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# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## "Thy Mother Eunice"

In a few swift strokes, St. Paul memorializes the names of two saintly women. They were mother and daughter, and their faith had left an indelible mark on the young man who was the grandson of the one and the son of the other.

Apparently Lois had been converted first, for the unfeigned faith which Paul so much appreciates in young Timothy had "dwelt first" in the grandmother (II Timothy 1:5). But Eunice also became a Christian, and did much to guide the first steps of her son in the paths of righteousness.

Of course, a Christian home did not automatically make Timothy a Christian. From the fact that Paul calls him a son in the faith, it would appear that Timothy found Christ through the ministry of Paul in Lystra. While we must never sell short the early training of our children in the Christian faith, we must recognize that each child must be led to a personal experience of saving grace. There are no "birthright" Christians. As one has said, "God has many children, but no grandchildren." Each must come to Christ for himself.

Yet a mind stored with the truths of God's Word, furnished with memory passages from the Bible, offers the best channel through which the Holy Spirit may move into young hearts in con-

victing of sin, encouraging faith, and bringing eternal life.

Mother's Day should be more than an occasion for pretty sentiments. It should be a call to spiritual concern. Our children need more than biological life and the conditions for its growth. They need the warmth of Christian love, and step-by-step guidance in the principles of moral and spiritual life. May "Lois" and "Eunice" serve to remind us all of the vital importance of keeping the home Christian.

## The Days of Revival

The days of revival are *not* past. God's purpose to save all who will repent, confess their sins, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ is just the same today as it has always been. The preaching of the Cross is still the power of God. The gospel, heard in faith, transforms lives today as it did in New Testament times.

If there are any changes in the measure in which revival preaching succeeds today, put it down that those changes are not the result of any failure on the part of God. There are *two* elements in revival, and the divine element is constant. God always takes care of His part.

The variables in revival are due to human factors and failings. As has been said, to *pray down* revival really means to *pray up* the people into harmony with the will of God. Revival never comes to disobedient hearts.

Many have pointed out that the very term "revival" presupposes the pulse of life. Re-vival concerns Christians who have drifted out of contact with the battle for souls. Re-vival is the breath of God's Spirit fanning the glowing coals into white-hot flame. Re-vival is the awakening of deep concern for the lost and spiritually needy. Re-vival is the renewal of personal involvement in the spiritual aspects of God's work in this world.

This means more than church attendance. It is possible even for Christians to drift into the habit of going to church as spectators rather than participants, going to "listen in" and "look on." True, better to go that way than not to go at all. But better still to go bearing the whole armor of God, to get into the middle of the spiritual battle that occurs every time the gospel is faithfully preached in the hearing of needy persons.



## The Cover . . .

*The cycle of life is represented in the flowers of Mother's Day; red for the living, white for*

*those who are gone. Apart from the gift of His Son, God gives no greater treasure than the gift of a Christian mother.*

*. . . I feel that, in the Heavens above,  
The angels, whispering to one another,  
Can find, among their burning terms of love,  
None so devotional as that of "Mother" . . .*

*—Edgar Allan Poe*



# Mother and home



General Superintendent Williamson

**MOTHER AND HOME** are inseparable. Home can approach the ideal only if a good mother reigns as its queen. The child whose birth is crowned with the benediction of a devout mother and a happy, peaceful home enjoys life's greatest advantage. Thoughts of Mother stir the deepest and most tender affections of the human heart. To mention the word home is to release a flood of sacred memories. The happiest and richest of earth are those who have these blessings and have known how to appreciate them. What regret must those know who have not in gratitude made capital of such priceless values!

Mother and home have sometimes been cheapened by a mushy sentimentality. But in turning from this indulgence let us never cut loose from these firm anchors of the soul.

Some have been deprived of these advantages and have overcome their handicap. Nevertheless there are no substitutes for the strength and inspiration of home influence and a mother's love.

The hope of Western civilization and of the Christian Church is in the building of homes that are made heavenly by the angel presence of a devout mother. From these pure fountains, rivers of redeeming grace have ever flowed. Soldiers, statesmen, scholars, saints, and seers have emerged as saviors of our world.

The disintegration of the family is the greatest threat to democracy. *Women have been emancipated.* Liberty has been taken for license. For economic reasons and independence mothers have gone to work outside their homes. Hundreds of thousands of them don overalls like men. They smoke, swear, drink, talk and act tough. They go back to a house in shambles and a home in ruins.

Let wives and mothers glory in their divine right of homemaking and many ills of the day will find remedy. Unemployment would in large measure disappear. Divorce rate would rapidly decline. Juvenile delinquency would decrease, and public institutions for the correction of the criminals would be emptied. Strength of character would be the hallmark of Christian civilization.

Mother, you guide the destiny of your child, your country, and the world. Will you dedicate yourself anew to your high calling?

## Identities

*Quiet the selfish fever of unrest!  
Then tend the flame, Lord! Fan the precious fire  
Of praise and adoration in my breast!  
My ceaseless prayer, my deepest soul's desire:*

By **BERNIECE AYERS HALL**

*That some earth-weary pilgrim on dark ways,  
Some weary traveler at last behold  
And seek the warmth, the light my fire conveys,  
As men turn home at night from out the cold;  
As men turn home to find the shining worth  
Of sacred things their eyes can never see  
Of faith and love, by home's bright, glowing hearth.  
Oh, help me lose my own identity,  
That hearts drawn to each leaping flame of blue  
Be kindled, Lord, and know the fire is You!*

# LATE NEWS

## Telegram . . .

**Los Angeles District broke all previous records by giving more than \$45,000 for Easter missionary offering. Prayer and fasting season great blessing.—W. Shelburne Brown, District Superintendent.**

The Kansas City, Missouri, Planning Commission has just approved a zoning variance to permit construction of new buildings for the Nazarene Publishing House on the site at 63rd and The Pasco adjacent to the present Headquarters Building. The first units will be a retail bookstore, and a three-story editorial building to be financed by the publishing house, and built under the direction of the General Board. Construction is expected to start as soon as plans can be completed.

After ten years as pastor of First Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Wendell Wellman has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Flint, Michigan.

Rev. Mrs. Della Stretch, Nazarene elder, member of Northwestern Illinois District, died on April 8; her home was in El Paso, Illinois. She would have been one hundred one years old had she lived until June of this year.

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Moore of Fort Recovery, Ohio, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on May 31. An open house will be held in their home on May 30, 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Brother Moore has been in the active ministry for over fifty years. He joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1927 and since then has served five pastorates, building a new church in three of them. The Moores are the parents of four sons and one daughter; three of the sons are ministers in the Church of the Nazarene, and the other son and daughter are active in church work.

Rev. Leslie Parrott has resigned as pastor of First Church in Flint, Michigan, to accept the pastorate of the church in Kirkland, Washington.

**Rule of Life: Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, in all the lives you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.—John Wesley.**

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## The Other Side of the Picture:

I never heard my mother pray. I never saw her read the Bible or enter the house of God. I heard her curse, saw her drink whisky and enter night clubs. Once she told me she wished I had never been born. But I would have given my life many times over to see her saved.

You, sons and daughters, who have Christian mothers should appreciate them. Without them, there is a big, dark void in life. If you don't think so, just take a look at the other side of the picture. Take a look at those who do not have Christian mothers.

On Mother's Day, thank God for Christian mothers! For those who lift holy hands in prayer and call the names of their sons and daughters before the throne of grace!

If you, friend, have a Christian mother, kneel beside her and tell her you appreciate her. Do it now!—*Anonymous.*

# RIVERS

# of Living Water

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THE FEAST OF THE TABERNACLES lasted seven days. Thousands of Jews had gathered for the celebration. The question on the lips of the leaders was, "Will He [Jesus] come to the Feast?" Yes, He came. And on the last day He stood to His feet and cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, . . .)" (John 7:37-39).

In these words of Jesus two thoughts are evident. First, only Christ can really satisfy the spiritual thirst of mankind. Note the *craving*, "If any man thirst." Was Christ conscious of the craving for spiritual satisfaction on man's part? He certainly was. Had not He sensed it in those two disciples of John who followed Him, and in response to His question, "What seek ye?" had replied, "Master, where dwellest thou?" Had He not sensed it in the words of the midnight caller, Nicodemus, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God"? And what about the woman at the well who said, "Give me this water, that I thirst not"? Yes, Jesus was conscious of the craving of mankind for spiritual satisfaction.

Then we hear His *claim*. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink." Paul said (I Corinthians 10:4) that Christ was the spiritual Rock who followed the children of Israel in the desert. He is the Rock in whom every craving of mankind is met. The water that flowed from Meribah was sufficient and satisfying for every Israelite. So Christ is the satisfying and sufficient Portion to our every longing.

