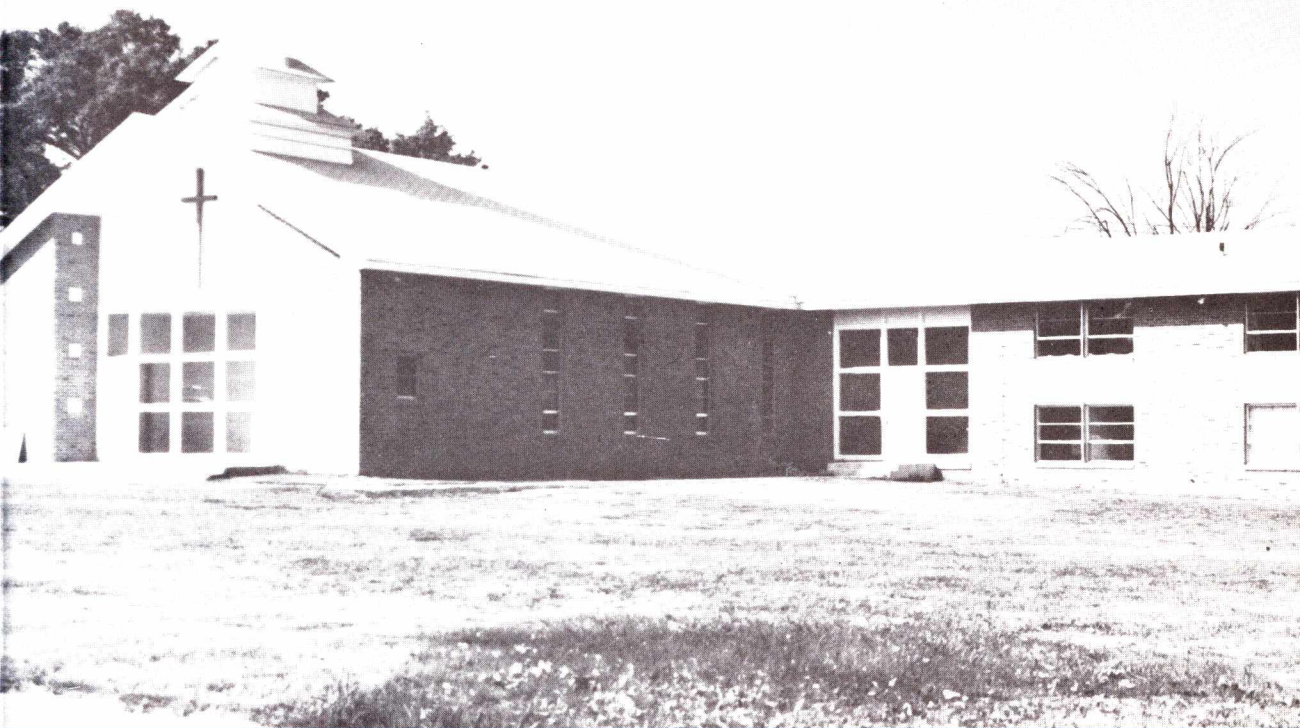


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And Begin It in **ME!**

OUR HEAVENLY FATHER:

Revive Thy work in the midst of the years. Let renewing come from Thy mighty hand. Save us from the daily grind that wears us down. Our reserves are exceedingly low, but our hope is in Thee. We dare to trust Thee now for the lift that we need.

Deliver us from living too close to the margin of defeat. Thou hast promised to make us "more than conquerors." We are surer today than ever that "vain is the help of man." Thou dost know how easy it is to trust in secondary sources. But our need is so pressing today that nothing short

of Thy touch and reassuring presence will do. We confess that we have not meant to trust our own resourcefulness; now life itself testifies how poverty-stricken we are without Thy special help. We must not fail these needy ones that lean on us, but our own arm is not long enough or strong enough for today's demands.

Let Thy presence flood our lives until we can say without boasting, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." May the failures of others not deter us; keep us in the shining way. Renew our great convictions, but save us from stumbling over trifles. Quicken our hearts and make us sensitive to Thy Holy Spirit. Thy whisper or slightest hint is our sure command. Give us discernment sufficient so that we will not lose our way or lead others astray. We seek not to judge others. Let not the smog of sin and doubt that hovers over us bedim Thy presence. Even the passing years bring no security except as we trust Thee this very moment. We have made the great commitment long ago, but we tell Thee again that we love Thee supremely and that we will follow Thee to the end. The way of the cross is our way too.

Make bare Thine arm in definite deliverance; let Thy whole Church be revived. Arouse the slumbering and the lukewarm. Save the careless ones from their folly. Let

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revival tides rise again. May the work of spiritual renewal spread far and wide, but begin it in me today. Probe us to the very depths. Be pleased to let us run Thy errands and speak Thy redemptive word with tender compassion. This is our hearts' deepest cry. In the Master's name, we pray. Amen.

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Keep the Channels Open

God's resources are without measure and without limit. There is a mighty reservoir of blessing, grace, and power in the provision of our Heavenly Father for all our need. We can never exhaust the vastness of His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

But we must keep the channels open. For our Lord is a God of order and system. He does not give His bounties on impulse or by accident. He gives His best to those who clear away all that would hinder and obstruct. The level is high in His supply, but we must open the gates and keep the channels clear.

THERE ARE several channels through which God's resources flow out to our needs. One is the Bible, His Word of power and grace. As long as we admire it but do not read it, or read it without letting it speak to us about our duty, this channel is closed and God's blessings are blocked.

Dr. Eugene Nida of the American Bible Society gave a Kekchi Indian in Guatemala a copy of the newly published New Testament translated by Nazarene Missionary William Sedat.

"I like the Spanish Testament better," the man said.

"But do you understand Spanish?" Dr. Nida asked.

"No," the Indian replied, "but the words are beautiful. And," he added, "I don't have to do anything about it."

PRAYER is another channel through which the blessing of God flows into our lives. We have usually thought of prayer as our access to God—and that it is. But it is more. It is God's access to us.

In true prayer we expose our souls to the Lord, and He can talk to us. Prayer at its best is never monologue. It is dialogue. Like Jacob's ladder, in real prayer there is a two-way traffic: ascending to and descending from the throne of God.

OBEDIENCE is a channel of great blessing. In fact, it includes almost all else. For no amount of Bible reading or prayer can take the place of obedience. It is, said Samuel, better than all the sacrifices and ritual of an orthodox worship (I Samuel 15:22-23). For disobedience completely blocks the channels of grace and help to the soul.

F. B. Meyer was used of God in a long ministry of preaching and writing. In answer to a question, he once said about his life: "I have no special gifts.

I am no orator, no scholar, no profound thinker. If I have done anything for Christ and my generation, it is because I have given myself to Jesus Christ, and then have tried to do whatever He wanted me to."

Nowhere is obedience more necessary than at the point of walking in the light of holiness. Tragic and many are the spiritual wrecks along the highway of life, the cause of which is nothing other than coming face to face with the imperative, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thessalonians 4:3), and backing away from it to try to walk a lower road.

Obedience to God is as much for our sakes as for His. He needs us, it is true—He has planned the work of His kingdom in such a way as to make us "labourers together" with Him. But more, we need what He alone can do for us as our lives are sensitive and responsive to His will.

FINALLY, FAITH is a channel through which God moves in our lives. "Without faith it is impossible to please him" (Hebrews 11:6). Faith is not only giving assent to propositions held to be true. It is a way of life. It is a relationship of trust and loyalty between persons. Missionary John G. Paton, pioneering for Christ in the South Sea Islands, could find no word in the native language for believe. He translated Bible references to faith with the phrase, "Lean your whole weight upon" the Lord.

Faith conquers fear. "I will trust, and not be afraid," said Isaiah. Faith is not merely what we hold to be true, but what holds us true. It is the only possible basis for fellowship between God and man. For faith honors God, and expresses best our love for Him. Faith takes what God says to be true, all evidence of sight and hearing to the contrary. And faith is not only affirming that what God has said is true; it is acting on the basis of that truth.

The word is, "According to your faith be it unto you" (Matthew 9:29). The opposite is also true, "According to your doubts be it unto you." For faith expands the flow of God's grace and blessing into our lives, and doubt destroys it.

WHAT DO YOU NEED from the Lord? More of His help, His power, His peace, the supply of material needs, the warmth of His presence? His supply is inexhaustible. "All things are yours," said Paul (I Corinthians 3:21). But they come only as you keep the channels open and clear.

The Cover . . .

