacon, recently told religious leaders that "the movement of persons back to the

city from the suburbs has already started." He also said, "Many 'inner city' churches may expect large growth in membership in the next few years." As urban renewal continues, and multi-storied apartment buildings are completed, we must plan and execute ways and means to bring the people to Christ and under the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. A strong ministry and program in the city church will help "mother" new churches and also help the city church to be prepared to minister to the people moving back from suburbia.

First Quaker Seminary

Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, has announced plans to build on its campus the world's first Quaker Seminary. Scheduled to open in the fall of 1962, it will be known as the Earlham School of Religion. It will be Quaker in philosophy but open to students of all faiths. The college has also announced plans for a one-million-dollar library.

Gambling in Pennsylvania

The eyes of the nation were turned on Pennsylvania on April 26. On that day citizens of fourteen counties went to the polls to determine whether or not to ratify the state's new pari-mutuel betting law, which squeaked

through the House of Representatives last September with 107 votes (one more than the constitutional majority). In view of the pressure that will mount in coming years to legalize gambling, it might be well to refresh our minds with a few facts. Mayor Wagner of New York City, speaking on the "small world" program recently, argued that people are going to bet anyway, so the state might as well cash in on the practice by legalizing betting so that it can be taxed. The same logic might be applied to prostitution or dope peddling or numbers writing. But few would advocate the legalizing of these nefarious enterprises. Worthy ends do not justify unworthy means. The late Senator Neuberger of Oregon argued that the method of financing government by gambling "would collect funds not from those best able to pay but from those least able to resist the temptation to gamble." And betting is on the increase in America. At this time it is a thirty-billion-dollar per year business engaged in by an estimated fifty million adults, not to mention minors. Americans gamble away more than four times as much money as they spend on all forms of philanthropy combined, including religion, welfare, education, and health. It is an addictive vice which preys on human frailty and is destructive of human will, thrift, and honesty, and creates victims unable to face the tests of the atomic age.

WE PRAY FOR WISDOM

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him (James 1:5).

A church member declared that her request for the gift of wisdom was one of the "most important" of her prayers, after hearing a sermon on *wisdom* some time ago, and she wrote the following lines along that thought:

Lord, grant me truth and vision;

Thy way, oh, let me see!

The wisdom of the ages

Is all distilled in Thee!

—FLORA E. BRECK

The church women seem to be understanding more. Many have learned to pray and they say that sometimes they meet together in their huts and pray. God is blessing in spite of opposition. Pray much for us that God will give us wisdom as we labor for Him.

In Bombay for Easter

BY MARY ANDERSON, *India*

How I wish you could all have been with us for Easter, in Bombay! Down through the years a number of our Nazarene young people have gone to Bombay to work or to secure higher education. Bombay has become their home. They have been asking for a Church of the Nazarene, but until this year we have never been able to answer their pleas.

At the last district assembly a pastor was at last appointed, and they went to Bombay to search for a place in which to worship.

This group of Nazarenes invited us to be with them over the Easter week end and take part in their services. What a privilege! On Good Friday, as I assisted in the Communion service, my heart was full to overflowing! These young people were friends whom I had known all their lives. I knew their parents, and their background. They have all had many struggles and problems, but they are true to God and to the standards of our church. The bonds of fellowship and love are sincere and strong.

God was in that little home where we observed the Last Supper. Two small rooms, swept and garnished, filled with Nazarene young people and their friends, and two missionaries, and in our midst the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit!

On Sunday morning as I preached and told the old, old story which is ever new because we serve the risen Lord, there was a song of joy in my heart which kept saying, "Hallelujah!"

Do pray for our Bombay Nazarenes.



REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Answered Prayer

We now have ten new students in our Bible school here in Peru. Just the number you and we were praying for! Praise the Lord!—CLYDE GOLLIHER, *Peru*.

Missionaries' New Addresses

The address of the missionaries who live at Basim, India, has recently been changed. This would include: Rev. and Mrs. John Anderson, Dr. Orpha Speicher, Miss Esther Howard, Miss Alberta Fletcher, Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Helm. They should now be addressed at: *Basim, Akola District, Maharashtra, India*. The Reynolds Memorial Hospital will also use this address.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Eades are on their way back to Cape Verde Islands. Their address there is Caixa Postal 8, Mindelo, S. Vicente, Cape Verde Islands.

Margaret Ann remained in Great Britain for school.

Rev. Elmer Nelson is in language study in Mexico. His address is Apartado 30166, Admon. 27, Mexico 7, D.F., Mexico.

Schoolboys Find God

BY MAX CONDER, *New Guinea*

Three of our boys prayed through in school the other morning. We have had quite a time of restitution and making things right. Some boys have replaced soap they stole from others. One boy brought money to pay me for a little bottle of gasoline he had stolen. Several of the boys give testimonies in church before their own people. Two have led in prayer. It is good to hear them praying aloud in their own language, and to know that the adults and other children are understanding every word. Also two boys came to me and said that they want to be preachers. They are both very good students and could be a great blessing in the Lord's work.

