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## Dwarfed Souls

General Superintendent Benner

**A** DWARFED body is tragic, but less pitiable in the sight of God than a dwarfed soul. There are many Christians who would be greatly exercised concerning an undeveloped body, who seem to be content to go through life with souls that are immature and stunted.

Many people are looking for some kind of miraculous experience that will give them maturity in an instant, but God was too wise to make any such provision in divine grace. Someone has said that there was one miracle which Jesus Christ never performed: instantaneous maturity of character. "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," is Peter's exhortation to the early Christians. "That we henceforth be no more children, . . . but . . . may grow up," is Paul's burden in his letter to the Ephesians.

It seems difficult for people to realize that development in the Christian life is not automatic. Just as there are conditions to be met for

physical growth, so there are conditions to be met if we expect to experience spiritual growth, principal among which are nourishment and activity. To these a Christian must give himself if he is to become mature.

Too many churches have become "spiritual nurseries." Too many pastors are compelled to spend too much time meeting problems raised by "childish Christians." God's plan for the Church is that it shall be "as an army with banners." So while we may need a "spiritual kindergarten" for those new in the way, and may at times need a "spiritual hospital ward" for those who have been worsted in the struggle, the great body of our Nazarene people should be strong, mature, stalwart, full-statured "soldiers of the Cross."

The challenge of this age cannot be met by dwarfed, stunted, childish souls. Therefore, let us give ourselves to meeting the conditions and to paying the price for spiritual strength and maturity.

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

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## TELEGRAM

Ashland, Kentucky—First Church, amid a spirit of great blessing, gave Lawrence B. Hicks, pastor, unanimous recall for another three years; 178 ballots cast, 178 yes. First Church is in the greatest year of its history. \$4,645.00 given in Thanksgiving Offering. New auxiliary parsonage purchased for the youth director; church school annex air-conditioned; 21 new members added first six months of assembly year. Sunday school running nearly one hundred over last year with average thus far of 456. Every service graced with capacity crowds. Appreciation for Brother and Sister Hicks shown by the congregation by the gift of a new car. Ashland First Church co-operating in district program in a gracious way.—D. S. SOMERVILLE, *Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.*

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Word has been received that "early on Monday morning [December 27], Mrs. Bracken, wife of Dr. A. K. Bracken, of Nashville, Tennessee, died at Bethany, Oklahoma, where she and Dr. Bracken were visiting relatives over the holidays. She attended church on Sunday night and seemed to be in usual health. About 2:30 a.m. Dr. Bracken noticed her breathing abnormally; before he could get aid she was gone."

Mr. Hamlin, for forty-five years a strong layman in the Church of the Nazarene, and father of Dr. Howard H. Hamlin, died on Sunday, December 26. Funeral service was held at First Church of the Nazarene, Chicago, Illinois, on December 29.

Rev. Ben Lemaster has resigned as pastor of the church in Redwood Falls, Minnesota, to accept a call to pastor the church in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rev. H. T. Roddy, retired Nazarene elder of North Carolina District, recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. He is bedfast with high blood pressure and heart trouble. He would appreciate cards of cheer from his friends. His address is 3524 Robinson Circle, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Myers, of 635 King Street, Chadron, Nebraska, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 4. He is a veteran pastor in that area, having pastored for all his ministerial life on the Nebraska District; is now pastor of the church at Chadron. They had open house in their home on

Saturday, December 4. They have two sons, and a daughter, Mrs. McQuay, whose husband is superintendent of the Rocky Mountain District.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. White of 13850 Southwest Farmington Road, Beaverton, Oregon, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with open house on Sunday, January 2, three to five o'clock. They joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1910. They write, "We are both sanctified and love the Lord better all the time; He has been and is so precious to us."

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Elliott will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with open house for their many friends on Sunday, January 23, at their home, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. They have seven children living and one dead: Mrs. Bernice Turner of Decherd, Tennessee; Mrs. Frank Custer of Orlando, Florida; Mrs. Claude Sanders and Mrs. A. H. Tipps, both of Chattanooga; Mrs. Hugh M. Read of Oak Ridge, J. L. of Winchester, and W. D. of Cowan, Tennessee; and Curtis, deceased. Brother Elliott was ordained as a Nazarene elder in 1928 and has pastored five different Nazarene churches on the Tennessee and East Tennessee districts. He has been instrumental in the organization of four of these churches, and is still active as pastor of the Roark Cove Church of the Nazarene. Their address is Cowan, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Locke, Sr., of 3624 Francis Avenue, Seattle 3, Washington, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 21. They were married December 21, 1904, in Auburn, Maine. Thirteen children were born to this union, eight of whom are living; there are also twenty-seven grandchildren, and nine

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great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Locke moved to Alberta, Canada, in 1917, and were converted in the Church of the Nazarene in Craigmile, Alberta, in 1921. They now hold membership in the Crown Hill Church of the Nazarene in Seattle; Rev. Philip S. Ewy is pastor.

## Our Secret Weapon

By Edna Grace Morrison\*

HAVE you been called to work on the most powerful spiritual weapon at our disposal, *prayer*? Do you have to admit that you often forget to report for duty or many times are only halfhearted in your attempt?

Christians seem agreed that there could be great power released through prayer, yet is any phase of spiritual activity more neglected? Must this not be a great source of assurance to our enemies?

Let's compare our praying to working in an atomic plant. If a trusted employee in the plant of our secret weapons, would you take your work lightly, hit-or-miss on attendance on the job, frequently leaving early, going to sleep while on duty, too tired to see an assignment through, oftentimes positively indifferent?

Every day there are calls to prayer. By radio and press the great needs are tragically presented. Yet we can say a little halfhearted prayer about it all and say we have done our share. Honestly, if we worked on the defenses of our nation in the same spirit as we pray, how safe would our country be?

Christians, is this a sham battle, a mere game, or a battle? If it's a real war in which we are engaged, if our enemy is out to get us, we had better get to work on this great weapon which God has given us. If we don't pray, who is going to do our share for us? And how do I dare call myself a Christian if I am indifferent to the calling with which God has entrusted me?

Shall we get out our Bibles and learn all it has to say about this great work? Let us read all we can that men of God have written about the power of prayer. Best of all, let us *get to work and pray.*

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*And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul (Ps. 106:15).*

Persistent praying for a thing God does not will we should have may finally be granted, but at great loss.—EARLE F. WILDE.

# Our Visit to New Guinea

## General Superintendent Powers

WE HAVE just returned from a week's trip to New Guinea accompanied by Australian District Superintendent Berg. We flew into Port Moresby and from there into Lae, which is on the northern coast. We flew from Lae to Goroka and chartered a small plane of uncertain vintage and pedigree. We then flew into the recently discovered highlands in the vicinity of the much publicized "Mystery Valley," stopping at three points, Mt. Hagen, Minj, and Bans, and saw at first hand some of the newly found multitudes never included in a world census. The above points are not towns, but simply government outposts with a sod airstrip.

We spent days in consultation with government officials gathering valuable information. These men were most helpful and kind and indicated they stood ready to render every possible assistance to the Church of the Nazarene in launching its missionary enterprise.

What we saw is beyond description and certainly can be only hinted at in this short article. It is a beautiful country, with wide, fertile valleys, broad rivers, rugged mountains, breath-taking waterfalls, and in many sections a most pleasant climate. We saw strange, Stone-Age people, who until very recently had never seen a white man. We saw a little heathen mother with her body covered with mud, the sign of her hopeless mourning for her departed loved one. We were told of other, yet-unvisited valleys in the fastnesses of rugged mountains, and of many strange, weird customs where cannibalism is practiced and the natives eat their dead. One anthropologist who has been studying the native people said: "The tormenting question of the dying native is, 'Where will I be after death?' His information about the other world is not sufficient to comfort him."

Upon seeing the wonderful attitude of the government officials, recalling the soul-thrilling response of our people in the New Guinea offering, and being reminded of the prayers of God's people for this project, and then being privileged to see with my own eyes the desperate spiritual plight of the native, I cried to God in behalf of this whole enterprise. He encouraged my heart with a verse of scripture from the Psalms: "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen."

As the Church of the Nazarene moves toward New Guinea, let us pray that God will guide in every step and that the results of this new missionary enterprise shall be a great harvest of souls.

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He [God] knows our needs today, and what our needs shall be tomorrow. If I will take care of His needs today, He has promised to supply my needs tomorrow.—PONDER W. GILLILAND.

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*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth (Ps. 121:1-2).*

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## CERTIFIED SEED

By J. W. Swarengen\*

A VERY few years ago the farmer selected from his own crop the seed to be planted the next season. The harvest was often disappointing since the growing grain could not withstand extended dry spells, insects, blights, or severe storms. Then "certified" seeds became available, that is, seeds which were carefully selected from test plots and became known as "hybrid" varieties.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps. 126:6). Those who go forth in the Crusade for Souls Now plan of the church may go with the assurance of a harvest, for they take "precious seed" which is truly "certified." It has withstood ever-pressing opposition, days of spiritual darkness, days of trouble and stress of all kinds, yet it has been able to give a good account of itself. "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31). "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11). This "certified" seed of the gospel has made the greatest impact in the midst of adversities.

Harmon Schmelzenbach planted it in Africa, Roger Winans in Peru, P. L. Beals in India, Lyle Prescott in Cuba. A faithful Sunday-school teacher planted some "certified" seed among some boys and girls of the old home church and I sought and found the Lord at the age of nine. While pastoring in a small city, I planted some seed in a barbershop, only to learn a few years later the barber was converted as a result of the testimony. Many times I have planted the seed in hospital rooms where it took root and brought forth a good harvest. A man testified recently about a fine Christian's sowing some seed in his heart and mind one day while they worked side by side in a defense plant. It brought the back-slidden man back to the Lord. He is now one of the best song evangelists in our church.

Plant the "certified" seed in the school, factory, store, train, plane—yea, "sow beside all waters." Don't wait until all conditions are "just right." Sow it, for it is "certified" seed. It will germinate, come forth, develop, and mature so that you will come at the last great day with rejoicing, bringing your sheaves with you.

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# Finding Grace in His Sight

By A. H. Eggleston\*

**M**OSSES had but recently returned to the camp of Israel from the top of Mount Sinai, where for forty days he had been closeted alone with Jehovah God. He had received at His hand the law written with the finger of God on tables of stone. In the interim, the children of Israel had slipped back into idolatry through the weak and compromising leadership of Aaron, Moses' brother, and began worshipping a golden calf. In hot anger Moses cast the two stone tables of the law to the ground, breaking them both. The golden calf he had ground to powder and burned in the fire.

He had offered a deeply sincere prayer of confession and intercession to Jehovah God for this great sin of the people, and had received the divine answer to his prayer: "Therefore now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine Angel shall go before thee" (Exod. 32:34). In Exodus 33, verses 12 to 17, we are allowed to see behind the veil as Moses communed with his Lord, and to catch something of the urgency of the question lying uppermost in his heart and his expectancy of a satisfactory answer thereto: "For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?" (verse 16.)

In this mid-century Crusade for Souls Now, as ministers of God's Word, we cannot do better than to lay bare our own hearts, and cry mightily and in all sincerity to God: "For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?" (Exod. 33:16.) We believe that in the aforementioned verses there are four ways clearly outlined by which we may know we have found this necessary grace.

*"For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?"*

First, it may be known to us personally by *the witness of the Spirit* (Exod. 33:12). "Yet thou hast said, *I know thee by name*, and thou hast also found grace in my sight." That peculiar, inwrought witnessing of God's Spirit with our spirit whereby the divine knowledge is imparted to our innermost heart that we are now His and He is ours—clear and unmistakable and witnessing to three worlds! "He that believeth on the Son of God *hath the witness in himself*" (I John 5:10).

*"For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?"*

Again, it may be known to us personally because *God is with us*. "Is it not in that *thou goest with us?*" (Exod. 33:16.) Hear the promise of the Lord as He speaks through the inspired prophet Isaiah. "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. . . . I will be with thee" (Isa. 43:1-2). And again, in

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verse five, "Fear not: for I am with thee." And in Matt. 28:20, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Here are only a few of the many promises He has given us of His continual presence with us.

*"For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?"*

Furthermore, it may be known to us personally because *we are separate from the world*. "So shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth" (Exod. 33:16). "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing: and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:14-18). "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (I John 2:15).

*"For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight?"*

Finally, we may know that we have found grace in His sight because *we have received His promised rest*. "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest" (Exod. 33:14). "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb. 4:9), the inspired writer to the Hebrews tells us; while verse three of the same chapter says: "For we which have believed do enter into rest." Yes, there is a promised rest for the soul, subsequent to conversion, that is received by faith through the atonement of Jesus Christ (Acts 26:18).

Let us look well to the stakes that we have driven back yonder, and see to it that the altars we erected are still up and in good condition with not a stone missing from them, and the altar fires burning brightly with the all-atoning Blood covering all.