The First Church of the Nazarene in Shelbyville, Tennessee, is built after an enlargement of the "Challenger Chapel Plan" provided by the Department of Church Extension. The sanctuary will seat approximately two hundred fifty people. The Sunday school annex is a split-level off the sanctuary, and when completed will have twelve classrooms, pastor's study, and church office. The congregation has been worshipping in the building since May, 1961. Rev. E. J. White is the pastor.

An Idea for the Easter Offering

A subscriber wrote that he was impressed last year by the suggestion that each one plan to give one week's earnings to missions in the Easter Offering. He prayed and thought about it for several days and then decided to try it. One of the fine results he noticed in his life was an increased spirit of generosity with the work of the Lord. This brought such blessing he has decided to continue the practice.

What a person gives in the Easter Offering for world evangelism is, of course, between the Lord and him. But those who can and feel so led might well consider this challenge to give a week's work to missions by giving the earnings of that week in the offering on Sunday, April 14.

The End-Seat Hog

This is a strange species, found only in public places. It inhabits auditoriums of all sizes and shapes, and is found at concerts, lectures, but more particularly in church. It is the person who occupies the aisle seat of a long row, and forces everyone else coming in to climb over him in order to reach one of the vacant seats in the center.

Of course, not all who sit at the ends of otherwise

God Knows!

*I cannot see tomorrow's loss or gain,
Or know its gladness or its bitter pain;
My anxious cares and worry are in vain—
I cannot know, but God knows!*

*I know not why a friend would be untrue,
Or why dark clouds would hide the skies of blue;
Tomorrow's path is hidden from my view—
I cannot know, but God knows!*

*So hour by hour, and day by day,
I hold God's hand, and walk His way,
Content to trust, and work, and pray—
Why should I fear, when God knows!*

By PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY

vacant rows are end-seat hogs. Some are ushers whose duties require them to be in the aisles at times during the services. Some are mothers with small babies, who may have to leave before the end of the hour. Some are older people physically limited who would find it difficult to get in and out of rows of seats placed too close together.

The typical end-seat hog is ordinarily a thoughtful person. He would never knowingly do anything to create difficulties for others. But he doesn't seem to realize how hard it is to crawl over his knees to get to a seat beyond, which he could have taken with no trouble at all, leaving the end seats for those who come in later.

I have been an end-seat hog. But I am trying not to be an end-seat hog any more. Are you an end-seat hog?

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HOW TO ENTER THE EXPERIENCE

OF

Holiness

By Evangelist L. WAYNE SEARS

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (I John 1:7).

TO ENTER the experience of holiness involves the total personality. It plumbs the depths of the soul and affects every part of the being. Thus, in order to enter, the intellect must understand, the heart must desire, the will must act, and the faith must grasp.

To say that the intellect must understand is not to plead for total comprehension. We do need to understand that the experience works at the center of life in the area of motives and intents. The experience of holiness will harmonize the hidden directions and enthrone Christ at the center of life. There are some who spend so much time "lopping off" the external branches that they never find the root.

We must also understand the need for this experience. A humble, sincere search of the heart will reveal this need. A prayerful search of the Bible will also reveal the need and the availability of the blessing.

Added to the understanding of the need must be a deep desire. The blessing of holiness is not a contagious disease. It cannot be "caught" by being near it. The inmost soul must long supremely. Christ will establish a most tender relationship in the depths of the soul; our emotions will be purified—but we must desire it above all things else. There is a precious promise, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

When we understand something of the nature of the blessing, and our hearts long for it passionately, then the will must act. We must seek the experience. We are not just seeking a blessing, nor release from some burden, but we seek the experience of holiness. The conscience must witness that we seek with our whole hearts. It is a quest with a determination to reach the goal. This is not a holiday excursion to see the countryside.

Along with the seeking, you now completely and unconditionally dedicate yourself to God on the

altar of full consecration. You become God's by a solemn covenant. Your time, friends, future, self, all become His because you have consciously and purposefully given yourself to Him. God will be in complete control, and you seek His will and His glory, not your own.

Finally, your faith must grasp. You have not done all you can until you believe that the work is done! Your faith must grasp the blessing before it is yours. There are several helps to faith.

Is your all on the altar? If you really placed it all on the altar, then you can know that the altar "sanctifieth the gift" (Matthew 23:19). And the word in the Old Testament is that "every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord" (Leviticus 27:28). Christ is your Altar, and He is also your Priest who offers the gift, and His offerings are acceptable to God.

You must plant yourself on God's Word. Remember your solemn covenant with Him. Recall to mind Matthew 5:6 and I John 1:7. Remember that "faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:24). You also can be assured that "he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).

Now you must testify that you believe God that the work is done. Can I testify before I feel? Absolutely. Faith is based on God's Word and the witness of your own consecration. When you know that you have truly sought the blessing and desired it with all your heart and then given yourself to God wholly and unreservedly, you have a right to believe God does His work.

Carradine told the story of the French soldier and Napoleon's runaway horse. The army was standing at attention for review when the horse bolted with the emperor. Lacking orders, no one moved, until this private without orders leaped into the path of the runaway, grasped the reins, and brought the horse to a halt.

The emperor asked, "What is your name?"

"Private ———," was the answer.

"Thank you, Captain!" said the emperor. The amazed soldier took his place at the head of the

company.

"Who told you that you were a captain?" someone asked.

Pointing to the emperor, the soldier replied, "He said so!"

When you and I have the clear word of Christ, our Commander, let's believe and obey! What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common or unclean.

A word of caution is needed. Holiness is an experience to be lived, not only a blessing to receive. The same condition that obtained it must be maintained in order to keep it. It requires an obedient walking in the light to receive and retain this experience.

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THE MODERN CITY of Johannesburg is the center of our work in the South Africa European district. Our district headquarters and Nazarene Bible College are located in its suburbs. Out from this center the district reaches for hundreds of miles—to Cape Town on the south, Lourenco Marques on the east, and Rhodesia and Nyasaland on the north. The European work under the Department of Home Missions began in 1948. Now there are 28 churches and a total membership of 707. Dr. Charles H. Strickland has been the superintendent since its beginning. Under Rev. Floyd J. Perkins, principal of the Bible College, new pastors are being trained.

Africa is undergoing tremendous changes. In many parts of the continent the church has faced a baptism by fire. There is much yet to be done. Let us **GIVE NOW**, while it is day!

—*The General Stewardship Committee*

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WHY

By **KATHRYN B. PECK**

WHEN a child is about three he usually begins question marathon. Parents are sometimes hard put to it to give careful, understanding answers to the countless queries he poses. From morning till night, nearly every sentence seems to end with "Why?"

The little child is finding the world a big, wonderful, complex place—and everything is waiting to be learned.

As he grows toward the mid-teens, the child may confidently believe he will soon have all the answers—at least those to the most important issue of life.

Maturity brings positive knowledge that adequate answers to many of life's whys will never be known in a lifetime. Still the quest for truth goes on as long as the mind functions normally.

We do learn that definite results are almost sure to follow certain acts.

We live in an imperfect environment in imperfect human bodies. Natural laws govern life and health. Our spirits may be ever so yielded to the will of God, and our intentions the best in the world, yet we frequently find ourselves paying for acts of faulty judgment. And sometimes we punish ourselves further, and perhaps grieve the Lord, by our foolish whys.

Those strange dreams that troubled us may not have been "sent" to us as a portent of impending fate. Far more likely they were just the result we might have expected when we ate the ham sandwich and the piece of mince pie before bedtime!

The serious ills and unexpected calamities for which we are not in the least responsible are also a part of life. As the rain falls alike on the just and on the unjust, so do disease, injury, tragedy, poverty, disappointments, and death come alike to all. God never builds pleasant fences around His soldiers.

But questions are natural to mankind. Jesus wanted some answers from God many thousands of years ago. Contrasting his sorry lot with the good fortunes of others not nearly so worthy,

hear him cry out, *Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power?*

The Psalmist adds his complaint, *Lord, how long . . . how long shall the wicked triumph?*

Paul wondered why God left the "thorn" to torment and deter him, making his life of un-speakable sacrifice doubly difficult.

Even Jesus in His darkest hour of human agony on the Cross asked the Father, "Why?"

Thus we, when tragedy strikes, throw our questions heavenward: Why, Lord? Could I not have served Thee better whole and strong? Why, Lord? That young man was just finishing his training to become a medical missionary in a needy field. How can it prosper Thy cause to permit such a life to be cut off before it was quite ready to be lived? That darling child, cruelly stricken with crippling polio! Why, Lord? Why?

