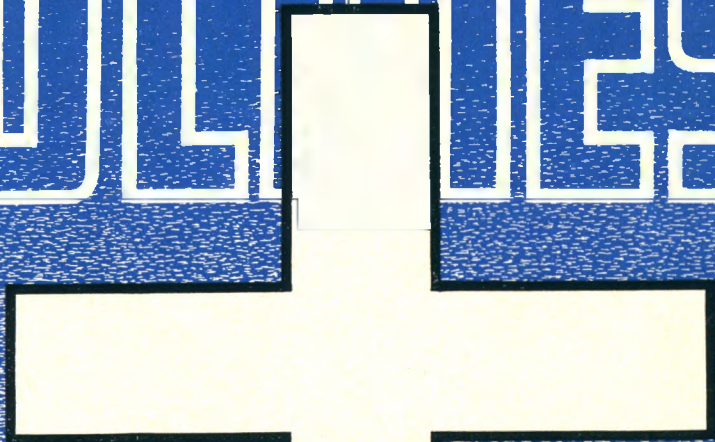


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27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

28 And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

29 But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jē'sus, And who is my neighbour?

30 And Jē'sus answering said, A certain man went down from Jē-ru'sa-lēm to Jēr'i-chō, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.

31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

32 And likewise a Lēvite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side.

33 But a certain Sā-mā-r'i-tan, as he journeyed, came where he was, and when he saw him, he

39 And she had a sister called Mā-r'y, which also sat at Jē'sus' feet, and heard his word.

40 But Mā-r'thā was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? but her therefore that she help me.

41 And Jē'sus answered and said unto her, Mā-r'thā, Mā-r'thā, thou art careful and troubled about many things:

42 But one thing is needful; and Mā-r'y hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

CHAPTER 11

1 The Lord's prayer. 11 On asking and giving. 29 Sermon to the people. 37 Denunciation of the Pharisees.

AND it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

The Lord's prayer

Asking and giving. Beelzebub

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because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will see and give him as many as he needeth.

9 And I say unto you, Ask, and ye shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 Ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered.

15 But some of them said, He teacheth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of devils.

keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

22 But when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. 23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first.

27 ¶ And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed be the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked.

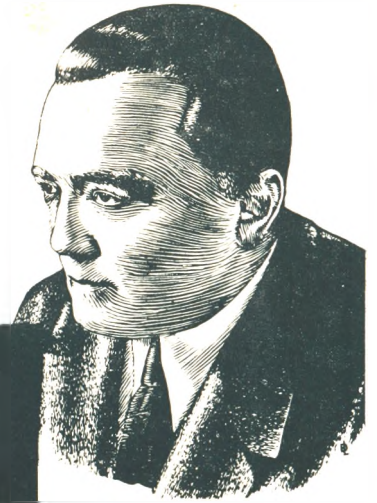
Yea rather, that hear the word, and keep it.

For the people will be gathered together, he will be as a man, he will be as a man, he will be as a man, he will be as a man.

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# CHRISTIAN HOME



By J. EDGAR HOOVER, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation

**THE HOME** exerts a most powerful influence on the development of a child. It is in the home environment and in their relationships with their fathers, mothers, sisters, and brothers that the young boy and girl gain their first and many times lasting impressions of the nature of the society which they will soon enter and of which they will become a part. The feelings, interests, emotions, and attitudes a child develops during his early formative years may set the course of his entire life. I am convinced that a home in which the principles of Christianity are taught and lived will give a youngster an extra advantage and strength in his efforts to adjust himself to the problem of growing up.

A juvenile who has been convinced of the fundamental truth of the Golden Rule need not flounder and be undecided in his attitude and relations with his schoolmates, teachers, employers, and the others with whom he comes in contact outside his home. His father and mother cannot expect to be by his side at all times and advise him as each problem arises. But the parents do have an opportunity to prepare him, through home training, to avoid temptation, to adhere to principles of honesty and integrity, and to make the right decisions on his own. Parents who have successfully given their children a pattern for life based on Christianity have far less reason for fear or worry about their children's welfare than parents who did not think or who neglected to take advantage of the opportunity to train their boys and girls when the opportunity was theirs.

In reviewing the case histories of men and women who have made failures of their lives and who have been forced to pay a debt to society, I am more and more impressed by the fact that many of them can trace their failures back to their early home lives. Their careers in crime began when they were youngsters. Their first acts of lawlessness may not have been too serious. But one of the most hideous characteristics of crime is that each act of lawlessness makes it easier to commit the next.

In many cases, crime is a one-way street, with few turning-off places, which leads to heartbreak and sorrow not only for the unfortunate person who becomes a criminal and treads that street but also for those who love and care for him.

Almost two thousand years ago, the Man of Galilee showed us a way of life so true and so perfect that it has spread throughout the entire world. In the teachings of Christianity we can find the answers, inspiration, and strength to solve all the problems confronting us today.

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# The Church at Home and Abroad

**D**R. LINDSELL says, "Each generation must find for itself a satisfactory answer to the question 'Why Missions?'" The pertinency of the question is to be seen in the fact that the world-wide program of evangelism which characterizes the Church of the Nazarene makes such heavy demands upon the church in prayer, personnel, finance, and otherwise. The Church of the Nazarene has established its work in the following nations and colonies: Britain, Canada, Australia, Union of South Africa, Alaska, Hawaii, the United States, Italy, Portuguese East Africa, Argentina, Uruguay, Barbados, Bolivia, British Guiana, British Honduras, Cape Verde Islands, China, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, India, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Syria, Trinidad. Why does the church carry on such extensive and expensive operations, and upon what is this far-flung enterprise founded?

Until the first part of this current century the historical position of the Christian Church on this question was, theologically speaking, that men without Christ are lost and are in danger of eternal damnation. This was the foundation upon which the entire missionary enterprise rested until this time. But because of new scientific discoveries and inventions, social and economic upheavals brought on by the first world war and other factors, it was thought necessary to revise this historic position of the Church.

Finally a commission was set up to study the situation. It was composed of representatives of most of the major denominations. The report of this commission was called *Rethinking Missions*. It faithfully reflected the "social gospel" of that era, and "liberal modernists" seem to have won a major victory; for, if it had been fully accepted, it would have sounded the death knell of all Christian missions.

Its principal damage was caused by the po-

sition it took against the uniqueness of the Christian religion. It held and implied that God was in all religions and that man could find Him outside of Christ. Hence, the necessity of Christian missions was destroyed. But, thank God, it was not universally accepted, and was never accepted in any measure by the Church of the Nazarene. We hold that the missionary enterprise rests its case solely on a divine revelation.

The Church is not unaware of the educational, economic, and other benefits which always follow in the wake of the gospel message, but these blessings are only incidental. The Church finds its primary motivation upon Christ's command when He gave the Great Commission to His Church. Dr. Glover says, "Christ did not merely express a wish or offer a suggestion; He gave an order—clear, explicit, peremptory. 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.'" Such is His final, most imperative, most inclusive command, and it is binding upon His followers everywhere and for all time. It is the measure of the Church's responsibility, and is the explanation of the existence of the Church of the Nazarene at home and abroad. This is the church's answer to the question, "Why missions?" We cannot, we dare not rest until we have "spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found."

In the past quadrennium God has enabled the Nazarenes to enter new mission fields, to organize approximately seven hundred new Nazarene churches in the home field, through mass and personal evangelism to win thousands of souls to Christ, and to accomplish many other things which are evidence of the divine approval. But what has been done in the past is but a beginning. We must not be satisfied. We must carefully guard the spiritual integrity of the church and continue to move forward until we have "girdled the globe with salvation and holiness unto the Lord."

HARDY C. POWERS, *Chairman*  
Board of General Superintendents

# THE NAZARENE "GENERALS"

## Meet Our Leaders

By Joe Olson, Student at Nazarene Theological Seminary



Dr. and Mrs. Powers

*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).*

**T**HE DEAN of an Eastern divinity school has ascribed the rapid growth of the Church of the Nazarene to the fact that it has taken the Great Commission seriously. If this be true, the Church of the Nazarene is fortunate in having as its leaders four men who are missionary-minded. They constantly challenge our church to an ever-enlarging evangelism.

Officially these four leaders are named "general superintendents," and for many years Nazarene church folks have affectionately called them their "Generals," for they are generals in the truest and best sense of the word.

Each of the four men now in office has a record of long and faithful service to the church and the cause of Jesus Christ. Together they represent a most versatile quartet of writers, educators, presiding officers, preachers, and general administrators. It would be difficult to find four men more gifted in expounding the Word.

First in seniority in office among this select "Five Star" group is Dr. Hardy C. Powers, who was born June 7, 1900, at Oglesby, Texas, and was first elected a general superintendent at the General Assembly of 1944. Dr. Powers still maintains his family home in Dallas, Texas, and in his character and personality he reflects something of the sweep and grandeur of the Lone Star State. Conservative in matters of church policy, Dr. Powers likes to have all the facts possible at his disposal before making up his mind, and as a result his opinions are highly regarded.

Few public speakers are more gifted in developing a story as an illustration. Upon assuming office, one of his first self-imposed jobs was

to acquaint himself thoroughly with all the world mission stations conducted by the church. He has visited many of these fields now and when he relates an incident, from Africa, for example, he takes his audience with him to the Dark Continent and they feel with him the problems of the people there.

Dr. Powers was converted as a young man in the Alhambra Church of the Nazarene in California. Shortly after he was sanctified, he had a definite call to the ministry and he took his training at Pasadena College, Pasadena, California. He spent twelve years as a pastor and then was elected district superintendent of the Iowa District, where he served with distinction for eight years. In his early ministry he was active in the Nazarene Young People's Society. He is chairman of the Board of General Superintendents.