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# "I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord for Ever"

(First article in a series of three on the twenty-third psalm)

By Melza H. Brown\*

I WOULD like to direct our attention to a few thoughts about dwelling in the house of the Lord, the home of the soul.

I know this will be a *wonderful house*, for Jesus, the Carpenter of Nazareth, has been about two thousand years now in preparation of the house. We read in John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

This same Christ who in the beginning made everything, I am certain, has been able to make a very wonderful house of the Lord for His disciples to live in with Him.

Sometimes homes are built here that are never lived in. I read a story of a very beautiful and large house that was beautifully furnished but never lived in. The house was closed and the curtains drawn, the yard neglected and unkept. What had happened? According to the story, a young man had built this beautiful house to be a home for his bride; but on the eve of their marriage the bride had been brutally murdered by a rival lover. The young man was so disappointed and saddened by his loss that he never wanted to enter the house and had it closed and left it to be destroyed by the elements. But not so with the house of the Lord. It shall be occupied, for Jesus said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:3). You may not believe in His coming again; the folks who intend to live in that house of the Lord *do believe He will come again*.

I like the *certainty* with which the Psalmist spoke when he said, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Some people rather object to certainty about anything religious. They want certainty about material possession with certified accounts and insured titles, but they seem to be satisfied with a *hope-so* or *think-so* experience of grace, or a very vague relationship to God and little knowledge about their future, with no guarantee of a home for the soul.

But perhaps someone asks, "How can we know that we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever?" This certainty comes out of the relationship of the soul to the Saviour. The Psalmist began this declaration of his faith, or this testimony of his, with the words, "The Lord is my shepherd." All that follows in the psalm comes out of that relationship.

The Lord is the Good Shepherd, that giveth His life for the sheep. The only requirement for spiritual certainty is to be rightly related to Christ. If you have become one of His sheep and have accepted Him as your Shepherd, then you shall not want, and you have assurance. You can then say as David said, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Then, I like the *permanence* of this house of the Lord. All our houses here weather and crumble and fall apart. The roof becomes leaky, the walls crack, the foundation settles, the paint peels off, and eventually the old house has to be torn down. But not so with the house of the Lord. Away back in Abraham's day he was looking for that house "which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." When God makes anything it has permanence. Rest assured that God's house will stand through the ages and you can say without fear, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Then of course, we can never tell just how long we will dwell in a house here, even though the house is built very strong and enduring. For though the house may endure, we are here but for a short time; and our sojourn is very limited. One's address in this world may change or the Lord may call for him.

But we shall have a permanent address in the house of the Lord. For there we shall never have sickness nor die. We shall live forever. Jesus said, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47).

Now you can't live in a house forever without everlasting life. So, my friend, if you are going to be able to say with the assurance of the Psalmist, "I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever," you must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Have you believed? Do you know that the Lord is your Shepherd?

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." There is one for you, my friend, and you can live there with Him forever. Settle it in your heart right now that you are not going to permit men or devils to keep you from sharing in the provision made by Christ for your soul. Say, "I do believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

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Oh, help us, Lord, when we are called upon, not to seek leadership for reward, but never to side-step responsibility of leadership, especially in small things and unnoticed ways.—H. M. VON STEIN.

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# I Thank God for Home Missions!

By Mrs. Ray A. Kellom\*

**Y**ES, I *am* thinking and have decided to jot down those thoughts.

I often think of what the Church of the Nazarene means to me, and this particular morning I'm thinking especially of the home-mission angle.

What would have happened to those two teenagers (my husband and me) in that North Idaho logging town, hungry for God but not knowing the way of salvation, had not the Church of the Nazarene moved in? Yes, probably they would have remained there—in sin, no vision, few friends, and not much to live for.

Since the Church of the Nazarene did move in, what happened? On a winter night, January 28, 1934, two teen-agers knelt at a weather-beaten park bench in the front of an old store building and found God! April 4, 1934, united in marriage; September, 1936, pastoring a home-mission church. Rugged? Yes, but they can make it. God and the Church of the Nazarene are at their side and they must give the gospel in the same measure as they have received. November, 1950, into a town where there is no Church of the Nazarene—fifth pastorate—still endeavoring to give in the same measure as we have received. August, 1954, a world-wide vision, hundreds of friends all over the world, everything to live for, a church of 88 members, Sunday-school average of 170; but, oh! what about that colored boy standing to his feet to testify of the saving, sanctifying power of Jesus Christ?

Listen. "What I am now is all because of God and I wouldn't have found God had not the Church of the Nazarene come to town." A junior in high school last year, he was class president of 150 students. At the last district N.Y.P.S. convention he was elected teen-age council member. Never could I forget that splendid young couple standing there singing, "How can I help but love Him, when He loved me so?" Four months ago they were spending their time drinking, smoking, etc. Now they are at every service with glowing testimonies. Oh, yes, the other colored boy, fourteen years of age, was voted "Mr. Northwest Nazarene" by the teen-agers of the Northwest District; our own sixteen-year-old daughter was voted "Miss Northwest Nazarene" by the same group of teen-agers; and but for the Church of the Nazarene she might never have been in a Christian home.

A letter from a Northwest Nazarene College faculty member a few days ago said this about our eighteen-year-old daughter, "She has grown into a fine Christian girl." What if we had never known of N.N.C.? Our seven-year-old daughter has been saved and joined the church.

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of . . ."

As I am thinking I can but say, Thank God for the Church of the Nazarene and home missions!

# EAR OF GOD

By Maggie Culver Fry

*"And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well  
Of water." Life for her child!  
God heard his cry, a thin whisper, dying—  
Ishmael—there in the wild.*

*And God opened my eyes and I saw a well  
Of water, springing to life.  
My faith too was a thin whisper, dying.  
He heard, through the din and strife.*

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## Why We MUST Have Revivals

By Mike Courtney\*

**S**OMETIMES we are asked the question, "Why must we have revivals?"

Though this question may not be uttered, yet by the spirit we sometimes manifest on entering into a revival campaign it is apparently on our minds. When we enter into a campaign without having prayed much or asked God for His divine assistance, we ask this question. But there are some very definite reasons why we need and must have revivals.

First, *we must have revivals in order to keep awake.* In too many instances there is more partying than there is praying, more feasting than there is fasting, more laughing than there is weeping, and more hours of fellowship than hours of visitation. Why? Because as a whole the church is asleep. Revivals of the Holy Ghost and fire will keep us awake and moving forward for God.

Again, *we must have revivals for us to see the lost.* There are millions the world over who have never heard the name of Christ. There are millions right here at home who never darken a church door. There are, no doubt, those within walking distances of Nazarene churches who are not saved. If a revival does anything, it ought to cause us to see men and women lost in a world of night.

Also, *we must have revivals to cause us to see the awfulness of sin.* We are in grave danger when we fail to see that sin is just as terrible and deadly as it ever has been. The wages of sin is still death. The effects of sin still blight and mar the soul. When we see the poison of sin we will begin to do something about it, rather than simply be content in our own way.

We also need revivals *to sharpen our sense of Christ's saving power.* When we see the lost and the awfulness of sin, then we may see the Christ, who can save from the uttermost to the uttermost. Sometimes we have heard of one who is "gospel hardened" and cannot be reached. Then is when we need to see anew and afresh the "Lamb of

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God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Then we need to see the One who said, "If I be lifted up from the earth, [I] will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Finally, *we must have revivals in order to stay alive*. In his book, *The Rise of the Church of the Nazarene*, Professor M. E. Redford states concerning some of the services of First Church in Los Angeles in 1895, "The constant and sweeping revival accompanied by conversion and sanctification of souls attracted many visitors, some from curiosity, others for worship." First Church grew rapidly because of those revival fires.

From the beginning of our church down through the forty-six years of our history, it has been revivals which have kept us on fire for God; and it ever shall be. If we stay alive as a vital force for God and holiness we must have revivals.

*Lord, send us revivals!*

## The Bruised Reed

By John T. Donnelly\*

**T**HE SCRIPTURES speak of some people under the figure of bruised reeds (Isa. 42:3). What is the significance of the figure? Think of it as a broken musical reed. The shepherd boy cut a reed and turned it into a flute; and sweet harmony was the reed music that mingled with the sound of the breeze on the uplands of the hills, and with the murmur of the whispering trees. But if the reed were bruised and broken, if some beast had stepped upon it with heavy, heedless foot, and it lay there splintered and riven, how worthless the instrument! What shall the shepherd boy do with the reed that has lost its power to make a musical note? He will likely snap it and fling it away. He will break the bruised reed.

There are men and women who are just like these broken natural flutes. They have lost the simple music of a good and tender life. When their souls are breathed upon by the breath of God, they are like a splintered reed, and they give no joyful response. The breath wakes no bird note of faith or hope or love. When their souls are breathed upon by the breath of human fellowship, they are like a bruised reed, and there is no fraternal answer. They have lost their humanness, their rich, full sympathy with God and with man.

How do these human beings become broken reeds? There are many, many ways in which the fracture may be made. The reed may be broken by the brutal tread of personal sin. A beast going down to the river to slake his thirst may crush a reed into the mire, and an appetite going out to drink may destroy the music of the soul. But the reed can also be broken by the heavy burden of grief and sorrow. We speak of a broken heart, a heart in which the singing spirit is bruised and

broken and silent. And too, the reed can be destroyed by the nipping pressure of anxiety and care. The frost can crack a lute, and freezing care can chill "the genial currents of the soul," and break its music. "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?" in a cold climate, where the soul-instrument becomes mute and silent? In these ways and in many others the fragile reeds of life can be bruised, and "the daughters of music are brought low."

*What can we do with bruised and broken lives, reeds that give no music? But I will ask still a larger question. What will the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, do with these "bruised reeds"?* Of one thing we may be most sure, He will not finish their destruction. He will not discard and abandon them. He will not fling them away. For the Word of God promises: "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth" (Isa. 42:3). Christ, the Redeemer, will restore the bruised reed. He is the Physician of broken hearts, broken lives, broken reeds, going about to restore the lost power of music and of song.

The Great Shepherd can mend the broken lutes. He can restore unto us the joy of His salvation. The life can be made whole and melodious with the love song of faith and hope sounding again through the mended reed. "He hath put a new song in my mouth." Thus the lost chord is recovered. Thus our gracious Lord can deal with bruised reeds when they have been riven by sorrow or care or sin. "I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick" (Ezek. 34:16), is the promise of our God. Amen!

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## A LOUD CALL

By Norman C. Schlichter

*God, who loves us, calls us loud  
To bear His banner in the crowd,  
As in and out through life we go,  
Each bent on what he best doth know.*

*God calls us loud! He shows the way  
To glorify each gracious day;  
To write the page of life so fair  
That peace will bless us everywhere.*

*God calls us loud! He pities all  
Who fail His message and His call,  
And turn to other gods in vain,  
To reap but stores of empty gain.*

*God calls us all. No mortal ear  
But this sure call can clearly hear;  
The call to think, to plan, to be  
All God expects of you and me.*

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## SENSITIZED SAINTS

By Ben Lemaster\*

**S**ENSITIZED saints are those that have been conditioned by a spiritual process. They have been saved and sanctified wholly, and thus their personalities have become so sensitive to the voice of God's Spirit that they can readily be classed as saints.

I worked in the sensitizing room of a factory in which we prepared photographic paper to respond to light. This was done by subjecting the paper to a series of chemical solutions. Before the paper went through this process it was not sensitive to light. But afterward we could place a design on it, flash a light, and the design would be transferred to the sensitized paper.

We become sensitized saints after we have been through the sensitizing process of full salvation. This process prepares us to receive into our consciousness God's design for our lives. He places that design in our hearts and then begins to flash the light from heaven, This is the will of God, walk ye in it.

Sensitized saints are beautiful designs of God's master craftsmanship.

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*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever (Ps. 111:10).*

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## Supply and Demand

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).*

**O**N THE markets of life there is often an unbalanced condition between supply and demand, but this need not be so in the spiritual realm. Fundamentally, man's greatest need is God. Paul says: "My God," the One I serve, "shall supply all your need," including not only temporal things, but also spiritual blessings, limited only by the immeasurable grace and riches in glory. The secret of inner peace and soul tranquillity, contentment, and joy is found in Christ.

We should not be disturbed by outward apprehensions nor shaken by fears. We too often tie ourselves to outward possessions, as Alpine travelers to their guides, and so, when they slip on the icy slopes, their fall is our death. He who desires fleeting joys is sure to be restless,

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disappointed, and cheated, for appetite increases with indulgence; and as it increases, satisfaction decreases. The food remains the same, but its power to appease hunger diminishes. Possession brings indifference. The dose that lulls into delicious dreams today must be doubled tomorrow. It nauseates the stomach rather than pleases the appetite. It is only when the mists lift that we see the mountains of God. Living for time and earthly possessions is like listening to a tale told by an idiot. It is full of sound and fury but signifies nothing. How monotonous, trivial, and transient it all is! It is a picture without a sky, a mirage without reality, a well without water.