We note further His *call*: "If any man thirst." There you have the individuality and the universality of the call. No matter from what walk of life we may come, Christ is able to meet our spiritual need.

In the fourth place, we see the *condition*: "Let him come." Christ never forces one soul to drink of the water of life which He alone can give. No, if one thirsts for spiritual satisfaction, he must come of his own free will, recognizing his own need and the ability of Christ to meet that need.

Then, we note the *cure*. "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). Christ puts the well of salvation in our hearts when He saves us, and it is from this well that we draw with joy the waters which satisfy our spiritual thirst (Isaiah 12:3).

But Christ not only intimated that He alone could satisfy the spiritual cravings of mankind; He also gives us to understand that it is through the believer that He intends others to become conscious of His power. "He that believeth on me, . . . out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." There is a change in analogy, from a "well of water springing up" or bubbling through to "rivers of living water." The first suggests a dug well, giving just enough for one's personal satisfaction.

But Christ intends that, after we are saved, there shall be a deeper experience wrought in our hearts, setting free the power of God to flow through our lives to bless a needy world. This is a work of the *Holy Spirit*. "This spake he of the Spirit." Only the Holy Ghost can blast the rock of carnality out of our souls and start the subterranean flow of full salvation in our lives.

Furthermore, it is evident that this is a *second*, definite work of grace. The Spirit is given only to him who "believeth on me." The construction of this verb in the original indicates, not a simple acceptance of Christ, but a "giving of oneself entirely to," our understanding of full consecration.

See the *satisfaction* of such an experience: "Rivers of living water." Rivers suggest sufficiency and abundance. And truly the indwelling Presence results in abounding in hope (Romans 15:13), abounding in love (Philippians 1:9), abounding in giving (II Corinthians 9:7), abounding in grace (II Corinthians 9:8), and abounding in service (Romans 15:21-24).

Attention is called to the *scriptural* illustration: "As the scripture hath said." The margin offers Ezekiel 47. Here is the vision of the water flowing out from under the altar; the further it went, the



higher it rose. First to the ankles, then to the knees, and on to the waist, and finally enough in which to swim. The further it went, the more blessing it became. There is no better illustration of the result of the incoming of the Holy Ghost. Think of 120 in the Upper Room. They were small in number and small in their own eyes. But when the Holy Ghost came, the rivers of living water flowed not only in Jerusalem; they rose higher and higher, went to the ends of the Roman Empire, until literally millions tasted of the "water of life" through their influence.

This is Christ's purpose for us. Too many be-

lievers are satisfied to draw from the well of salvation in their hearts. Christ wants others to taste of that water of life through us. Only a second definite work of grace, the infilling of the Holy Ghost, can dynamite through our stubborn wills and turn loose the power of God through our personalities. He is both the Source and the Secret of this ever-flowing, ever-blessing stream from our innermost beings. History concurs that the people who have blessed the world the most were those who were completely controlled by the Holy Spirit. Out of their innermost beings flowed "rivers of living water."



## The Hands That Rock the Cradle

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THE great Emperor Napoleon wrote, "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother." For centuries men have recognized that the child's earliest years are the most important. As certainly as the twig is bent, so the tree will grow. In later life when a man goes wrong, the trouble may generally be traced to formative years. It's no exaggeration to say, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

Children are a gift from God like the rainbow. Of course the gift may not always seem like one. There are times when a mother may feel as though she is feeding the mouth that bites. One of America's favorite sons is that little rascal—Dennis the Menace. One picture shows him sitting in the corner (per usual) but with his face shining and the caption underneath reads, "You mean you'd love me no matter what I did? Boy, that's a relief!"

The hands that rock the cradle should be *godly hands*. To a mother is given the charge of giving the child his first religious instruction. The hands that mold character must be steady or the life will be shaky. Hands that are stained with nicotine and more accustomed to holding a highball than a Bible will never produce men and women of great character. Clovis Chappell said, "When God wants to train a child for the achieving of the best and

highest in life He sends him to school to a godly mother."

One of the most signal tributes to a mother's training is the story of Moses. Physically he was growing up in the palace of Pharaoh, but spiritually his mind was being trained by his Hebrew mother, Jochebed. God was preparing a deliverer for Israel and using a mother for the schoolmaster. She did her job well, for the Scriptures state: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season" (Hebrews 11:24-25).

Those in the court must have been stunned by the seemingly inexplicable choice of Moses. But Jochebed knew that one day he would have to make that decision. Her whole life was dedicated that he should identify himself with his people. One can but guess the nights of prayer she spent for her boy. Those hands that rocked the basket in the river started the movement that led Israel out of bondage.

The hands that rock the cradle should be a *mother's hands*. Some recent statistics show that nearly one-half million children are left alone by working mothers. The number of working mothers has doubled since 1950. To be sure, we live in a complex society and in many cases the mother must work to keep the family solvent. But there is no real substitute for a mother! A "hireling," however efficient, will never replace a mother. Only in the most extreme circumstances is a woman justified in "farming out" her gift and responsibility from God. For the children now too young to ask for themselves, I say, "If you don't absolutely have to work

—give your child back its mother.” For what shall a child give in exchange for its mother? Those formative years are too precious to lose and they come only once in a lifetime. The poet wrote:

*You may have tangible wealth untold,  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I you can never be;  
I had a mother who read to me.*

The hands that rock the cradle should be characterized by *unselfish devotion*. A young man who had survived the ravages of a World War II prison camp told how, when others were starving, his mother always found food for him. Later when she died of malnutrition he realized she had been feeding him with her rations.

When Jesus was to face His greatest trial His mother was loyal to the last. Weak disciples might desert, but in popularity or imprisonment she remained as steadfast in her devotion as the sun is in its course through the heavens. Kipling wrote:

*If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!*

The hands that rock the cradle should be *praying hands*. Those men and women who have been saved to the kingdom of God by the prayers of their mothers are legion. May I add my name to the list? All the influences that came into my life to lead me to Christ—and I am grateful for all of them—pale into the background beside the tears my mother shed for my salvation. Her one aim and driving force in life was that her boy should be a Christian.

I could recite the words of Psalms 23 before I knew what they meant. Since I can't remember ever having "started" to Sunday school, I could almost conclude I must have been born there. As a prodigal, I could run from her presence but not from her prayers. I might have won arguments with her, but instead of debating with me, she pleaded my cause with God.

Thus on Mother's Day we should sing this song, not as an invitation hymn, but as a pledge:

*Tell Mother I'll be there in answer to her  
prayer—  
This message, blessed Saviour, to her bear!  
Tell Mother I'll be there, heav'n's joys with her  
to share;  
Yes, tell my darling mother I'll be there.*

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**The one man who cannot possibly have committed the sin against the Holy Spirit is the man who fears that he has. If a man has committed the sin against the Holy Spirit, he has lost the sense of sin. No man who knows himself to be a sinner has committed the sin against the Holy Spirit.—William Barclay.**  
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# Heaven

## IT'S AS NEAR AS MOTHER'S APRON STRINGS

By KATHERINE BEVIS

LET ME share with you the memory of a childhood sense of awareness of God which transfigures and glorifies all life.

In a clearing along a quiet country road was a home. The sun spent much time there warming the smooth rock that formed my playhouse.

No landscape gardener had planned the yard. My mother's system was to "stick flowers where they'll do best," and certainly no yard had prettier blooms or more abundant ones than my mother's. How she had time to work with them at all puzzles me, for we were a family of eleven: Daddy, Mother, and nine little ones; I the eldest. But my mother found time for everything that needed to be done, and she would say, "You know, children, flowers are like you; they do better if they're noticed and loved."

Inside our home was country home charm, including the old fireplace, where we always met God daily; and if our parents felt the need of other meetings, they were held here also. The iron kettle, that furnished our "kettle tea," was there; and the comfortable couch along one wall with its gay patchwork quilt and pillows with patchwork tops, that tempted one to drop down for a nap, even though there were many things to be done before the day was over.

The churn stood in the big family kitchen with its huge wood-burning cookstove, where all the bread and the puddings and the cakes and the pies and the cookies were baked.

I remember the old, treadle, table-top sewing machine that made the clothes we children wore, that did all the patching and mending and alterations of the hand-me-downs, the side table with the Bible, open to my mother's favorite psalm, the ninety-first. Especially could we find the Bible open on the days that she sat at the old-style, treadle sewing machine—and we children knew when we saw tears in her eyes they were not tears of sadness but tears of gladness, as she thought of God's care for the one "that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High," for my mother dwelt there.