Have I displeased God unknowingly? What could I have done to merit such punishment as this? Such a question has often been asked by one of God's obedient children, passing through a severe testing time. But wait! God does not mete out harsh punishments for minor, unknown offenses. God is our Father—remember? Our loving, understanding, all-wise Heavenly Father!

Every worthy earthly father pities and gently leads his young child. He points out the right way and urges the child to take it. When the child falls, he helps him up again and encourages him on. But as the child grows stronger he must learn to face up to problems and difficulties for himself. The father cannot remove the dangers and pitfalls, and it would be folly to do so if he could.

He can only warn his son that they are there—somewhere ahead. He knows that his son will not get through unscathed, but, oh, the joy and pride he will know when at last he can look into a pair of clear eyes and say, "My son has become a man!"

When the power and love of the human father have reached their final limit, God, our Heavenly Father, is just beginning to draw on divine energy and love in our behalf! He knows all the obstacles that will be thrown across the pathway, but He will make no detours around them. He is not a way past the hard situations of life, but *The Way through them—victoriously!*

God loves us—and He has all the answers to life's hard questions. Is this not enough to know for now? Surely eternity will be time enough for us to find out the rest!

But sometimes we can see the beginnings of answers during our lifetime. Job did. He taught his heart to trust in spite of the almost unbelievable calamities that had befallen him. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him" (13:15), he exults. And, lost in wonderment, he muses, "Shall any teach God knowledge?" (21:22)

The Psalmist's lament does not continue long. Soon he is declaring: "He that teacheth man

knowledge, shall not he know? . . . Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest . . ." (Psalms 94:10-12).

And Paul, assured of abundant grace for his need, shouts in triumph, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (II Corinthians 12:9).

Christ, having paid the last blood-drop for the debt of a lost race, looks up and whispers, "It is finished." Thus He answered the greatest question of all—the reason for His lowly birth in Bethlehem's manger, and His brief but never-to-be-forgotten sojourn on earth. Our greatest Teacher, Healer, Example, and Saviour—the very Son of God!

O beloved friends, as long as we are in these so-human bodies with these so-finite minds there will be questions. But let us not trouble ourselves to know the answers today; all in God's good time. Nor am I sure that we will be so anxious to find the answers in that glorious by and by when, the song assures us, we will understand it better.

Somehow I think when we have reached the safety of that beautiful home, where all sorrows, injustices, misunderstandings, pain, crippling dis-

Father and Sons

God has no grandsons, only sons,

His faithful, true, obedient ones;

Church members' children have no claim,

Without the new birth, to that name.

For "he that hath the Son hath life,"

Which is not gained by force or strife,

By good behavior, high repute,

Church membership, or plan astute.

The Father, holy, kind, and just,

Saves only those who seek and trust,

And gives His gracious keeping power

In every place and every hour.

Friend, do not trust to family ties,

Attending church, or other guise;

By faith eternal life is won

Because "this life is in His Son."

By WM. ROBERT ADELL

cases, death, cruelty, war, greed, crime, and strife of every kind are past forevermore, that we will look with silent wonder into the radiant faces of those saints and martyrs who counted their lives as nothing for the excellency of the glory of God. And, when we see the thorn-marks on our Saviour's brow, we may forget to ask, "Lord, tell me now why my earth-life was beset by suffering and trials."

Until then, shall we not rest assured that behind the inscrutability of God there are reasons, and untold compassion, and unending love!

Service And Communication

By **ARTHUR NOBLE**



ARTHUR NOBLE is the district engineer for the Post Office Telephones of southwestern Scotland. He has been with the Department in a variety of duties over a period of thirty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Noble have one married daughter and two sons—all active members of the Church of the Nazarene. Mr. Noble serves as a member of the District Advisory Board of the British Isles North District, and is on the board of Parkhead Church in Glasgow. He has served his local church also as church secretary, choir leader, and Sunday school teacher.

THE GREATEST PUBLIC SERVANT who ever lived said, "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, . . ." (Matthew 20:28). In thinking of my daily occupation in relation to my Christian experience, it can perhaps be summed up in the two words, "service" and "communication."

In regard to service, I am responsible in my everyday work for the maintenance of telephone services to the public over a fairly large part of the southwest of Scotland. In this area are people of all types and classes using the telephone for a variety of reasons. It is my business, and the business of the staff under my control, to see that all are able to keep in touch by telephone with the minimum of interruption. In the event of breakdown we must be prepared to go to any inconvenience necessary to restore communication.

Those whom I serve judge my department by the standard I maintain. Especially as a Christian, I must see that the standard is good. Similarly, my day-to-day life is the standard by which others judge my Saviour and my church. Hence my life must be an instrument of service through which others may be kept in touch with God. In difficulties or emergencies I should be willing to go the second mile in order that the all-important link between souls and God might be maintained, or restored.

Indeed, one of the conditions of my employment as a servant of the Crown is that I must be willing to serve in any part of the United Kingdom as the exigencies of the service may demand. This

at times means sacrifice in moving from place to place; in some cases necessitating long absences from home, loved ones, and friends. Surely no servant of the Cross should expect lighter demands to be laid upon him.

Supremely, my business is concerned with communications: communication between small communities, and communication between people separated by great distances, even to the uttermost parts of the world. It is doubtful if the average person is aware of the preparation, research, and investment which goes into the provision of such communication by telephone and radio.

Jesus said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). God has invested all the resources of heaven in this task of communicating to man His great love for him. Therefore it is my business, as His servant, to communicate the gospel at home, in my work, in my local church, and to the farthest reaches of the world. Paul said, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14). In the words of Dr. Bresee, "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it."

God has provided material resources which man has utilized. Consequently by means of electronic devices, vast networks of cables underground and under the sea, the Heaviside layer and communication satellites in the heavens, contact has been provided between peoples and nations.

God has furnished spiritual resources also and by reading the Scriptures, by prayer and consecrated service He expects me, His servant, to utilize these instruments of His grace to communicate to others the glad tidings of a full salvation.



For the Indifferent

ALMIGHTY GOD:

*We pray for those who look upon
The golden majesty of dawn,
Yet feel no wonderment of light
As they behold that gloried sight;
But more for those who see a fair
And dedicated house of prayer,
Yet feel no holy joy and raise
No hymn of thankfulness and praise.
Lord, that our lamps of faith may burn
With such a passionate concern,
Our witnessing be such a power
That in some love-illuminated hour
The now indifferent shall be
In shining fellowship with Thee!*

By **GRACE V. WATKINS**



"Called to Be Saints"

By LAURA FORINASH, *Pastor, Lockhart, Texas*

CHRISTIAN, you have a holy calling to fulfill! When we speak of a person's being called of God, all too often we think only of a pastor, missionary, evangelist, someone who has been chosen of God for full-time ministry; and our thinking stops there. Paul, however, in writing to the Christians at Rome addressed them as people who were "called to be saints" (Romans 1:7).

One might ask whether that form of address applies to all Christians. It certainly does. Paul was not writing to supermen. He was writing to common, ordinary Christians, people who were occupied with the everyday affairs of life. So far as we know, not one of them had ever written a book, preached a sermon, or gone on a crusade. We do not even know their names. There is nothing to distinguish them from any other group of Christians; yet the letter written to them is written to people who are "called to be saints," even as you, Christian, are called to be a saint.

The call to sainthood is not dependent upon rank or station in life; it also is not dependent upon circumstance.

There are Christians who might be sorely tempted to say, "No one could be a saint in the circumstances in which I have to live. My family make it impossible; the people with whom I work would not allow a saint among them."

Some of these Roman Christians faced impossible circumstances in their day and fulfilled their calling in spite of surroundings. Later, when Paul wrote from Rome to the Philippians he said, "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household" (Philippians 4:22).

I always get a certain amount of satisfaction out of reading that statement. This mighty Caesar, the ruler of the known world, had set out to destroy this new religion, this Christianity, that had sprung up among some of his subjects. He had shown himself ready to persecute and destroy anyone whom he suspected of being a Christian. Surely circumstances in his neighborhood were not favorable to sainthood. Yet Paul was able to write calmly, "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household." If there were saints in Caesar's household, surely there can be saints in any circumstance in which a Christian may be forced to live.

This sainthood, of course, is not an imitation brand, created by laws and ordinances of man. These people were not assigned days on the calendar, were not memorialized in statuary, and were not expected to receive prayers from other Chris-

tians. This sainthood was the genuine article, created by God for people who were called to lead saintly lives. This was, and is, the kind of sainthood that glorifies God and dignifies human life.