God will supply all our temporal needs if we trust and obey. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). God did it for Solomon on his throne, Elijah at the brook, and the widow of Zarephath. He still answers prayer when we call upon His name. Furthermore, through grace all our spiritual necessities can be abundantly met. "Come and dine," the Master calleth, "come and dine." "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

First of all we need the *regenerating grace of God*. "Ye must be born again" (from above). Without the "above," heavenly, supernatural, spiritual birth of the Holy Spirit, we hunger on in sin and darkness with gnawing pains and unsatisfied needs. We famish and we perish. Morality, external religion, good works, church ordinances, and such like are poor substitutes for the kingdom of God, which is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost (Rom. 14:17). The need is for a real heart experience and the peace that Jesus gives.

It must also be borne in mind that after conversion there is the great need of *heart cleansing*, or *entire sanctification*, which is effected by the Holy Spirit. "Let us go on unto perfection." The Christian believer discovers ere long a fundamental spiritual lack, though the regenerating grace be real. The Corinthians were "yet carnal," and were "babes in Christ," walking more like men than sons of God.

Painting the pump handle will not cleanse the well. Some of the symptoms of remaining carnality are stinginess, secret willfulness, secret dislike of holiness, bad temper, lack of faith, doubts and fears, failure to touch power in prayer, envy, jealousy, feeling of revenge, refusing to rise on a test, readiness to argue against holiness, afraid of professing too much, not going to the altar, criticism of others, censoriousness, an unforgiving spirit when abused or misunderstood, place-seeking, unholy ambition, pride, and other unclean birds in the cage. A severe windstorm blew down a majestic, nice-appearing, large, and healthy-looking maple tree, but it was soon discovered that it had a bad heart. The prostrate tree was black and unsound within. Just as this tree needed a good heart, so do you, and without it your spiritual need is not supplied.

# Dispel Those Shadows

By Katherine Bevis\*

SOMEONE has said: "Worry gives little things big shadows." One great reward gained by that person who learns to put his trust in God is the realization that this is no abstract study, but a day-by-day, hour-by-hour manner of living.

Yet how often is one made to fret about something, some problem that seems to bring a big shadow into his life! We are made to think of the story Rev. Charles Spurgeon, that great man of God, once told. It was a story he was very fond of telling, for he said it was the only time he could ever remember that he had been made to laugh while at the task of such serious business as the preparation of a sermon.

He was going to preach about Joseph; he had drawn a mental picture of the colossal stores of corn in Egypt, every granary bursting with abundance. There was a supply for seven years. And there in the midst of this vast conception, he saw a little mouse in one corner of the granary worrying itself to skin and bone in fear that there wasn't enough to live on!

We may not indulge in the fear of the mouse, but sometimes we feel that the job of living is just too big for our spiritual and physical strength. We start in worrying over some little something; and, before we know it, there is a big shadow hanging over us driving out God's sunlight. What we need to do to dispel the shadows caused by worry and doubt is to go bravely forward in the full knowledge that the granary of God's grace is amply sufficient for all our needs.

No matter how bad you feel about the problems that confront you, don't give up—you're not beaten. You've been looking at the millions of little snarls instead of taking them one at a time. No one is a master unraveler, no matter how clever he may be; but God is! Remember this—you're not beaten as long as you can keep faith in yourself and in God.

Years ago a party of travelers, ascending the icy slopes of the Matterhorn, found themselves suddenly imperiled by a great gust of wind, as they rounded a shoulder of the mountain. Their guide quickly shouted back, "Get down on your knees! You're safe when you're on your knees!" His was the voice of experience, for he had traveled those steep and slippery mountain paths during many a year. He knew the way to safety, the only way.

That is like life. Storms sweep down upon us unexpectedly, and threaten us with spiritual disaster. Temptation, fears, defeat crowd in upon us. The problems of life overwhelm us, and it is at this time that our Guide calls out to us, "Get down on your knees!" Yes, more than two thousand years ago, He made the highway for us,

and the centuries have proved that if we travel life's pathway on our knees we shall not allow worry to give the little things big shadows.

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## PRAYER

(Luke 10: 42)

By Jean Leathers Phillips

*In the things that are needful,  
Lord, let me always share  
Thy precious blood, Thy chastening rod,  
Thy interceding prayer,  
Thy presence, ever, Christ of God,  
Thy gracious guiding care.*

*In the things unimportant,  
Lord, help me lightly hold  
The earthly things and perishing,  
Though bearing glint of gold.  
A little here, a haven there  
In His eternal fold!*

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There are tasks that—

## Provide Good Praying Time

By Ila R. Monday\*

How many of us say in the course of a month, "I don't have as much time to pray as I'd like," "I missed my morning prayer because I didn't wake in time," or, "I feel I could do more, if I just had the time to get down and pray more"?

It isn't always easy to find as much time as we like to "get down" and pray—though these are the times we like best, of course. But there are many "good praying times" that can be found throughout our workday, if we just stop to examine what tasks are being done almost automatically with our hands. At those times our hearts may be profiting in prayer.

What a gracious time I had this morning peeling pears for canning! Now, I certainly do not like to peel pears; but it was amazing how fast they got done when I started talking to the Lord. Just the other day it was wonderful scrubbing woodwork. Not because I like to do it, but because I was in prayer when I was doing it!

Ironing is a quiet manual occupation that invites a good prayer time. How many glad and beseeching tears have been dropped on the week's ironing at our house! How wondrously I felt the presence of the Lord; how graciously He helped me! Sometimes I may prepare a meal, talking to the Lord, or even pray as the washer runs. He does not despise these menial tasks; thank God, He is no respecter of persons!

In offices, where there is much mental work to be done, it may seem to be more of a problem to find long "praying times"; but how often a short one may be breathed, that the right thing

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may be said or done! During a lunch period there may be time. And riding to and from work on a streetcar or bus, what glorious times may be had "alone" with Him!

And somehow, through God's glad way, more time to "kneel and pray" does seem to be found when we begin to recognize and utilize each task that may be done mechanically, and reach out eagerly in that moment to find a soul-enriching "praying time."

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*For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father (II Chron. 34:3).*

The useful and victorious life of Josiah is proof sufficient that it is sensible to seek God in the early years of life.—EARLE F. WILDE.

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## Trial by Failure

By Ivan A. Beals\*

**F**AILED is one of the most undesirable words a person can mention, and it is a destructive subject of thought, for it breeds discouragement and uncertainty. Failure is a term used when an individual does not meet requirements or fulfill expectations. Everyone desires some measure of success in life; nobody enjoys failure. Conscientious students dread to see a mark of failure on tests or report cards; writers are disturbed by the mere thought of rejection notices; the scientist constantly hopes that his new development will react as predicted; the skilled worker continuously checks and rechecks his project, lest he make a disastrous mistake; applicants for work wait anxiously while the employer determines whether or not their characters and abilities are sufficient for gainful employment.

However, not everyone achieves the desired end, for few people, if any, go through life without becoming personally acquainted, in some measure, with failure. Many times one has difficulty in being accepted by people as at least an ordinary success. There have been occasions when a person has been looked upon as an absolute failure by his contemporaries, but after years, sometimes centuries, have passed by, he is recognized as having been a genius. Neither does the entire worth of many Christians stand out for the world to know, for people often view only their apparent failure, and never see the hidden success.

Then, in spite of our knowing that it is an impossibility for an individual to serve God and be a complete failure, we may still find it hard to convince ourselves that we, as obedient Christians, are of some value in the Master's vineyard. In the following course of events, discouragement easily shrouds us in such a manner that we are almost made to believe that we are useless

to God and that the failure we suffer is final. Some instances in life such as disease, poor health, loss of a loved one, financial reverses, and tests of diverse nature seem to hamper our effectiveness for Christ. The promises of God applied to such bewildering circumstances quickly scatter the confounding clouds of doubt and fear, and soon we are amazed to see that even the direst of conditions can be overcome.

A great number of people, including a host of Christians, dislike facing reality. Instead, they seemingly live in a world of make-believe where the righteous never have to suffer. But life is not like a drama, or story, in which the hero or heroine manages to accomplish his every desire, and even though many of us would like to place ourselves in the invincible role of hero, it doesn't take too much living to jar the dream castles down and reveal that even we are subject to annoying, humiliating failure. It is in such times that the individual's faith should be reaffirmed lest Satan cause him to blunder and unwisely blame God for his predicament.

Saints of every dispensation have found that the greatest glory arises when God is given the opportunity to turn their loss to gain. It is true that we are serving a God that never fails, but God's never failing does not mean that we, as Christians, will not endure temporary failure. Just because He allows us to go through some hardships and reverses does not indicate that God has failed us. His never failing does include these things: He always hears us when we pray sincerely; He always answers our prayers—either yes or no; He always provides a way of escape from the trials through which we are allowed to go.

Christianity would be as worthless as other religions and creeds if it were not for the fact that our doctrine and our experiential relationship with God are based upon the way He can change and strengthen our hearts and lives. God can help us live a victorious Christian life in spite of common difficulties that befall saint and sinner alike, plus the added pressure that is placed upon us by Satan. Each time we overcome an obstacle that confronts us, we are one step closer to our Saviour, and one experience stronger. Trials and temptations lose their sting when we realize that our apparent defeat can be so transformed that our value to the Master is enhanced. For the proof of the value of anything is found when this question is answered: *How did it stand the test?*

Think how God has used the apparent failures of a number of men and women—possible only because they trusted God and stood the test. Think of the disasters that were averted, the victories that were won, and the souls that were influenced for the Kingdom. Think of Noah and the Flood—what scorn and sarcasm he suffered, yet he trusted and survived. Think of Job and his social standing—what anguish of body and spirit tormented him, yet he trusted God and was restored. Think of Esther and the jeopardy she

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placed herself in, yet she trusted God and was given the victory. Think of Ruth and the painful decision she had to make, yet her faithfulness was rewarded. Think of Daniel and the three Hebrew children, and how they were tempted to recant to save their lives, yet they trusted Jehovah and were spared. Think of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and Joseph, her betrothed—consider the shame and reproach that was theirs, yet they trusted, and today they are called blessed. Think of the apostles and the doubts, fears, and persecution that they endured, yet they trusted the teachings of Jesus Christ, and today the Church lives on.

Now, God is still looking for those who will place their trust completely in Him, permitting their temporary failures to be used as impeccable testimonies of His grace. As the saints of old, so must the life of every Christian in this present day be refined to augment its value as the precious gold ore that is placed in the refining fire. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:7).

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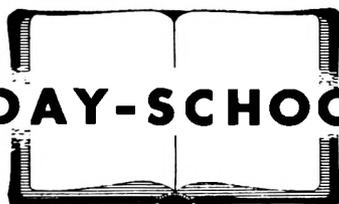


## Publishing House

OUR ANNOUNCEMENT: "We are pleased to announce that a Nazarene message is now included in the 1955 *Every Sunday Bulletin*, if you order a printed-fourth-page edition."

A PASTOR'S COMMENT (New York): "Just a line to say that we are glad that you are now using Nazarene articles on the church bulletins. We were embarrassed several times. We have been taking the bulletin now for several years, in fact ever since they were available from our Publishing House. They are more reasonable and of better stock than all the samples I have received from other companies. I think the Publishing House is continually improving."

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

### Topic for January 23: The Work of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: John 14:25-26; 16:7-15; Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12; Rom. 8:26-27; I Cor. 2:9-16; Gal. 5:22-23 (Printed: John 16:7-11; Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-12)

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

How envious, indeed, we have been at times, of the disciples of our Lord and their privilege of physical communion! What an honor to have lived with our Lord on earth—how much easier it would have been! Jermina Luke expresses this thought:

*I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,  
That His arms had been thrown around me,  
And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,  
"Let the little ones come unto Me."*

We are so inclined to depend upon the visible and the tangible. Jesus did not think too much of this viewpoint. In fact, our advantage was to

outweigh that of the disciples. He told them it was to their advantage that He should go; for then the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Protector, the Convictor, the Revealer, would come and be even more intimate and empowering. "For he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:17).

The Holy Spirit takes the gospel from the local sacred shrines and exerts himself the world over. It was the work of Christ to provide a sufficient atonement, breaking forever the power of sin, setting the sinner free and restoring him to his rightful relationship as a child of God. But Calvary is also geographical and would soon have been localized and capitalized upon by the Church. The Holy Spirit makes the work of the Cross universal to all who will receive. The power of the Church of Christ is the Holy Spirit, bringing upon the hearts of men their need of redemption, then revealing the provision for the forgiveness and cleansing.

No ecclesiastical organization dare usurp this power. God has not left His plan in the hands of man; He did not intend to! We may convert men to our thought and ways, persuade them to our ideas, but only the Holy Spirit really convicts of sin. Only through the Holy Spirit, administering through bodies that become His temple, will the world be convinced and converted.

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ remains, not a guide to whom we look back, a moral ideal to spur us on, but rather we receive Him within our lives as the eternal Contemporary. It was at Pentecost that this divine power broke in on the world, but the glorious truth is that He abides with us today, for the promise was extended to "all that are afar off,

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## The Conflict Continues!