There were the bedrooms with their two double-beds (what else with so many to put to bed?), the

old-fashioned washstands complete with bowl and pitcher, the big trunks which held our clothes. What home in that day could afford sliding-door closets for eleven, even though our wardrobes were not as filled with the many clothes and accessories as today?

In winter we were not warmed with central heating, but on those very cold nights our feet were kept warm with bricks which had been heating all evening in the old cookstove, bricks tucked in between the sheets at the foot of the bed.

How far was heaven from my home? My home, that humble dwelling lighted by lamps—the lamp-light still burns in my memory; that home where fingers spent their time to make of our lives a heaven, to give to each child the clean, patched gingham, starched to queen's taste, to fashion the loaves of bread and fill jelly jars with wild berry

goodness! I'll tell you how far—as near as my mother's apron.

Life was not easy for my mother. Perhaps that is why our home became such a symbol of faith and courage to me. Perhaps that is why now when difficulties confront me I awake to this childhood glory; and in this rushed work-and-worry world, I can for a moment imagine myself back in my childhood home, with innocent assurance that knows no outside world.

God has let Mother stay with me. She is now eighty-five years of age, just waiting, it seems, for Him to call her home to be with my dear old daddy, in heaven now these thirty years. But when I think of the rich heritage my parents have given to me, part of that heritage is a childhood humble home, where heaven was not any farther away than my dear mother's apron.



# MILLIONAIRES WITHOUT MONEY

By **WILSON R. LANPHER**, *Pastor, First Church, Washington, D.C.*

“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.” If ever inspired words are capable of piercing through the veneer of self-pity and smug contentment, these words in II Corinthians 8:9 should do it. And their fruit in human beings is well documented in II Corinthians 6:10: “As poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.”

Interesting indeed is the fact that Paul, who on occasion labored as a tentmaker and would never be listed in the Jerusalem edition of Dun and Bradstreet, was so adept at stirring others to liberality. Perhaps it was because he believed firmly in the only basis for riches and for giving, and because he knew that really he possessed all things.

We can only surmise what were the riches of perfect communion, perfect power, and perfect glory with the Father, before Christ stooped to our lost estate. But the Christ who was rich in these became poor. You must go back before Bethlehem, and let your soul drink in the beauty of the truth that “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”; dwelt in our human weakness, misunderstanding, and betrayal; sensitive to our hate, cruelty, greed, and sin. And finally there was the lonely, painful hill of Calvary. This is the throbbing fact that is both the world's despair and the world's hope.

The world is poor, confused, and lost. If that is too general, *you* are poor, confused, and lost without Christ. The turmoil of the nations, the break-up of families, and the moral sag are witnesses that can't be stilled with clever plans, another raise, or calling sin a sickness. It is a sickness all right, but one demanding the Great Physician, not a “do-it-yourself” kind of doctor.

But in another sense, we too must become poor if we are to help others become rich towards God. Or to put it another way, there is no easy, painless way to help in the work of Christ.

Right here is where many leave Jesus. Like Jeroboam, they would make all religion easy. Why go all the way to Jerusalem to worship? Why not build shrines at Dan and Bethel, and make worship an easy thing? Many will run sentimentally to Bethlehem who will back off from a personal Calvary.

The luring siren of our times is for a religion of comfort without commitment, and assurance without obedience. The utopia of upholstered living, the cult of the comfortable, all have their enthusiastic followers in the religious world. But it costs

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**Christianity promises to make men free; it never promises to make them independent.—William Ralph Inge.**  
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to redeem personality. We must be willing to spend and be spent. In the fight against powers of darkness, there was no other way for Christ. Will there be another way for us?

Looking at it in still another way, we ought to be grateful for some things we don't have. The prayer of the Pharisee, "I thank thee, that I am not as other men," may be a selfish prayer, but if he had been able to pray it in the right spirit, he would have been on solid ground. If we can observe, think, and be without pride, giving thanks for the grace of Christ, we can be glad we are not entrapped as other men are.

Missionary Hendrix and I waited in a parking lot, and we happened to park right by the entrance of a business that sold a product promising gaiety, happiness, and relaxation. But the facts are, it is one of the biggest contributors to the divorce court, helps fill hospitals with victims, deprives families of necessities, and takes reason from otherwise normal people. And we saw them go by in a steady stream, for the week end was coming. Some were old and shuffling; some were young and spry, not yet deprived of zest and sparkle. Some were men; some were women. And as I watched, I was filled with a compassionate pity, because they didn't know the true zest of good conversation, good friends, compatibility without a crutch, and acceptance without a catch and a curse. I was rich because of what I didn't have.

Because Christ became poor, we may become rich. We may be poor, as the world counts wealth, yet we may make many rich.

*God grant that we be rich in these things!*

By His grace may we be *rich in faith*. While you may start with "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief," yet if you sincerely want God to help you build your account in faith, He that became poor for you will give you grace to overcome and increase your faith. Honestly, are you rich without faith in God—or are you poor if you have it?

Lord, help us to be *rich in reverence*. This is something more than acting decently in church. It is a basic conviction that life is sacred, that time is a sacred gift, and that personality has the imprint of God; that the trust of friends and the reputation and character of friends are worthy of respect. How little reverence today and how poor we are without it!

Lord, make us *rich in understanding*. Snap judgments, quick words, unyielding prejudices are signs of poverty. To be understanding, and seek to share and see, is an invisible quality that God will increase if we let Him.

*His were the planets and stars in the sky;  
His were the valleys and mountains so high.  
His, all earth's riches from pole unto pole,  
But He became poor to ransom my soul.\**

## A TRIBUTE TO

# Mother



IT WAS on a cool, crisp Sunday morning, October 31, 1954, that Mother went home to be with the Lord. She had fought a good fight; she had finished her course; she had kept the faith.

The angel of death came quietly for Mother. She was sick for only five days. The doctor wasn't sure what the trouble was. We children knew her body was just worn out. She seemed very tired and weary.

For eighty-one years she had lived a good life. Faithfully she had read her Bible and prayed daily. Many times I have stood outside her room and heard her talking to her Lord. In her younger days we would hear her sing the old hymns as she washed the dishes and swept the floor. In later years she would sit quietly in her room and sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus!" "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" and many others.

We children were taught to go to Sunday school. Mother and Dad always went with us. We had family prayers together in the kitchen every morning before we would leave for school or work. Our meals were always preceded with prayer, thanking God for His rich blessings. Many, many times I have heard Mother say,

*Be present at our table, Lord;*

*Be here and everywhere adored.*

*Thy children bless, and grant that we*

*May feast in paradise with Thee.*

Mother has gone on a little ahead of us. On this Mother's Day she is with Jesus, in that land which is fairer than day. "In That City Where They Need No Sun." For the Sun of Righteousness is there, with healing in His wings. Mother is in that beautiful home where "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away" (Revelation 21:1).

We know that Mother cannot come back to us—and we do not wish her back in this world of sin and suffering. But we know that, if we keep the faith as Mother did, we can go to be with her in "That Land of Fadeless Day."

So far as this world goes, Mother will never go down in history as a great woman, but she was my mother, and to me she was great.—ETHEL M. IRVING, Yarmouth, Maine.



# A Christian Mother

By E. W. MARTIN, *Pastor, First Church, Detroit, Michigan*

MANY WRITERS have paid tribute to motherhood, ranging from shallow, sentimental eulogies to sincere appraisals of all that is noble in womanhood. There is no loftier description of the worth of a great and good mother than the one in Proverbs 31, which concludes with the admonition, "Let her own works praise her in the gates."

The mere fact that one is a mother does not guarantee greatness, virtue, nor even goodness; and sometimes the sticky sentimentalism connected with Mother's Day reminds us that the perpetrators may have monetary motives connected with the commercialism that curses too many of our special days.

The writer was reminded last Mother's Day, however, of the sterling role a truly Christian mother can play in preserving the spirituality so much a part of our Nazarene heritage. It was my privilege to receive into church membership a family whose godly mother had nurtured it in sturdy faith until another milestone of spiritual progress was passed in the family history.

The husband and head of the home is the general superintendent of one of the largest architectural and engineering firms in the world, with responsibilities that involve supervision of construction in several countries abroad as well as across the great expanse of America. Together with his lovely wife and his sister, a dedicated nurse, with her daughter, they accepted the responsibility of church membership while Mother's face reflected the radiance of her joy in the occasion.

Standing at the altar of the church while extending the right hand of fellowship to a devoted holiness family, I went back in memory to a holiness convention in Pittsburgh fifteen years ago, where I first met the sainted mother now in heaven. Since that service one year ago, the Master has called her home in the golden month of October, but she saw her son and family become members of the Church of the Nazarene before her home-going.