Dr. Powers is a devoted husband and father and carries the burdens of his children, whatever they may be. His oldest son, Hardy, Jr., an ex-serviceman, is a Senior at Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois, preparing for the ministry. Dudley, twenty-four, is completing his college work at Southern Methodist University and will become a medical missionary. Nona Jane, twenty-three, graduated from Olivet and is married to Selden Dee Kelley, Jr., who is preparing for service at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Powers also has twin girls, Judy and Geneva, aged nine.

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**Dr. and Mrs. Williamson**

The second of our "generals" is Dr. Gideon B. Williamson, who was born November 26, 1898, at New Florence, Missouri. Over six feet tall, Dr. Williamson combines a commanding physique, a fine voice, and a ready command of English.

He has a special gift of memorization which allows him to weave into his sermons long passages of appropriate scripture. He quotes the Bible with ease and accuracy and his sermons glow with truth. In some respects Dr. Williamson is one of the freest men; often he will break out singing one of the grand old hymns of the church.

Dr. Williamson was converted as a youth and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1919. When called to preach, he studied at John Fletcher College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, graduating there in 1924, and then continued graduate study at McCormick Theological Seminary and the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago.

He was a pastor for sixteen years, serving churches at Farmington, Iowa; Austin Church in Chicago; First Church in Cleveland; and First Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He served as national president of the Nazarene Young People's Society in 1932, was re-elected in 1936, and sent as delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1939.

His pastoral duties were interrupted by a call to become president of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts, and he remained there nine years, resigning to become pastor of Kansas City First Church in 1945. His election as a general superintendent came in April, 1946, and he was re-elected in 1948. He is secretary of the Board of General Superintendents.

Mrs. Williamson is in great demand as a speaker and reader. Their oldest son, Joseph, nineteen, is preparing for the ministry at Eastern Nazarene College. Maylou is a Junior in high school, while John, seven, is in the second grade.

Dr. Samuel Young, the third "general," was born September 8, 1901, at Glasgow, Scotland,

where he was converted under the ministry of Dr. George Sharpe, founder of the Nazarene work in the British Isles. Dr. Young came to the United States with his parents in 1916, and became an accountant and business analyst.

When the Lord called him to preach, he took his training at Eastern Nazarene College and later went on for a master's degree at Boston University.

Due partly to his business training, he is gifted with a keen insight into business affairs and has a reputation of being very practical in all matters. He speaks with a Scotch "burr" and is possessed of a warm personality that makes an imprint on his audience.

His ready wit has become famous in Nazarene church circles, and district and national assemblies always move smoothly when he is the presiding officer. As an example of his wit, he was preaching at a small revival service one Monday evening in Columbus, Ohio, when a large turnout of pastors surprised him. "This is a brand-new sermon I am preaching tonight," he said in opening. "I am glad to see so many of the preaching brethren present. If I get into difficulty, they'll know about it—for all of them have been in the same predicament themselves!"

Dr. Young pastored churches at Salem, Ohio, and South Portland, Maine. Then he was elected superintendent of the New England District of the Church of the Nazarene and continued in that assignment for six and one-half years. In 1945 he was called to Eastern Nazarene College, his alma mater, where he served first as pastor and teacher, and then as president. He was elected a general superintendent in 1948.

Of his three sons, Donald, twenty, and Roger, eighteen, are students at Eastern Nazarene College. Gordon, sixteen, is in high school, while Lois, twelve, is in junior high school.

rounding out the Nazarene high command is Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, who was born September



**Dr. and Mrs. Young**



**Dr. and Mrs. Vanderpool**

6, 1891, near Pollock, Missouri. He was converted in a Free Methodist revival in 1909, and was called to preach at once. He began his work by preaching from schoolhouse to schoolhouse, and joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1913. From the standpoint of years of service to the church and years of active ministry, Dr. Vanderpool is the veteran of the generals.

He is noted as one of the great evangelists in the present-day Church of the Nazarene, a kindly, humble man, popular from coast to coast for his inspired preaching at camp meetings, district assemblies, and conferences. Dr. Vanderpool is famous for his expert use of stories from his rural Missouri background to flash truth through his sermons.

He received his education at John Fletcher College and Pasadena College, where he was graduated. He was chairman of the Board of Directors of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, for several years.

During his nineteen years as a pastor, Dr. Vanderpool served many churches, including those in Denver, Colorado; Pasadena, California; and Walla Walla, Washington. For eleven years he was superintendent of the Northwest District, which includes part of the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. He was elected to the "general staff" in 1949.

All three of his sons are active in the Nazarene ministry at present. Wilford, thirty-three, is pastor of the Austin Church of the Nazarene in Chicago. Crawford, thirty-one, is pastor of the Spokane Valley Church of the Nazarene, a home-mission project in Spokane. Ramon, twenty-seven, is pastor of the church at Olathe, Kansas, and also is attending the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. A daughter, Ramona, is married to Max McLean, of Chicago.

## The Ministry of Radio

By T. W. Willingham, Director, Nazarene Radio League

**Y**ES, RADIO CAN and does perform a unique and necessary service; a service which the pastor and Christian workers often find difficult if not impossible to perform.



**T. W. Willingham**

While the Christian worker is often repulsed at the door, the radio minister enters the home gracefully and presents his message without disturbing the quietude of the household.

If his message is interesting and spiritual, some of all faiths and classes will listen to it, and the presented Word of Life will not be without beneficial results. And when from week to week one has listened to the ministry of a gospel radio preacher, it will be easier to get him to a public service conducted by that minister or another of like faith. Thus the air ministry becomes an opening wedge into the minds and hearts of new people—an introduction to an ever-increasing circle of potential friends and Christians.

When it is remembered that millions never

enter a church door, and that until someone carries the message of God to them they will never hear it, then, but not until then, will the real value of radio ministry be realized. It is without doubt the least offensive of all types of gospel preaching to the outside world. In fact, it is the only kind that many ever will hear.

Since radio ministry is primarily designed for home consumption, it is of great value to the children of our country, many of whom have no church home and no Sunday-school teacher. For thousands, yes, for millions of homes this is our only available avenue of approach. It should therefore be exploited to its utmost capacity in the interest of furthering the kingdom of God.

The seeds of scriptural truth sown in tender minds, and ideals of the Christ held up before all mankind, will not fail of blessed results. Faith in God, in the power of truth, and in the wisdom of His command to preach the gospel to every creature compel us to the belief that such efforts shall not be in vain. This is the reason for "Showers of Blessing," the radio broadcast of the Church of the Nazarene.

# Christian Living Begins in the Home

By T. E. Martin, District Superintendent of Ontario

**W**ELL, I sat down today to count my blessings. I had always said I would but had just never got around to it before, and what happened surprised me. I started with the treasure of a Christian home, where God was the unseen but ever-real Head of the household. With Him we began and closed each day; His presence brought joy; His will gave meaning to all the life of the home. To belong to the home was to belong to God. If some action or attitude betrayed a break in fellowship with God on any member's part, the fellowship of the home was likewise broken. A rather strict discipline you may think, but also a most tender



T. E. Martin

one; for one understood that were it not for God there would not have been this home, and without Him it had little reason to exist.

I think I value highest in that home its altar. Built not of stone but of living experiences with God, it became the golden hour of the earth. The daily reading from the Bible by its sheer frequency left a familiarity, until now one cannot read it without the delightful sensation that he has been here often before. The deep-voiced prayer gave the hour strength, while the higher impassioned plea of the loving heart, which could not fail to moisten eyes, gave it warmth. The stumbling, awkwardly worded petition of fellow offspring, who like you were aware of their unworthiness, but felt the common strength of this mutual approach to the throne of grace, enriched the sense of partnership. And one knew what was meant when it was said, "Homes that pray together stay together." To control the wild impulse of hunger while thanks was given for the kind and ever-thoughtful Providence whose love made all this possible was a lesson in evaluations one does not want to forget, and developed a poise one does not want to be without.

But equally with the altar, or nearly so, I value the chance the home gives to form life's habits. Here the scale of values is the clearest; here first things stand out. It matters to the members of a Christian home what kind of choices each makes. They gain with each gain or lose with each loss. The quiet pain that shudders throughout the family when one does wrong and the joyous pride which leaps when one does well are the breeders of good habits and instigators of choices which send one along the upward road. Learning to share in love our experiences, as well as our few possessions, is the characteristic of any real home; but when it is lifted to the plane of Christian meaning and emphasis, it is

a treasure indeed. Again and again when the warmth and strength of the home fires have lighted the darkness, have I been reminded that it is Christ's love that has made it so.

What a cleansing the Christian home has brought to life! The strength of Christian purpose exposes the unworthiness of many motives and causes us to reject them. Sometimes one can be selfish and think nothing of it. But when one feels the home ties and senses Christ's presence, selfishness must go. And so it is with every sinful act and thought. The Christian home will not tolerate them. It shows them to be disruptive, poisonous, and out of place. You can't be a member of a Christian home and be sinful or selfish. The whole spirit and life of the home demand that you choose between it and wrong living.

I thought of these and other blessings of the Christian home, and I began to discover that the elements which make a Christian home a blessing are the elements which make life worth the living. Home is not preparation for life, but a beginning to live. Every material and eternal requisite for victorious living is part of the truly Christian home. What a grand discovery that was to me! Christian living begins in the home. What a task is mine! In these dark days I must have as completely a Christian home as I can by God's grace, and so I knelt and asked His help. And I realized it all began with me. If I follow Christ and know His saving, keeping power, then I can lead the way toward seeing that my home is Christian.

## God's Claim on Our Money

By Edward S. Mann, President  
Eastern Nazarene College

**D**OES GOD have a claim on our money? The answer to this frequently asked question is of utmost significance.

Suppose our answer is "No." Suppose we decide that the size of our income is such that we cannot afford to give a portion of it to the support of the church. Or perhaps we have our hearts set on the purchase of something which we think will contribute much to our happiness. It may be that we so enjoy feeling the money in our pockets, or watching our bank account grow, that the very thought of parting with



Edward S. Mann

any of our gold comes to us with a sense of pain.