**I**N THE HERALD OF HOLINESS for December 15 we discussed the first nine verses of Matthew 12. This was a continuation of our study of the Book of Matthew. In this article under the heading "The Conflict Continues," we consider verses ten through thirteen. There was no letup in the conflict between the Pharisees and Jesus in these verses. The Pharisees were still on the side of legalism, keeping the letter of the law regardless of the spirit. They were distressed because Jesus healed a man's withered hand on the Sabbath day. According to them, no work was to be done on the Sabbath.

In His continuing debate with the Pharisees, Jesus set forth one of the greatest principles that we have in the Bible. It is couched in these words: "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" Of course His question was a rhetorical one, the effect of which was easily perceived by all who really listened. It was to impress upon them the fact that a man is much more valuable than a sheep. Meat packers might not pay more for a man (a human body), and the same would be true of those who were seeking for wool. A sheep would be more valuable than the man, from the physical standpoint. Its flesh is edible and its wool has many uses. But the comparison must not stop here. When we come to the inner part of man, his soul and his spirit, we find that he is far superior to a sheep. He was created in the image of God, and given dominion over the rest of God's creation. This placed him on a level far above that of the sheep. And, if we analyze this image of God in man, we find that he stands above the sheep in that he can learn much more rapidly, and possesses a power of thinking which is altogether foreign to the sheep. He can see relations between things which never would appear to the sheep. Thus he possesses an inventive skill which has enabled him to judge himself by what he has achieved.

Beside these gifts, there are others which are still higher. Man has a conscience which enables him to know that there is a right and a wrong; he has a free will which makes it possible for him to choose between the right and the wrong. He has an inner personality which is immortal. Besides, even though he has fallen and gone into sin, he has the capacity, with God's help, for coming back into righteousness and holiness, and thus from the standpoint of his inner motive he can have the image of God restored in him. "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" He lives and moves on a level that the sheep can never approach.

All about us are those things which speak to us of the prowess of man. His great churches and cathedrals, towering skyscrapers, telephone and telegraph systems, means for broadcasting his voice and even his likeness around the world, libraries, colleges and universities, works of art, and many other outstanding creations of his

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genius testify to his superiority to the sheep. "How much then is a man better than a sheep?" So much better that there is really no comparison between them. Man is a person, while the sheep can never be more than an animal. Man is akin to God in that he is a person, but he is less than God in that he is not an infinite person. He is akin to God in that he can fellowship with God, but he is less than God in that God made him and has had to initiate the means whereby sinful man could be saved and commune with Him.

Jesus, in this marvelous statement with its many implications, was not trying just to laud man and to show his superiority over all other creatures. He was doing his best to bring a lesson to the legalistic Pharisees. He was trying to convince them once and for all that the spirit of the law is more important than its letter, when He said, "What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?" Even the humble sheep would not be allowed to suffer, though it was the Sabbath day. The Pharisee's pity, if he were a human being in the truest sense, would cause him to lift the sheep out of the pit. How much more then should He rescue a human being from suffering, a creature of His creation far superior to the sheep! "How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other."

Jesus refused to let any legalistic emphasis on the part of the heartless Pharisees prevent Him from coming to the rescue of the man with the withered hand. He healed him, and healed him on the Sabbath day without the least hesitation. In this He has not only once again told the world that human beings stand at the top of His creation, but also He has let you and me know that it is our obligation to do good on the Sabbath day. He has given us in this brief passage a "Declaration of Independence" from anything which has about it a semblance of legalism.

## Some People Can't Be Fair

**S**OMEONE sent me an article from a paper which was titled "Sectarian Selfishness." Here is one paragraph from the article:

"One of our readers writes that as a member of a fundamental church she was not allowed to give five dollars to her needy neighbor, even though that neighbor was a fellow member of her own church. She must needs bring all of her cash into

the church storehouse, from which her five dollars might or might not go to her neighbor."

What a distortion of the facts! I know of no religious body which requires that a person bring all of his cash into the church storehouse. If that were the case he wouldn't have anything left to live on. Some do teach that the tithes should be brought into the storehouse, and that is the right kind of doctrine. But let me say again, we do not forbid our people to give some of the nine-tenths to really needy causes; in fact, all of us who belong to such churches do this. I donate every year to the city-wide welfare campaign, and most of our people do, but they do not take it out of their tithe.

The person who wrote this article should be reminded that those who complain most about storehouse tithing are independent churches, churches which belong to no organization and have no supervision, except by the preacher himself. The organization to which I belong, the Church of the Nazarene, has treasurers in its local churches to handle the local, district, and general funds, and the books of these treasurers are audited carefully. If anyone wants to know what comes in and how it is paid out, he can always find out. If someone wants to know how much salary any of the employees of our church is receiving, he can find that out. My salary is paid to me in a proper way; I have nothing to do with the handling of the money—I only receive the salary which has been voted to me. That's the only kind of organization I would have anything to do with—religious or otherwise.

More than that, I'm glad I belong to a church that I can trust with my tithes and offerings. And I am also delighted that I am a part of a wonderful fellowship; I am not running an independent affair with but little fellowship with others. I also believe that any person who wants to can find a church—an organized body of people—to belong to, pay his money into, and work through. If you happen to be one of those persons who is a follower of Christ and has not yet found such an organization, I would at least beg you to be fair in what you say about organized churches.

In closing, I quote Mal. 3:8-12: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room

enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts." Notice, please, that this passage is talking about the tithe and not all of the cash that one may have.

## Little Talks on "The Art of Living"

### IV. Faith in Yourself

**Y**OU MUST have *faith in yourself* as well as in God and your fellow men. I do not mean by this that you should have an extravagant view of your abilities, but simply that you should so live, with the help of Christ, that you can look within your heart and realize that so far as you can see and understand you are honestly desirous of doing the right. No man who tries to make himself or others believe that he is what he is not can really be sincere and honest. He cannot have genuine self-respect. At least one writer has said, "The highest virtue is self-respect." There is a sense in which every other virtue must be founded on it. You must not only believe in God and in your fellow men, but you must also believe in yourself, your honesty and sincerity, your own determination to do the right. You must be able to stand back, as it were, and look at yourself and still respect yourself. Are you honest and sincere before God? That is an all-important question. Can you respect yourself? Do you have faith in the person who walks in your shoes? You can't have skill in the adaptation of the natural to the supernatural, the secular to the sacred, the physical and mental to the moral and spiritual without self-respect. A person who will take seriously what I am saying now cannot do a lot of questionable things which some professed Christians do; yea, even some who claim to be saved and sanctified. If you have real faith in yourself, the kind of faith that is based on self-respect, you will not presume on the goodness of God.

Only yesterday a minister of another denomination told me of a young man and his lady friend who were taking the minister's wife to keep an engagement. They traveled some miles together. The young man who was driving the car was preparing for the ministry. He ignored the traffic laws several times on the trip. Some of them were very plain and evident violations of the law. The guest who was riding with the couple remonstrated with the young man, and he said that God would take care of him. He was presuming on the goodness of God.

I have known some—a few—who have pledged their lives to God for Christian work in our church who were careless as to their finances.

Their only excuse was that it was going for a good cause. But wrong is never right, however much of good it may seem to accomplish. So I say again that we cannot have faith in ourselves

unless we have self-respect; and self-respect means that we live carefully and conscientiously before God, day by day. We don't presume on His goodness.



# The Young People's Society

**T**HAVE recently returned from the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society held in the Bible House in New York City. This meeting brought together the representatives of fifty-four denominations. As in no other inter-denominational fellowship, the American Bible Society draws the extremes of Protestantism in America together in a oneness of spirit and fellowship and task. It is heartening to know that so many communions can find a common ground of cooperation in the translating, printing, and distributing of the Word of God.

The council meeting had as its theme "The Lively Oracles of God."

In every area of the society's work of distributing to Bibleless Americans and United States servicemen, and in translating, printing, and distributing the Bible around the world, and in providing Scriptures for the blind, it was pointed out that the Book is indeed the Word of God. To date the United Bible Societies are printing and distributing Bibles or portions in 1,077 languages.

The meeting was saddened by the recent death of Dr. Frank H. Mann, who served as a general secretary for the American Bible Society from 1919 to 1924 and from 1942 to 1954. Dr. Mann was responsible for the setting up of the Advisory Council, which

**L. J. DU BOIS, Secretary**

made a place for denominational representation in the work of the society. He has been a close friend to the churches and worked out many plans to bring about a closer cooperation between them and the society.

During the past year, the N.Y.P.S. has again sponsored the Bible Society offering within the denomination. We are glad to report that during the past year the churches in the United States gave to the American Bible Society \$12,916.00. The goal which they gave us was \$11,500.00.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

### NEWS FLASHES

**M**ARY MILLER has arrived safely in Peru. Her address, until we hear further, will be Apartado 85, Chiclayo, Peru, South America.

Rev. and Mrs. William Pease have arrived in India. Address them, c/o Rev. Earl Lee, Basim, Berar, M.P., India.

Rev. R. H. Emslie, Africa, writes: "I am pleased to tell you that we have been given permission to erect a church by the headman of the farm known as the Glade. This is the first time that the African people have granted us permission to build a church on one of their farms. This is wonderful. An answer to prayer. Praise the Lord!"

### God Came on the Scene!

Let me tell you of a visit to Bilene Macia, in Portuguese East Africa, some time ago. The Lord gave us a most blessed time in the meetings there. Day after day He worked in our midst. On Sunday the altar was crowded with sobbing, praying people. One former evangelist who had done a fine work for God for years had commenced to use offerings taken among the local church people for his own personal use. When we spoke to him about it a few months before, he was full of excuses and

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would not admit any wrong. He came forward for prayer that Sunday. How he wept! He told us afterward that he had had no peace since he took the first money. He had been unable to pray, for each time he tried, all he could see was the money he had taken and the Lord pleading with him to put it right. He finished by saying very humbly: "I have sinned, but by the strength of the Lord I mean to return the money."

Three months before this day, we had bidden good-by to one of our local leaders in one of the compounds. He was in high spirits, for he had finished the payment for his wife, had bought the wedding garments, and was going home to be married.

We met him and his wife at Bilene Macia on Sunday. Oh, how ill he was! He came out for prayer because he said he had accused his girl-wife of bewitching him with the sickness, and there had been no peace and joy in their home. After the meeting he was anointed in the name of the Lord Jesus. Our hearts have been very burdened for him and for others like him in Gaza—ill and far from help, but, praise God, not far from the Great Physician!

There was a burning ceremony while we were at Bilene Macia. An elderly woman had been converted and brought all her demon worshipping paraphernalia to be destroyed.

The day finished with a wedding, so you can see how very full of blessed experiences our time was.—H. C. and L. L. BEST, Africa.

### Texas-Mexican Midyear Convention

The second Texas-Mexican Pastors' and Workers' Convention was held in the beautiful Mexican Church of the Nazarene in Fort Worth, Texas.

This district covers the entire state of Texas, and the workers came from every corner with a thirst for spiritual encouragement and training. The six months' reports from the churches revealed a 46 per cent increase in over-all giving, a 10 per cent increase in Sunday-school attendance, and a 25 per cent increase in church membership.

The district superintendent, Rev. Everette Howard, pressed upon the hearts of both workers and preachers the need for a district-wide holiness revival. He reminded us that program alone will not do it, but we must have the fire of the Holy Spirit burn-

ing in the heart of the man behind the sacred desk.

Our special speaker was Rev. Hon-orato Reza, head of the Department of Spanish Publications, of Kansas City. His messages on holiness and our responsibility in spreading it brought an awakening in our minds and hearts which is being revealed throughout

the district, already, in another 10 per cent increase in Sunday school, and a 15 per cent increase in membership, just in the two-month period since the convention. A spirit of aggressive evangelism is gripping our Texas-Mexican District.

The last evening service of the convention became a veritable Pentecost.

God came in unusual power to bless the special message in song. People wept and shouted. It was not necessary for Brother Reza to preach. He gave an invitation to the altar and twenty-five seekers knelt, pleading for salvation or sanctification, and all prayed through to victory.

Pray for the Texas-Mexican District.—Reporter.

## THE QUESTION BOX

*Q. What about the first six verses of Jeremiah 10? Is there any reference there to Christmas trees?*

A. Certainly not. In the second verse the people are told not to learn the way of the heathen. They are warned against the heathen customs of worshiping idols. One of these idols is the tree spoken of in verses three to five, which—while such trees are upright, as the palm tree—cannot speak; “they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good.”