Like many of our stalwart, first-generation Nazarenes, her spiritual roots were planted deep in the soil of another church and land. A native of Glasgow, Scotland, she gave her heart to Christ in a mission of the Christian Institute in Motherwell, and her two oldest boys followed her to the altar.

Three months later her husband also became a Christian.

The family of nine, father and mother with seven children, shortly after emigrated to America, where they were to establish the family home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The sturdiness of the Scotch parents' faith was tested in a collision with an iceberg in the North Atlantic, and for anxious hours survival was doubtful. Father and Mother tucked the children in that night with the words, "If God wants us in America, we will get there; and if not, we'll all go down together as a family."

Attending a church of warm evangelical faith in Pittsburgh, one night the family missed their streetcar. As they stood uncertain, the sound of joyful singing caught their ears, and they decided to follow the sound to the church which materialized as the Church of the Nazarene at Lincoln Place. So thrilled were they by the preaching, the singing, and the warmth of fellowship that they became Nazarenes soon after, though the little church had only thirty members at that time.

The devoted mother became a teacher and for twenty-three years gave spiritual guidance to a girls' class, many of whom grace parsonages today as ministers' wives. Her activities included serving as secretary for ten years, missionary secretary for eighteen years, and steward on the church board for thirty years. Raising a family of seven active children did not ever interfere with the Lord's work. Despite family responsibilities, this godly mother attended morning and evening services, prayer meetings, revivals, was radiant in testimony and always active in praying for souls at the altar of prayer.

Throughout the depression the tithe was always paid, and Mother's prayers were a bulwark of spiritual strength to the family always. Healing in times of severe illness resulted from Mother's faith in God, and the steadfast maintenance of regular practices of fasting and prayer inspired faith in her children. One of the boys later said, "We saw things happen when Mother prayed."

One of the last prayers answered was for an unsaved son on the West Coast whose health was shattered in World War II. This Nazarene mother visited the last General Assembly in Kansas City



# A PRAYER FOR OUR HOMES



**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER**, we thank Thee for those who make up our homes. They have the noblest work of all. Save us from being irritating, critical, and faultfinding. Make us all appreciative members of our families, and save us from being antagonistic.

We know that home is the test of what we are. What we are in our homes shows the strength of our character, whether we demonstrate it or not in public. We are kind and patient to all with whom we come in contact in the church, on the street, or in our places of business. Help us to be the same around the family fireside.

Save us from arrogance, selfishness, and littleness. Give us understanding hearts. May integrity of character rule our lives. Give us hope when the path looks dark, and cast us not away when we blunder or fail.

Forgive us if we ever act as if we can

stand without divine help. May we always remember that our personal good cannot be separated from the good of all members of our families.

We pray for voices which destroy our complacency, and a conscience which speaks when we do not live up to the highest level. Help us not to play the fool and bring shame and sorrow to those who live under our roof.

God grant that we shall always do unto others in the home as we would that they would do unto us. We pray that we shall always live, even while under pressure, by the golden rule.

Help us to live so there will be no regrets when we come to the close of our day. Save us from impatience with those we love best, and may we never be guilty of saying cutting words or giving an unpleasant look.

Give us hope when we despair, and a lift when we are weak. Fill us with Thy presence, that we may face our tasks and shoulder our responsibilities, gladly and cheerfully. Save us from being grouches, as we go in and out of our homes.

God bless our homes. Look in pity upon suffering mothers, burdened fathers, and helpless children. Save the youth of our homes from tearing the hearts out of those who love them best. As Mother used to pray so often, "God grant that every house shall become a house of prayer, and every heart a fit temple for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, we ask in Christ's name. Amen!"  
—A. S. LONDON, *Sunday School Evangelist, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.*

in June, went on to the coast, and there realized another answer to prayer in the salvation of her boy, who one week later went on to glory.

Returning to the East, she visited her daughter and a preacher son-in-law in Malden, Massachusetts, where a revival meeting challenged her to prayer for souls around the altar, and during that visit God called her home to heaven.

Significant it was that the first Sunday night service in the home church at Lincoln Place saw a number of seekers moved by the memory of her Spirit-filled life. That testimony lives on today in her children, and their devotion to the way of holiness is a direct result of a Christian mother who walked with God, prayed the glory down, and carried a burden for the souls of others.

Conversing with a Christian police officer who is a detective lieutenant in our city, I heard an alarming thing, a frightening thing. He related that oftentimes when he was called in to interrogate prisoners, he found that a reference to God, the church, the Bible, and a Christian mother would soften even a hardened offender, and secure cooperation when the offender was a middle-aged or older man. If the culprit happened to be a teen-ager or youth, in many instances references to a mother's prayers, the church, or God would bring only a blank stare and very apparent ignorance of spiritual values. There is no basis for appeal in homes devoid of Bible reading, prayer, and consistent Christian conduct.

I left that interview alarmed and uneasy. Is that

lack of spiritual emphasis in our American homes responsible for the fact that in the Korean War out of 7,190 men captured by the enemy, 13 per cent became out-and-out tools of the Communists, and approximately one-third collaborated with their captors? There were so many informers, according to one authority, that not one single American was able to effect an escape from a prisoner-of-war camp.

Those American boys evidently had no Christian mothers to tell them the difference between right and wrong, honor and dishonor. When army discipline no longer sustained them, they went all to pieces.

America needs Christian mothers! Without Christianity in the home, our way of life is doomed and Khrushchev's boast of taking over America may be more than an empty threat. May God give us more mothers like the sweet-faced Scotch mother I met in Pittsburgh fifteen years ago, and whose gifted son and family joined my church last Mother's Day!

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Revival means more than diligence in operating the "machinery" of the church. The machinery of organization is essential wherever people undertake to work together. But one can get so concerned with tinkering with the machinery that he forgets what the machinery was put together to do.

Revival demands more than faithfulness in the financial support of the church. There are those who are very willing to give of their means who manifest strange reluctance to give of themselves. Yet revival comes only when God's people are drawn into full participation in a spiritual strug-

gle "against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against wicked spirits in the heavenlies" (Ephesians 6:12, marg.).

At risk of elaborating the obvious, revival is never "easy." Sometimes people complain that revival is "harder" today than it used to be. It may be granted that there are some difficulties arising from conditions of the day which were unknown in earlier times. But when has it ever been "easy" to have revival? The revivals we look back on with nostalgia were the product of nights of prayer and days of fasting. They cost hours of soul travail and deep spiritual burden from which the human would gladly escape.

It is all too simple to blame our failures on the spirit of the age. The spirit of the age is only half the problem, and the lesser half at that. The larger half of the problem is the lukewarmness and preoccupation of our own spirits. "Because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax [gradually become] cold" (Matthew 24:12).

One of the greatest foes of revival we face is the preoccupation of good people with good things. A container which is full of pennies can hold no dollars. As one writer put it, a streetcar full of passengers would have to pass the governor himself if he stood on the next corner. Many of our most subtle temptations lie in the area of distinguishing between the good and the better, and between the better and the best.

The days of revival are *not* past. Evangelism is the overflow of revival, and the salvation of the unsaved and sanctification of believers is its end result. It's worth all it costs—and with Habakkuk we pray, "O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known: in wrath remember mercy" (3:2).

## HE WAITS OUT THERE!

*Arise at the dawn of each day and speak  
A word to the Saviour of men;  
Tell Him of your hopes for the day and  
know  
The joy of His blessing again.*

*He knows what you need, your troubles  
and fears,  
But waits for your coming in prayer;  
He waits for your heart to open to Him  
And ask for His mercy and care.*

*And so let the dawn of each day be made  
A time to commune with the Lord,  
And find as the close of the day draws  
near  
Your faith has been shown its reward.*

*He waits out there in the new day's dawn;  
He waits where the ways divide;  
He waits, and waits, and your peace is  
there  
Where He and His love abide.*

By CHARLES IDEN



# FOREIGN MISSIONS



GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

## Report on

### Heather and Mrs. R. R. Miller

Mrs. R. R. Miller and her daughter Heather have been in the Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City for several weeks.

The latest report is that Heather has acute rheumatoid arthritis. She is making slow improvement, but her joints are still somewhat swollen and she occasionally runs a temperature.

Mrs. Miller's trouble has been diagnosed as anemia and coronary insufficiency, probably as a result of an infection.

Both are improving, but need your prayers still, that God will restore their health and enable them to join Mr. Miller in Taiwan soon. They would like to go back by June 1, for the first Bible school graduation. Pray much for these two missionaries. God is able.

### British Guiana Sets a Record!

At the Queenstown Church of the Nazarene, British Guiana, Sunday school attendance on Palm Sunday was 816, and on Easter Sunday, 1,265, with some coming in too late to be counted.