Whatever reason we give for our negative answer, let's investigate carefully the results of this decision.

Will there be definite, tangible results in our lives because of our attitude toward our money? There most certainly will.

If we spend our money entirely upon ourselves, we shall discover that the more we get, the more we will want. We shall become increasingly unhappy, for there is, after all, no true happiness in the possession of wealth or worldly goods. We shall detect a shallowness in our lives and find ourselves warped by selfishness, held captive by the *tyranny of things*.

But what of the alternative? What if we determine that God does have a claim on our money?

The results of such a decision are likewise definite and discernible. If we decide that one-tenth of our income belongs to God and is the minimum that we should give for the support of His work, we shall find to our great surprise that the nine-tenths which we have left goes as far as our total income did before, or even farther. Illogical as this may sound, it has been proved by thousands. We shall also be thrilled by the delightful experience of sharing with others. The consciousness that we are having even a small part in the spreading of the gospel and the upbuilding of the kingdom of God will bring true happiness and deep, abiding satisfaction to our lives. We shall discover that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Our interests will become more broad and our souls will be enlarged. Our lives will be enriched immeasurably and there will be a new glory in living. We shall prove the truth of the scripture, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

## Our "Family of the Year"

*So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it 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 (Isaiah 55:11).*

**O**F THE MANY thousands of fine, God-serving Nazarene families throughout the nation, the family of Mr. and Mrs. Shelly P. Nash, of Winfield, Kansas, has been nominated as the "Family of the Year" for this special issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. This is because the power of God's Word has been demonstrated in a beautiful manner in the Nash family and because the story about these people also is proof of the time-honored saying that "families that pray together stay together!"

Winfield is a neighborly town of 10,000 persons, near the geographical center of the United States. There, Mr. Nash is known as "S. P." or

"Shell" and Mrs. Nash is called "Mother Nash" or "Aunt Grace." The family home is a commodious, white house at 1315 East Twelfth Street. Mr. Nash is Sunday-school superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene, which has a new building erected about two years ago.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Nash come from devout Christian homes. The father of Mrs. Nash was the late Benjamin W. Young, who was a wealthy cattleman until he sought and obtain the Holy Spirit. Then, for twenty-five years, he was a preacher of the Wesleyan doctrine of entire sanctification in Kansas, and in his declining years he established the Door of Hope Orphanage, south of Independence, Kansas. In her childhood home, there was a family altar as far back as Mrs. Nash can remember, and her father read the Bible and prayed morning and night.

Mr. Nash's folks were living in Hunt County, Texas, when they heard that the noted Dr. Beverly Carradine was preaching "second blessing holiness" at the Scottsville Camp in Texas. They hitched up the team and drove fifty-three miles in a spring wagon to get to the camp. Both had been converted before their marriage and both were sanctified at the Scottsville Camp. When they returned home, Mr. Nash organized a camp meeting near his farm, and in the next few years all the famous holiness preachers of that day appeared there at one time or another.



Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Nash

The Nash family moved to Peniel, Texas, where one of their ten sons (also three daughters) had established a grocery store. Shelly Nash entered the Texas Holiness University in Peniel, in 1907-08. He says: "We had a family altar from the day my folks came home from the Scottsville meetings. There was always a powerful spirit of prayer on my father. It settled on all of us children. Even as a small boy I always had a craving to be good in God's sight."

One of the enduring memories of his mother is of her singing over the washboard. One of her favorite songs was "Is Not This the Land of Beulah?" and the stanza that still lingers in Shelly Nash's mind goes like this:



*Tell me not of heavy crosses,  
Nor the burdens hard to bear,  
For I've found this great salvation  
Makes each burden light appear;  
And I love to follow Jesus,  
Gladly counting all but cross,  
Worldly honors all forsaking  
For the glory of the Cross.*

Shelly Nash met the winsome Grace Young at the Texas holiness school and they were married in June, 1912. They resolved to make their home a Christian home, to read the Bible and pray, to establish and maintain a family altar, and to honor the Lord with the scriptural tithe.

When their first child, a girl, was born, Mrs. Nash one day became especially burdened as she contemplated her responsibility for the child's spiritual welfare. She laid the baby on the big bed and took the matter to the Lord in secret prayer. Soon she received an assurance that the Lord understood her burden, and she was told to "teach My Word, for My Word shall not return unto Me void."

A son and another daughter also were born to the Nash family. As soon as they learned to talk, Mrs. Nash began teaching them portions of the Bible. She set aside a fifteen-minute period each morning, "no more and no less," after morning devotionals and the children began to memorize the Word. In no time at all, the youngsters had memorized several psalms and other favorite chapters of the Bible. The first daughter, at the age of five, had memorized Psalms 1, 8, 23, 24, 121; I Corinthians 13; the Ten Commandments, and the Beatitudes. The other son and daughter did equally well.

One of their biggest tests came when the family lived in Anthony, Kansas, where Mr. Nash operated a dry goods store that grew and prospered until it seemed as if there would be no end to their material prosperity. But then the great depression struck and one day his fortune, valued in excess of \$25,000, was gone. But let Mr. Nash tell the story:

"I walked out of the store without a dollar to my name and went home to tell Mother. This was the toughest hour of my life. I was forty and broke. All we had worked for was gone. When Mother met me at the door, I told her that I had turned over my key to the creditors.

"It didn't seem to bother her at all. She said: 'I'm not going to worry one bit. Our tithe is all in. The Lord will take care of us.'

"The very next day a man came to our home and offered me a job managing a grocery store in Winfield."

Being wiped out in business taught Mr. Nash a great spiritual lesson, he will tell you. He learned that to depend on material things was to build on the sand. He had not forgotten the Lord, nor gotten out into the world and sin during the years of big money; but he says he had been spending "too much time with business and not enough in the Lord's work."

### The Heart of a Child

*If you write upon paper, a careless hand may destroy it;*

*If you write upon parchment, the dust of centuries may gather over it;*

*If you write upon marble, the moss may cover it and the elements may erase it.*

*If you grave your thoughts with a pen of iron upon the granite cliff, in the slow revolving years it shall wear away and when the earth melts your writings will perish.*

*Write then on the heart of a child.*

*There engrave your thoughts and they shall endure when the world shall pass away and the stars shall fall, and time shall be no more. For that heart is immortal and your words written there shall live all through eternity.—Anon.*

So he humbled himself before God, confessed his heart coldness, and received again the blessed, deep peace that comes only with a complete consecration and sanctification through faith. Ever since that day, nearly twenty years ago, his prayers and testimonies have had a different ring and he has been very active in the work of the Lord.

The Lord began answering their prayers in many wonderful ways. Their oldest daughter, Ruth G., was married to Rev. Harold W. Kiemel, present pastor of the Mooreland Church of the Nazarene in Portland, Oregon. Their son, Forrest, graduated from Bethany College and married a fine Christian girl, the former Belle Shellenberger, of Wichita. Forrest took a master's degree at Southern Methodist University and now is pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Topeka, Kansas.

Their younger daughter, Betty, attended Bethany and married a classmate, Rev. C. Marselle Knight, who was a Nazarene pastor in Florida for three years and now is a student in the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City.

God blessed the Nash family with grandchildren. Each couple now has three. Already "Grandma Nash" has started teaching her grandchildren the Scriptures.

Last summer, eleven-year-old Freddie Kiemel visited the grandparents. Under Mother Nash's coaching, by spending fifteen minutes each morning, he learned the entire Sermon on the Mount (three chapters) and triumphantly took home a crisp five-dollar bill that Mrs. Nash had promised as a prize.

Mrs. Nash is noted throughout all of Kansas for her work with children and young people, especially at the Kansas State Holiness Camp, near Wichita, where she taught nine years. She says, "Putting the Lord's Word in your heart and then walking in the light will certainly work wonders. . . . Now we're praying that God will make holiness preachers of all of our grandsons."

—H. J. O.

# What the Church of the Nazarene Believes

By H. S. Galloway, Superintendent of Central Ohio District

**T**HE DISTINCTIVE teaching of the Church of the Nazarene is holiness. By this the church does not mean much that has been pawned off on the world as holiness during the past few years. Rather, the Church of the Nazarene follows John Wesley in holding to entire sanctification as a second definite work of God's grace in the human soul wrought by and through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. The human conditions to this divine operation are a complete consecration to the will of God, and faith. This experience is subsequent to regeneration; that is, it must have been preceded by the new birth, which



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has made one a child of God. Its accomplishment is the cleansing of the heart from inward depravity or the roots of sin, and the filling of the soul with the presence of the Holy Spirit of God.

The Church of the Nazarene is also clear in her teaching as to the new birth. This is the first work of God's grace in the human heart as the sinner turns toward God, and must be preceded by repentance and faith.

Back of these two works of grace in human experience and creating the necessity for them is the universality of sin in human life, with its tendencies toward evil in every individual and its results in every life of open transgression against God and the moral law, and the consequent guilt and pollution.

Following this emphasis upon human experience, the church believes that, although there are sufficient grace and power made available by the indwelling Holy Spirit to enable one to live without sin, it is still possible for the individual to succumb to the allurements of temptation and fall, and, if he persists in the resultant sin and rebellion, to be hopelessly and eternally lost.

Back of these basic teachings in the realm of human experience and forming the foundation for the same, the Church of the Nazarene is thoroughly orthodox in its beliefs about God, Christ, redemption, free moral agency, the Holy Scriptures, and eternal rewards and punishments. She has no patience with the modernist and questionable teachings that would undermine the faith of her people in the fundamental teachings of the Christian religion. She believes in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign of the universe, and that He is triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

She especially emphasizes the deity of Jesus Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit.