*Q. Your answer to this question in the Question Box, “Why was the repentance of Judas for his betrayal of Christ of no avail?” disturbed me. I refer especially to your first statement: “Not all things are possible with God.” I know that we testify and sing that all things are possible with God. Do you really believe that not all things are possible with God?*

A. Perhaps it would be more exact, logically, to say that some things are not possible with God. God can't do the contradictory. He can't be a sinner and a person who is not a sinner at the same time. He cannot create a valley which does not have a hill on either side. Further, He can't create a free moral agent, one who can choose either right or wrong, and yet make this man do the right. If this man has to do the right because God forces him to do it, he is no longer a free moral agent with the power to choose between right and wrong. Jesus, who was God as well as man, near the close of His ministry said: “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate” (Matt. 23: 37-38). He wanted the people of

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Jerusalem to accept Him, but they refused to do it. God limited himself when He gave men freedom of the will, or the power of contrary choice. This does not mean that prayer and burden for the lost sinner is of no avail. Many more will be persuaded to choose Christ than otherwise would if the Church will only do its duty in going after those who are out of God's will.

*Q. Not long ago you made this statement in the Question Box: “God inspired men to write these books and then He led men and finally the Church to accept the books which had been inspired.” If these men were inspired to accept the New Testament that we have had for four hundred years (the King James Version), how can we harmonize that with the latest translation which leaves out or puts in a footnote the story of the woman taken in adultery and a few other portions of the New Testament?*

A. My statement quoted above referred to the original manuscripts, and not to any translation. The King James Version is a translation. I must admit this, although I am still partial to it. By original manuscripts I mean the actual copies which were written by the authors themselves. We don't have any of them; we have only copies of them. All of our translations, even the King James, are made from these copies. Some copies have been discovered since the King James translation was made. Now we know that some of the older and more reliable copies do not have the story of the woman taken in adultery. This is why some of the later translations put it in a footnote. It is certainly in harmony with the spirit and teaching of Christ, but we cannot be as sure of it as we would like to be, for it is lacking in some of the oldest copies, some found since the King James translation was made.

*Q. I like flowers, but I want them while I am living. Therefore, I am not in favor of sending flowers every time someone dies, as our church does. We shouldn't spend money for that which is not bread. What is your opinion? \**

A. I agree with you that we should give more flowers to people while they are living. In other words, we should show our appreciation of them while they are still in this world. Nevertheless, I would not want to rule out all flowers at funerals. They are beautiful, and they help the sorrowing ones who are left to better bear their burden. Someone has well said that flowers at funerals are as much for those who are living as those who are dead. On the other hand, I believe that too much money is often spent on flowers for funerals. We should not go to the extreme that some do in such matters. The passage in Isa. 55:2, “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?” which you refer to, has no bearing on giving flowers for funeral services. It has to do with those who have become so engrossed in making money that they have forgotten or neglected spiritual things.

*O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! (Rom. 11:33.)*

### The Sunday-School Lesson

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even as many as the Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:39). As God was revealed to the twelve disciples through Jesus Christ, so today He reveals himself to us by the presence of His Holy Spirit. Here is God's Divine Agent to enable us, by His power, to live in our day as sons of God, joint heirs of Jesus Christ. Here lies the secret of victorious Christian living.

# CRUSADE *for* SOULS



## NO GAIN for 11,000 Churches

By A. S. London

**S**OME TIME ago a leading magazine came out with the statement that more than 11,000 churches in three denominations did not make a gain in twelve months. This represented more than 30 per cent of the churches reporting.

Why this condition? These churches are represented by hundreds and thousands of good Christian people. They are upright citizens, good neighbors, and help to keep open the church doors of their denominations.

First, thousands of church people have lost the vision of the church. For the first hundred years, the Church was evangelistic. One-twentieth of the Roman Empire was won to Christ by the time of the second century. In reality, there is but one department of the Church, and that is evangelism. It makes no difference what else we may do, if we are not saving people we are not functioning properly as a church.

For 400 years the Church became ambitious for organization. From the sixth until the fifteenth century, practically nothing was done to awaken the churches to reach out after the lost. From the eighteenth century until the present time, the churches have depended largely upon revival efforts to save the lost. We are now face to face with the fact that the unsaved are not attending the average revival effort.

A leading pastor said to me a few days ago that in eight years, with an average of three meetings each year, he had not won ten people through revival efforts who were now established in the church. But he had won several hundred during his pastorate through the Sunday school and personal evangelism.

Second, the preachers in these 11,000 churches are busy doing secondary things. They have forgotten that personal visitation, in season and out of season, is their task. A pastor of a great city church said to me that the average preacher is doing everything except the one thing that he is called to do, and that is seek out the lost and reach them for Christ and the church.

Laymen are not awakened that their task is to be fishers of men. In the early centuries, laymen largely built the Church. Today, we depend upon evangelists, and the unsaved are not hearing the gospel.

Third, there is but little moaning and groaning over lost people. We stand in need of compassionate men and women who will go "from house to house." The apostles were all practically won by individuals. Jesus preached some of His greatest sermons to one person. He preached to Nicodemus, the lost woman at Jacob's Well, to the blind, the fallen, the demon-possessed.

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The Acts of the Apostles tells of great things done by individual effort. A great preacher of the East said, "I have seen 3,000 people become members during my pastorage. I have handled every stone." He had seen each one individually. A majority of the people in these 11,000 churches with no gains have no spiritual temperature high enough to make them personal witnesses to the vast army about them who are unsaved.

Our need today among the churches of the nation is a natural and spontaneous outflow of an inward life.

### Do Crusade Conferences Help?

"I am glad to report continued success on every hand from the Crusade for Souls Conference. It seems to have been catching fire out in the churches. One pastor reports he has already seen a half dozen brought to the Lord through his personal ministry. There have been some All-for-Christ rallies already and the pastors report a determined interest in reaching others. We have received letters from some of the pastors stating that a new fire is burning in the altar services, and we are trusting that the great spirit generated there will continue to bless the district."—DR. PAUL UPRIKE, Superintendent, Northeastern Indiana District.

## THE HOME CIRCLE

### We Must Die But Once—

**B**EFORE Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the children of Israel, God's chosen people, were either in despair or were skeptical of the Lord's ever delivering them from slavery, or were idol worshipers, or were still hopeful for the coming of the Messiah. The last is added because there were a few to whom the Bible refers who still looked for the coming of the Deliverer. There was Simeon, "a man in Jerusalem, . . . was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of

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Israel"; and there was "Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, . . . and she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day."

Because we are told of these two, it may be there were many others who stayed true to God, who had delivered them from the hands of the Egyptians and from the Babylonians,

and who most assuredly would keep His promise to send the Messiah.

In those days as one went among the Jewish people, no doubt he often heard mutterings and murmurings, not only against the Romans, but against God as well. The world was in a siege of evil and sin which has hardly been equaled even unto this day. God's people died almost every day, insofar as looking toward the future was concerned. It is not at all difficult for me to imagine their saying words to this effect: "God has forsaken us. The world is so evil

that a good man can hardly live any more. Soon the Romans will come and destroy us every one. Why should we go to the Temple and serve a God who cannot and will not deliver us? The Romans are so much greater than all of us put together and God will not help us. Let us give up and forsake our efforts to save our children from destruction." Yes, they died every day in word and thought and deed.

Today, if a group of people are together for long, the conversation is bound to take a turn to something like this: "The world is the worst it ever has been. Why, in the twinkling of an eye, our nation and all the world may be destroyed by an atom bomb or by an H-bomb. Why should we try to build beautiful churches or try to make the world better? We might as well give up and let the devil take it all." Yes, every day people die in thought and word and deed.

Why don't we stop dying every day? Why don't we work hard to save such as we can? There is still time. God's Word tells us that none of us must die but once. So, let's die once and die well!

Just when most of the children of Israel had given up all hope in those days of Roman enslavement, the Messiah was born. He came, and He gave peace and good will to all who believe on Him. Look to Him today! He came that you might live forever and that you might die but once, only to live again.

As Christians we can live in a degraded, slave-held world in peace and contentment. We can live each day and each hour to the full, knowing that Christ came that we might live joyfully even in a world filled with disaster and horror.

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## How Weary Will the Judge Become?

While we sat at a banquet table in Huntington Park, California, the speaker of the evening, Dr. Pegg, spoke to us. Let me tell you of one of the thoughts which caused me to take account of my doings.

The civil court meets regularly in the little city of Huntington Park, even as it does in other cities and towns in the United States. One morning, Dr. Pegg decided to visit one of the regular Monday morning meetings. The seats set aside for the accused were full. One by one the accused were brought before the judge to make their pleas. One by one they presented their alibis for being in the condition they were.

One had been picked up from the gutter, too drunk to find his way home. Another had been stopped while driving his car while he was in a state of intoxication. Still another had merely had no place to spend the night because he had become tired of working at his regular job. It took but a casual observer to notice that all the accused had been before the judge before and that none had new excuses.

The judge listened to each one as he was brought before the court. As the morning wore on, the face of the man became drawn and weary. One could almost hear him say, "Is there no one who is good? Has none of these done his job as he should?"

Then Dr. Pegg turned the focus of his address upon his audience. He reminded us that one of these days we will all appear before the Judge of this universe. What will we give as excuses for not living as we should

have? Will we have to say, "Judge, I was too busy caring for my household duties to spend any time calling on those who needed help," or, "Sir, my business was so demanding that I would have had to leave my home in the evening to get the work of the church done," or, "I would have worked for Thee, dear Judge, but I was timid and afraid to tell those with whom I worked that I loved the Lord and served Him"? How weary the Judge will become after a day of those excuses!

Today, if you were suddenly called before God, the Judge of all men, what account could you give of yesterday's time? How would you explain what you did last week? Would the Judge's face become drawn and sad after you had stood before the court?

O God and Judge of us all, today let us fully realize our duties as Thy representatives here on earth!

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## A Thought for the Day By Bertha Munro What Do You Do With Temptation?

*Monday:*

*Do you recognize it?* For the sanctified man the devil masquerades as an angel. His temptation is to rest satisfied with the good when there is a clearly seen better to be had. His hope for survival is to grow. Whatever retards is for him fatally wrong; and the tempter will not fail to cloud the issue. (II Pet. 3:17-18.)

*Tuesday:*

*Do you play with it?* The truly Christian life is a relationship of love, and the enemy will lay siege to its foundations. It is the less loving attitude that is Satan's proposal. But the more one toys with his suggestion, the more reasons one can find for indulging self. To rationalize is to play with fire. (Jas. 1:22.)

*Wednesday:*

*Do you face it intelligently?* A rigid rule invariably to take the hardest way can turn you into a hair-shirted monk or a harsh fanatic—or eventually drive you to a reaction of skepticism or despair. Always there are two voices when temptation is present, Satan's and God's. "He that knoweth to do good" is he who recognizes a course of action as God's will for him at the moment. There are a thousand "good things" that could be

done; to refuse God's known request is to sin. (Jas. 4:17.)

*Thursday:*

*Compromise with it?* Which is to hear the two voices, but decide the Spirit's judgment is unwise this time, or needs a slight correction; the same end can be arrived at by better means, or the matter can be attended to later. The habit of compromise is dangerous conceit; substituting your judgment for God's estranges you from Him before you are aware. Simple obedience is a fine art, and a useful one. (Jas. 4:7.)

*Friday:*

*Or resist it quickly?* Once you recognize the voice, your safety is to turn your back on your enemy by turning quickly to your Friend. As you refuse to grieve your Saviour and remember that He died to keep you from falling this very hour, Satan's power is gone and you are free. (Rom. 8:34.)

*Saturday:*

*And know it when it comes again?* Yielding a second time becomes a habit; you could grow dull and stupid spiritually, lose your sensitivity to sin, through carelessness or through self-reproach. If you should fail, ask forgiveness quickly. Let no moment's separation come between your heart and your Lord. (I John 2:1.)

*Sunday:*

*Grow by it?* Temptations are sent to grow by. Why comes temptation but for man to meet

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# NEWS of the Churches



Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada—Our church has recently closed a ten-day revival with Rev. J. W. Turpel as evangelist and Betty Restrict and Margaret Kellogg in charge of the music. Brother Turpel is truly a man of God and his soul-searching messages brought conviction to the people. The musicians were untiring in their endeavors to bring the gospel in music and singing. Their family of puppets proved an attractive way to bring stirring messages to the Sunday school both Sundays. God gave seekers at the altar and the entire church was greatly helped. Five new members were received into the church the closing Sunday of the revival.—Mrs. C. E. Bye, Secretary.

Vincennes, Indiana—We have recently closed a very profitable revival meeting with Evangelist Chester Plummer and wife. Thirty-two adults and twenty-two children prayed through at the altars. We never had better preaching, and the singing by Mrs. Plummer was splendid. Mrs. Plummer and Mrs. Schneider furnished wonderful music on the Hammond organ and the piano. I enjoyed leading the song services. We are now in our sixth year here in Vincennes First Church. Our Sunday school has averaged twenty-two a Sunday for these five months of this assembly year over last year. We have recently redecorated the church both inside and out, refinished the pews, laid new floors, and built a fine nursery with full view of the sanctuary. Our building fund is increasing and we hope to be able to relieve our crowded conditions soon by the building of a new sanctuary and remodeling our present structure into Sunday-school facilities. The people here are a great inspiration to us. We enjoy an especially wonderful preaching crowd Sunday nights which nearly fill our pews. We are a 10 per cent church for missions, sending in 10 per cent of our income each month.—Albert B. Schneider, Pastor.