If we had the room, I believe we could have the largest Sunday school in the movement.—DAVID BROWNING, *British Guiana*.

### Missionaries on the Move

Miss Neva Flood returned home on furlough from Nicaragua on April 12. Her home address at present is: c/o Mrs. Charles Stafford, 1720 South Maple, Escondido, California.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Hughes have left the States for their assignment in Nicaragua. Temporary address: Apartado 38, Granada, Nicaragua, Central America.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Sutherland are now at our E.I.M. Hospital, P.O. Box 2, Acornhoek, E. Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

### Trinidad Wedding

Recently Dorothy and I had a wonderful experience. The pastor of one of our churches—who was one of our first converts at Point Fortin—asked us to come and perform a wedding at his church. He had been working with a family in his church, and the mother and three children had been converted. She wanted to be baptized and join the church, but had not been able to be-

cause, as so commonly happens here, she and her husband had never been legally married, though they had lived together for thirteen years. Now the husband had agreed, and the wedding was to take place. The little room where we hold our services was crowded. After the wedding was performed, and pictures were taken, we began a preaching service. The bride and groom stayed for the service, along with most of the guests. God was with us. When the altar call was given, five persons came forward, including the bride and two of her friends. Another of the seekers was an East Indian man with whom the pastor had been working for three or four years. All prayed through.

The groom raised his hand for prayer, but did not come to the altar.

Several weeks later we were in this church again and found that all who had been at the altar the night of the wedding were attending regularly, and were making spiritual progress. The East Indian man came to us with a big smile on his face and said, "I still remember what happened that night, and I am glad I accepted Christ."

Now, just this last week Brother Harmon was at the same church and reported that the groom came forward for prayer.

These are the things that make our hearts rejoice, and make missionary service really worthwhile.—HOWARD SAVES, *Trinidad*.

### Bolivia Bible School

Things are moving along wonderfully in our Bible school. We are finishing our first month now and feel that we are entering our best year. God has given us about forty very fine students. We rejoice in God's blessing educationally and spiritually.—IRA TAYLOR, *Bolivia*.



## Department of EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*

### The Challenge of the Empty Pew on Sunday Night!

The story is told that a congregation wrote to Spurgeon, the great preacher of another day, saying, "The new preacher we have is not filling our church." Spurgeon is reported to have replied by writing, "We sent the preacher to fill the pulpit; it is your job to fill the church." While some may say this is extreme, and perhaps it is, for we all believe the pastor has his place in helping fill the church, yet we need to emphasize the responsibility of the laymen and laywomen to do something about the "empty pews."

Are there any "empty pews" in the church you attend? If so, they should present a challenge to you. Why not appoint yourself a committee of one to fill an "empty pew" this coming Sunday night? I suggest two easy ways to "fill a pew."

who sees an empty pew in the church would be a marvelous contribution to "Evangelism First."

### Gospel Postal Brigade

Join a gospel postal brigade by sending a post card or letter every week for the next three months to a person you know who does not attend church and could come and fill a pew in your church next Sunday night. Sincere, persistent efforts will pay. What greater thrill could be yours than the thrill of seeing someone that you had telephoned or written to occupying an "empty pew" and later finding his way to an altar of prayer? May the "empty pew" challenge you to help someone's heart shine with the light of God's love on Sunday night.

### Don't Let Those Nazarenes Get Away!

When a member or friend of your local church moves to another locality, write the Department of Evangelism, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City 10, Missouri, and give us his name and the new address if known. We will help

### Gospel Telephone Brigade

Join in a gospel telephone brigade by using the telephone at least once every day of the week to phone and invite someone to fill an empty pew on Sunday night in your church. I believe that consistent use of this plan of making seven calls a week by every person



you keep those "Moving Nazarenes" in church by sending the information to a pastor in the new locality.

Here are some reports from pastors who have been helping to keep our "Moving Nazarenes" in church:

**OHIO**—"Very receptive and cordial, responsive. They were surprised to have a call so soon from a pastor. Will be in church this Sunday."

**WISCONSIN**—"They were very friendly. Thanked us for calling and promised to come to church. Not attending anywhere."

**TENNESSEE**—"She and her five children are all attending regularly."

**MISSISSIPPI**—"I contacted these fine folk and I am happy to report they were both in our services last Sunday evening."

**MONTANA**—"He has been to our services both of the past two Sundays. Will continue our efforts."

**NEW YORK**—"I called and there was no one at home. I left my personal card

with a note to the effect that I would be glad to have a phone call real soon from him. He called and has promised to get out to services."

**WYOMING**—"She is going to start to Sunday school."

**KANSAS**—"They were in church this morning. Promised to come again. Seemed to appreciate our calls."

**ARIZONA**—"Coming to church and Sunday school. Wife and son joined the church."

## NAZARENE

# Young HIS People's

## SOCIETY

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**PAUL SKILES, Secretary**

### Youth Try Christ Crusade

The churches of greater Oklahoma City and Bethany co-sponsored a youth revival recently at Bethany First Church. It was a week emphasizing youth participation with young people praying, ushering, testifying, singing, and above all, finding God. The 1,200 who attended nightly were blessed with the singing of the youth choir composed of 100 and the Bethany Collegiate Quartet. Victorious testimonies were given each evening during the teen-testimony time. The Spirit-filled messages of Rev. Eugene Stowe, pastor of the College Church in Nampa, Idaho, were meaningful and directed to young people,

which was evidenced by a number of them weeping their way to victory at an altar of prayer.

### Zone Youth Revival

Anderson, Indiana, Zone churches experienced a wonderful Youth Week revival this year. It was the most successful co-operative venture for this zone in several years. Every church made vital contributions and co-operation was at an all-time high.

Rev. Dwight Millikan, General Council member for the Olivet Zone, challenged us with inspired messages. Every church furnished choirs and special numbers. Seekers found God in an atmosphere of Christian love.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### REPORT

	Jan., Feb., Mar. Average, 1960	Jan., Feb., Mar. Average, 1961	Increase
<b>GROUP 1 (16,000-8,000)</b>			
Southern California	13,600	14,757	1,157
West Virginia	10,550	11,656	1,106
Florida	10,439	10,980	550
Los Angeles	10,480	10,912	432
Pittsburgh	7,792	8,214	422
Illinois	8,917	9,170	253
Akron	11,970	12,154	184
Kansas	8,096	8,223	127
Eastern Michigan	9,318	9,380	62
Southwest Indiana	9,716	9,754	38
Southwestern Ohio	8,830	8,818	-12
Central Ohio	14,497	14,475	-22
Indianapolis	9,420	9,389	-31
Oregon Pacific	8,239	8,102	-137
Northeastern Indiana	10,688	10,477	-211
Michigan	8,893	8,651	-232
Northern California	16,677	16,306	-371
<b>GROUP 2 (8,000-5,500)</b>			
Colorado	6,249	6,902	653
Washington Pacific	7,034	7,648	614
Northwest	7,263	7,810	547
Chicago Central	6,261	6,760	499
Alabama	6,933	7,425	492
Tennessee	7,509	7,839	330
Northwestern Illinois	5,814	6,142	328
Georgia	5,762	6,022	260
Northwest Oklahoma	5,637	5,825	188
Missouri	7,139	7,317	178
Idaho-Oregon	6,157	6,333	176
Southwest Oklahoma	5,687	5,808	121
Washington	5,440	5,534	94

Iowa	6,512	6,525	13
Abilene	6,033	6,035	2
Northwestern Ohio	5,920	5,877	-43
Northwest Indiana	6,265	6,201	-64
Kentucky	5,841	5,773	-68
Philadelphia	5,889	5,646	-243
<b>GROUP 3 (5,500-3,000)</b>			
Kansas City	4,933	5,478	545
Dallas	4,496	4,925	429
Joplin	4,258	4,671	413
Virginia	3,358	3,735	377
Canada West	4,508	4,759	251
Houston	3,550	3,779	229
San Antonio	3,400	3,616	216
Albany	3,499	3,682	183
Northeast Oklahoma	4,093	4,251	158
Maine	3,248	3,388	140
New Mexico	3,495	3,628	133
Southeast Oklahoma	3,561	3,684	123
North Carolina	3,718	3,834	116
Louisiana	3,055	3,165	110
Arizona	4,453	4,558	105
North Arkansas	3,645	3,708	63
New England	4,350	4,429	79
Eastern Kentucky	5,070	5,102	32
South Carolina	4,711	4,742	31
East Tennessee	5,229	5,188	-41
South Arkansas	3,713	3,463	-250
<b>GROUP 4 (3,000-0)</b>			
North American Indian	1,186	1,346	160
Nebraska	2,568	2,690	122
Nevada-Utah	931	1,027	96
Mississippi	2,760	2,837	77
Wisconsin	2,336	2,386	50
Canada Atlantic	998	1,044	46
Alaska	767	807	40
Canada Pacific	1,270	1,283	13
Gulf Central	461	469	8
South Dakota	696	675	-21
Hawaii	770	745	-25
North Dakota	1,551	1,521	-30
Australia	820	788	-32
Minnesota	2,278	2,244	-34
Canada Central	2,760	2,725	-35
Rocky Mountain	2,491	2,436	-55
New York	2,211	2,044	-167
British Isles South	3,146	2,900	-246
British Isles North	2,277	2,503	-774
<b>Total</b>	<b>414,077</b>	<b>424,094</b>	<b>10,017</b>

**E. G. BENSON**  
Field Secretary



# THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By J. W. ELLIS

Topic for  
May 14:

## Discipline in the Home

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 4:1-4; 10:1; 13:24; 20:11; 22:6; 29:17; Ephesians 6:1-4 (Printed: same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6).