The foundation stone of her teachings on salvation in human experience is her belief that Jesus Christ by His death on the cross made full atonement for all human sin and opened a fountain of salvation available to all men who will come to Him. She believes in the plenary inspiration of the Holy Scriptures and accepts them as the sole authority in matters of salvation and Christian conduct. She looks forward to the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and emphasizes the future resurrection of the dead, the judgment of all men, and the final awards of eternity in heaven or hell.

## Sunday in the Christian Home

By Paul H. Garrett

Superintendent of Dallas District

**S**UNDAY in the Christian home! What a wonderful day, God's day, that offers the Christian family the opportunity to worship the Lord in His house with His people!



Paul H. Garrett

Sunday in the Christian home starts with the reading of a portion of scripture, followed by prayer around the family altar. On this day there is a sort of holy luxury to be able to wait before the Lord in family devotions, in the giving of thanks for manifold blessings and for faithful leadings. Included also is a prayer for the services of the day, with special blessings asked for the minister. It has been said that "Families that pray together stay together."

For Christians, Sunday offers a time of participating in the religious services of the church. Hand in hand the family goes to Sunday school, attends the preaching services and the meeting of the young people's group. There is the teaching of the Word, the preaching of the Word, the testimonies of the saints, the joy of holy fellowship, and the encouragement that comes from abiding in God's house while truths both old and new are unfolded. The Christian family receives help and inspiration for the days to come. Attitudes are formed, dispositions are affected, directions suggested, and ways and means proposed to all who join hands and hearts in the worship of God in "spirit and in truth." Sterling quality of character is produced in both parents and children by the glad and worth-while use of this glorious day. No "duty doers" are they who love to go to the house of the Lord for all the services.

Sunday offers a time of fellowship among the members of the family. As I look back on the days with father and mother and sisters, I believe they are some of the best I ever lived. We had great delight in singing together around the old organ and later around the piano. Acquaintance-ship with new songs was always delightful, and many are the ones learned on Sunday afternoon. Then, too, in the formative days there was always religious literature available from the Sunday school that gave interest to young minds. The Christian parents did provide for inquiring minds books about the Bible that were read with benefit by the children.

No dull day is Sunday to the Christian family, for there are so many ways of using one's talents and time to advantage that there is a thrill in every conquest. It is little wonder that the children from Christian homes have a better chance for success in every field of human activity than those from homes that do not honor the Lord. For real companionship and fellowship there is nothing that can take the place of the Christian home, and there is no influence that will be more effective in later years on young people than the influence from a home that served God and used the whole week, as well as Sunday, to bring honor and glory to His name.

Our nation needs more Christian homes!

## Keeping Marriage Happy

By J. George Taylorson, Pastor

Bresee Avenue Church, Pasadena, California

**I**N A REVEALING cross-section survey of husbands and wives, the question asked was, "Which of these, if you had to choose one, would you choose: an interesting job, an independent income, or a happy family and home life?" Eighty per cent chose the last. The ever-increasing divorce rate speaks not only of the insecurity of the family but of failure to reach the anticipated harmony and happiness. Many indeed are the suggested remedies, mostly revolving around the theory that the maladjustment is a sex problem whose only solution is through the process of further sex education. Nothing could be further removed from the truth. While a wholesome knowledge of the physical aspects of marriage is indeed helpful and necessary, to make this the primary factor is to lower marriage to the level of the physical or the animal.



J. G. Taylorson

Marriage is, above all, a spiritual union—the fusion of two personalities in harmony and understanding for the high purpose of bringing forth

children and establishing a home. There is real and sure tragedy in the offing for the couple who would attempt to build their marriage upon the shifting sands of pleasure, to the neglect of the God-given privilege and responsibility of parenthood. Those who have enough faith in each other, a common faith in God and in their own ability to provide have the ingredients for marital happiness. Far from the too-prevalent conception of its being a casual business merger, marriage is life's greatest achievement and career, built upon compatibility, while held together by common faith and responsibility.

One of the most important factors is the matter of religious faith. Commencing at the altar with the sacred exchange of vows, and then continuing in Christian faith and practice, will bring forth the structure of lasting love. This factor alone makes marriages with religious differences not only inadvisable but completely insecure. All surveys and study lead one to this conclusion, and to fail to heed the experience of others is dangerous folly.

Marriage is as rich and beautiful as we make it. The tools and materials lie within us. We will do well to remember that total success is built up by acts of mutual consideration and understanding. There is no substitute for the thoughtful expression of true affection. No marriage will survive without it, and no marriage will fail where this is prominent. Marriage needs the continual presence of good manners, which eliminates a spirit of domination, for each in love prefers the other. The real artistry of family life is expressed through careful cultivation of love and confidence, eliminating the noxious weeds of irritability. We can all learn to be agreeable even in our disagreements. Common courtesy coupled with love is a forceful weapon against the divorce court.

Families who learn to enjoy one another and share the pleasures of leisure time together seldom, if ever, have serious difficulty. As we live and share together, there develops a growing appreciation of one another which has its rewards in true marital friendship.

How delectable and secure do family prayers and quiet moments of spiritual union make the marriage! Where there is spiritual health the members are sure of much lasting happiness. Marriage is life's greatest creative adventure through which we receive life's most blessed comradeship.

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The real problem of marriage and the home is the problem of the unregenerate heart. All the troubles that affect the peace and security of our homes could be avoided if husband and wife had a vital relationship to Christ, and were seeking to exemplify His spirit in the home.

# "I AM RICH!"

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

Nazarene Mother, Author and Church Officer, Kansas City, Mo.

**T**HE CITY ASSESSOR visited our house yesterday, and I have seldom seen an individual who displayed less enthusiasm for his work. He informed me, drearily, that his purpose was to gain information concerning the value of things we as a family possess, for the benefit of those whose duty it will be to fix the amount of our taxes for the coming year.

Accepting my invitation to step inside, he cast his eyes around our modest living room with a briefly appraising glance. His estimated valuation of our home, its furnishings, and all our worldly goods was a rather flattering figure; and his attitude, as he made a note in his shabby black book and turned to leave, seemed to say more loudly than words, "Just another middle-class property owner. The city will never profit much by your taxes!"

But I have been thinking ever since; and I wonder what my friend, the city assessor, would say if I should call him and announce, "I have made a startling discovery since yesterday—I am rich! Rich beyond my wildest hopes! In fact, I doubt whether any assessor would be able to evaluate all my assets!"

You see, I have known the rich happiness of hearing a baby boy call, "Muvver, Muvver, come and see!" and have followed, as his chubby legs eagerly led the way to a wonderful, impossible heap of blocks piled one upon the other, with what I knew had been painstaking effort; and I have seen the unspeakable joy in his eyes when I recognized it for what it was—a splendid "house"!

The assessor yesterday smiled rather sympathetically when I mentioned the age of the family automobile, but I forgot to tell him about the times I have ridden on a magic carpet as glamorous as any of those in *The Arabian Nights*. With a wondering-eyed boy and girl on either arm of the huge, comfortable chair (which for some unaccountable reason was named Jo-Jo), a drowsy-eyed little wee girl on my lap, and all of us basking in the benevolent warmth of a base-burner known affectionately as Old Herschvogel, we have taken the most delightful journeys to almost every part of the earth and heaven. . . .

I have a letter from an island in the Pacific, written during the war. It reads: "Mother, to know you are there, loving me and praying,

gives me faith, and makes all of this so much easier to endure. . . ."

I have a letter from a new bride. ". . . I am trying all the time to do the things you taught me. I want to make my home with Carl as happy as ours has always been. I keep praying that I will be a very good wife and mother. . . ."

And I have a letter from a young college girl. ". . . Tonight I settled it definitely to go as a missionary wherever God wants to use me. I feel so small and inadequate for such a great task, but I have never been so happy in my life. . . ."

Yesterday I told the assessor I have no jewels—but I have—so many I cannot count them. But I wonder how he could evaluate these: a strong arm about my shoulders, and eyes that have smiled into mine with unflinching love and sympathy for more than twenty-five years; a baby's first comprehensive smile; three pairs of bright eyes peering over the edge of the kitchen table, watching me cut out cookies; three pairs of busy hands held out for lumps of dough (which grew strangely darker the longer it was kneaded) to be shaped, rolled, cut, and baked with infinite care, and eaten with the greatest relish! Then, too, there was the clamor for "the cookie that Mother made a fingerprint in when she poked it to see if it was done. That's the special-est cookie of all, for it has Mother's mark on it!"

Youth's confidences whispered in my ear, and the precious words, "Thank you for understanding, Mother!"

And the music of very young voices forming their own prayers in the evening: faltering over the choice of words, but ringing with sincerity as blessings were invoked upon Daddy, Mother, Grandfather and Grandmother, playmates and pets; and the spontaneous amen that always welled up in my own soul at the ending—"and make us good, and take us all to live in heaven someday."

Yes—tonight I know I am a wealthy woman, and my heart is full to overflowing with thanksgiving for all the precious things that are mine to keep as long as memory lives. I wonder if, in all of his visits, the city assessor has found one who is richer than I!

# EDITORIALS

Stephen S. White, Editor

## Would Jesus Feel at Home

IN YOUR HOME?

### Parental Delinquency

**A** FEW DAYS ago the grand jury in an American city finished its term with thirty-five indictments. In an unofficial report it said that the name juvenile delinquency was misleading—it should be “parental delinquency.” Here are the words as given by the press:



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“Of juvenile delinquency the jurors’ report said the name was misleading, that it should be ‘parental delinquency.’ Practically every case (of juvenile delinquency) is from homes broken either by divorce, drink, or some other form of vice.”