What higher calling could any mortal have than this? What could add more value or purpose to a human life than the responsibility for the fulfilling of such a calling? What could give one more self-confidence than the knowledge that our Father "hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints" (Colossians 1:12)?

The responsibilities included in the Christian's call would be frightening were it not that the Christian knows that the Holy Spirit makes in-



THE Easter Offering that means so much to so many can never become ordinary to us. We cannot pass it by with negligence.

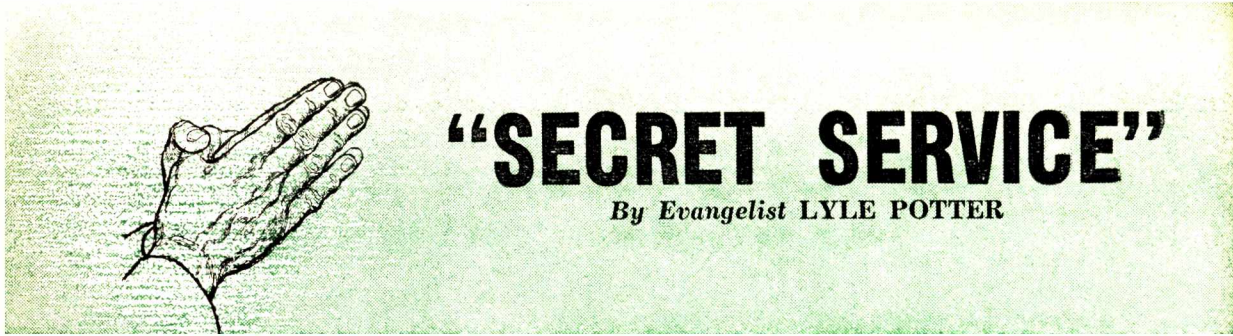
Christ's coming to earth, His death, His resurrection mean so much to all of us. Let us tell Him and others so with this Easter Offering.

V. H. Lewis
General Superintendent

tercession for the saints according to the will of God. God has called us to be holy, for He is holy. The person looking for opportunity to develop his personality surely can find it here. Anyone looking for a work that will make life worthwhile can find that, too, in this call to sainthood.

Christ promised His disciples, "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

Christian, if you have been tempted lately to feel useless and unnecessary, let that statement "soak in" a little. You are called to the greatest work in the universe. Yes, we have a holy calling. May the judgment day find us with that calling fulfilled!



“SECRET SERVICE”

By Evangelist **LYLE POTTER**

WE THRILL when God anoints the pastor or evangelist. His Spirit moves in power on a service and there is unmistakable evidence of the supernatural. Scenes like this are never forgotten, but often we forget or do not realize what brought about this “visitation” from the upper world.

We saw the minister and the singer, but what we did not see was that saint of God on his or her knees in the secret place of prayer pleading and believing for an outpouring of God’s power on that particular service. What we saw and enjoyed was the result of the prayer of a humble layman rendering invaluable “secret service” (Matthew 6:6). Eternity alone will reveal the real worth and the amazing, miraculous accomplishments of such praying saints.

Frank Lintner was in bed for over seven years. A stroke had rendered him incapable of walking or talking. His wife, Mary, was confined to his side as a nurse both day and night. This situation seemed difficult to understand, for this couple had been two of the most untiring and dedicated workers in our church. Abruptly, and it seemed tragically, their public service was stopped and they were “put on the shelf.” Or were they? No, it just looked like they were on the shelf, but actually they were simply transferred from a place of public service to one of “secret service.”

Though Frank could not talk, he could pray;

though Mary could not teach her Sunday school class and visit, she could pray—and they did. We gave them our convention and evangelistic schedule. They knew where we were every day. Lois never arose to sing or I to preach but we knew that Frank and Mary were “pulling on the heavens.” They were in California, and we were in Miami, Montreal, or Mishawaka, but God heard and answered across the miles. On one of our visits to their home we were talking about their valuable place of secret service, and Mary said, “I believe we are going to share in the spoils someday.” Though Frank couldn’t talk, his face actually beamed with heaven’s radiance.

We were touring the New England District. By the time we arrived at Springfield, Massachusetts, for the rally my throat was so raw and inflamed that it hurt every word I spoke. Pastor Paul Neal said, “You should have Brother Dyer pray for your throat.” He explained that Brother Dyer was a humble layman in the church who rendered the invaluable secret service of intercessory prayer.

I sent word to Charles Dyer to pray, and though I did not get to see him, I found out later that he spent most of the night praying that God would heal my throat. My throat was completely healed, and I never missed a service of the strenuous tour. Brother Dyer is now a very important and indispensable member of our evangelistic team. Our calling is to public service, his to “secret service.”

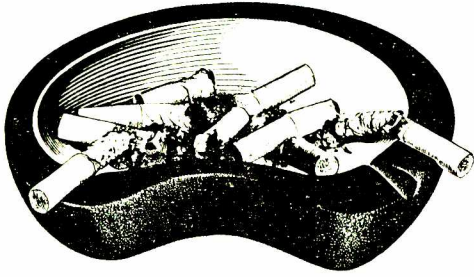
There Is No Status

*There is no status any more—
They meet on common ground:
Blue jay and sparrow, starling too,
And flicker. They have found
A welcome on this winter day
For every bird that comes
Here to the place where suet waits,
And freshly scattered crumbs.*

*There is no status any more—
The Cross awaits for all
Who need forgiveness, all who come
In answer to its call.
For rich, for poor, for high, for low,
The message old, yet new—
There is no status at the Cross!
Behold, “I died for you!”*

By **BERNIECE AYERS HALL**

The Cigaret MENACE



By **JAMES A. HAMILTON**
Pastor, Morgantown, West Virginia

THE SLOGAN of the tobacco trust is, "A cigaret in the mouth of every man, woman, and child in the world." All who smoke are helping to fill the coffers of this selfish, greedy, godless trust and make its wicked plot come true.

The cigaret companies, through the medium of advertising, are going all out to reach people with their wares. A leading trade magazine estimates that the six major tobacco companies that sell the top twenty brands spent \$144,000,000 on advertising last year.

False Claims

Changing Times, the Kiplinger Magazine, in the December, 1962, issue has this to say: "One of the most characteristic aspects of the ads is their marked emphasis on youth. No matter what the slogan of the moment may be, the ad itself is frequently elaborated by portrayals of happy people engaged in typical youthful and happy pursuits.

"'—'s natural mildness is so good to your taste,' proclaims the American Tobacco Company in a full-page ad. And above we are shown a lovely girl lying in the grass—smoking. 'Take a puff . . . it's springtime,' advises R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company in a — cigaret ad that displays a young couple in beautiful sylvan surroundings—lighting a cigaret.

"The selection of models and settings is hardly accidental. Says Daniel Ladd, advertising director of P. Lorillard Co.: 'Basically, the image we want

for cigarets is that they are used by a fun-loving, active group.'"

The Cigaret Manufacturers Buttonhole the Scholar

"The colleges and universities are a gathering point for over 3,600,000 students, and they present the companies with an excellent opportunity to capture converts. On the college campus, the manufacturers use several sales weapons: extensive advertising in campus publications—contests that offer such lush prizes as sports cars and high-fidelity phonographs—students hired as campus 'representatives' to pass out free samples, give little sales talks, help run contests, and check on local stores to see if the company's brand is adequately displayed."

Cigaret Manufacturers Enter the Sports Arena

It is difficult to convince a young athlete that smoking is not good for him when he sees well-known athletes demonstrating on TV, radio, and in magazines that it is good for one to smoke.

"Sports serve as an important transmission belt for those brands for which the manufacturers wish to establish a masculine image in the minds of the consumer. . . . Roger Maris, the New York Yankee player who achieved national fame for his 1961 home-run record, is one of the prominent athletes in the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company's stable. 'For a smooth, rich-tasting smoke, you just can't top —' reads the legend under a picture of Mr. Maris happily smoking a cigaret."

The Indifference of an Apathetic Society

Indifference to the cigaret menace has spread to every segment of our national community. Many parents tell their children not to smoke—but do so with a lighted cigaret between their fingers. Colleges permit the cigaret companies to advertise in their campus publications. Magazines, newspapers, radio, and TV continue to accept cigaret ads, even though the American Medical Association has linked cigaret smoking with lung cancer and other circulatory diseases.

Whatever the reason for this indifference, the truth is that while we mark time some forty-five hundred boys and girls between the ages of twelve and seventeen take up the habit of smoking each day of the year—and each year lung cancer harvests a large crop of victims.