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

CABLEGRAM FROM SAMOA

Arrived safely in American Samoa at 8:25 a.m., April 26. That was 1:35 Central Standard Time. Fully conscious of God's direction and blessings on our trip. Over twenty Nazarenes saw us off last night in Honolulu. Brother Robert Manuma and his family have made us welcome. We are trusting in God's grace and the prayers of the Nazarenes around the world to give us victory in this forty-first field for world evangelism.

Colaborers for Him,
JARRELL AND BERNIECE GARSEE

SEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISPLAYS

While attending the General Assembly next month in Kansas City, you will want to take in the displays, programs, and service planned by the Department of Home Missions. Make a note of the time and place of these features:

Home Missions service, Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., Municipal Auditorium Arena. Message by General Superintendent Samuel Young. The ov-

erseas home mission areas will also be featured at this service.

Slides and addresses by overseas representatives, Tuesday and Thursday, June 21 and 23, at 3:00 p.m., in the Music Hall.

Department of Home Missions exhibit, with pictures and interesting information on home mission achievements and goals, overseas fields, the United States Chinese and Negro work, church extension, and the General Church Loan Fund. Exhibit open during the General Conventions and General Assembly, in Exhibition Hall. See the outstanding display of souvenirs from overseas countries and states.

Church Architectural exhibit, with the Department of Home Missions display in Exhibition Hall.

Quadrennial report of the Executive Secretary of Home Missions, Tuesday or Wednesday morning session, in the Arena.

Conference of Architects and Church Designers, Monday and Tuesday,

June 20 and 21, beginning with a luncheon Monday at the Hotel Phillips. It is necessary to have a reservation for the luncheon in advance. Architects and church designers may write to the Division of Church Extension for the reservation. The conference will include a tour of Kansas City churches of unusual architectural interest.

Forum on church building problems, Monday, June 20, at 3:00 p.m., in the Little Theatre of the Municipal Auditorium. Dr. E. S. Phillips, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Bethany, Oklahoma, will bring an address. There will be a question and answer period with a panel of architects answering questions from the audience, and slides of church buildings.

The office of the Department of Home Missions and the Division of Church Extension is in the Headquarters building at 6401 The Paseo.

These features of the Department's work are planned to acquaint you with our work and services. Dr. Roy F. Smee and Rev. Alpin P. Bowes will be available as much as possible in the conference booth of the Department's display in Exhibition Hall, and there will be representatives of the Department both in Exhibition Hall and at the office in the Headquarters building daily.

Servicemen's Corner



Chaplain (1st Lt.) W. H. Anderson and Lt. Wally Green, pilot.

The Florida Air National Guard, 125th Fighter Group, was honored in a "Special Tribute" by 1st Lt. (Chaplain) W. H. Anderson.

Pastor of the Jacksonville, Florida, Southside Church of the Nazarene, Chaplain Anderson held the service in his own church prior to the regular

Sunday morning services. It was attended by a large group of officers and enlisted men.

The chaplain feels that more tribute should be paid to servicemen while they are living. "I knew I had to do something about it, after taking part in funeral services for one of our air defense pilots," he said.

All phases of the military were represented with the Sunday school superintendent speaking in behalf of the veterans. Another member who recently received his honorable discharge spoke for the active duty servicemen.

Lt. Col. Leon A. Moore, Jr., commander of the Florida Air Guard, thanked the chaplain for the invitation and expressed his gratitude. He asked all to pray for "Lasting Peace."

—FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD,
Public Information Section.

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION
Louise W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

The
Sunday School
Lesson

ROBERT L.
SAWYER



Topic for
May 29:

Rich Toward God

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:13-34 (Printed: Matthew 6:19-21, 24-34).

GOLDEN TEXT: *Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:20-21).*

In the materialistic world in which we live, the sure call of the trumpet must be sounded for all to hear. For even the very elect are in danger of being pulled under by the terrific tide of our secular society. There is certainly a need for encouragement to put first things first. We cannot serve God and mammon.

Secularism: In this matter of making a living and enjoying life, there is no better example than the Master himself. He accepted His religious responsibilities by attendance at the temple, His social responsibilities by attending the wedding of Cana, and His political responsibilities by paying His taxes. So the rendering unto "Caesar the things which are Caesar's" is not the burden of this topic. Rather, it is putting undue emphasis upon making a living, meeting our children's needs, buying a home and paying our taxes that makes these duties sinful.

The power of money is soon recognized by the teen-ager, and unless by precept and example we can help him to keep the proper perspective, we have little hope for the church of tomorrow.

We are not to seek to be rich. The parable of the egotistical rich fool is sufficient warning that money and crops and property are not as important as the soul. Gluttony, drunkenness, and sensual frivolity can never be a part of the Christian life.

Christianity: In the recognition of our stewardship and the lordship of Christ we find the basis for the proper perspective of the things of this world. Food, water, and the joy of living are not excluded from the Christian. No good thing of this world is denied to the follower of the Nazarene.