This charge has been made before and should cause serious thought on the part of every parent. I have little patience

with those who always talk about the shortcomings of the younger generation. If there are any shortcomings, they are largely due to those of the older generation. The level of living breaks down there first when there is any breakdown. Parental delinquency precedes and causes juvenile delinquency.

The offspring of the human species need the sympathetic appreciation and help of parents during adolescence, or the teen-age years. But this is not the only time when they should have the care and direction of their parents. Little can be done for them during their teen years if nothing has been done for them before.

Only a few years ago, physicians urged the mothers to leave their babies alone. They were to be handled or fondled as little as possible, even by their parents. Now the situation has changed. We are told that the baby needs the mother’s touch and love from birth on. It is no longer a crime to hold the baby.

The parents’ obligation to contribute to the life and character of their child increases with every passing year, at least until the time of adolescence is reached. The preschool years are very important for every child. There are no better baby sitters than parents. Further, parental companionship during the preadolescent and adolescent school years is absolutely essential. Parental delinquency anywhere along the line means juvenile delinquency!

**D**ID you ever feel ill at ease in somebody’s home? You were invited in when you knocked, but you soon sensed that you were not wanted. He was not prepared for your coming, did not like you or what you stood for, did not care to give of his time or money to your entertainment, wanted to be somewhere else or be with someone else, or feared what you might say or think about him, his home, or his doings. For some reason which you might or might not be able to figure out, you realized that you were not welcome there.

Well, what about Jesus—would He be ill at ease in your home? Could He walk into your home and sit down and visit with you and the members of your family and sense no embarrassment on your part? Would there be some paper, magazine, or book on the table that you would prefer for Him not to see? How about the pictures on the wall? Would you wish that some of them were not there if Jesus were to visit your home? Would you be afraid that some word would fall from the lips of you or a member of your family which would disgrace you and your family in the eyes of Jesus? Would you be fearful lest some member of your household would speak disparagingly of someone or some standard of righteousness? Would you become disturbed for fear Jesus would become aware of the disagreement and even dissension and quarreling which sometimes manifested itself in your home? Would Jesus feel at home in your home, or would you feel at home with Him there?

What if Jesus were on earth and decided to move into your home and live there? Would He be a stranger in a strange world? Worship is the very breath of His life—would He find it in your home? Would He recognize your home as a house of prayer—a place where thanks is offered before each meal, family prayer is engaged in each day, and songs of praise are ever in order? Would Jesus see the love of God and man manifested in the deeds and words of the occupants of your home?

There was a home in Bethany where Jesus always seemed to be welcome. It was the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Martha and Mary did not agree as to how best to make the Master feel at home, but I believe that each in her own way made Him welcome. There can be plenty of individual differences in the members of a family, and yet Jesus can feel at ease there.

Would the Master feel at home in your home? Would your dwelling place be a haven of rest and contentment for the Son of Man?

## PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

### Converted Early in Life

I am thankful to the Lord that I can look back to my earliest childhood and remember being taught how to pray and the importance of prayer. My parents also taught me the value of Sunday-school and church attendance and I early experienced the fellowship derived therefrom. My parents also stressed Bible reading.

When I was first converted, at the age of nine, my parents often discussed my problems with me and guided me in the way I should take. Through this background, understanding of Christianity and faith in a definite experience came naturally. I praise God for Christian homes, the foundation of the Church.

HAROLD STICKNEY, Student,  
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Nampa, Idaho

### Value of Christian Home

Since being in the service, I've talked with many of my new friends and they have told me about their homes. Some tell of broken homes, unhappy homes, and some even are happier to be away from home.

**Praise God for a Christian home! When I go home it is to a home of peace and harmony and happiness. I am very thankful for a praying mother and father. My steps would have erred long ago except for the help and steady influence of my parents.**

I want especially to praise God for the prayers of my folks. I know that they hold me up to the Lord, and pray that His will may be worked out in my life.

Pfc. F. DAVIS,  
Nazarene Lay Member, from  
Kansas City, Mo., at  
Camp Gordon, Ga.

### Heritage of Christian Parents

All values are significant. Value may be considered as the quality or fact of being excellent, useful, or desirable; or it may be said to be the worth of a thing. Therefore, we may judge the value of a Christian home by its excellence in the influence it has had upon humanity and society.

**Christian homes are predicated upon Christian parents. The heritage of Christian parenthood is inestimable. From the Christian home emanates an influence for good in the community and government.**

The very precepts upon which our great nation have been founded had their inception in Christian homes. Our great leaders have come from Christian homes. Only history and eternity finally will determine the value of the Christian home.

ROLLAND W. MARS,  
Nazarene Lay Member,  
Department of Agriculture,  
Washington, D.C.

### Saved as a Child

A Christian home was my precious heritage and holy portion through the efforts of my good mother. Because of a Christian home, it was natural for me to attend Sunday school and to attend church regularly, and as a result I was saved when a mere child.

**As I grew up, the church appealed more and more to me; and as the years went by,**

## "I'm Thankful for

**the way of salvation became more blessed. Today I appreciate more than I can tell the manifold blessings and the deep joy that come from knowing Christ.**

Largely through the influence of a Christian home, I have chosen the way of truth. Truly, a Christian home is a sure guide for the pathway of life. In spite of living in a confused and troubled world, we can find the right way with Christ as the Head of the home. "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore."

E. F. MAYNARD,  
Financial Secretary,  
Church of the Nazarene,  
New Bedford, Mass.

### Remembers Family Altar

Not until I entered the armed forces did I realize fully the influence the Christian home has upon one's life. The Christian training I received at home has molded my character and geared my thinking in such a way that it would be impossible to live an ungodly life comfortably.

I thank God for a godly mother and father, who have lived consistent Christian lives, and whose prayers at the daily family worship put a conviction on my heart. My parents have been greatly responsible for the conversion of each member of our family. For this I am exceedingly grateful.

CPL. HENRY H. GROSSE,  
U.S. Army,  
Butzbach, Germany

### Example of Parents Cited

I thank God for a consecrated mother and father whose prayers, fasting, spiritual advice, and victorious living have meant my salvation through Christ and the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

As children, we do not always see eye to eye with our parents. But their labors have not been in vain. Their lives, lived with the leading of the Holy Spirit, have been an inspiring example and their advice has proved sound. I am glad that I may enter into their labors and advance the good cause they have served.

JOHN W. TURPEL, JR.,  
Son of a Nazarene Pastor,  
Massachusetts

### The Right Start in Life

No child has a right start in life unless he has Christian parents to guide him in the important, early, formative years. Those who have been brought up around a family altar can face the world better than those who know nothing about spiritual things.

**My parents taught us to respect the Sabbath day, the church and its services, the value of tithing our time and money to the cause of Christ, and they took us to church regularly.**

They set an example before us in all things Christian, and they lived to see seven of us accept Christ before we were through the public schools. Today we all have a deeper appreciation of their devotion which helped to establish us spiritually.

FRED A. HUTCHINSON,  
Nazarene Lay Member,  
Department of Commerce,  
Washington, D.C.

# A Christian Home"

## Serving in U.S. Navy

As a nation, we have a rich heritage because our government was based on the Bible, and "In God We Trust" is our motto. Freedom of worship has meant much to me, both in the service and at home.

**But more than this, it is a priceless heritage to have been raised in a Christian home, where there were true, unselfish love and other fruits of the Spirit.**

I owe more than I can repay to my Christian parents, who brought me up in a church that preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. On this foundation I have established my own Christian home and have been able to take a stand for Christ while in the service.

As never before, I am holding fast to the scripture, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." I hope that I will be able to hold services again aboard ship as we return to the front.

LT. ELGIN W. PURDY, USNR,  
Nazarene Lay Member, from  
Kansas City, Mo.

## "God Has Led Me Through"

What does a Christian home mean to me? I find it difficult to describe in a few words something that has been such a vital factor in my life. The guidance of godly parents has meant much to me. Through their influence and example, I was taught early to let God control my life and work out my problems.

**As I look back and see how wonderfully God has led me through the years, I realize that all would have been very different if it had not been for my Christian home.**

Now it is my prayer that I may pass on to my daughter this heritage in my Christian home.

HOWARD F. BERGHERM,  
Nazarene Lay Member,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

## Serviceman Offers Thanks

To the average person, his heritage means mostly what he gains in a social or material way. I am fortunate that I have a heritage that is priceless—a Christian home.

Since being in service, I have realized more than ever before the worth of my heritage. I have needed and coveted my parents' prayers many times. In the event I go overseas, I know their prayers will follow me. I thank God for the privilege of being raised in a happy Christian home in this life and for the prospect of a heavenly home in the next world.

PFC. JOHN W. MOORE,  
U.S. Army,  
Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

## Counts Her Many Blessings

I've missed a lot in life because of godly parents. I've missed a life of sin. I've missed the battles over movies, make-up, dances, tobacco, and liquor.

**Early in life my parents taught me a way of life far superior to one given over to such shallow pleasures. Because of their love for God, for each other, and for their children, I have been spared the heartbreak of a divided home.**

Through the help of the church, which they taught me to love, I have found a personal Saviour and I have

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THE EDITOR

been spared a wasted life in sin. I thank God for my Christian home.

MRS. EDITH HOFFPAUIR,  
Nazarene Lay Member,  
Lake Charles, La.

## Word Precious to Soldier

I count it a privilege to give my testimony in this special issue of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, and, truly, the Lord has been good to me.

**My boyhood home was a Christian home and we were taught to put God first in our lives. The family worship hour and the words of such songs as "Take Time to Be Holy" have left a lasting imprint upon my life and mind.**

The scriptures we were challenged to learn have clung to my heart and shall never be forgotten. Since I have been away from home, I have found new faith and courage from the Word hid in my heart. It is wonderful to know that I have a praying family behind me and a Christ who never fails.

PVT. EARL G. HOFFMAN, JR.,  
U.S. Army,  
Camp Edwards, Mass.