"I shall never forget the comment once made by an eloquent Welsh preacher whom I loved, who, taking this little word 'able,' drew it out in a glorious acrostic:

"Almighty

"Boundless

"Limitless

"Everlasting . . . Power!"

—Paul S. Rees

A Desperate Throw of the Lifeline

By FLETCHER GALLOWAY, Pastor, First Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan

A SLIP ON THE ICE sent me to the hospital—the first time in my life—just when I felt I could least spare the time. Easter was a few weeks away, plans for a new church were being formulated, we were moving the parsonage, and I had a speaking engagement at the Seminary. What a time to pick to go to the hospital! But God fits His plans together. He had a work for me to do.

The curtain was drawn about the bed of the other patient in the room. I heard labored breathing, moans, and incoherent mumblings. The doctor came from behind the curtain and stood talking in the doorway to a woman whom I later learned was the man's wife. He shook his head, and the woman broke into weeping. Together they went down the hall and I heard the woman calling different ones on the telephone. Soon the family gathered. I knew from their coarse talk and conduct that they were not church people. Profanity always seems so uncalled-for, but especially so in the presence of an immortal spirit about to cross the line of worlds.

The night wore on. The visitors, one by one, drifted away. A "hypo" had quieted the sick man in the other bed. I tried to sleep, but sharp pain stabbed my every movement. I thought, What a weird place a hospital is at two o'clock in the morning! Groans and occasional outcries, the muffled sound of voices, the swish of starched uniforms, the smell of ether, and at times the clatter of a metal tray on tile.

And then it came! At first it was just a stirring behind the curtain. Then the patient was calling a name. There was no answer and he called louder—one name after another, evidently members of his family. Then he yelled at the top of his voice, "I'm dying. Somebody help me!" His calls turned into profanity and vile language.

The nurses came running. They said, "Wake up, Mr. L., you are having a bad dream." He said, "I'm not dreaming; I'm dying and going to hell." They gave him another "hypo," and he quieted down. But it did not last long; soon he was at it again. This time he interspersed his calls and curses with weeping. Once he cried out, "I'm hanging over hell and nobody cares."

The doctor came and they got him quieted again. When his wife came, I asked her if I might pray with her husband. She said, "Yes," and we went behind the curtain, where she introduced me. The sick man said, "I can sure use a preacher." I knew I had to grab for moments of con-

sciousness, and I breathed a prayer for God's help. I did my best to tell a sinner how to find the Saviour and then I prayed. When I finished, I said, "Do you believe Jesus saves you?"

He said, "I wish I knew. If I said, 'Yes,' I might be lying, and if I said, 'No,' I might be lying. I cannot be sure."

The Holy Spirit seemed to prompt me. I said, "Mr. L., there were two thieves crucified with Jesus—one on one side, and one on the other. The crowd was cursing and jeering at Jesus, and one of the thieves joined them. But the other man said, 'Don't do that. We deserve to die but Jesus doesn't.' Then he turned to Jesus and said, 'Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.'"

I said, "Mr. L., on whose side would you have been? Would you have joined with the crowd who

"Prayer is not a lonely debate of the human soul with itself, a pathetic striving of the limited spirit towards the infinitely distant God, but a return in God, God who is present here and now, to God, a sharing in an immense privilege, a taking part in the very life of God, a communing with Him who is a fore-taste of heaven, God the Holy Spirit."

—R. P. C. Hanson.

hated Him, or would you have realized that you were a sinner and called on Him for help?"

Tears came to his eyes. He said, "I sure know that! I'd a' been on His side. I'd a' asked for help."

I said, "Jesus said to the penitent thief, 'To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.' Don't you believe He is just as willing to hear your prayer and forgive your sins?" He said, "I believe He would I believe He saves me."

I visited Mr. L., and prayed with him every day I was in the hospital, and then after I was released I went back to see him. Each time he gave a testimony. Then I had to leave for Kansas City. When I got back they told me that Mr. L. had been buried the day before.

It was a desperate throw of the lifeline, but—please God—a poor, lost sinner, sinking down for the last time, reached out and caught a Hand scarred by nails.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Drayton Plains, Michigan—*Eastern Michigan District thrilled over mid-year N.F.M.S. convention with Dr. Howard Hamlin. Record-breaking crowds forced moving to high school auditorium, seating 900, which was filled to overflowing for evening service. Combined offerings of the day (\$836.68) presented to Dr. Hamlin for hospital equipment in Africa. In afternoon service, altar was lined with young pastors, laymen, and young people, saying, "Here am I; Lord, send me." The power and blessing of God permeated every service of this missionary convention.*—Shirley Hewett, Publicity.

Phoenix, Arizona—*Organized Apache Junction Church, February 24, with twenty-one adult members; appointed pastor. Rev. Jerry White has conducted services since September, averaging sixty-three in Sunday school. Developing \$35,000 worth of property located in strategic growth area. Have also purchased church site and parsonage for new work in Paradise Valley, north of Phoenix.*—M. L. Mann, Superintendent of Arizona District.

Pastor L. Guy Nees sends word from Los Angeles, California: "First Church holds first services in beautiful new sanctuary on February 24, climaxing three and a half years' building program. Record attendance both morning and evening; victorious altar service at night. We face the future with new courage and dedication."

Rev. Erban B. Moss writes: "After four and a half years as pastor of Fort Thomas church on the Eastern Kentucky District, and a unanimous call for the fifth year, we felt it in divine order to accept a call to pastor our First Church in Littlefield, Texas, on the Abilene District. God is blessing and we are happy in our new field of labor."

John H. and Elizabeth A. Anderson will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on April 3. They are former residents of Waltham and Cambridge, Massachusetts; their present address is 87½ 13th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida. They have been members of the Church of the Nazarene since 1931,

belonging to the churches in Waltham and Cambridge. They have served the church most faithfully through the local congregation. Brother Anderson served on the church board for a number of years, also has given liberally of himself to the work of establishing Eastern Nazarene College. At present they are faithful supporters of First Church in St. Petersburg, where open house will be held for them on Sunday afternoon, March 31. There are two children: Elliott B., of St. Petersburg, Florida; and John L., of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Word has been received from Mrs. Roy Quanstrom of Gary, Indiana: "Mr. Roy Quanstrom, Sr., faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene for thirty-eight years, died February 26."

Pastor Charles M. Crouch sends word: "The Lindsay, California, Church of the Nazarene observes its fiftieth anniversary, March 30 and 31. All friends and former members are urged to attend or to send greetings. Write the pastor at 343 E. Samoa, Lindsay, California."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Good Days in Belo Horizonte

By CHARLES GATES, *Brasil*

We have had some good days in Belo Horizonte. Beginning last summer with special services in which sixty-three people sought the Lord, we have been experiencing God's blessing.

One of the outstanding victories of those meetings was the conversion of *Dona Maria*. She had stated very definitely to one of the women of the church: "I will never go forward to the altar, for I have my religion."

The other lady made *Dona Maria* a special object of her prayer the next day while at work. As she operated the steam presser at the laundry, she interceded for *Dona Maria*. That night *Dona Maria* was strongly convicted of the Holy Spirit and knelt weeping in the aisle. I invited her to come to the altar and pray. She did and was gloriously saved. Two weeping, blessed Christian women embraced each other after that service. *Dona Maria*, her husband, and her four younger children will be uniting with the church soon. Her two teen-agers are already members.

A few months ago twenty or twenty-five would have been a large prayer meeting crowd. Now we have around sixty each night.

We have had over seventy seekers in three months. These are not our doings. They are the answers to prayers from our folk at home. We need these prayers. Doors are opening all around us for the Church of the Nazarene. Only as you pray will we be able to enter with the gospel.

Revival Showers in India

Since the loss of our two boys by drowning, spontaneous revival has broken out in the hospital. One by one the nurses have been coming to Miss Howard's office to confess and pray. We are trusting God that this will be the beginning of the revival for which we have been praying. Pray with us that it will not stop until it reaches out into the villages and across our entire district.—INDIA MISSIONARIES.

Good Reports from Guatemala

By LUCILLE HUDSON, *Guatemala*

This year for the first time we had a Boys' and Girls' Camp with over fifty enrolled. About thirty of them, moved by the spirit of revival, found their way to the altar. We had over one hundred in the Youth Camp, and it was a real thrill to witness these two camps operating simultaneously. They were held during Easter week in San Miguel Chicaj.