Sunnyslope, Arizona—Spurred on by faithful Christians and continued cottage prayer meetings, the Sunnyslope church closed a most wonderful revival on November 7. Rev. C. C. Coolidge, evangelist, brought messages of salvation and holiness in an outstanding way. Rev. and Mrs. G. B. Gatlin, our song evangelists, brought inspirational gospel songs at each service, both vocal and instrumental, and wonderfully assisted many to reach victory at the altar. Many souls were saved and sanctified and others helped with special needs. Rev. Paul MacLearn, pastor, reports an increase in church membership because of this outstanding campaign.—Doris Burke, Reporter.

## GULF CENTRAL District Assembly

**T**HE District assembly for the Gulf Central District and annual convention will be held at Nazarene Bible Institute, Institute, West Virginia, March 1 and 2, 1955.

For rooms or other information, write to Rev. R. W. Cunningham, P.O. Box 447, Institute, West Virginia.

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General Superintendent

Buchanan, Michigan—Our church recently enjoyed a three-Sunday meeting with Evangelist William N. Harrington. The value of the meeting did not lie so much in the number of seekers, though we had seekers, nor so much in the number joining the church, but the real worth of the effort was in the nature of the work done. God was there, and conviction for sin was real. It created in the minds of the hearers a genuine conviction that there is a God, and that they must give a personal account to Him. This is a small church, and the meeting paved the way for further work to be done. Its influence is yet alive. Dr. Harrington preaches definite second-blessing messages and spends hours each day in prayer.—Charles H. Hare, Pastor.

Kingston Springs, Tennessee—Rev. Horace E. Duke came to this church in March of 1952, and God's blessings have been upon his ministry. We have learned to love him and his family. He has preached with fervency of the Spirit, always putting God first, sharing our joys and sorrows. We have been led higher spiritually, made material gains, and the Sunday school shows a steady increase in attendance. The church is greatly encouraged to push on for greater things. We give God the praise for all that has been accomplished.—Martha Thomas, Secretary.

Centralia, Washington—We recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. G. Franklin Allee as evangelist. As pastor and people we certainly appreciated Brother Allee, and the messages he preached each night were very timely and wonderfully used of God. Due to a king-and-queen contest suggested by Brother Allee, we had a record attendance of 228 the last Sunday of our meeting. One of our young couples, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Latham, brought 43 people. God is blessing our church and our desire is to better serve Him.—A. J. Fisher, Pastor.

Mineral City, Ohio—After serving as pastor here for eight years, Rev. Floyd E. Williams has accepted a church in Tampa, Florida. We surely have appreciated Brother and Sister Williams. He has a tender, kind, brotherly spirit and is a strong holiness preacher. His rich store of knowledge and experience made his ministry a great blessing to our church and community.—Mrs. Lucille Gintz, Secretary.

Worthington, Kentucky—Recently we had a wonderful two-week revival with Rev. Harold Runyan as the evangelist. A good number of souls prayed through to victory, with some sanctified wholly. The attendance was good, and the Spirit-filled messages of Brother Runyan were of special help to the church. He is a real Bible preacher and quotes much from the Word of God. Rev. W. T. Elkins is our good pastor.—Mrs. Edw. Shope, Reporter.

Albany, New York—Rev. Eddie Patzsch was our evangelist and singer in the fine revival we recently closed. He is an excellent preacher and singer and proved to be the man for the hour. Many souls bowed at the altar to be saved and sanctified, and the church was definitely helped in every department. We have now gone over the \$8,000.00 mark in our building fund, have paid all indebtedness on our present property, and hope to be able to build a new church this coming spring. The future for the Albany church looks very bright.—C. W. Lindeman, Pastor.

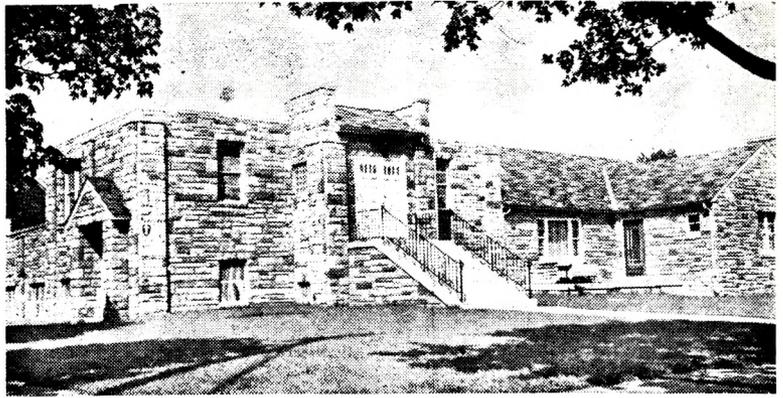
Vanceburg, Kentucky—Our church recently had a good revival with Rev. Belle and Robert Bartee as the special workers. Sister Bartee is a wonderful evangelist, and preaches with the anointing of the Spirit. We enjoyed her wonderful messages, and also their special singing. Several souls found victory in God, and the church was strengthened through the efficient labors of these good workers.—Elizabeth Tolson, Pastor.

## A Thought for the Day (Continued from page 17)

*And master and make crouch beneath  
his feet,  
And so triumph?*

If you failed once, grow in knowledge of Satan's devices, and do better next time. "We do not grow by our failures; we learn by them." If you were victor, grow in grace; you have learned that grace is sufficient and there is always a way of escape provided. (I Cor. 10:13.)

## Church and Parsonage, York, Pennsylvania



The basement unit of the York church and parsonage stands today as a monument of God's faithfulness to a loyal and hard-working group of Nazarenes. Very good wisdom was used on the part of our predecessor, Rev. W. H. Binkley, and the church board in the purchase of the 115-by-135-foot lot in a most desirable location. Moving to the York church in 1951, we found the people willing to pray, give, and work. We sold the old church and parsonage to a colored church group in 1952; and the agreement was not to give possession until the new church and parsonage were completed, which was June, 1953. The pastor acted as general contractor, with members and friends giving of their time, which saved very much in the cost of labor. The 40-by-70-foot basement unit of the church is constructed of concrete blocks and covered with imitation stone, with rest rooms, classrooms, and pastor's study. Both church and parsonage are heated with radiant oil-fired heat from one cen-

tral unit. The parsonage is a six-room ranch-type house connected to the church, with access to the church through the basement, which is arranged for youth activities. The house is completely modern throughout with guest room and two baths.

Our record attendance in Sunday school was 205 on last Easter. With much profitable shopping around for materials, the building cost \$28,700.00 and is estimated at a value of \$50,000.00. The present indebtedness is \$15,000.00.—Cosler A. Johnson, Pastor.

Julietta, Idaho—We came to this church at the close of last district assembly. We have a fine, consecrated group of folks in this place. We built a garage and had a V.B.S. soon after we came. We are now building a nice new church, which is needed very badly. In November we had a good revival with Rev. J. Yount. Some folks prayed through to victory and joined the church. We are enjoying our work in this beautiful valley and look forward to greater things in the Kingdom, with a new church for our growing Sunday school and our regular services.—R. E. Bebout, Pastor.

Taft, California—Sunday, November 7, was a good day in our church. The Sunday-school attendance was about fifty above the average. The Sunday morning service was well attended, and the attendance at the evening service was nearly double the average. Eight members were received into the church during the evening service, which closed with a victorious scene around the altar. It was the closing day of a revival meeting with the pastor's father, Rev. Frank McConnell, of Williams Memorial Church in Bethany, Oklahoma, as the evangelist. A fine group of teenage young people had been regular attenders in the services and had participated in the Youth Choir. A number of the young people sought the Lord and several of them joined the church. Calling was stressed during the meeting, counting each night the number of calls that had been made that day. About eleven hundred calls were made during the meeting; and of course, a number of new people were in the services. The ministry of the evangelist was greatly appreciated by the church; and the people have caught some of his spirit of enthusiasm and passion for souls. Last Sunday night (December 5), thirty teen-age young people crowded our

small choir space as they sang enthusiastically. The congregation caught the spirit, and the Lord rewarded the service with a good altar service, with several of the young people finding God. Our people are continuing to call, and already our church has reported a number of calls equal to ten times our Sunday-school enrollment.—J. E. McConnell, Pastor.

Evangelist Fred W. Feters writes: "I will be in Greenville, Ohio, for a meeting, March 9 through 20, and have some open time immediately following this date which I'd like to slate while in that area. Contact me, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Pennville, Indiana—In December, Sugar Grove Church closed a revival with Rev. D. E. Patrone as the evangelist and Leland Davis as the song evangelist. This proved to be one of the best revivals in the history of our church. God blessed with seventy-five seekers, and one family united with the church on the closing Sunday morning. The church gave the pastor a fine raise in salary. The work here is moving ahead for the Lord.—Russell Wenger, Pastor.

Wichita Falls, Texas—God wonderfully blessed in the revival in Central Church, which closed on December 5. Evangelist Sammy Sparks was the preacher, and the Rushing Family provided the music. We enjoyed the beautiful spirit of these workers, and the results of the revival continue. Two weeks after the close of the meeting we had 201 in Sunday school—one of the largest groups we've ever had. About one year ago we completed an educational unit, with two department rooms downstairs and four classrooms off each assembly room, and six rooms upstairs, with

one large enough for the assembly room of the Intermediate Department. The building is a beautiful brick veneer with hardwood floors throughout; valued at \$40,000.00 and completed with a loan of only \$2,800.00. We give God praise for His many blessings.—Oliver B. Newsom, Pastor.

Hull, Illinois—Recently we closed the best revival for many years with seekers for holiness and some to be reclaimed, others saved for the first time. Rev. Harlow Reed, who recently entered the field of evangelism after being a successful pastor for many years, preached God's message from the Word under God's anointing. Brother Reed is a hard-working man of God who carries a great soul burden and upholds the Nazarene doctrine of Bible holiness without fear or favor. Our church is a small group of loyal people, but we are a growing people. Our Sunday school has gone from an average of nineteen to up in the fifties in three years in this small community. Recently the pastor was given a unanimous three-year call with a nice raise in salary, after having served these fine people for three years.—Charles H. Kennedy, Pastor.

Tiltonsville, Ohio—Last July, Rev. G. F. Underwood came as our pastor. This work is five years old, and we expect to finish our building in the near future. In September we had a good week-end convention with Evangelist E. E. Taylor and wife as special workers. Some thirty people were at the altar; some saved, some reclaimed, others sanctified, and some to go deeper with God. We appreciated the ministry of both Brother and Sister Taylor. In October we had a great revival with Evangelist Russell Bowman. The church was helped in many ways, and many sought and

found victory in God. The attendance was good and finances came in well, with a love offering for the pastor. Brother Bowman is a forceful preacher, and a man of God. Brother Underwood has organized a Caravan with about forty-five boys and girls; at a recent meeting about twenty children went to the altar seeking God for forgiveness. Our fall rally day on November 21 was a success with 106 in Sunday school, a class of members received into the church, and 8 babies dedicated. On Sunday evening 73 attended the service, God came, and 7 prayed through at the altar. We greatly appreciate the work of Brother Underwood with us.—Clarence Sommer, Reporter.

Kalama, Washington—Our church has enjoyed some special blessings from the Lord in the past few months. Increases in Sunday-school attendance have been steady, and interest in several phases of the work has increased. One great victory has been the official organization of Trailblazers and Pathfinders on November 16 in public induction ceremonies. Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Baker, pioneer club promoters, were the speakers of the evening. Thirty-nine boys and girls took the club pledge in a candlelighting ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Haller are the leaders of the Trailblazers and Pathfinders respectively and we feel God has sent them to us. God greatly used Rev. E. D. Wolfe in a revival here in November. About thirty-seven folk sought the Lord, counting them as they came. A goodly number of these were our Trailblazers and Pathfinders, many of whom come from unchurched homes; some were our own young people getting established in holiness. God has wonderfully answered the prayers of our faithful people. Rev. E. D. Wolfe is a faithful and consecrated minister of the Word.—Reporter.

Evangelists J. H. and Maggie Crawford report: "We have closed our last revival in 1954 in a three months' continuous campaign. Reviewing our year's work, our hearts are filled with gratitude to the Lord for the wonderful health He has granted us—neither missing a single service because of illness. We praise the Lord for the harvest of precious souls won. We began the year with two good revivals in Peoria, Illinois, in January. On February 1 we left for an extended trip to California, visiting relatives and friends going and coming, preaching every week end except one, and had souls praying through in practically every service. Two revivals were held in California before returning East in April. It has been a very busy, happy year. We have labored on nine different districts. Space will not permit the mentioning of all the pastors and churches with whom we have served, but in these nineteen consecutive years of evangelism we have never had better co-operation

or more blessed fellowship on the part of our ministers and laity. We believe in the whole program of our church and strive to encourage and strengthen every department. One of the gravest problems in evangelism is getting new people to preach to. We have made a special effort this year to encourage and enlist our people in personal visitation and evangelism by keeping a record of calls, etc., at each service. This has resulted in bringing in more new people and reaching them for Christ and the church; also, it has enlarged the vision, encouraged the faith, and helped the churches to feel their responsibility in soul winning. Numbers have been reclaimed or sanctified, in every revival. We face the new year with courage and faith in God. We have a few open dates for spring and fall. Anyone desiring our service write us at 910 North Pleasant Street, Springdale, Arkansas."