## Christian Life Happiest

I surely do count it a great privilege to have been brought up in a Christian home and by godly parents, who prayed for their children and instituted and maintained a family altar.

**They saw to it that we attended Sunday school and church regularly and in every way set before us real examples as true followers of Christ.**

I realized that the Christian way was the happiest way to live, and I am very thankful that I did not get into the things of the world. Today I am saved, sanctified, and completely happy—a Christian wife and mother.

MRS. THELMA BROWN,  
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New Bedford, Mass.

# The Christian Home — Cradle of Democracy

Vernal H. Carmichael, Professor of Business Education, Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Ind.

**D**EMOCRACY must begin in the home; and it must be nurtured in the home if it is to grow into a functioning force that will operate to the benefit of those family units that make up the social order of which the home is a part.



V. H. Carmichael

Democracy cannot begin in a home that does not operate upon democratic principles. For that reason it is essential that the home be the right kind of home. It must be a home in which the democratic way of life is being practiced.

The democratic way of life is based upon the conviction that each individual person has value and dignity. It insists that every person within a given group has a right to participate in group action and should be urged to do so. The way to bring about participation on the part of individuals within a group is to trust these persons, to put responsibility on them, and to open the doors of opportunity to them. Because democracy is thus grounded on faith in every man's worth as an individual as he participates in a group, it is a matter, not of politics alone, but of daily living in every human relationship that becomes all-important. In the home where democratic living is in action, the members of the family are treated as valuable, responsible, independent persons, with the full right to participate in the everyday responsibilities of the family group. Democracy can begin in a home of this kind.

No other home is so suitable for democratic living as is the Christian home. Christ is enthroned in the hearts of the members of the home. The husband loves his wife as his own body, and the wife submits herself unto her own husband as unto the Lord. The father provokes not his children to wrath, but brings them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The children honor and obey their parents. There are the love of a mother and the respect of a father. The whole family loves God with all their mind, with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their strength, and their neighbors as themselves. There is Christian fellowship among all the members of the family group. They share their joys and their sorrows, their hardships and their disappointments, their anxieties and their fears, and their work and their responsibilities.

Out of Christian homes come boys and girls who are fit to be citizens in a democracy. They have learned to have the proper respect for law and authority. They have experienced the give-

and-take of sharing, not only of things like "bikes" and ties and dresses, but also of things like chores and feelings. They have acquired the kinds of attitudes that are so necessary for living together in a community. They know what it is to enjoy freedom, but they do not turn their liberty into license. When they talk about their rights, they do not forget their duties. The Christian home provides a means of developing so many of the requisites for citizenship in a democracy.

Democracy is desperately in need of young men and young women of integrity, who are upright in character, and who are dependable. Communism never thrives among loyal, resourceful, self-reliant people. It makes slow progress where good will prevails among a people. Communism feeds on hatred and frustration. It cannot make headway in a social order where democracy is rooted and grounded in the Christian way of life.

Democracy must not be taken too much for granted. Not only has it been difficult to achieve to the extent that it exists today, but it is being challenged by conflicting ideologies at this very moment. The democratic way of life has given this country so much. It has so much yet to offer. Democracy must have its beginning in the home. The Christian home is the ideal home for providing this beginning. Too many homes are Christian only in name, while too many other homes are not Christian at all.

If democracy is to be kept, it is going to have to be defended and promoted by young men and young women with the right kind of attitudes and ideals who believe implicitly in the democratic way of life. These young men and young women can be provided through the Christian home—the cradle of democracy. More homes must be made Christian in order that the democratic way of life can be made safe and secure.

## The First Job of Parents

By J. N. Nielson, Pastor,  
First Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

**T**HE FIRST BUSINESS of parents is to instill in their children a spiritually responsive attitude and desire to be loyal to God and Jesus Christ. The recognition of this truth demands parental sacrifice. However, this must be intelligent and discriminating. Parents have lamentably exclaimed, "I always gave them the best and I took what was left!" That's the reason



for the lament. They taught them to enjoy the best at the expense of those who loved them most. Many parents are confused at this point. Children are humored in their selfishness for the biggest piece of cake, the best piece of chicken, preference when elders are at the table, interrupting the conversation at any time and all the time. But children should be taught how to subordinate themselves in these things. What they have the will power to let alone is true education in this realm. The child doesn't learn this when the parent does all the sacrificing.

The resultant good to our children should always be the aim of our sacrifices. This will mean the giving of time. The children will know, intuitively, if we are genuinely interested. Both parents will have to forego many pleasures. That trip, that vacation, must include the children. The mother may be compelled to sacrifice some of her reputation as a wonderful housekeeper. Sparkling windows, immaculate floors, blades of grass may have to wait until the children are older. That position that takes the father away from home most of the time may have to go. Sacrifices like these will not create selfishness in your children.

To save your children will necessitate a very humble testimony. This may mean the sacrifice of the opinion of your fellow church members regarding your wonderful spiritual attainments. Better to save your children than to testify so loudly. Better to have your children respond to God and His will than to have the hallelujah response of the people. The glow and atmosphere of the meeting may influence you to testify too much. This will paralyze your children's faith. They will not say very much but they will think a great deal.

From the cradle, children must be taught that they belong to God. The church must be first in their lives. You can't impress them with God's ownership without the pre-eminence of the church. No school function must take precedence over the prayer meeting and revival service. Parents say the children have so much schoolwork they can't come; and that if we compel them we will drive them away. Not so, if we start the habit from the cradle. Not so, if the parents set the example by proving that the church is first in their own lives.

Requirements must be intelligent and rigidly enforced. If the rule is not enforced, a reason must be given that will convince the child that the parent erred in the requirement. If children are taught obedience, they will obey God when He calls, and the rearing of children who will obey God is the ultimate purpose of parenthood. I felt that I would be a failure, as a father, if I did not accomplish this. I would rather have failed in business, or profession, or calling than to fail here. I found that I could not be altogether a failure in other things if I had success in making my children spiritually responsive.

## A Parent's Prayer

BY NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

*God, hear this a parent's prayer,  
Who precious souls must lead:  
Keep me well and strong, that I  
Their little mouths may feed.*

*God, keep me young with gleaming faith,  
So all my children's joy  
I can share with carefree heart  
Like that of girl and boy.*

*Keep me strong of spirit, too,  
That something they may see  
Of Thy great strength and righteousness  
Showing clear in me.*

*Keep my inmost mind and heart  
So pure that they may know  
Thy power, O God, to cleanse from sin,  
To make men white as snow.*

## FOR CHRISTIAN HOMES

### Guaranteed Power

By R. E. Swim, Associate Editor  
Department of Church Schools

"Curtailed all but absolutely essential use of electricity at five o'clock!" These were official orders. Defense needs and heavy demand were overtaxing power production facilities. So the brown-out spread to every home. There was not enough power to go around.



Roy E. Swim

World crisis still continues and grows. Homes still feel the pressure. But an inexhaustible reservoir of power is available to every home that makes the connection. This is more than power to make lights glow and motors hum. It is power to lift burdens and make hearts glad.

It is power to banish conflict and dissension. It is power to insure the most genuine happiness in any home, even against the pressures of adversity and sorrow.

What is this power? Where is its source? This power is the power of perfect love operating in human hearts and in human relationships. And perfect love comes only from God. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, . . ." (I John 4:16-17).

The love that comes from God is far more than an extension or improvement of human love. It is as different from romantic love as the work of grace is different from human works.

But this love, which is a sharing from the heart of God, is eminently fitted to infuse itself into the love which hallows homes and by this infusion to sanctify the most sacred of human relationships. This love lifts the love of husband and wife to a higher level. It puts parent-child relationships on a different plane. It makes brother and sister ties more tender. It eases tensions and smooths out those conflicts of interest inevitable to any household. This grace of love made perfect is the offered gift of God to every heart and to every home that cares enough for the high goals of living to meet the conditions for receiving it.

What, then, are those conditions? First, the renunciation of godlessness. No heart or home can receive God's gift that does not consent to be godly. Next, the renunciation of sin, particularly the sin of self-centered living. Third, consecration of heart and hearth to God, that He may be recognized as Lord and Arbiter of all relationships. Finally, confidence, faith in God, that He does grant His gift, "the love of God [which] is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Romans 5:5). This is, in brief, a description applied in terms of Christian home relationships to that succession of experiences of personal religion commonly known as regeneration and sanctification.

Those who believe in and profess the grace of entire sanctification should of all people on earth provide a proving ground for the demonstration of God's love successfully at work in building Christian homes. Here we should surely see the process of development of holy character in some of its finest forms. If in any sense we are found to fail, surely it must be charged, not to the grace we profess, but to the degree of our lack of it.

Homes in today's world are in crisis. Each week one thousand homes go on the rocks of divorce. People who should love each other grow to hate. Children are warped and twisted in mind and soul by bitterness. Christian homes must stand as bulwarks of stability in unstable times, pointing the way to sanity and salvation. And Christian homes have *power enough guaranteed*—the power of love made perfect!

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#### SOME PARENTS SAY

"We will not influence our children in making choices and decisions in matters of religion."

#### WHY NOT?

The ads will! The press will!  
The radio will! Television will!  
Their neighbors will! Their business will!  
Their politicians will!

We use our influence over flowers, vegetables, cattle—shall we ignore our children?—*The Trumpeter*.

## A VITAL RELIGION

### The Need of Our Times

By F. M. Whitsell, M.D., Chicago, Ill.

SOMEONE has said, "It probably takes more endurance, more patience, more intelligence, more healthy emotion, to raise a decent, happy human being than to be an atomic physicist, a politician, or a psychiatrist." Anyone who has successfully overcome the thousands of difficulties, stresses, and strains coincidental with raising a family in this day surely would agree.