In the Williamson Bible Institute we had fifteen students, with three young ladies and one young man receiving diplomas. The Kekchi Indian Bible School had eight students, and the Rabinal-Achi Indian Bible School had eleven. We are praying for a larger enrollment for these three schools, which will begin in January.

New Name

Our Spanish Bible Institute in San Antonio, Texas, which serves our three districts in Mexico, our two U.S.-Mexican Border districts, and our Spanish District East, has changed its name to *Seminario Nazareno Hispan-Americano*—Spanish-American Nazarene Seminary.

In Appreciation

By JEAN WILLIAMS, *Japan*

Please accept my sincere appreciation and gratefulness for your prayers for me during my recent major surgery and period of convalescence. The surgery was performed December 4, at the hospital in Tokyo. The Lord marvelously answered prayer and has given me a speedy and complete recovery. I

have now returned to my teaching responsibilities at our junior college in Chiba.

EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*

God Always Counts the "One"

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3: 16).

One of Christendom's tragedies is to associate the greatest service for Jesus Christ with the masses. Nothing could be further from reality. In fact the Lord Jesus gave examples of perfect service to His Heavenly Father when He talked to the *one* sinner along the way—Nicodemus at night, the woman by the well, and others. All this emphasizes that God wants the individual.

During 1963 the people called Nazarenes are asked to remember that they are "I'on to W'in." This means that we will seek out the individuals, witness to them, and try to win them for God.

Every Christian must learn more and more what it means to be a witness for Jesus. We all have a responsibility here! Too often we worry about crowds when they are really not the answer. It should be souls that we go after. All around us are pathetically lonely individuals wistfully waiting for someone to recommend to them the "Christ of every crisis." We all have a personal responsibility. We cannot all sponsor mass evangelistic campaigns, but each one of us can reach the masses one at a time.

Always the truth faces us, every great soul winner counted the individual. Individuals mattered. That is what it was with Jesus. When they were alone with Him, and He was alone with them, they saw what sin had made them, but they also saw what they could become through the salvation of the Lord Jesus.

This is the message that we must take to all in 1963. Always remember the individuals will really know what is in our hearts when we go and talk to them about God.

"Operation Doorbell"

International Cameos

SOUTH AFRICA—"Operation Doorbell" here in South Africa has gotten the point across that visitation is a very necessary thing . . . Our total gains show that we have gained nearly one hundred new members during the year. Our finances have also increased tremendously and we give God the praise. **KOREA**—This effort was a great blessing to us on this field. Thirty-eight entire families were won to the Lord and church here. We thank God for these and others who have been won during the year.

TRINIDAD—Our pastors worked very hard and the program definitely helped us. We exceeded our goal for 6,000 contacts by making 6,261. For these contacts we used the "For you and your family, Try Christ's Way" tracts. Toward the goal of 450 seekers we had 438. We are sold on the "Evangelism First" programs.



1963 College Conferences on Evangelism

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE

Wed., Oct. 2—Fri., Oct. 4

Special Workers: Dr. Samuel Young
Dr. Edward Lawlor

PASADENA COLLEGE

Tues., Oct. 8—Thurs., Oct. 10

Special Workers: Dr. Hardy C. Powers
Dr. Edward Lawlor



MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

The following letter comes from an elder in the Midwest. He spent thirty-one years in the active ministry and is now retired and on the N.M.B.F. roll:

I want to thank you for your birthday greetings, and the nice little gift which will be so handy in keeping my papers together. It is so nice to be remembered when we get old and have to be placed on the retired list. The checks which we receive each month and at Christmas, which help so much to take care of our living expenses, doctor bills, and medicines, are deeply appreciated. May God bless you and all who have helped make this possible.

Your faithfulness in paying the N.M.B.F. budget makes letters such as this possible. Our retired ministers and their widows depend on your love and concern for help in meeting their daily needs. Thank you for standing by them.

1 1/3 Million Dollars
in
Easter Offering

GENERAL INTERESTS

Dr. David Hynd Honored

Among many signal honors that have come to Dr. David Hynd, pioneer medical missionary for the Church of the Nazarene in Swaziland, who now is retired and living there, was his appointment by the Swaziland government as member of a committee of thirteen to

take part in constitutional talks in London. Swaziland is scheduled to become an independent nation soon.

Dr. Hynd retired in 1962, after thirty-six years of active service in Swaziland, where he founded and maintained the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. He has been a leader in national programs of many types. In 1947 he was honored by the presentation of the Order of the British Empire from the late King George VI. Dr. and Mrs. Hynd each received the Coronation medal in 1953.—N.I.S.

A Significant Music Conference

Nazarene music made news recently when a special conference was held in mid-January at Excelsior Springs, Missouri, under the sponsorship of the Music Commission, of which Dr. Roy E. Stevens is the chairman.

In addition to the deans of fine arts in our seven colleges and one or more members of the staff, the academic deans were present to bring into focus the need for more general musical training in the curriculum for ministers, missionaries, and evangelists. Because of the relevance of this to education and the field of evangelism, the executive secretary of the Department of Education and Dr. Edward Lawlor, of the Department of Evangelism, were invited as special guests of the conference.

General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner, representing the Board of General Superintendents, gave the keynote address and helpful counsel during the two-day conference.

Several of the deans of fine arts presented papers showing the importance of a vital music program in relation to the work of the church. Especially helpful were the open discussion periods where many participants helped to clarify issues and bring out important aspects of the pastor's relation to an effective music program for his church.

As a result of careful planning by the Music Commission and the co-operation of the Nazarene Publishing House in preparing materials for the conference, this meeting brought about a clearer understanding of the important role of music in the ministry of the church and inspired co-operation from all who labor to achieve greater success in the ministry of the church in her quest for souls.

—S. T. Ludwig, *Department of Education*

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

New Mexico District Midyear Convention

The New Mexico District recently conducted its annual Midyear Convention at First Church in Albuquerque, with Rev. Alvin Maule as the host pastor.

Activities began with the church schools convention, under the direction of Rev. Fred Fike, district church schools chairman. The convention proper was presided over by our district superintendent, Dr. R. C. Gunstream.

Special speaker for the occasion was

Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. He spoke eight times, and on each occasion the Holy Spirit honored both message and messenger. Music arrangements were under the direction of Steve Brown and the "Voices of Praise" choir.

Visitors from other districts, as well as members of our own district, were united in expressions of praise to God for the privilege of this experience. —KENNETH O. FREY, *Reporter*.

Eastern Kentucky Preachers' Meeting

The Eastern Kentucky preachers' meeting was truly a midyear boost to all who met at Richmond First Church, with Rev. Duane Landreth, host pastor.

Again and again our special speaker, Dr. Hugh C. Benner, made us to realize that, even in the midst of the battle against sin and all forces that would hinder, God is with us.

Dr. D. S. Somerville, district superintendent, presided with his usual calm and dignity.

The theme "Stewardship" was forcibly presented by ministers and laymen of the district. Papers on various phases of the stewardship theme were presented by both ministers and laymen.

The messages of General Superintendent Benner, the papers presented, and the special songs, all seemed to weave again into the pattern of our duty to God and others.—LLOYD G. COOK, *Reporter*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

The Thomas Fowler Evangelistic Party report: "We closed out 1962 with about one thousand seekers at the altar, and have started the new year with a goal to challenge ourselves and the pastors and people that we will all work to see two thousand seekers at the altar, break more Sunday school records, add more members to the church, and fast and pray for a great revival. In January we had a wonderful revival with Pastor W. M. Combs and his people at Fairview Church, Columbus, Georgia. The glory came on the services, and God gave us more than 70 seekers. The attendance was good, reaching more than 225 in the services. The church gave us a call to return in '64. Due to a cancellation, we have an open date, May 16 to 26. Write us, c/o Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee."

Newell, West Virginia—Rev. Ira Fowler came to pastor First Church a few months ago, and the church has expressed their confidence in his leadership by giving him a four-year recall. Recently we had the Harrison Trio with us for week-end services, and the church was blessed and revived under their Spirit-filled preaching and singing. We appreciate the work of Brother and Sister Fowler, and are grateful for the blessings of God in our midst.—VERA ECKLEBERRY, *Secretary*.