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the Question box
Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

In Andrew Murray's book, "Like Christ," page 217, the author quotes John 6:57: "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." Then Murray comments as follows: "As Christ's life was a life hidden in God in heaven, so must ours be. When He emptied himself of His divine glory, He laid aside the free use of His divine attributes. He needed thus as a man to live by faith; He needed to wait on the Father for such communications of wisdom and power, as it pleased the Father to impart to Him. He was entirely dependent on the Father; His life was hid in God. Not in virtue of His own independent God-head, but through the operations of the Holy Spirit, He spake and acted as the Father from time to time taught Him." My question is this: What is meant by the statement, "He emptied himself of His divine glory, He laid aside the free use of His divine attributes"?

Here Murray touches on one of the profoundest thoughts in all theology. It has to do with the *kenosis* theory which refers to what Jesus Christ emptied himself of, or gave up, when He became flesh (John 1:14). Undoubtedly He limited himself in certain ways when He became incarnate, or was made flesh and dwelt among men; but just what was the nature of this limitation? The fact of this humiliation, limitation, self-emptying, or *kenosis* is suggested not only by the passage quoted by Murray (John 6:57), but also by John 17:5: "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." Further, it is taught in II Corinthians 8:9: "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." But the most important passage on this subject is Philippians 2:5-8. It is the great *kenosis*, or self-emptying, passage, and reads as follows: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." In this connection, the big question is, How much did the Son of God empty himself of when He became man? What did He give up when He

took on humanity? Going back to the foundation laid by J. B. Lightfoot in his famous commentary on Philippians, I would answer these questions thus. When Jesus came to earth, or was born of the Virgin Mary, He did not give up His *essential* deity. He was still God, or still retained the God-nature. When He took on a human nature, or became man as well as God, He gave up the *glory* of His preincarnate existence, the *fashion* of His heavenly existence with the Father. Along with this, He took on the earthly *fashion* of living. Thus He was a divine-human Being living in an earthly environment, or under limitations which He had never lived under before. At any time He could rise above these limitations, by virtue of the fact that He was God as well as man; but, comparatively speaking, He did not often do this. Further, in limiting Christ we must be careful that we do not deprive Him of His *essential* deity. At the same time we must not undermine His human nature or His human fashion of living. As to the quotation which you give from Murray, I would say that he tends to reduce Jesus Christ's divine nature in emphasizing His dependence upon the Father. Nevertheless, his purpose in this is a good one. He uses Christ's dependence upon the Father in order to stress our dependence upon the Father. We must remember, however, that Jesus Christ, even in His incarnate state, was still God and never dependent upon the Father in the same way that we are.

What is wrong with me? Our church has an organ and it is played all through the morning or evening exercises, and even during the altar services many times. I am called upon, occasionally, to pray, and it almost floors me. I can scarcely pray, it bothers me so much, even though it is my favorite instrument.

First, I would say that it is something that you did not grow up with—something new; and you let it get on your nerves unnecessarily. Forget it, and pray just as you always have in public. I like organ music very much, and often it helps my spirit of worship decidedly. Nevertheless, I believe that its use is sometimes overdone. Some time ago I

read a statement to this effect in one of the oldest papers of one of the largest denominations in our country. The editor felt that they were carrying this playing too far. He didn't feel that we needed it all of the time, or even as much as we often have it. I agree with him!

Sunday School Lesson

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Jesus spoke of the birds and the flowers to illustrate the fact that we are to live our lives without anxiety and fear. We must hold lightly the things of this world, for very few rich men shall enter the Kingdom—not because of

God's decree, but because of their love for this world rather than for God.

If we seek first the things of the Spirit, all these earthly needs will be supplied. For if we are careful of spiritual things, we will give the proper place to the duties, to ourselves and to our fellow men. A proper relationship to Christ keeps us in the proper relationship to things and people of this world.

The treasures we need to lay up are the good deeds—the cup of water to the thirsty, in Jesus' name—and the winning of souls to Christ and the upbuilding of others in the faith. These are the everlasting treasures of heaven.

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NEWS of the Churches



Evangelist L. B. Mathews and wife report: "During the first quarter of 1960 our evangelistic travels have taken us to Denver City, Texas, with Pastor Harold Brown, where we saw eleven seekers pray through to victory; to Bloomington, California, with Rev. Frank C. Watkins, where God gave forty-eight seekers praying through to victory; and then we were privileged to labor with one of our 'sons in the gospel,' Rev. James S. Shaw. He and his fine people stood loyally by us and forty-four seekers prayed through to God. Following this we went to North Nampa, Idaho, with Rev. M. W. Kemper—our fifth meeting with this fine pastor. God honored our labors and forty-seven souls found God in pardon or heart purity. Again, God met with us at La Grande, Oregon, with Pastor Lawrence Abla, and sixty-one seekers prayed through to God. In most of these meetings a goodly number were received into the church. We give God thanks for all the victories won. We have an open date in the summer, and also one in the fall. Write us, 514 West Fifteenth Street, Columbia, Tennessee."