Huntington, West Virginia—The Lord is certainly helping us at First Church these days. The Lord used Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis in a wonderful way to help our people and reach the unsaved. People sought God who had never knelt at an altar of prayer before. The Davises are some of the finest people that one will meet in a lifetime. Surely God is using them in the field of evangelism. On the closing night a nice class of eight was received into the membership of the church.—James A. Hamilton, Pastor.

Evangelist Mackey J. Brown writes: "I thank God that my health is improving, so that I am able to resume my work in the evangelistic field. I am a commissioned evangelist and member of the Idaho-Oregon District. The Lord willing, I plan to leave early in January for my much-loved native state, Tennessee, for several weeks. I shall be glad to conduct some week-end meetings, with emphasis on personal work and revivals. Write me, Box 804, Twin Falls, Idaho."

Shreveport, Louisiana—In December, Northside Church had one of the greatest revivals it has enjoyed for several years. Rev. R. F. Lindley was the evangelist, and God blessed with many souls seeking and finding victory in Him.—D. J. Vascoe, Pastor.

Uhrichsville, Ohio—Rush Church broke all attendance records with 380 in Sunday school on November 21, and the November average was 123 above last year's average. We recently finished covering the entire auditorium with walnut and mahogany Moelite blocks. In December we had a good revival with the Rushing-Drye Party; God blessed and gave thirty-five seekers. We have received 17 new members in the last six months. The pastor was given a good love offering. Pastor and people are united in a strong evangelistic program.—Melvin H. Shoemaker, Pastor.

Dadeville, Alabama—In December our church had a wonderful, five-day revival with Evangelist William M. Farr preaching, Brother Collis Hamill as music director, and Brother Bonnie Hester as the song evangelist. Over one hundred new people attended the services, souls received help from God in every service, and four souls prayed through to victory. We thank God for His blessings.—Jimmy Smith, Pastor.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon write: "Recently we held a revival in a four-month-old church at Fredonia, Kansas, with the fine pastor, Rev. J. D. Taylor. This church had only seven members but God blessed in an unusual way, and on the last Sunday night in a service in which we didn't even get a chance to preach, nine new members were received into church membership. This is the most aggressive district in the interest of home missions that we've had the privilege to work on. Superintendent Jarrette Aycock is unexcelled as a home-mission booster with a program that really works and brings outstanding practical results. We're booked for 1955 and are now slating for 1956 and 1957."

Richmond, Kentucky—These are great days for pastor and people of First Church. God is blessing in a special way. Moving to Richmond the first of August, we found a wonderful people who believe in and uphold the scriptural standards of our church. Each Thursday afternoon and evening a large group of personal workers meet at the church, get their assignments, pray together, and go out seeking lost sheep. During these five months we have seen many seekers bow at the altar, and it has been our privilege to receive a good group into church membership. The preaching services are well attended; the Sunday school has increased from an average of 218 in August to 321 in November. The charter members say this is an all-time high for the history of the church. The average thus far this assembly year is 247—a slight increase over last year's average. The groundwork of organizing the departments, the personal workers' groups, and getting the vision upon the people was done by Rev. Asa H. Sparks, our predecessor, who labored here for five years. Rev. H. E. Darnell was with us for our fall revival, and the Lord used him in a wonderful way. He preached the gospel of Jesus Christ and His power to save, reclaim, and sanctify, with a heart of love, a Christian spirit, and without compromise. During the twelve nights, ninety seekers bowed at our altar. Our regular services are times of blessing, rejoicing, and victory. We have never worked with a more wonderful group than the Nazarenes here at First Church. They are united in the cause of scriptural holiness and the Crusade for Souls Now. Harmony prevails and love for one another is an outstanding characteristic.—Morris E. Perkins, Pastor.

Evangelist J. W. Turpel writes: "In making up my slate for 1955, I find that I have an open date, February 13 to 27, which I'd be glad to share with any church or churches in or around the New England area. Write me, Convene, Maine."

Minneapolis, Kansas—We arrived here last October 7 and found a group of people working for the glory of God. From the very first service God came in a mighty way, and in all services He is meeting with us. In many of our services on Sunday evening people are praying through to victory. On Sunday morning a seventeen-year-old girl came back to God without any singing or altar call. The church is growing in every way, especially spiritually. The budgets are being paid in full each month, and all bills are being met. For a Christmas present this year these fine people here gave us an extra week's salary.—John Lambert, Pastor.

Dixon, Nebraska—The Rose Hill Church recently closed what was said to be the best revival the church has ever had. Rev. Ernest Schultz was the evangelist, and God blessed his ministry. Because of the unusually good results, we continued on for a week longer than had been planned. It was our privilege to see God perform miracles in the hearts of people, as many were won to Him. Several people testified to healing of their bodies, and some were gloriously healed. The attendance was good, and finances came easily. We thank God for what has been accomplished.—Clifford Schultz, Pastor.

Evangelist B. N. Wire writes: "I will be in California in January and February, and have some open time. Any pastor or church interested in my services may write me at 1146 Magnolia Avenue, Chico, California."

Syracuse, New York—On October 24 we closed a very fine revival campaign with Rev. George and Flora Brinkman. We believe that it was the best revival here in many years. Brother Brinkman's preaching is scriptural and practical, and Sister Brinkman's Sunday-school work is outstanding. On the closing Sunday there were 189 in Sunday school. This is our second time to have the Brinkmans. A large number prayed through during the revival. This is our seventh year in Syracuse. Since September 15, fourteen persons have been added to the church membership. Thanksgiving offering was \$500.00. The church has purchased eight lots in one of the very best locations in the city with the thought of building a church in the future. The Lord is blessing with seekers in the regular services, and there are times when His Spirit comes in great power, and for a few moments we have a camp-meeting time right in the church.—John D. Rhame, Pastor.

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The Pine Bluff Zone of the South Arkansas District met at Pine Bluff, November 30, for a fine Sunday-school rally. Rev. Frank Hamm, district Sunday-school chairman, presented the goals for the new year. Rev. W. L. French, our beloved district superintendent, stirred our hearts with his report of our district's progress. Rev. Mark Moore, superintendent of the Chicago Central District, inspired us to do greater things by his challenging message. Our district is young, but we are growing. With the wonderful leadership we have in Brother French, the South Arkansas District marches on to victory.—Sidney Patrick, Reporter.

Indianapolis, Indiana—East Side Church has been enjoying wonderful progress since our district assembly. The Sunday school has increased each month until the average for November was 225 over 187 for last year. There has been a definite spiritual upsurge in the church with seekers at the altar almost every week, many times without any preaching. The prayer meetings have averaged 91 since the assembly. On October 17 our good district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantwell, dedicated the new addition, which adds 28 feet to our main auditorium—a large choir loft and pulpit, pastor's study, three large classrooms on the first floor, and six classrooms and assembly room in the basement. A new ceiling was also put on in the main auditorium and new floors and new carpeting in the main building at a cost of \$23,000.00. The new part was paid for when completed, including all furnishings, except \$6,000.00, which was financed. The church began praying for an old-time revival about the first of November with morning prayer meetings which averaged 23 a day, and on November 14 revival broke out while the pastor was preaching. The Holy Spirit came and the altar was filled. Our local preachers preached each night for the first week. Rev. Lyle Eckley came for November 19 to 21; Jerry Lee Short preached his first sermon with 4 at the altar, and Evangelist J. C. Crabtree came and preached over December 5 with 114 seekers at the altar during his ten-day ministry. God came in service

after service to bless the singing of local talent; there were testimonies of healing, and many new people seeking God at the altar. Truly God was here in a wonderful way.—E. L. Short, Pastor.

Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "The year of 1954 has been a busy and yet a very happy one in the service of the Lord. I have been privileged to preach 353 times in 24 revival meetings, and have seen about 1,600 people seek the Lord. I have traveled in 32 states, from coast to coast and border to border, laboring with the grandest people on earth—the holiness people. Also, I have read 120 books during the year. I have a very good slate for 1955, with the exception of two open dates, one in early May which I'd prefer to slate in the East, and a camp-meeting date in early July that I could slate between Texas and Ontario. Write me, Box 215, Kankakee, Illinois."

Fowler, Colorado—We closed a very excellent revival on December 5 with Rev. Winfield Mundell as the evangelist. Thirty-six people bowed at the altar during the ten days of revival. The church is encouraged and revived. Brother Mundell is an effective and untiring personal worker, as well as an unusually fine preacher of the Word. Sister Mundell did much for our Sunday school with six days of children's services. Six children found the Lord in pardon during these services, in which there was a total enrollment of thirty-six. These converts are in addition to those in the regular revival. Sister Mundell made her husband's preaching more effective by her singing each night before the message.—Lawrence O. Schmidt, Pastor.

Hot Springs, Arkansas—Grace Church had one of its best revivals in December with Evangelist and Mrs. Harold Glaze as the special workers. Souls prayed through to God, and heads of families were brought into the church. We had the largest attendance in Sunday school we have had in twelve years. Grace Church is moving forward and we are now in our new building. The church is at high tide spiritually.—Owen J. Phillips, Pastor.

Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep report: "More than two decades ago God led us into the field of evangelism, and our work in the field has taken us into three different countries and more than forty of the states. During the past few weeks we have conducted revival campaigns in Urbana, Illinois, with Pastor Burton and his great crowd of enthusiastic boosters; had our second meeting with Ralph Hull and his fine folk at Carrington, North Dakota; and with James Wallick, and his wonderful folk in Newman Grove, Ne-

braska. Then back to the West Virginia District and the church at Chester. They are in a great building program. Pastor Legg and his busy workers threw themselves wholeheartedly into the revival program and stood by us on every line. Our next meeting was with Rev. L. M. Hastie and the East Liverpool, Ohio, church. This was our second revival with the Hasties. We closed our fall meetings with our home church at Blountsville, Indiana—our fourth meeting with our own pastor. We have a great slate of meetings for

the future. However, we have a date for June, 1955, that we would like to slate somewhere, either in the Northwest or between Oregon and Indiana; also have one fall date open for 1955. We carry the full program of the meeting—including song leading, solos, and preaching, illustrated by the use of scene-o-felt pictures. These are oil paintings, made more beautiful by the use of revolving colored lights. Contact us through the home address, Box 238, Losantville, Indiana."

Buhl, Idaho—Our church recently closed a revival with Rev. Fred W. Fetters as the evangelist. The meetings were owned and blessed of the Lord from the very first; many sought and found spiritual help in the revival. Sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. Counting them as they came—for some came a second time for sanctification—there were thirty-four seekers. In addition to those who actually came forward for prayer, many testified that they found spiritual help in the revival. The Buhl church appreciates the ministry of Brother Fetters.—Wayne F. Hage-meier, Pastor.

Springhill, Louisiana—Our church had a good revival closing Sunday, December 5, with Rev. A. J. Hoof as evangelist. The crowds were good each night and we enjoyed seeing at least a dozen people pray through to real victory. We believe our church here was strengthened greatly and better fitted for service for the Lord. Brother Hoof is a good, sound preacher of the old-time gospel. We came to Springhill in May, 1953, and have finished the inside of the church building and painted the outside, along with other improvements on the property. The first year here we averaged twenty-six in Sunday-school attendance, last year thirty-nine, and now are running between fifty and sixty-five. The Lord is blessing and the people are working and co-operating.—M. D. Hewitt, Pastor.

Mackey, Indiana—The past year has proved to be one of remarkable progress for our church. Before our building program began, the church was only a 30-by-40-foot building and very inadequate for our needs. Many of the good people began to catch the vision of a new building; and in a year's time there was about \$4,500.00 in the building fund. With this much in hand we began, and the Lord supplied every need as we went along. The exterior of our building is beautifully designed with Bedford-stone front, belfry, and side entrance—the rest of the building is of white wood siding. The main auditorium is very nice with indirect fluorescent lighting, clear varnished woodwork, celotex ceiling and walls with leatherwood wainscoting, and asphalt tile floor. We now have a seating capacity of 350, a spacious nursery, pastor's study,

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secretary's office, vestibule. The full basement serves as the educational unit, with seven large classrooms. Because of the generous discounts in materials and much donated labor we were able to finish the building for \$14,000.00 and it is appraised as a \$35,000.00 edifice. On August 1 it was our privilege to have Dr. Harold Reed as the speaker at the dedication service. Our good district superintendent, Rev. Leo C. Davis, and wife were present along with many ministers, church members, and friends. With the pledges that were made on that day and donations that have been given since, we owe only \$5,000.00 at present. In November we enjoyed a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Gray as evangelists. Many people were helped in this meeting, and several were saved. One whole new family was brought into the church. Our Sunday school is growing with a good increase over last year. The pastor has been well taken care of with several good love offerings. In the past three years, progress has been made in every department of the church.—Robert E. Davisson, Pastor.