Evangelist G. F. Underwood and wife report: "We are enjoying our work in

NAZARENE
SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT
PROGRAM • 1963

OKINAWA


April 4-6
 Enlisted Rest Center
 Yaka Beach

CONTACT THE RETREAT LEADER:
 Chaplain (Lt) Harlan H. Shippy
 12th Mar Regt. 3d Mar Div (Rein) FMF
 FPO, San Francisco, California

KOREA


April 10-13
 Eighth Army Rest and
 Recreation Center
 Seoul

CONTACT THE RETREAT LEADER:
 Chaplain (Major) Conley D. Pate
 Hq & Hq Co. 7th Infantry Division
 APO 7, San Francisco, California



Dr. SAMUEL YOUNG
 General Superintendent
 Official Guest
 and Special Speaker

**Chaplain
 Steering Committee:**
 Conley Pate
 Clifford Keys
 Robert Schappell



Dr. GEORGE COULTER
 Executive Secretary
 Dept. of Foreign Missions
 Official Guest
 and Special Speaker

ALL Nazarene servicemen (families and friends) on assignment in the general area are invited to attend. The program is designed to provide inspiration . . . instruction . . . fellowship . . . recreation.

ALL-EUROPE ANNUAL SERVICEMEN'S RETREAT
November 18-21, Berchtesgaden, Germany

the field of evangelism. After pastoring for six years on the Akron District, we entered the field seven years ago, and have traveled in twenty-six states and in Canada in revivals. God has given a harvest of souls seeking Him for pardon and heart purity. We have seen as many as ninety-nine seekers in one meeting with restitution being made, and some definite cases of divine healing. Also the Holy Spirit has added members to the churches, for which we praise God. We have an open date for this spring, also an open date in late September and one in November. We travel by mobile home and carry the full program, if desired. Write us, 1834 Westlawn, S.W., Warren, Ohio."

Pastor John Lambert writes from Harmon, Oklahoma: "Coming here as pastor last July we found a faithful people who loved God and the church. In the first six months of the assembly year all budgets have been paid in full, and we have been having people at the altar in our regular services. We have had two good revivals, with Evangelists Ed Nelson and wife, and Rev. J. E. Gassett, district superintendent, as the special workers. We are now making improvements on the church, and a spirit of unity prevails. On Sunday, February 3, the church gave us a unanimous recall. It is a joy to pastor this

people, and to work on the Northwest Oklahoma District."

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada—"Our Holiness Heritage" was the title of the challenging message presented by our pastor, Rev. David Blum, at First Church's golden anniversary service, Sunday morning, January 20. Communion service was held Sunday evening. On Monday a banquet was held at which Mrs. Elmer Roper read a prepared history of the last fifty years of progress. Part of this was quoted from a book written by her father, Rev. Thomas Bell, telling of God's miraculous leading in starting the work in Red Deer. Lots were donated and a church built and paid for before there was a member. The church was organized on January 21, 1913, with seven charter members, the second Church of the Nazarene in Canada. Mrs. McDowell, widow of an early pastor, brought greetings; Dr. C. E. Thomson, a pioneer in the work, and twice pastor of the church, spoke briefly, followed by Rev. D. A. Prescott. Many messages were read from other former pastors and early members of the church who could not be present, including Joyce Blair, who wrote from British Honduras; and Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. Edward Lawlor, from Kansas City headquarters. Rev. Leonard Blair represented the many young people

who have gone into full-time Christian service from this church. We were pleased that Hilda Moen, on furlough from India, could be present. Representatives from the city and ministerial association were present to bring greetings. First Church has bought 4.4 acres as a site for a new church, and Pastor Blum unveiled preliminary plans for the new sanctuary and educational unit. The guest speaker at the golden anniversary banquet was our district superintendent, Rev. Herman L. G. Smith, who challenged us to continue to build on the sure foundation.—EDITH E. EGLESTON, *Reporter*.

Tullahoma, Tennessee—Recently our church enjoyed a good youth revival with Rev. Bobby Hoots as the evangelist, and our youth, under the direction of the N.Y.P.S. president, taking part. Mr. Billy Erwin was the music director. Brother Hoots' preaching was with the unction of the Holy Spirit, and God gave souls at the altar. The past year was the best in this church's history—all budgets paid, and we were a "10 per cent" church for foreign missions. Our church listed second on the East Tennessee District. We are now in the process of building a new, four-bedroom parsonage, of brick and stone, in a good section of the city. The plans are to use the present parsonage for Sunday school rooms. We have served the good people in Tullahoma for approximately seventeen years, and this is our first year on an extended four-year recall. We give God all the praise.—A. A. FORSYTHE, *Pastor*.

THE BIBLE LESSON

By HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

Topic for March 24:

Jesus Answers His Critics

SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:13-44 (Printed: Mark 12:13-17, 28-34)

GOLDEN TEXT: *For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak (John 12:49).*

Today we are dealing with a chapter in the life of Christ; we might even say that it is one of the most potent phases of His whole ministry—the opposition which He met when He began to preach, opposition which gathered force and momentum until it killed Him.

The most evident reason for the opposition on the part of the religious authorities was that these men were

evil in heart. Criticism which goes to the extent of taking a life for its vindication is fraught with evil somewhere—someone goes beyond a legitimate difference of opinion, beyond the bounds of justice and fair play. These critics were interpreting Christ's actions according to their traditional interpretation of the Mosaic law. At first He was considerate, seeking to help them understand His position and purpose. But later His resistance to them became as strong as their resistance to Him and, counting only the events which brought about the end, the Temple authorities won out.

"SHOWERS OF BLESSING" Program Schedule

March 24—"Booby Traps," by R. T. Williams

March 31—"My Heart, His Home," by Mendell Taylor

April 7—"In This Thy Day" (Palm Sunday), by Wilson R. Lanpher

This struggle reveals the obstinacy of Christ's enemies: their lack of spiritual insight, their narrowness and bigotry, the essential depravity of their character. They are illustrative of all those who deal in destructive criticism, who condemn by insinuation, who create wounds without swords but which nevertheless draw blood to the death.

Something further must be said, however. In a significant sense Jesus was responsible for the opposition which He encountered. He could have avoided it, even as you and I can avoid adverse criticism by doing nothing constructive and remaining anonymous. But Jesus had a mission to perform and there were inherent risks. He chose to take the initiative. The case against Him was based upon legal grounds because He challenged the validity of the Mosaic law according to the traditional interpretation. Truth—moral and spiritual principles—cannot be regulated. The man who has a high sense of mission, in whom burns a call to duty, a call from God, must follow the voice of conscience. Neither is truth static—it must find its interpretation applicable to new and changing circumstances.

The only alternative to the course He followed was for Jesus to bow to tradition, refuse to run any risk, and save himself. But He chose to risk His own life for the sake of those who could not understand Him. Someone was in

jeopardy either way—and He chose to suffer in order to save. "He saved others; himself he cannot save" (Matthew 27:42).

Too often we use our religion as an escape mechanism, expecting it to relieve us of criticism and conflict and hardship. This may often be the case, but let us realize that the work of God, including one's everyday activities, cannot be successful on this basis alone. Every man who would accomplish anything in life must dare to take his stand on the side of truth and right, run the necessary risks, and suffer the inevitable consequences. Only thus was our salvation accomplished. Only thus can we save ourselves and others.

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Deaths

MRS. HARRIET ELIZABETH SHORT was born March 8, 1880, in Brammer, Missouri, and died December 25, 1962, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was a charter member of Bethany First Church, and was at Bethany Nazarene College in the beginning days. She joined First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City in 1916, and has always been very active in the church. Sixty years ago she was united in marriage to Harvey L. Short; they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on October 26, 1962. They had a fine, Christian home, and she served God continually from early girlhood days. She is survived by her husband, H. L. Short; and three daughters: Mrs. R. K. Adams and Mrs. W. B. Cherry, of Oklahoma City; and Mrs. A. L. Bragg, of Leawood, Kansas. Funeral service was held at Oklahoma City First Church with her pastor, Rev. James R. Snow, in charge, assisted by Dr. A. S. London.

ORIN MILLER died November 8, 1962, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was a charter member of First Church of the Nazarene of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and associated with Rev. C. L. Bradley and Rev. A. H. Kauffman in opening up this very first organization for the Nazarenes in the state of Michigan. In his earlier years he was a lay preacher and a zealous mission and rescue worker. He is survived by his wife, Della; a son, Clairwin, of Los Angeles; and three daughters: Mrs. Ruth Morgan, Lynn, Massachusetts; Mrs. Esther Christman, Vermontville, and Mrs. Zelpha Christman, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Funeral service was conducted by Dr. Fred Hawk, district superintendent, and his pastor, Dr. Fletcher Galloway.