*A home is a house.* This house has walls, a floor, a roof, at least one door,

and probably some windows. It could or could not have draperies, carpets, the latest kitchen appliances, and the finest furniture. In this house would be a mother, a father, and from one to a dozen children.

*A home is a restaurant.* This restaurant could have one of three kinds of dining areas. One could be the "room of the carpet." Here the table is precisely set, beautifully centered, delightfully served, and ritually partaken. Or the "room of the linoleum." Here the table is set, filled, and eaten. Or the "room of the hot stove." Here the food is cooked, kept, and spooned by each in his own way, own time, and eaten in his own place.

*A home is a hotel.* It could be operated like the one downtown where each person comes and goes at his own discretion. Or like the retreat lodge where each person finds fulfillment in the other. Most of the time you can tell the difference by how a fellow dresses. For the former, the hat is always on; for the latter, the shoes are sometimes off.

*A home is a school.* More is learned in the home than in all the publicly supported or privately endowed schools

combined. This in spite of the fact that Mother has no degree and that Dad earns his living at the garage. No chalkboards are evident, nor textbooks. No formal classroom sessions are conducted. Recess seems to be all the time.

Now, friend, read well; and with you I share my heart. Oh, I know I have written that a home is a house, a restaurant, a hotel, and a school—but now I am not so sure. Maybe an eraser would be the proper instrument. For I really think that although certain physical properties may be necessary to a home—yet, to me, a home is not something you see nor hear nor buy nor accumulate—home is something you feel.

Yes, I know I am supposed to say something about discipline, but I have hedged so far because of not knowing what to say. It is necessary, this I believe. But it must be based upon the same thing on which a home is built—and again we come to that something you feel. Call it concern, love, understanding, appreciation, or what have you!

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# News of the Churches

Evangelist E. C. Tarvin writes: "Recently had a good meeting in Hamilton, Ohio, with Pastor Dozier and Fifth Church. Many folks said it was the greatest meeting they ever attended. Night after night the altar was filled with seekers, and we give God praise for His help and blessing."

Dr. W. S. Purinton writes from Honolulu, Hawaii: "We are leaving these delightful people and islands this week to return to the mainland after two years as district superintendent of Hawaii. We have enjoyed our work with the pastors and people here and believe that some progress has been made. My successor, Dr. Melza H. Brown, will continue to carry on in a fine way. Please remember to pray for this home mission field where we labor with so many different nationalities. We plan to do some evangelistic work; write me, 397 Burke Street, Bourbonnais, Illinois."

Evangelist W. C. Raker writes: "Wife and I will be closing a meeting in Dubuque, Iowa, on May 28; then have open time, May 31 through June 4, which we would like to slate in Minnesota or northern Wisconsin. We carry the full program for the meeting. Write us, Box 106, Lewistown, Illinois."

Evangelist James C. Langford writes: "I am having a wonderful time in the Lord, and God is blessing and giving many souls at the altar. We had a good meeting in Madill, Oklahoma; and then recently at Pleasanton, Kansas, with Pastor Loughridge, God blessed with about twenty praying through, and two were healed. I will be in a meeting late in May with Pastor Good in Lincoln, Arkansas; then have some open dates through June, July, and August. Write me, Route 1, Farmington, Arkansas."

**God creates out of nothing. Wonderful, you say. Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful. He makes saints out of sinners.—Soren Kierkegaard.**

Sturgis, Michigan—Our church was greatly helped in a recent five-day meeting with Dr. George Coulter, secretary of the Department of Foreign Missions, as the special worker. He endeared himself to our people with his constructive and inspirational ministry. Some for whom much prayer had been made found peace with God at the altar, and many souls were led into a deeper spiritual life. We deeply appreciated Dr. Coulter's holiness preaching as well as his evangelistic appeal.—ARTHUR W. GOULD, *Pastor.*

## Hawaii District N.Y.P.S.

A district young people's Communion service was held on March 31, at the conclusion of our three days of solemn fasting and prayer.

The special music was provided by the Samoan choir from our Aiea church, and "The Holy City" was sung by Mrs. Pauline Chastain. The music was a blessing to our hearts.

An inspiring message from God's Word was brought to us by our beloved district superintendent, Dr. W. S. Purinton. God's wonderful presence was felt throughout the service.

Communion was served to about 110 people at the conclusion of the message.—SOLOMON KEKOA, *district N.Y.P.S. president.*

Perkasie, Pennsylvania—Our church recently had one of the best revivals on record. Our evangelist, Mrs. Emma Irick, was used of God in a mighty way as she preached good, solid, Bible-centered messages. We were encouraged to see many new people attend the services, and also for the many souls who were saved and sanctified. We thank God for the ministry of Sister Irick. In addition to the fine preaching we also enjoyed the good singing of Song Evangelist Elwood Parry. Our church was greatly encouraged.—R. S. FAULSTICK, *Pastor.*

## CLINTON, OHIO



Sunday, October 23, 1960, was a red-letter day in the history of this church as we dedicated the new sanctuary pictured here, with District Superintendent C. D. Taylor as the special speaker. Words of commendation were given by the mayor of the town. Value of the church building is estimated at \$75,000. This church was organized in the early twenties, and we came as pastor in November of 1955. Rev. Bill Parks had already "sold" the congregation on the need of a new church, and we immediately began a building fund. After drawing up the plans ourself, construction of the beautiful Colonial-style church was begun in August of '59. In March of 1960 we received \$15,000 from

the general church loan fund in order to complete the building. During the three years our Sunday school had increased 25 per cent, making the need even greater. Also we have received twenty-two members on profession of faith, equal to 50 per cent of what our membership was when we came. Our budgets have doubled, and been paid each year. The building is a direct answer to the prayers of God's people. It is 85 x 50 feet, of brick veneer, with laminated arches, furnished with red oak furniture in light shade. We have purchased an organ and new piano. The total debt is now \$25,000. We give God praise for His many blessings.—IRWIN HARRIS, *Pastor*.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida—The Lauderdale Manor Church is rejoicing over the blessings of two revival meetings already this year. Under the ministry of Rev. Ellis Blythe, January 1 to 8, the church grew spiritually and God was faithful to bless in the services. In the recent revival, March 1 to 12, with Evangelist Dave Erickson, we saw many of our prayers answered. Under the heart-stirring preaching of Brother Erickson and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, many young people were moved to Christ. Five new members were added to the church, and the revival fire continues to burn in our services as God is giving souls from Sunday to Sunday.—DALE MARTIN, *Pastor*.

Muncie, Indiana—South Side Church recently had a revival with Evangelist James Crabtree and Boyce and Catherine Pierce as the special workers. This meeting was especially outstanding because of the number of teen-agers and young adults who were helped. Many souls sought God for regeneration and entire sanctification. Brother Crabtree's preaching was inspired and well received, and the music was splendid. Following the close of the meeting sixteen members were added to the church.—EILEEN CLARK, *Secretary*.