Evangelist Herbert Land reports: "In recent months I was in a revival with Pastor Clem Jarvis at Coleman Chapel Church, near Calumet, Oklahoma. This is a rural church, and in spite of heavy snow and near-zero weather, we had good crowds with a goodly number of seekers praying through. Then to

Ropesville, Texas, for our third meeting with Rev. Dan Jones and his good people, and God blessed. At Kermit, Texas, we worked with Rev. A. B. Scudday. God has helped this good pastor and people to build a beautiful new church and clear it of debt in a very few years. The Lord gave some good victories at Kermit. In April, I had a meeting with Pastor Oren D. Thrasher and our Southside Church in Louisville, Kentucky, and God met with us and gave souls at the altar. All these pastors and people co-operated in every way. I go next to Cisco, on my home district, for a campaign with Pastor Carson Snow. I have two open dates for the summer, July 13 to 24, and August 17 to 28, which I'd like to slate somewhere in the Southwest. Write me, Box 212, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Pastor C. F. Hunt reports from Sligo, Pennsylvania: "On April 3 we closed a good revival here with Rev. A. Alan Gilmour as the evangelist, and music furnished by our local talent. Brother Gilmour preached with unction and power. He carries a great burden for souls, spends much time in prayer, and visits with the pastor in the homes. This was one of the best revivals we have had for some time. I will be closing my active pastoral work at the time of our district assembly in July. My active work has covered a period of forty-three years, thirty-one of which have been spent in the pastorate. This

present pastorate covers nine years and eight months. I will be available for supply work, week-end meetings, or revivals after July. Write me, Box 26, Sligo, Pennsylvania."

Arnold, Nebraska—On April 10 we closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist Thomas Hayes. Pastor Hermon Fales and people had been praying and preparing for revival, and God richly rewarded us. Brother Hayes's messages were Spirit-anointed, heart-searching, and effective. He is a man of great faith, and believes in prayer and fasting. Brother Hayes is of special help in reviving a church and building up the faith of the members. A number of souls prayed through at the altar to be saved, reclaimed, or sanctified. Two blessed healing services were held, and God touched the bodies of several people. The attendance was better than usual during this meeting.—HAZEL WEBER, Secretary.

Cayce, South Carolina—Our church, located in Broadacres, recently closed the most successful revival in its history with Ralph and Connie Swisher as chalk artist and evangelist. All of the services were especially blessed with the peculiar presence of the Holy Spirit, and many souls prayed through to victory, the majority of whom were adults. Sister Swisher is a dynamic speaker and her messages found the way to the hearts of her listeners. Brother Swisher is one of the best among our chalk artists, and his inspiring pictures did much to prepare hearts for the messages. Sixteen members were added to the church, and included in this number were the evangelist and her husband.—CAROLYN S. SHUMPERT, Reporter.

Rev. John Lambert writes from Knowles, Oklahoma: "We are now completing our second year as pastor of this church. These have been wonderful years, and much has been accomplished working with these fine folks. During these two years the church has enjoyed some good revivals, with Evangelist J. V. Langford and District Superintendent Gassett, and week-end meetings with students from our Bethany Nazarene College. The people have backed the entire general church program, paying its budgets in full during the first six months of the assembly year. Improve-



AN URGENT CALL

Ministers—Laymen! If you now hold a room reservation in a hotel, and for some reason you are unable to attend the General Assembly, would you release your reservation direct to Rev. Milton Parrish, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri? Write airmail or wire as soon as you see you cannot come. The housing situation is critical. Your co-operation will mean so much. *Thank you.*

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ments have been made on both the church and parsonage, and the pastor has received two nice raises in salary. The pastor has now been given a unanimous three-year recall."

Evangelist Daniel Stafford writes: "Due to a change of pastors, I have an open date, June 29 to July 10. I shall be glad to slate this time as the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 207, Southport, Indiana."

Song Evangelist Harry Fagan and wife write: "We are still actively engaged in the work as singers and musicians, as well as supervisors of vacation Bible schools; and are now free to go anywhere since the death of Wife's mother in February. Her long illness kept us anxious to stay rather close to home, although we were active in the work, and enjoyed some good revivals during the past year in Tennessee, Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. At this writing we are singing in a revival in our church at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. We have open time for revivals and vacation Bible schools this spring, and on through the year. We hope to have several years yet filled with active service in the work to which God has called us and kept us for some thirty-seven years—that of gospel singing and other church work. As a nearly blind singer. I have learned to play and sing some twelve hundred gospel songs and hymns of wide variety. Write us, Box 93, R.D. 1, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania."

Evansville, Indiana—Grace Church had a profitable revival in March with Evangelist and Mrs. Marcellus Crider as the special workers. Their singing was anointed of the Lord, and Brother Crider's messages were very effective. He is one of the most ideal evangelists we have ever labored with. The lives of Brother and Sister Crider are uplifting. Several souls prayed through to victory. Since coming here last August, we have enjoyed wonderful kindnesses from these people. During the meeting the church pledged a fine offering to send the pastor to the General Assembly.—R. B. PHILLIPS, *Pastor*.

Roanoke, Virginia—First Church enjoyed a blessed Easter revival campaign with Evangelist Paul Stewart and Byron Crouse and wife as the special workers. We had wonderful crowds with good altar services, and a nice class of new church members received on Easter Sunday; 410 in Sunday school classes. We give God the glory.—RALPH SCHURMAN, *Pastor*.