MRS. EDNA EZELL, age seventy-five years, died January 9, 1963, at her home in Fairfax, Alabama. She was the last of twelve charter members of the local church, which was organized on May 2, 1921. She showed the true Nazarene pioneer spirit in the early days of the church sacrificing in many ways to make possible the erection of one of the most beautiful church buildings on the Alabama District. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Anna Laura Nelson; a son, Woodrow—both of Fairfax; and one sister. Funeral service was held in the Fairfax church with Rev. Paul R. Holt officiating.

ALEXANDER C. MacGREGOR died December 23, 1962, in a hospital in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada. He was born in Perth, Scotland, April 24, 1885, coming to Canada with his parents when but a baby; they homesteaded in the Perley District. He was married to Jean Gunn, and on December 18, 1962, they observed their golden wedding anniversary. He was a quiet and sincere man with strong Christian principles. He was a charter member of the Saltcoats Church of the Nazarene, and active in all phases of the local work. He is survived by his wife, Jean; a son, Jack; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Metzler and Mrs. Steinke; two brothers, Robert and James; and two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Gordon and Mrs. Crissie Johns. Funeral service was held in the Saltcoats church with Rev. Glen Boyce of Yorkton officiating. Interment was in the Green Acres Memorial Gardens.

MRS. PEARLE BRUBAKER, age eighty-one, a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Eureka, Illinois, died January 11. The choice corner lot on which the church building stands was donated by Mrs. Brubaker. She served as church treasurer for many years, and just last year

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participated in the church-mortgage-burning ceremonies. She is survived by a son, Richard; and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Parsons, both of Eureka. The daughter is serving as the present church organist. Funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon of January 13 in the church, which was filled to capacity.

MRS. MAUDE BROWN, age seventy-two, a resident of Holtville, California, for forty-four years, died December 28, 1962. She was an outstanding and active member of the Holtville Church of the Nazarene, and her influence upon the community will be felt for a long time. She is survived by Woodrow and Warren Brown of Holtville; Mildred Godfrey of Holtville; Betty Bonesteale of Calexico; and Carl Brown. Funeral service was held in the Holtville church with Rev. Wilfred Presson of Merced, California, and Rev. Paul Herbaugh, her pastor, officiating.

Announcements

BORN

—to Gordon L. and Alfreda (Huhnke) Hanna of El Paso, Texas, a son, Alfred Edgar, on February 4.

—to O. C. Robert and Twyla (Branson) Brook of San Antonio, Texas, a daughter, Susanna Lynne, on February 3.

—to Rev. James and Patricia (Heckert) Fischmann of Jackman, Maine, a son, Michael James, on January 25.

—to Jack and Pauline (Lee) Buchanan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a son, John Charles, on January 23.

—to Earl and Ruth (Skitt) Sutherland of San Jose, California, a son, Ricky Wayne, on January 20.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian brother in Ohio "that I may be sanctified wholly, and be a more influential soul winner in my ministry";

—by a ministerial student at a Nazarene college that God will heal him of varicose veins so he may be able to go on with his studies and work;

—by a reader in Nebraska for a mother left with four children, that God will draw her heart to deeper devotion that she may rear her family for Christ;

—by a reader in Missouri that she may be sanctified—"I want that more than anything"; for a matter concerning the family; and that a "dear one" may be saved—she is anxious only that God's will may be done.

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Elizabeth Howard Elliot Honored

WHEATON, ILL. (EP)—Elizabeth Howard Elliot, author and missionary, and a 1948 graduate of Wheaton College here, will be honored at the fiftieth anniversary of Pi Kappa Delta, honorary fraternal organization for intercollegiate, debaters, orators, and instructors teaching debate and forensic speaking. Mrs. Elliot is well known for her work with the Auca Indians in Ecuador. Her husband, Jim Elliot, was one of the five missionaries martyred in their first contact with the tribe.

Mrs. Elliot was nominated for the honor by Dr. Clarence Nystrom, chairman of the department of speech at Wheaton College. She was selected with 49 members from among the 35,000-member organization by the National Council. The 50 members selected were those who received the highest cumulative ratings and will be awarded Distinguished Alumni awards at the 1963 National Convention of Pi Kappa Delta. The group convenes on the campus of Southern Illinois University March 19-23.

Dr. David Hubbard Named President of Fuller Seminary

PASADENA, CALIF. (EP)—Dr. David Hubbard has been named as the new president of Fuller Theological Seminary here, effective September, 1963.

C. Davis Weyerhaeuser, chairman of the board of trustees, joined with the seminary's cofounders, Charles E. Fuller and Harold J. Ockenga, in announcing the appointment.

Currently chairman of the division of Bible studies and philosophy at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, Dr. Hubbard is a graduate of Fuller's class of '52 and an ordained Baptist minister. In addition to his administrative responsibilities, he will serve as professor in the seminary's department of Old Testament and will offer a limited number of courses each year.

Re-elect Senate, House Chaplains

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—The Eighty-eighth Congress opened its session by re-electing—to no one's surprise—the same chaplains who served the House and the Senate in the Eighty-seventh Congress.

The House unanimously re-elected Dr. Bernard Braskamp, retired pastor of Gunton Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church, who has served as its chaplain since 1950. The Senate re-elected Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, retired pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, who has been chaplain since 1942, with the exception of the 1947-49 period.

the **A**nswer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Can Proverbs 22:6 be stated dogmatically? If so, how do you reconcile it with the illustration in the Bible School Journal for last November 25?

Proverbs 22:6 reads: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The illustration referred to, very beautifully written by Dr. Fletcher Galloway, is as follows:

"Early in the sixteenth century, two brothers were born in Noyon, Picardy. One was named John and the other was named Charles, like the two famous Wesley brothers who were born two hundred years later. John Calvin was studious, serious-minded, and reverent. He was first trained for the legal profession but soon turned to writing. In 1532 he experienced his 'sudden conversion,' and four years later, at the age of twenty-seven, wrote *The Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

"The other brother, Charles, lived a life as worthless and infamous as his brother's was noble and glorious. He was profligate and dissipated. What made the difference in these two boys? They both had the same parents, the same early environment, the same influences, and attended the same school and the same church. There is only one explanation. John Calvin gave his

heart to Jesus Christ."

I have two observations. First, while John and Charles Calvin were undoubtedly different in temperament and personality, there is little in their early home life to account for John's conversion, which occurred, as I recall, after he became a Protestant. It is not at all uncommon for brothers to differ greatly in their seriousness and purpose. Jacob and Esau, who were twins, are examples of this. But it was his conversion to Christ in a personal experience which made John Calvin a leader in the Church of his day, not the training he received at home.

Second, Proverbs 22:6 means exactly what it says in regard to the basic training a child receives at home during his formative years. We cannot stress the importance of good early home training too much. However, we must remember that no child becomes a Christian and experiences the grace of God simply by nurture and education. Each must receive the Saviour for himself. And in matters of final salvation, Christ makes all the difference.

Recently the question came up about always saying in our prayers, "Thy will be done." Would not this take away the prayer of importunity? Jesus tells us in Luke 11:8 of a man who went to his neighbor and kept asking until he got the bread. Then He goes on in the ninth verse, and says, "Ask, and it shall be given you."

Certainly no child of God would ask for that which he knows to be contrary to God's will. In that sense, whether stated or not, all Christian prayer is within the framework of the will of God and in harmony with the petition, "Thy will be done."

I do not think this should discourage the prayer of importunity, for the parable you refer to very plainly teaches

the need for persistent prayer. However hard it may be for us to understand, the facts are that God does for us if and when we prevail in prayer what He does not do if and when we do not pray. But I cannot believe that prayer is a device to override the will of God and obtain answers which are contrary to that will.

Is a minister ever justified in making a pledge for money that he does not intend to pay? I know we cannot know the motives of other people, so let me ask another question. What releases a person from the obligation of a pledge that he has made?

My answer to your first question is, *Never*. I do not think any person, minister or layman, Christian or sinner, is ever justified in making a pledge or a promise he does not intend to pay or keep.

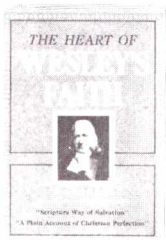
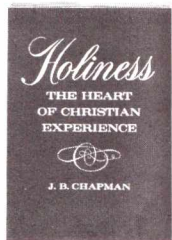
As to the second question: It would seem to me that only circumstances quite beyond the control of the individual would release an obligation to keep a

promise or pay a pledge. In each case I would feel that I owed the other party an explanation. In the case of a pledge I could not pay, I would make that explanation to the treasurer, the secretary of the particular fund (building fund, for example), the pastor—whichever was responsible for receiving the money.

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