San Diego, California—San Diego has become the third most populous city in California and eighteenth in the nation, according to the 1960 census report. It has grown in the past decade from 334,387 to 573,244—a net increase of 238,857, or 71 per cent. How have San Diego Nazarenes fared during these years? We had two churches in the city in 1950, and in 1960 we had eight, a 300 per cent increase. In 1950 we had 478 members, and in 1960 there were 980 members, an increase of 105 per cent. The Sunday school also kept pace with an increase of 95 per cent in enrollment, and an increase in average attendance from 496 to 1,234 for a growth of 169 per cent—more than twice the percentage growth of the city. The San Diego County increase has been even more fabulous, increasing to 1,033,011 from 556,808, an 84 per cent increase, second only to Los Angeles County in California. Nazarene progress again shows up well. In 1950 there were 7 churches in the county; in 1960 there were 15—a 114 per cent increase. Church membership jumped from 709 to 1,609, an increase of 128 per cent. Sunday school enrollment increased 178 per cent to 3,392, with average attendance reported as 2,132, an increase of 127 per cent. San Diego city and County are still

growing, and Nazarenes here are determined to outmarch (percentagewise) the population rush. The decade of the sixties demands of us "Evangelism First!"—W. HERMAN BURTON, *Pastor*, San Diego University Avenue.

### Albany District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Albany District met in Grace Church, Saratoga Springs, New York, April 3 and 4.

Here the youth of the district, together with their pastors and leaders, met to conduct their business and fellowship in worship under the ministry of Mr. Paul E. Wells, business manager of Eastern Nazarene College.

Under the capable guidance of our district president, Rev. Everett Kaufman, the sessions of the convention progressed smoothly and business was conducted efficiently. Brother Kaufman's report reflected the faithful labors of the district council, the local societies, and good co-operation with the total program of the church was manifest.

After four years of service as district president, Brother Kaufman asked to be relieved of this responsibility, and the convention elected Rev. James D. Fox of Utica, New York, as the new district president. Other officers elected were: Rev. Donald Shelp, vice-president; Rev. Roy E. Carnahan, secretary; Rev. Alvin S. Lawhead, treasurer; Harold Edwards and Pat Moran, teen representatives.

The convention was edified and challenged by the messages of Brother Wells, whose contagious spirit evoked immediate response. At the banquet on Monday evening, attended by more than 150 young people, Brother Wells drew upon his store of knowledge and experience as an accountant to develop a spiritual version of a "balance sheet," providing a unique visual concept as a basis for self-examination. Highlighting the convention was the final service on Tuesday evening, when, after a short discussion of the parable of the Good Samaritan by Brother Wells, a number of young people made their way to the altar to yield their lives to Christ.—GEORGE J. DOUGLAS, *Reporter*.

## NOTICE

### TO MINISTERS WHO ARE COVERED UNDER THE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN OF THE GENERAL CHURCH

Your Annual Insurance Questionnaire has been mailed to you. It must be returned by May 15, 1961, if your "free" coverage is to be continued.

If your questionnaire did not reach you, please notify the BOARD OF PENSIONS at once.

Dean Wessels, *Executive Secretary*  
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## "SHOWERS OF BLESSING"

### Program Schedule

- May 14—"How Perfect Can You Be?"  
by Wendell Wellman
- May 21—"Here's Something You  
Can't Counterfeit," by Wendell  
Wellman
- May 28—"The Problem of Fear," by  
Wendell Wellman
- June 4—"Shrinking from Miracles,"  
by Wilson Lanpher

Evangelist Dave Erickson writes: "Due to a pastoral change, I have an open date, May 17 to 28. Write me at my home address, 3972 Christopher Street, Charleston Heights, South Carolina."

Tatum, New Mexico—On April 2 we concluded a revival meeting with the Leverett Brothers as the evangelists—the best meeting during my pastorate here. Over 175 different people attended the services, with an average attendance of 58 in the preaching services. Among those who testify to receiving a crisis experience during the meeting are 23 juniors and teen-agers; also 4 adults received definite spiritual help. At least 10 families were represented among the seekers. Many folks attending the services were those we had "worked on" for years. We thank God for answered prayer.—*HERR ELS, Pastor.*

## Announcements

### RECOMMENDATION

Rev. Ernest Florence has pastored the church at Robinson for the past three years and is now resigning to enter the field of evangelism. I wish to recommend him, as he is an enthusiastic Bible preacher and will hold a good revival for any church. Address him, 306 S. Jefferson St., Robinson, Illinois.—*Harold Daniels, Superintendent of Illinois District.*

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Shirley Anne Porter of Carthage, and Mr. Thomas Max Neal of Fayetteville, Tennessee, were united in marriage at the Carthage Church of the Nazarene on April 1 with Rev. Joseph T. Porter, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. Bernice Hubbard.

### BORN

—to Rev. Paul and Joanne (Zeigler) Basham of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, a son, Timothy Wayne, on March 24.

—to Arthur and Pearl (Hills) Gould of Frankfurt, Germany, a son, Charles David, on March 15.

—to Rev. Nelson and Mattie (Burrell) Goodlett of Richmond, Kentucky, a daughter, Pamela, on March 14.

—to Robert and Martha (Langley) Smoker of Topeka, Kansas, a daughter, Janice Renee, on February 21.

### ADOPTED

—by Rev. and Mrs. Glenn I. Lord of St. Paul, Minnesota, a boy, on March 16. He was born on March 13. They have named him Glenn Ira, Jr.

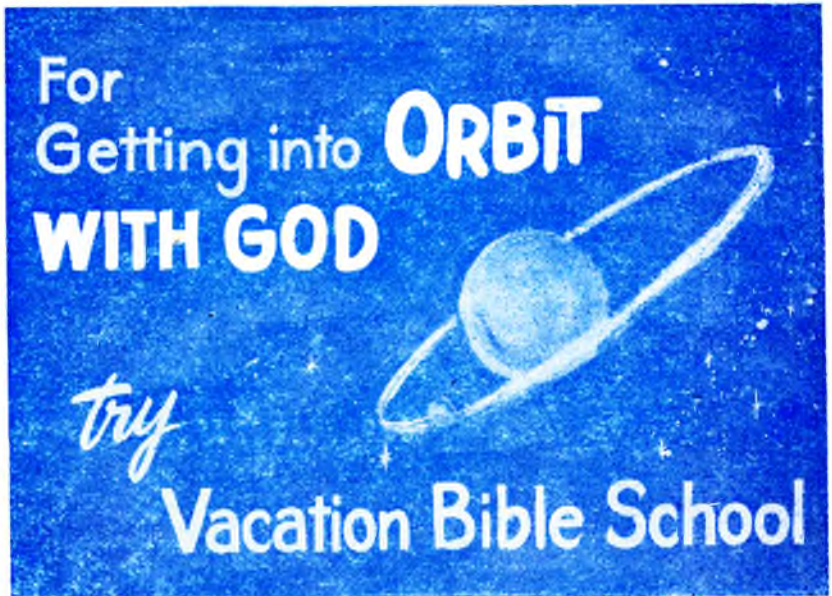
### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

by a Nazarene reader in Florida that God will answer prayer for Nazarene mothers and children—some unwell and some sick, also for other special requests;

by a reader in Pennsylvania for two good girls, orphans, who desire to come to church and are being hindered, that God may undertake for them in a special way;

by a Christian friend in Ohio for healing of a bad virus infection, and for a victorious Christian experience;

by a Christian in Missouri for "my daughter who is an alcoholic—seems she wants to quit but does not have the will power" and she has two little children;



by a reader in New Mexico for a friend who has left his wife and a family of ten children, that God may undertake and the family be reunited; also for some unspoken requests, and that God may undertake in a situation where he is working;

by a Nazarene mother in Washington for a widowed daughter contemplating marriage to a non-Christian, that she may get back to God; also that a handicapped son may be able to find the right kind of work, and for the salvation of him and his wife.

## Directories

### GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

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District Assembly Schedules

### HARDY C. POWERS:

Alaska	May 18 and 19
Maine	June 8 and 9
New England	June 14 to 16
Canada Central	June 22 and 23
Canada West	July 6 to 8
Oregon Pacific	July 19 to 21
Southwest Indiana	July 26 and 27
Wisconsin	August 10 and 11
Missouri	August 16 and 17
Houston	August 23 and 24

### G. B. WILLIAMSON:

British Isles South	May 19 to 23
British Isles North	May 27 to 30
Northeast Oklahoma	June 28 and 29
Minnesota	June 30 and July 1
Colorado	July 20 and 21
East Tennessee	July 26 and 27
Iowa	August 9 and 10
Northwest Indiana	August 23 and 24
Kansas City	August 30 and 31

### SAMUEL YOUNG:

Florida	May 17 and 18
Alabama	May 24 and 25
Rocky Mountain	June 8 and 9
Nebraska	June 29 and 30
West Virginia	July 6 to 8
Michigan	July 12 to 14
Kansas	August 2 to 4
Kentucky	August 9 and 10
Tennessee	August 23 and 24
Southeast Oklahoma	September 13 and 14
Joplin	September 21 and 22
North Arkansas	September 27 and 28