Evangelist F. C. Savage reports: "Recently we had a good two-week revival with our Sunny South Church in Muncie, Indiana. God gave us some old-fashioned, Holy Ghost services. On the first Sunday night the Lord came in such a way that I did not get to preach. Pastor Lorne MacMillan is a fine pastor and has a wonderful group of folks. I plan to attend the General Assembly, and immediately following that would be glad to slate some weekend Sunday school rallies, Wednesday

Phoenix Maryvale Church, Arizona



Sunday afternoon, May 17, 1959, marked the dedication of the new Phoenix Maryvale Church, with Dr. G. B. Williamson as the special speaker. District Superintendent M. L. Mann, members of the district advisory board, along with sixteen pastors, and more than two hundred members and friends, were present. This church was organized March 17, 1957, by District Superintendent Mann, with 32 charter members. We worshiped in a residence for two years, and on October 9, 1958, held the ground-breaking ceremony. The building is 48 x 138 feet, of masonry construction, with seating capacity of more than 250. This is the second of three planned units, with sanctuary.

The church is conservatively valued at \$90,000 with a debt of less than \$25,000. We now have 110 members, and the Sunday school averaged 200 during March. Recently we had a revival with Rev. A. J. Tosti as evangelist, and God gave good success. After more than thirty years of consecutive pastoral work in our beloved Zion, this has been the greatest thrill and romance of our entire ministry. It is with regret that, due to doctor's orders, we are giving up the pastorate here; but trust, in the providence of God, after a period of rest, to resume work of the Kingdom. Rev. Elton Green has been called as the new pastor.—J. B. GATLIN, *Pastor*.

night through Sunday. I give God praise for His help and blessing through fifty years of ministry. Write me, P.O. Box 3, Kokomo, Indiana."

Manchester, Connecticut—Easter Sunday was a "red-letter" day for our church, with a record Sunday school attendance of 470, and a record Easter offering of more than \$1,400. The activities of the day included the reception of a class of eleven into the membership of the church, climaxing with a wonderful altar service in the evening. We are now in our eighth year with this fine group of Nazarenes. God's blessings have been manifold in the past and we take courage for the future.—C. E. WINSLOW, *Pastor*.

Pastor Joe Chastain reports from Hawaii: "God has helped us in a special way with the new work here at Ewa Beach (near Barbers Point Naval Air Station). Interest and attendance continue to grow. We have the acute problem of securing a church location, but feeling that God led us here, we believe He will open the right door. We appreciate the prayers of all our friends, and ask that you pray with us in this need. We have secured a lot and com-

pleted a new parsonage in the area. Beginning May 15 we will be on three months' furlough from the Islands, and will be in deputation work, going as far east as Pennsylvania. If you know of service personnel stationed at Barbers Point, please write us, 91-554 Pupū Street, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, or c/o Department of Overseas Home Missions, Nazarene Headquarters, Kansas City 10, Missouri."

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Central Church is forging ahead with a full program. We are nearing completion of our new parsonage, which is the first phase of a complete relocation program. We have purchased a four-acre tract in a beautiful new subdivision where a twenty-five-million-dollar housing project is being launched. Plans are being prepared for the construction of a new sanctuary and educational facilities, with the first unit of the new church scheduled to begin as soon as construction of the parsonage is completed. The complete program also provides for a Christian day school. In a recent revival with Evangelist T. T. Liddell, the attendance was gratifying, finances came easily and, best of all, God met the needs of a number of seekers at the

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North Arkansas District Preachers' Meeting

The North Arkansas District preachers' meeting met March 30 to April 1, at Beebe, with Rev. J. W. Hendrickson, our beloved district superintendent, in charge. Due to the death of the son of District Superintendent L. S. Oliver (of Alabama), our scheduled speaker, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, was unable to be present. Dr. Powers sent in his stead Dr. Cecil D. Ewell, pastor of First Church in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Ewell did a wonderful job and endeared himself to the preachers of this district. His wide experience and concern for personal evangelism stirred the hearts of all who heard him.

The theme of the papers presented was "The Place of the Word in Preaching," with papers given by Rev. H. Ray Dunning, Rev. G. E. Hawkins, and Rev. Boyd Hancock. The messages were inspiring, and were well received.

Missionary John Wise of Africa was also a special worker in the convention. His messages, as a layman, concerning the field of Africa, provided missionary impetus.

Rev. Harvey Rathbun, host pastor, did a splendid job in entertaining the convention. Rev. George Rice represented the Nazarene Publishing House.—*Reporter*.

"Capitol Crusade for Christ"

The fourteen churches of the Capitol Zone, eight of them in metropolitan Sacramento, California, recently completed a Holy Week evangelistic campaign, called the "Capitol Crusade for Christ." Dr. V. H. Lewis, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, was the special speaker. Rev. Lawrence Bone, pastor of Sacramento First Church, was the general chairman.

Following the challenging men's dinner on Monday night, a Conference on Evangelism was held Tuesday through Thursday nights at the North Sacramento Church of the Nazarene. The week was climaxed with three evangelistic rallies held in the Sacramento Memorial Auditorium, Friday through Sunday nights. A one-hundred-voice choir, led by Mr. Paul Skiles, contributed greatly to the services. The week was blessed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and capped with wonderful victory.