Moreover, any agency which will bring to bear an influence for good will be greatly and genuinely appreciated. At present there are many of these organizations, such as Y.M.C.A. clubs, scout groups under church auspices, a multiplicity of school clubs, and allied activities all designed to keep the children busy and develop a mutual sense of respect for and an interdependence on one another regardless of race or color. These aims are all good and such groups deserve the support of parents, for they certainly help to condition young people for the complex community life they must lead later on. The time of life at which they are forced to face these problems is much earlier now than when their parents faced them.

World conditions have degenerated so fast and regimentation of youth is demanded so urgently by our officials that a high school principal to whom I listened a few months ago said, "You have thought that your children belonged to you—I am afraid now you will have to change that concept." This came during a discussion of the necessity of atom bomb drills, the probabilities of universal military training, and the registration of our eighteen-year-olds. Certainly this highlights the urgency which must strike deeply into the minds of thinking people as they become awakened to the possibilities; there is so little time, yet so much to accomplish.

Are we to be satisfied with the soft generalities which are illustrated so well in the remarks of a church leader speaking to a group of high school juniors and seniors? He admitted that our young people face serious problems, but suggested that they could be surmounted by flying through or around or preferably over them, much as an airplane pilot flies over a cloud. This latter requires a strength that can come from within or above, either being perfectly satisfactory provided it gives the added power and is what he chose to call "super-usual." A fine skirting of the central positive teaching that, unless a boy or girl finds a spiritual strength of his own through personal contact with God, flying over the clouds of difficulty is not easy; and sometimes even with the inner strength it is very difficult to gain the necessary speed and altitude.

Where are they to find for themselves that inner wisdom that will guide and control and condition the thoughts and desires, so that they may come through their hard places victoriously? For centuries the Church has held parents in the home responsible for their children's training in the great fundamentals of religious faith and spiritual values. But the last decade or two has seen a serious change in the quality of the homes of our nation. Many signs indicate that they are not the kind of homes where boys and girls catch and absorb the eternal realities of religion and particularly the saving doctrine of the Christian gospel.

These homes must be the kind where there is seen daily proof that the Christian way is the best way, where there are parents with a personal sense of Christ's presence, living examples of His exhortations to love, forgive, and trust Him for all things. The preachments from the pulpit or Sunday-school class cannot in most instances be expected to take root and become motivating influences unless given reality by godly parents who are willing to show that they can be lived seven days a week in all circumstances. Church and home then can become great forces for good in the development of Christian character—much more effective by their interaction than either is or could be by itself.

The remedy is simple if only we will take it. Our parents need to find God in simple faith and become followers of the One who walked

the paths of Galilee two thousand years ago and who waits to live again in receptive hearts. Then we will have homes where God comes first, homes where children live in the atmosphere of Christ's love and truth and beauty. That is what we so tremendously lack in this day when the secular has all but strangled the spiritual. Such homes, under God, will forge those strong and shining links of life that neither time nor temptation nor tragedy can completely destroy.

## OUR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### Democracy in Action

By S. T. Ludwig, General Church Secretary

**T**HE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE is neither fully episcopal nor extremely congregational in its form of church government. Rather, it combines some of the best features of both, resulting in a truly representative management of denominational matters. A proper balance is thus achieved between the responsibilities of the local congregation and adequate superintendency to unify and promote the objectives of the organization.

Our founders labored diligently at the uniting General Assembly in 1908 to lay the foundation for a strong yet representative government. How well they did their task is indicated by the fact that few changes have occurred since that time; and the fundamental principles have been incorporated in our church constitution.

The local church largely directs its own affairs through a board elected by the congregation. Major matters of acquiring and disposing of property must be approved by the congregation. Likewise, the local church may call its pastor by a two-thirds vote of the people and approval of the district superintendent. Each established church elects representatives to the annual district assembly and so participates in the district organization of which it is a part.

There are sixty-six districts comprising 3,789 established churches in the denomination. Each district is supervised by a district superintendent elected annually by the representatives from the churches which make up the district. It is the superintendent's responsibility to promote the unity and development of established churches, to encourage the organization of new churches on his territory, to secure the co-operation of his district in the general church program of world evangelism.

Every four years the Church of the Nazarene holds a General Assembly composed of elected representatives from each of the districts in the denomination. This assembly is the supreme law-making body of the church. It is at the General Assembly that general superintendents (called bishops in some churches) are elected for a four-

### GOD, BLESS OUR HOME

By Kathryn B. Peck

*"God, Bless Our Home"—with patient care,  
Under and over, with stitches slow,  
Laura Elmina formed the prayer  
More than a century ago!*

*Faded the words on the sampler old,  
Faded the rosebuds twining through;  
Yet they grip my heart with power untold,  
As I pray Grandmother's prayer anew.*

*God, bless our home! May it ever be  
Lighted by love, through Thy boundless  
grace;*

*Warmed by true kindness and sympathy,  
Meet for Thy gracious dwelling-place.*

*Over the world the powers of death  
Spread forth their tinsel nets of sin;  
Help us to build our walls of faith  
Stalwart to house our children in!*

*Deep understanding we sorely need,  
Truth every day from the Sacred Page;  
Grant us the wisdom to rightly lead  
These—our most precious heritage!*

year term. Under directions which may be given by the General Assembly, they administer the work of the church, preside at annual assemblies, advise and counsel with the various departments of the church, and promote the unity and effectiveness of the Church of the Nazarene around the world.

The representatives of the church in General Assembly also elect the department executives, the general officers, and a General Board to administer the financial program of the church throughout the four years. The Assembly ap-

proves the goals of the church for the quadrennium and provides the ways and means for carrying them out.

This year the Thirteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 22-28, 1952. The theme of this significant gathering will be **KNOW GOD—BE STRONG—DO EXPLOITS**. Approximately ten thousand delegates and visitors will meet to pray and to plan for the future. They will "tarry" for divine guidance and then "go" to the ends of the earth to take Christ to the nations.

## "Families That Pray Together Stay Together"

By John E. Riley, Pastor College Church, Nampa, Idaho

**T**HERE IS MORE interest today in family religion than at any time in my memory. For this first half century it has seemed that in some special way the world, the flesh, and the devil conspired together to ruin the old-fashioned family altar. Life became too speedy to take time to pray; it became out of fashion for parents to read the Bible and pray with their children; multiplied activities and amusements clamored for attention; and God became very, very unreal to people who put everything else ahead of Him—family religion was at a very low ebb.



John E. Riley

But out of the awful emptiness that resulted has come a turning to God again. Home has been discovered to be no real home without the Heavenly Father. Parents are despairing and children delinquent without Him. And so many families are beginning to pray again, hesitantly, perhaps, and feebly, but they are praying. Every religious organization is urging its families to pray. I have discovered in talking to businessmen's groups, service clubs, and teachers' organizations that the subject to which people listen most avidly is "family religion."

The forms of family religion that seem to be the most helpful are these. (1) *Grace at meals*—a song, a brief prayer memorized or ex tempore, in unison or alone, before or after meals; many an ulcer, many a broken heart may be prevented by a moment of devotion here. (2) *The family altar*—a daily period in which the entire family participates, reading

a portion of scripture in turn and offering prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer. There are many different forms, many different times, many different devotional aids for this family worship. The close of the morning meal seems best for our family. The children of Israel had light in their dwellings during the plague of darkness in Egypt. Here is light for our homes today! (3) *A home dedication service*—a simple observance asking God's blessing on every room and every activity, whenever the family moves into a new dwelling, even if it is only a rented apartment. (4) *A concerted family preparation* for and observance of the Christian Sabbath. (5) *A religious recognition of special days and events in the home*—keeping Christ in Christmas, the risen Lord in Easter, Providence in Thanksgiving, remembering God at the birth of children, school graduations, and other times of meaning. (6) *The presence of reverent pictures, mottoes, music, and religious books in the home.*

Ah, that is a happy home, a secure family, where the spirit of this poem of Arthur Guiterman is found!

*Bless the four corners of this house  
And be the lintel blest,  
And bless the hearth and bless the board,  
And bless each place of rest;  
And bless the door that opens wide  
To stranger as to kin,  
And bless each crystal windowpane  
That lets the starlight in;  
And bless the roof-tree overhead  
And every sturdy wall.  
The peace of man, the peace of God,  
The peace of love o'er all.*

## CHRISTIAN PARENTS

### A Child's Right

By A. S. London, Sunday-School Evangelist

*Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages (Exodus 2:9).*

**I**T IS a crime for any child to be born into a home that is unchristian. The odds are ten to one against the child. The poet Byron said, "Un-taught in youth my life to tame, the springs of life were poisoned." He was cursed by an unchristian mother. The greatest responsibility on earth is the bringing of a child into this life.



A. S. London

A nation was in a condition of servitude. It was severe, exacting, murderous. A cruel edict was in force against children. Moses was born and placed in an ark of bulrushes, and laid by the river's brink. Pharaoh's daughter came down to the river and heard the baby cry. A nurse was called to take care of

the child. The princess said to the mother, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

Moses' mother was a slave, but genuinely good. She had a strong parental affection. Happy the child that is linked to God by a good mother and father! The unchristian, godless, drinking, nonchurchgoing parents, without concern for the future welfare of their children, are the blackest cloud on our national horizon!

Abraham Lincoln said, "What I am today I owe to my Christian mother." The Prophet Ezekiel said, "As is the mother, so is her daughter." Out of the Egyptian bondage came the radiant splendor of a free Hebrew people, as the wages paid to a Christian mother.

Right challenges parenthood today. Wrong is seen on every hand. Oh, for parents who cannot be sold on the public market like cattle! Gladstone, of England, said, "I know the populace will give me bitter reproaches, but I must follow the behest of right."