### D. I. VANDERPOOL:

Nevada-Utah	June 7 and 8
Eastern Michigan	July 5 and 6
Northeastern Indiana	July 12 to 14
Pittsburgh	July 19 to 21
Eastern Kentucky	July 26 and 27
Gulf Central	August 3 and 4
Northwestern Illinois	August 17 and 18
Indianapolis	August 23 and 24
Georgia	September 13 and 14
Southwest Oklahoma	September 20 and 21

### HUGH C. BENNER:

Los Angeles	May 17 to 19
Southern California	May 24 to 26

South Dakota	June 21 and 22
North Dakota	June 29 and 30
Southwestern Ohio	July 5 and 6
Central Ohio	July 19 to 21
Illinois	July 26 to 28
Akron	August 2 and 3
Dallas	August 9 and 10
Louisiana	August 30 and 31
South Arkansas	September 20 and 21

### V. H. LEWIS:

Arizona	May 24 and 25
New Mexico	May 31 and June 1
Albany	June 28 and 29
Canada Atlantic	July 4 and 5
Northwestern Ohio	July 12 and 13
Chicago Central	July 19 and 20
Northwest Oklahoma	July 26 and 27
Virginia	August 9 and 10
South Carolina	September 13 and 14
North Carolina	September 20 and 21
New York	September 29 and 30

## District Assembly Information

**FLORIDA**, May 17 and 18, at Christ's Methodist Church, 123 Fifth Ave. North, St. Petersburg, Florida. Rev. C. B. Nixon, pastor (same address as church). General Superintendent Young. (N.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. conventions, May 16.)

**LOS ANGELES**, May 17 to 19, at First Church, Altadena Drive and Mountain Avenue. Rev. J. W. Ellis, pastor. General Superintendent Benner. (N.Y.P.S. convention, May 15; N.F.M.S. convention, May 16.)

**ALASKA**, May 18 and 19, at First Church, 13th Ave. and E Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Rev. M. R. Korody, pastor. General Superintendent Powers.

**BRITISH ISLES SOUTH**, May 20 to 23, at the Methodist church, Dewsbury Road, Leeds II, Yorkshire, England. Pastor, Rev. W. Wyndham Lewis, 635 Dewsbury Road. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.F.M.S., N.Y.P.S., and S.S. conventions, Saturday, May 20, all day.)

**ALABAMA**, May 24 and 25, at First Church, 1700 N. Jackson St., Pensacola, Florida. Rev. Gene Fuller, pastor. General Superintendent Young. (Missionary and S.S. conventions, May 22-23.)

**ARIZONA**, May 24 and 25, at Eastside Church, 2300 N. 24th St., Phoenix, Arizona. Rev. C. W. Elkins, pastor. General Superintendent Lewis. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 23.)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**, May 24 to 26, at Memorial Auditorium, 7th and Lemon Sts., Riverside, California. Rev. Bill Burch, pastor. General Superintendent Benner. (N.F.M.S. convention, May 23.)

**BRITISH ISLES NORTH**, May 27 to 30, at George Sharpe Memorial Church, Burgher Street, Parkhead, Glasgow, E.1. Rev. Sydney Martin, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson. (N.F.M.S. and N.Y.P.S. conventions, May 27.)



The Council of Churches of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) area has gone on record as "unalterably opposed to governmental aid on any level for private or parochial schools of whatever denomination." In a statement issued March 3 it states: "Research reveals that no Protestant or Jewish parochial school in the United States has asked for or intends to accept now or in the future aid from public funds."

There are one billion copies of comic books sold in the United States each year at a cost of 100 million dollars. This is four times the budget of all the public libraries in America. It is more than the cost of the books used in all of our primary and secondary schools. (WRN)

Protestant churches throughout the world are now sending 42,250 missionaries to lands other than their own. Of this number, 27,219, or 64.4 per cent, go from North America—the United States and Canada. The North American foreign missionary force has increased 81 per cent during the past ten years. (WRN)

The National Sunday School Association has announced a theme for Family Week, May 7-14, "For Times Like These, the Family Needs the Sunday School." Emphasis is suggested on the place and importance of the family in the life of the church, and church leaders are called upon to examine their church programs so that they strengthen instead of weaken the family. The Association says, "Family Week is a call to pastor and people, church and Sunday school to dwell upon the place of the Christian home in today's society so that people will think and consider their relationship and responsibilities."

The Bible maintained its position as Japan's top nonfiction best-seller in 1960 with sales of Scripture volumes totaling 1,886,909. This is second to Bible distribution in only one other country—the United States, where sales of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions surpass 10,000,000 annually. (WRN)

Mennonite Brethren church headquarters in Hillsboro, Kansas, has received word that a missionary has successfully made contact with the fierce Moro tribe in Bolivia. While missionaries have attempted to make such contacts for many years, their past efforts have failed, and the Moros have killed and wounded many colonists in sporadic attacks. (EPS)

# the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

**Here is a question that has all but defeated me several times. I do not ask it to find fault. Why do ministers preach one thing and do another? In our church the preacher gave a wonderful message on the evil of gossiping, running down people, etc. Then that same man sat in our house, ate at our table, and started with the district superintendent, tore him apart, then went on through our membership, and didn't have one good thing to say about any—then preached that night on going to hell if we talked about our brother.**

Let's be as charitable as possible, and I'm sure no one would defend this sort of thing. say that his preaching came from a subconscious sense of need at that point.

**Our young people's service has been taken over by the older folks of the church. They are not of young people's age and are over forty. Is this the spirit of people who are supposed to be sanctified "holy"?**

Well, I wouldn't judge their state of grace by their lack of good judgment and a sense of propriety. It could be that they are just trying to fill a vacuum.

You do need help, however. I recommend that you talk it over with your pastor, and see if he can arrange a people's meeting or Bible study group for the older folks, and let the young people have the young people's service.

**Is it recorded in the Scripture anywhere that the disciples tarried ten days before the Holy Spirit baptized them?**

Not in so many words. But it figures out about that. It is generally believed that Jesus was crucified on the day of preparation for the Passover (John 19:14). Rising the third day, He would have appeared to His disciples on the day after the Passover. In Acts 1:3 we read that the risen Lord was seen by His disciples over a period of forty days. Pentecost was fifty days after the Passover. This would leave a period of eight or ten days between the Ascension and Pentecost, depending on whether you count the day of the Resurrection and the day of the Ascension as part of the "forty days."

However, their tarrying was not altogether a matter of continuous prayer, for during this time they "were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:53), and filled the place in the apostolate vacated by Judas (Acts 1:15-26). They were waiting, obediently and expectantly, for the "promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4).

**We will not reach sinless perfection while in the body. Now and then our body will sin but not our spirit or new nature. Our new nature or new birth is of God. It cannot sin. I think you will agree to that. You are trying to say that our flesh or old nature doesn't sin any more either, after we are saved. Flesh is flesh. It doesn't become spirit.**

This comment on an answer to another question reveals one of the common errors in understanding the meaning of "flesh" in the New Testament. It is not a new heresy, but dates back to the Gnostics of New Testament times, who supposed that, while the body went on sinning, the spirit, like "a jewel in a dunghill," remained unstained.

In modern times it has become the so-called "two-natures" theory of the Christian life, which is really a flat denial of the New Testament doctrine of regeneration or the new birth. The theory states that when a person is converted God implants a "new nature" which is His "seed" and cannot sin. But the old nature, the "flesh" or sinful self, exists unchanged right along with this "new nature." It is the "old nature" or "flesh" which sins. This is a very neat way to "eat the cake and have it too," but it won't do for one who wants to be a New Testament Christian.

Paul said, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Romans 8:3-4). This word "condemned" does not mean mildly to disapprove, to "slap on the wrist." It is the judicial term which means to "doom," "to condemn to death." "Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin" (Romans 6:6-7). "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts" (Galatians 5:24).

Why fool around the edges? Why not turn the "old nature" over to the Executioner, and be done with the sin business? The body does not sin. The Christian's body is holy (Romans 12:1). It is the soul that sins—and "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4, 20).

# So much we Lose

*So much we lose when Mother has to leave us:  
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Wisdom of growing things in country gardens,  
Where bees hum through the sun-drenched summer noons;*

*Wisdom of household crafts, learned by much doing—  
Felling a perfect seam, or baking bread;  
Children taught daily in the ways of goodness,  
Scrubbed clean at night, and kissed, and tucked in bed;*

*A heart that aches in sympathy when young folk  
Are grieved, yet knows the quiet words to say  
When Son's great disappointment comes, or Daughter's heartbreak—  
"This, too, my child, will surely pass away";*

*Courage to hold us steady when life's storms  
come;  
Love that is true when other loves have  
flown!  
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How much, how much we lose when she is  
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