Total attendance for the final three nights exceeded 2,300, including the Sunday night attendance of more than one thousand. This was by far the largest Nazarene campaign in the history of Sacramento.

Plans are in the discussion stage which may result in this first venture in cooperative evangelism becoming an annual event in California's capital city.—GENE VAN NOTE, *Secretary*.

altar. Brother Liddell preached with the power of the Spirit.—CHARLES D. MCKINNEY, *Pastor*.

Brunswick, Georgia—Bethel Church recently enjoyed one of its best revivals with the Thomas S. Fowler Family as the evangelistic workers. The messages and music were blessed of God, and the church was helped tremendously. We give God praise for the holiness ministry of the Fowler family. Our church is still reaping the benefits of this meeting, and we thank God for sending this

evangelistic party our way.—ELLIS RAINY, *Pastor*.

Lizemore, West Virginia—It surely was the leading of the Lord that brought Evangelist George Sherry to us for a revival. He gave of himself without reservation, with a real passion for souls, and the Lord blessed his ministry. The old rugged gospel truth was preached with such love that there were seekers at the altar almost every night. A goodly number of souls were saved or reclaimed, and the whole church was blessed and helped. We closed the meeting on Easter Sunday with a record attendance in the Sunday school, and the highest Easter offering yet. Finances



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Willard, Ohio—We are glad to report a good ministry here for the past seven years. During this time God has blessed, and we have been able to complete our church building, which was dedicated on Easter Sunday of '59; have seen our Sunday school grow from an average attendance of 70 to 140, and our membership from 60 to 88. On Sunday, February 14, we received our third unanimous three-year call. In March we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist Nettie A. Miller, in which the church was revived, encouraged, and strengthened. Several new members were received on Easter Sunday. The church has voted to pay our expenses to the General Assembly. There are unity, love, and vision in our church.—ELBERT R. SPECKIEN, *Pastor*.

Pleasantville, Ohio—Our pastor, Rev. Dan Bulla, has been given a unanimous call for another year. Also the church week-end revival, April 1 to 3, was sponsored by the N.Y.P.S., with much special music enjoyed—solos, duets, and quartets. The young evangelist was seventeen-year-old Richard Gatlin. His Sunday morning message was filled with the power of the Spirit and twelve young people prayed through to victory; several were sanctified. The pastor received four new members into the church. In the Sunday evening service people were present from several surrounding towns. We appreciated all the work and co-operation of the young people in making this week-end meeting a success. Also we were happy for the many visitors who came for the opening service.—HENRY M. MILLER, *Reporter*.

Illinois District N.Y.P.S.

The Nazarene Young People's Society on the Illinois District held their first district-wide banquet on March 25, with 607 persons in attendance. It was held in the dining hall of Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois. Furnishing an evening of inspiring music was the Gather Trio. Dr. L. J. Du Bois was the very able speaker for the occasion.

The youth of the Illinois District are moving forward for greater victory in the Lord.—GERALD GREEN, *District President*.

Western Ohio District

The Western Ohio preachers' meeting, held in Springfield High Street Church, March 28 to 30, was the final official gathering of the Western Ohio District. As of April 1, the resignation of our beloved district superintendent, Dr. W. E. Albea, became effective.

In fitting recognition of their sixteen and one-half years of faithful, capable, progressive leadership, Dr. and Mrs. Albea were honored in a special service on Tuesday afternoon with Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding. Presentations were made of beautifully bound Bibles from the Board of General Superintendents, and a hat for Brother Albea from the District Superintendents' Conference. A "Book of Remembrance and Appreciation" containing letters from pastors and people of the district was given to the

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In the Tuesday evening service, after a challenging message, Dr. Powers presented Rev. Carl B. Clendenen, Jr., and his wife, superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio District, and Rev. M. E. Clay, superintendent of the Southwestern Ohio District, also the advisory board of each district. After kneeling for prayer at the altar, surrounded by the pastors of their respective districts, the new superintendents were greeted by the pastors and congregation.

Dr. Powers brought practical, helpful messages throughout the preachers' meeting. Dr. Howard Hamlin of Chicago, the other guest speaker, presented the layman's viewpoint of the responsibility of the church. Rev. Harold Maish, pastor at Xenia, gave daily devotional messages on the place and purpose of music in the church.

Dr. Harold W. Reed, president, and Rev. John Swearingen, field representative, presented the work of our Olivet Nazarene College. Other special guests included Superintendent and Mrs. Harvey S. Galloway of Central Ohio District, Superintendent Orville L. Maish and wife of Michigan District, Superintendent Mark Moore and wife of Chicago Central District, and Mr. Elvin Hicks, our publishing house representative.