Denver, Colorado—Englewood Church recently closed a good revival with Rev. W. A. Mundell as our evangelist. During those ten days, November 10 to 21, God blessed every service and gave many souls after Brother Mundell's timely messages. The Englewood Church is now only eighteen months old. It was organized with twenty-five members, steadily increasing to the present membership of fifty-one. God gave us four fine members during this past revival. Sister Mundell assisted in special singing, and Brother C. B. Land led the singing and sang special numbers. We love the Mundells and this was our second meeting with them. Some fifty or more persons bowed in prayer seeking God for conversion or entire sanctification.—K. Wayne Nelson, Pastor.

Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada—In November our church had a very successful revival campaign with Rev. Aleck Ulmet of Council Bluffs, Iowa, as the special speaker. He is an outstanding preacher of holiness, and our church was blessed by his ministry. The closing Sunday was a good day, with the presence of the Lord very manifest in the services. In the morning service there was no preaching, and in the evening service the altar was lined with seeking souls, and God crowned the service with victory. The meeting continued for two more services after Sunday. We surely appreciated the ministry of Brother Ulmet with us.—Mrs. A. G. Weis, Reporter.

*They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever (Ps. 125:1).*

### Australian District Assembly

The standard of meetings, the spirit of the people, the excellency of reports, the efficiency in business, and, most of all, the presence of the Spirit of God all marked the seventh Australian District assembly as one which we can never forget. It convened at Sydney, N.S.W., December 6 to 9.

Most noticeable was the apparent sense of transition from an infant organization. As a country, Australia has never had a true conception of holiness. There have been no holiness veterans among us to instruct and encourage, no traditions, no holiness literature, and those possessing the blessing have never clearly established the doctrine of entire sanctification and laid a plain way to guide others into the second blessing.

We as an infant church in Australia have the tremendous task of creating our own tradition, of writing our own history, and of raising our own veterans. We believe God is helping us for His glory. No one could attend this last assembly without realizing that something is happening. Its atmosphere was like spring, indefinable in its early presence, but felt. There are a sense of direction, a sureness of purpose, and a dependence on God we have not known before.

The marked development in the organization of our N.F.M.S., N.Y.P.S., and church schools was very apparent in the various conventions held before the assembly.

The assembly proper was the greatest time ever. Coinciding as it did with the first visit to Australia of our senior general superintendent, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, we were treated with a series of never-to-be-forgotten sermons, both eloquent and challenging, culminating in blessed scenes at the altar of prayer. Dr. Powers' dynamic and wise leadership of the assembly brought rich blessing to every session and sent us back to our churches better men and women.

The report of the district superintendent, Rev. A. E. Berg, was a high light of the assembly, reflecting progress in all departments, and growing passion and vision under his consecrated leadership. Following a unanimous vote, Brother and Sister Berg, with Marion and Baby Peter, were called to the platform and were commended to the Lord for another term of service to the Australian District as General Superintendent Powers led the standing congregation in prayer. This happy moment was followed by the people voicing their gladness in the giving of a fine love offering.

Pastoral reports were fresh and encouraging, with three pastors appointed in the closing assembly year making their first reports.

The Australian church, happy, united, and expectant, looks hopefully to the greatest year of Nazarene history.

ERLE SPRATT, Reporter



### SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Lyle Robinson writes the following detailed report from Fort Lewis, Washington: "The past two months have been extremely busy ones with some increase in my program, including midweek services and increased attendance in the Sunday Bible Class. Activities in this period include two field trips on regimental maneuver problems and attendance at an area conference of military chaplains of all branches with civilian religious and educational and social work leaders. From that conference I came with a persuasion that we are right 'on the beam' in our emphasis in the Church of the Nazarene in our preaching, in our youth work, and in our religious educational program. All we need to do is to intensify our passion with divine anointing and increase our effort. One of the high points for me this month was the privilege of praying with a noncommissioned officer and his wife and helping them find their way to God and salvation."

Chaplain Herbert J. Van Vorce writes that God is blessing in Europe. He says: "This has been a good month and a very busy one, now that I have two battalions to serve, and they are about fifty miles apart, besides the border work each week. God has blessed us and given the needed strength. The visible results haven't been as good as in the past; however, there were three victories, two men saved and one lady sanctified. The ladies' prayer group which meets each Friday at our apartment is increasing in number each week, and the Lord is answering prayer in a wonderful way. Please join with us in prayer for the souls of some of these ladies' husbands who are unsaved. We are looking forward to having Rev. Earl Morgan and his wife, our missionaries in Florence, Italy, in our home for Christmas."

Chaplain Henry W. Stroman, who is stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, has reported that "good progress is being made in the work at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, North Carolina. This past month one of the outstanding scenes witnessed in the chaplain's office was a sergeant, up for an AWOL charge,

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kneeling and finding the forgiving grace of Christ in his heart.

"The weekly Nazarene prayer meetings are continuing with keen interest. Just this week [1st week in December] we came in contact with another Nazarene boy who has started attending the prayer meetings. On a station this large with as many military units as there are, finding the Nazarene fellows is a slow process. Any Nazarene parents who have a son or daughter stationed here are invited to send me his or her name and address."

Chaplain Henry W. Stroman  
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DEATHS

MRS. S. H. OWENS was born in Boone County, Arkansas, September 7, 1879. She was converted early in life and became a member of the Methodist church. She came to Oklahoma some thirty-five years ago, and soon after united with the Church of the Nazarene in Ada, Oklahoma. She has been a faithful and devout member of the church ever since. She was married twice, first to H. K. Brumley, who preceded her in death many years ago. Later she was united in marriage to Rev. S. H. Owens (in 1927), with whom she has lived happily these twenty-seven years. She had no children of her own, but mothered two stepsons of Mr. Brumley, Walter, and Clyde; also five stepchildren of Brother Owens, Elton, Mattie, Ethel, Charley, and Walter. Mrs. Owens became suddenly ill while in Little Rock, Arkansas, and was brought back to her home in Ada, where she died October 8, 1954. She is survived by her husband, Rev. S. H. Owens, of the home address; and one sister, Mrs. Leora Kimbrell, of Little Rock, Arkansas; also a host of friends and near relatives in and about Ada, where she lived such a wonderful life for so many years. Funeral services were held in Ada First Church with her pastor, Rev. R. S. Ball, in charge, and District Superintendent Glen Jones bringing the sermon. A large crowd attended this service to pay their respects to one whom they loved so much, for Sister Owens was a great woman of mighty prayer. Her body was laid to rest in the Rosedale Cemetery.

HENRY W. WIESS was born in Holmes County, Ohio, on February 1, 1889, and died November 30, 1954. Brother Wiess united with the First Church of the Nazarene in Columbus in 1922 and remained a faithful member until the time of his death. In the late thirties he and his family were instrumental in organizing the Linden Church of the Nazarene in Columbus. For forty years he taught the Men's Bible Class and was Sunday-school superintendent for five years. He served the Ohio District in its earliest days in various ways, and had been a lay delegate to the General Assembly several times. He had served on the official board of the church for many years. His Christian influence will be felt in time to come both in the church and in the community. He is survived by his wife, Bessie; one daughter, Ruth, the wife of Rev. Paul Bassett, pastor of the Norwood Church of the Nazarene, Cincinnati, Ohio; four sons, Wynn and Paul of Columbus, Lt. Bruce Wiess of Germany, and Henry of San Francisco, California; also one brother, Frank. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Miles A. Simmons, with interment in the Union Cemetery in Columbus, Ohio.

RAYMOND VIRGIL CROUCH was born at Belvidere, Illinois, January 15, 1905, and died November 16, 1954, at a hospital in Lancaster, California. His death was the result of multiple injuries, suffered while working on a construction job. Mr. Crouch was united in marriage to Marion Blanche Knott on August 30, 1936, and to this union was born one son, Lloyd Arvin. Most of his married life was spent in and near Los Angeles, California. In May, 1945, he and his family moved to Palmdale,

California, where he lived until his death. Mr. Crouch became a Christian in his early teens and joined the Church of the Nazarene, Plainview, Texas. He later moved his membership to Hollywood, California, First Church of the Nazarene, where he was an active member. He was a sincerely spiritual man, a good father, a loyal husband, and a man of integrity, who will be remembered as a friend to all. Survivors include his wife, Marion B. Crouch; one son, Lloyd Arvin; three brothers, Rolland G. of Houston, Russell V. of Lockney, and Ross E. of Brownfield; and two sisters, Hazel B. and Icela M. Crouch, of Brownfield, Texas. Funeral services were in charge of Rev. D. W. Simpson of Elsinore, California, with Rev. J. J. Ramsey and Rev. Louis D. McMahon assisting; burial was in Memorial Park in Lancaster, California.

MRS. MAUDE WHITE was born January 20, 1874, and died September 14, 1954, at Shamrock, Texas. She was a mother of eight children, three preceding her in death and five living. She was converted in childhood and later she and her husband were sanctified and joined the Church of the Nazarene. They did evangelistic work during the early days of the holiness movement. They are at rest in Childress Cemetery, Texas. Rev. Wendell Russell of Nocona and Rev. Gene Groves, pastor of the local Church of the Nazarene, conducted the funeral services.

FREDRICH HENRY HARRIS was born December 17, 1892, a native of Austria. He was united in marriage to Blanch L. Marryatt, and to this union were born two sons and four daughters: Fredrick J. of Eugene, Oregon; Rey H. of San Jose, California; Mrs. Kathrine B. Allred, of Morgan Hill, California; Bernice J. and Corrine E. Harris, both of Campbell, California. Gloria may precede her father in death several years ago. Brother Harris was converted and sanctified in August of 1925, under the ministry of Rev. J. T. Little, and the same year became a charter member of the Wilmington, California, Church of the Nazarene. He had been a faithful member and a sincere Christian for over twenty-nine years. He presently was a member of the Los Gatos Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Harold Beeson, in Los Gatos; burial was in the Los Gatos cemetery. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Mildred Siegers of Richmond and Mr. Charles Rittle of Dresden, Maine, were united in marriage at the Nazarene parsonage in Richmond on December 10, with the pastor, Rev. Harland C. Joyce, officiating.

Miss Ruth E. Rutledge of Burbank, California, and Mr. Richard L. Halbert of Toronto, Ohio, were united in marriage on October 30, in the Burbank Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Harold M. Sorweide, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. R. Rutledge, father of the bride, and Rev. A. E. Halbert, father of the groom.

BORN—to Chaplain and Mrs. Clifford E. Keys, Jr., of Fort Campbell, Kentucky, a daughter, Deborah Anne, on December 14.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lanham of Leesburg, Virginia, twin daughters, Glenda Jean and Linda Sue, on December 15.

—to Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison of Frederick, Maryland, a daughter, on December 18.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Lanham of Charleston, West Virginia, a son, Wesley, on December 17.

—to Pvt. and Mrs. Wm. G. Jerrell of Leesburg, Virginia, a son, William Steven, on December 15.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Harold L. Harris of Bethesda, Ohio, a son, David Lloyd, on December 4.

—to Rev. and Mrs. John Harland C. Joyce of Richmond, Maine, a son, John Wesley, on December 1.

—to Eddie and Beulah Taylor of Dayton, Ohio, twins (son and daughter), Roger Roy and Robin Rae, on November 22.

ADOPTED—on December 13, by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Wright of Totem Park, Fairbanks, Alaska, a son, Robert Lewis, born October 21.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Ohio for a Sunday-school scholar "who is resistant," and also an unspoken request; by a Kansas City Nazarene "for my husband, that God will heal his body, so he will be able to work," and also for an unspoken request.

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Eastern Michigan	July 20 and 22
Eastern Kentucky	July 27 and 28
Missouri	August 3 to 5
Northwest Indiana	August 17 to 19
Tennessee	August 24 to 26
Louisiana	August 31 to September 1
Georgia	September 14 and 15
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Southern California	June 1 to 3
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Minnesota	July 20 and 21
Western Ohio	July 27 to 29
Illinois	August 3 to 5
Iowa	August 10 to 12
Houston	August 24 and 25
Mississippi	Aug. 31 to Sept. 1
Kansas City	September 7 and 9
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Southwest Indiana	July 28 and 29
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Florida	May 25 and 26
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New England	June 22 to 24
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Maritime	July 13 and 14
Pittsburgh	July 21 to 23
Northwest Oklahoma	July 28 and 29
East Tennessee	August 3 and 4
Chicago Central	August 10 to 12
Southwest Oklahoma	September 14 to 16
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Los Angeles	May 25 to 27
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North Dakota	June 29 and 30
Colorado	July 13 and 14
Central Ohio	July 20 to 22
Kentucky	August 3 and 4
Virginia	August 10 and 11
Indianapolis	August 17 to 19
Northwestern Illinois	August 24 and 25
South Arkansas	September 7 and 8
North Arkansas	September 14 and 15