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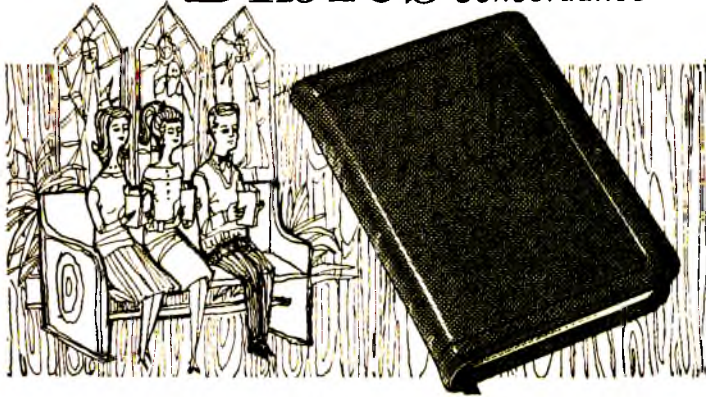
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The preachers' meeting was well entertained by the Springfield High Street Church and their pastor, Rev. R. L. Sumner, assisted by Rev. Dennis Kiper, pastor of Springfield Erie Avenue Church.—PAUL G. BASSETT, *Reporter*.

Canada Central District N.Y.P.S.

Canada Central District N.Y.P.S. had its greatest annual Good Friday rally on April 15 at the St. Clair Church in Toronto, Ontario. Over nine hundred people were present. The previous high was in 1959, when more than seven hundred were in attendance.

Almost every church on the district was represented, including three new ones. One of these, Orillia, was spon-

sored by the District N.Y.P.S. Three people drove 460 miles to represent the new Sault Ste. Marie church. There was a wonderful spirit of unity and blessing in the services, both afternoon and evening. Several folk found spiritual help, and the blessing of entire sanctification, at the altar of prayer at the close of the evening service. Rev. Maurice Wilson of Rochester, New York, was the special speaker, with Mr. DeVerne Mullen leading a massed choir of young people from over the district who sang with the anointing of God.

Mr. Jack Dobbins, our efficient and capable district president, was the chairman. Mrs. Alfred Armstrong was in charge of the Junior Society rally. St. Clair church received the "Robert F. Woods Trophy" for highest attendance points, and the Calvary Church of Galt,

Ontario (one of the newest churches) received the "Dr. Mansell McGuire Trophy" for percentage attendance points.

Two other Good Friday rallies were held, both of them "international"; one at Franklin Centre, Quebec, with churches from Quebec and New York state participating. The other was at Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, including the churches from the Michigan Peninsula and the Ontario "Soo."

God is leading the entire district forward by His Spirit, with the help of our faithful pastors and praying and devoted laymen. Please remember this vast and growing area in your prayers; it has around one million square miles of territory, with about two-thirds of the population of Canada.—H. BLAIR WARD, *District Superintendent*.

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QUADRENNIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Akron District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The nineteenth annual convention of the Akron District N.Y.P.S. was held April 8 and 9 at Akron First Church. District President Edward Eichenberger presided with facility and efficiency, and host pastor and president, C. C. Dawson and Thomas Prather, made the delegates and visitors welcome.

The over-all tone of the convention was warmly spiritual, with a keynote of spiritual challenge being set by the special speaker, Rev. Robert W. Taylor, pastor from St. Charles, Illinois.

Even the reports and statistics "came alive" with a number of zone chairmen reporting times of blessing, of the "breaking in" of the Holy Spirit, of souls being saved, and of services where

scheduled preachers did not get to preach—all this in regular zone rallies across the district during the past year. We give God praise.

The unanimity of the convention was demonstrated as District President Eichenberger was elected to a second term on the first ballot. Other officers elected: Rev. Arthur Brown, Jr., vice-president; Rev. J. O. McCaskell, secretary; Rev. R. O. Watson, Jr., treasurer; and Rev. Charles R. Taylor, teen supervisor. Teen members of the council include Pearl Shoff, Sallye Beth Spruce, John Cunningham, and Ted Thorne. Delegates to the General Convention were elected as follows: ministerial—Revs. Eichenberger, McCaskell, Brown, Watson, Metcalfe, and Parks; lay—Ruth

Barnes, Janine Pringle, Dean Thurmon, Nancy Tullis, Grace Cole, and Dale Mingleddorff.

District Superintendent C. D. Taylor was present in all the sessions, and demonstrated again his warm interest in the youth of the district. Professor J. R. Naylor represented the interests of Eastern Nazarene College with his usual genial spirit.

Probably the high point of the convention was the Friday night service, in which the front of the church was lined with earnest young people answering the challenge of the speaker, Rev. Robert Taylor, to give themselves without reservation to God.—RUSSELL METCALFE, *Reporter*.

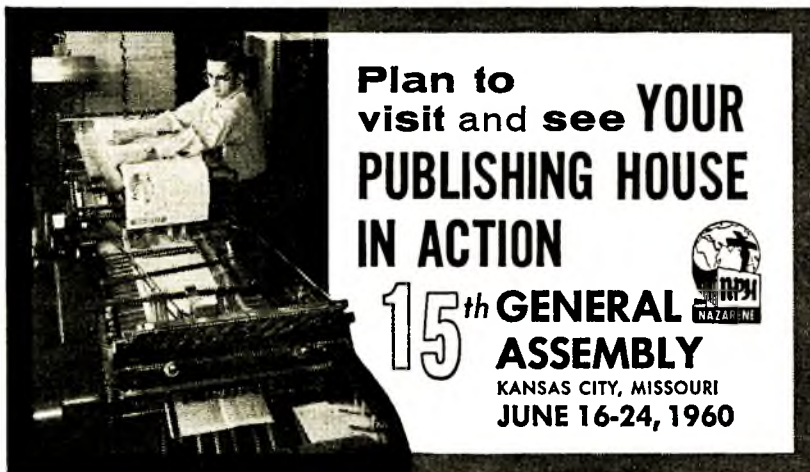
Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—I am happy to commend Rev. C. B. Fugett to our people everywhere. He has resigned his pastorate at Ashland Grace Church. He has rendered a great service to his home church, having led it safely through a crisis period. The church extended a nearly unanimous three-year recall to Brother Fugett. However, he felt his work done as pastor, and the leadings of God to re-enter the field of evangelism, where he has seen thousands saved and brought into the experience of holiness. I do recommend him to all who need a good evangelist. Address him at 4311 Blackburn Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky.—D. S. Somerville, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Betty Agnes Dent of Chattanooga, and Rev. E. Ray Savage, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Fayetteville, Tennessee, were united in marriage on April 16, in Signal Mountain Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Charles Patton and Rev. Glenn Cass officiating.

Mary Hagerman of Bethany, Oklahoma, and Ronald E. Archer of Winfield, Kansas, were united in marriage on April 16 in the Winfield Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Shafer, officiating.




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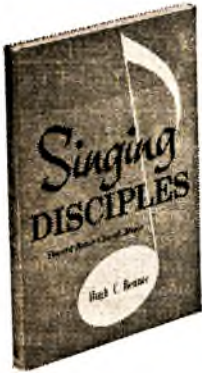
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ALABAMA—Assembly, May 25 and 26, at First Church, 800 Clinton Avenue East, Huntsville, Alabama. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % Huntsville First Church of the Nazarene, 800 Clinton Avenue East, Huntsville, Alabama. Entertaining pastor, Rev. M. H. Stocks, 1724 Bide-A-Wee Drive, N.E., Huntsville. (N.F.M.S. and Sunday school conventions, May 23 and 24.) Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

ABILENE—Assembly, May 25 to 27, at First Church, 1924 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % the entertaining pastor, Rev. Harold Davis, 1924 S. Polk, Amarillo, Texas. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 23; N.F.M.S. convention, May 24.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 25 to 27, at Riverside Memorial Auditorium, 7th & Lemon Sts., Riverside, California. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % the entertaining pastor, Rev. Bill Burch, 5475 Arlington Ave., Riverside, California. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 24.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

CANADA CENTRAL—Assembly, May 26 and 27, at First Church, 92 Ottawa St. North, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % the entertaining pastor, Rev. Fletcher Tink, 109 Kensington St. South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 24 and 25; N.Y.P.S. convention, May 28.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

NEW MEXICO—Assembly, June 1 and 2, at the Nazarene Campground, Capitan, New Mexico. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % the entertaining pastor, Rev. John Abney, Capitan, New Mexico. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 30, evening to May 31, noon; Sunday school convention, May 31, afternoon.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NEW ENGLAND—Assembly, June 2 and 3, at Wollaston Church of the Nazarene, 37 E. Elm Ave., Wollaston, Massachusetts. Send mail, merchandise, and other items relating to the assembly % the entertaining pastor, Rev. T. E. Martin, 12 E. Elm Ave., Wollaston 70, Massachusetts. (N.F.M.S. convention, June 1.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

Jeanette K. Sewell of Wayside, and Lawrence E. Strobe of Havana, Kansas, were united in marriage on April 9 in the Winfield Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Shafer, officiating.

Dorothy Robinson and Charles Hicks, both of Winfield, Kansas, were united in marriage on April 2 in the Winfield Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Ralph E. Shafer, officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Glen L. Van Dyne of Jonesboro, Arkansas, a daughter, Cheri Rene, on April 13.

—to Rev. Mervyn E. and Shirley (Schulz) Gale of Butte, Montana, a son, Kevin Dean, on April 11.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ax of Nampa, Idaho, a son, Michael Dean, on April 4.

—to Rev. Robert and Ida (Hatlestad) Hollinger of Fallon, Nevada, a son, James Allen, on February 25.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by "a troubled one" in Iowa that God will undertake for her in a special personal request that she may be free to God's will, and also for two silent requests;

by a Nazarene lady in Wisconsin for her sister, unsaved, and about to make what would be a disastrous marriage, although she has had much light;

by a Christian lady in California that God will touch her body, now near eighty years of age, with much sickness and sorrow in her home;

by a Christian brother in Ohio that a father may be converted, that he may be sanctified wholly and also healed of an affliction, that he may be all that the Lord wants him to be;

by a Christian mother (and grandmother) in Indiana that the parents of a little four-year-old may be reunited and make a Christian home;

by a Christian reader in California for her spiritual and physical condition—she needs healing of a heart condition, and wants to be sanctified wholly that she may be all God wants her to be, also wants prayer for her husband;

by a mother in Mississippi who needs God's special help in a very serious problem—she needs to be sanctified that she may pray effectually for unsaved loved ones, and also needs help with personal problems;

by a Christian lady in Ohio for a home in Virginia about to go "on the rocks"—a drinking husband, an unsaved, dissatisfied wife, and three little children.