A plant will thrive best in the soil in which it first grows. Likewise, children have as their first and best school parents who are genuinely Christian. We now have six million listed criminals. Boys and girls are not born criminals. They are born as clay in the hands of the potter. Our task is to mold them into the kind of vessels God would have them to be. The Christian home alone can change the nations of the earth that are in the midst of ruin, collapsed empires, and wrecked civilization.

Moses was chosen to bring three million slaves out of bondage into freedom. He became the historian for all the past happenings, and a law-

giver for all generations to come. He talked face to face with God. He scaled the heights of Mount Sinai to become God's mouthpiece to the whole world. One hundred and twenty years from the time this babe was born, he had ascended to the mount of God. And God thought enough of this man to come down and take care of his ashes.

Science says that force is indestructible. Then I know that every child is immortal, for there is something in every life that is a living force. God pity any parent who will not guide this living force in the right paths!

My father was dying when I was but a lad of seven years. He called me to his bedside and asked me to become a Christian early in life. I said, "Dad, I will." I was converted two years later. I have never cost the government a dollar for wrongdoing, nor used an unclean word. Thank God for Christian parents!

## AN IMPORTANT CHOICE

### The Christian College

By Maurice R. Emery, Nazarene Businessman,  
Warren, Pennsylvania

**A**S CHRISTIAN PARENTS we are confronted with many problems affecting the education of our children. So many undesirable activities or social programs are a part of the requirements of some of our public schools that we must continually guard our children against these evils. Indeed, it is only with much prayer and thoughtful guidance that our children go through the public schools without falling into some of these snares.



Maurice R. Emery

Choosing a college for their children should be a matter of deep concern to all parents. Such an institution should provide the educational program in the chosen field plus the proper Christian teaching and influence. Would not our home influence be lost if our children were compelled to attend a college whose teachings were modernistic? Our church colleges not only offer the curriculum of a higher education, scholastically, but also furnish the opportunity for the spiritual growth of the student with teachers and officers who believe fully in the doctrines of our church.

Church colleges must depend largely upon the homes of their denomination for their students. The colleges of the Church of the Nazarene could not long survive if the young people of our homes attended colleges of other churches. Church colleges must have the loyal support of

their denominational homes, both personally and financially, and thus they will work together for the Christian education of their young people.

The beautiful harmony of the Christian home and the unity of Christian belief can best be preserved when young people attend their church colleges. What a satisfaction it is to Christian parents when their children return from college with a stronger faith in Christ and the Bible!

But what a tragedy when the student's faith is shattered by attendance at a college which gives little, or false, religious teaching!

We have believed in and supported church colleges for many years. Our children attended a church college a total of sixteen years. The home and the church college should always be closely related—each depending upon and supporting the other.

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## The Young People's Society

By L. J. Du Bois

### The Home's Greatest Product

"Thank God for a Christian home. for a praying dad and mother."

This is a testimony heard frequently coming from the lips of Christian young people. Similarly countless numbers of adults point back to their godly homes as the major factor in their lives.

The greatest and most important product of the home is the young people who come from it. And not just young people well fed, well clothed, well trained, well polished, and well educated! To stop here is to stop short, no matter how much attention has been given to the home or how much sacrifice has been undergone to bring it about. This product is not finished until these youth come out with a life for God, a sound Christian experience, and character that will make an impact for good upon their world.

All too many homemakers possess only a partial understanding of what their job is. They are busy with by-products, missing completely their chief purpose for operation. Others fail to see what it actually takes to produce Christian character in the lives of their young people.

In the home the young person first gains a respect for law and authority, and for the Word of God. Here he first sees the practical application of the Word to daily living. Here he sees a demonstration of prayer and faithfulness. To miss this in the home is to go out into life poverty-stricken. It is the exception when a young person's devotion to God and the church rises higher than that which has been set before him in his home.

Let us seriously face the issue. Are we too easily content with an inferior product? Are we leaving to chance this all-important formation of Christian character? Are we sending our youth out ill-equipped to face life, to break down when the serious issues confront them?

We alone hold the answer. We largely determine what the answer to these questions will be.

### NEWS OF YOUTH

Young people throughout the church are looking forward to the Eighth Quadrennial Convention of the Nazarene Young People's Society, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 19-21. Here between five and six hundred delegates will consider basic ideals of our youth work, set a program for the four years to come, and elect officers to head this world-wide organization.

The membership report at the General Council meeting in January shows that the N.Y.P.S. now has 78,434 members. This is a 19.4 per cent increase over the last four years.

## THE QUESTION BOX

By Stephen S. White

*Q. Will you outline briefly what the Church of the Nazarene believes as to entire sanctification?*

A. The Church of the Nazarene believes that the person who is saved, who has repented of his sins and through the blood of Jesus Christ has been freed from the guilt of his actual transgressions and quickened into newness of life, regenerated, or born again, needs a second crisis in order to live an aggressive, victorious, conquering life. It is not enough to become a Christian; one must go on and be sanctified wholly. This means that a sinner must not only have the guilt of his actual transgressions, or sins, forgiven; he must also be freed from what the Bible calls the carnal mind, indwelling sin, or the sin nature, with which every person of Adam's fallen race is born and which remains in the heart after one has been born again, or saved.

We hold that this second experience, or crisis, can be obtained by the Christian in this life by faith and in an instant when he has made a complete consecration.

In describing this "second blessing," as John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, called it, many different points of emphasis have been centered upon.

Some call attention to the human element as seen in consecration. They talk about this experience involving the Christian in a self-surrender which knows no limits. Everything is placed upon the altar of God for time and eternity. This complete giving over of everything to God opens up a new era of Christian experience and living.

The most important way to describe this truth from the standpoint of the Church of the Nazarene is that it is purity, holiness, or the cleansing of the heart from the inborn sin nature. This reinforces the Christian from within and makes him strong to do exploits for God.

John Wesley himself emphasized the fact that this entire sanctification exalts the Christian's heart in supreme love to God and man. For him it especially meant perfect love. He also often spoke of it as Christian perfection.

This experience of entire sanctification is wrought in the heart by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Thus some describe it as the baptism with the Holy Spirit. They also have much to say about the empowering or strengthening which comes through the full and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in the heart.

Again, there are those who think of this second experience as that which brings the Christian into a fullness and constancy of fellowship with God hitherto unknown.

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*Q. In conversation with a young lady she gave me her view as to the future as follows: "After you die that's all, but you are really still alive as long as you live in someone's heart." I would like your opinion on this.*

A. This young lady's view is a form of social immortality as over against personal immortality, the belief of the Christian. First, social immortality is not scriptural. The New Testament teaches personal, or individual, immortality. No one can doubt this who reads First Corinthians fifteen. Besides, there are many arguments from reason for personal immortality, among them man's universal desire for immortality.

ty. This is for personal immortality and not social immortality—to live on in one's influence or in somebody else's heart. Then, there are the inequalities and injustices of this life. They must be evened up somewhere, and this cannot be if we cease to exist as individuals after this life. These and other arguments for immortality are arguments for personal and not social immortality.

Q. *What relation has mysticism to Christianity?*

A. Mysticism means union—immediate consciousness of God or oneness with God. One scholar speaks of Occidental and Oriental mysticism. The latter is connected with the Eastern religions and involves one in ultimate unity with God, or pantheism, while the former is connected with Christianity, and involves one in communion, oneness in fellowship but not oneness in nature. This latter view, of course, is not pantheistic. Some of the greatest Christians were the Christian mystics.

## Religious News & Comments

By Delbert R. Gish

*Spending in the United States*—The annual per capita contribution for all tax-exempt benevolences (computed in 1951) is \$23.33. For sixteen months the defense effort alone cost every man, woman, and child \$420, either actually paid out or contracted. Protestant churches are spending about fifty million dollars annually for foreign missions, while the United States is spending about one thousand times as much, or fifty billion, for war.

*Alcohol traffic*—The *Christian Statesman* estimates that the two hundred million dollars spent annually by the liquor industry for advertising amounts to \$1.33 for each person in the United States! More than four million dollars per state!

The Diamond Jubilee Convention of the U.S. Brewers' Foundation reported that 40 per cent of the beer consumers today are women. Of the total volume, men drink 74 per cent.

After a year of state repeal, Kansas found that her troubles had increased. Arrests for drunkenness had increased greatly, and those for drunken driving much more. Actual figures for thirty-seven counties after a full year of repeal showed 21 per cent increase for the former, 84 per cent increase for the latter. It was necessary to add seventy-two men and fifteen patrol cars to the state police force. These percentage figures were released by the American Business Men's Research Foundation.

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house sway a bit; the thunder rolled and crashed; the lightning flashed; the trees made swishing noises. I was afraid! As I lay in my bed, stiff with fright, I heard the door to my room open and my mother's voice call,

"Girls, girls, get up quickly! There is a terrible storm. Come downstairs immediately."

It did not take more than two minutes for the seven of us to gather in the living room. Father was away in a distant city holding a series of meetings, but we seven were together. There seemed to be no spot in the living room or in the dining room where we could hide from the lightning flashes. The house felt as if it were ready to take wings and fly away from its foundation at any moment. We shivered and waited. What would happen to the seven of us?

One by one we dropped to our knees. There was no human being to whom we could go for help. We prayed to the all-mighty One for mercy. We prayed that our house would be spared. We prayed to God—to the God we feared! We feared His strength. We feared the winds He had sent. We feared His anger. But we believed in the power of this great God. We asked Him to calm the winds. We prayed for forgiveness for our trespasses. We promised to live better lives for Him if He would spare us.

Out of my fear, I learned to have trust and faith in God. I learned that the same God who is strong in de-

## THE HOME CIRCLE

By Grace Ramquist

### The Fear of the Lord

FATHER and Mother loved each other dearly and gladly would have given their lives for their children. Both of them believed in a hell for those who failed to give their hearts to God. They taught their children to fear God and to fear His punishment above all else. These two fears were instilled in my mind when I was but a small child. I heard sermon after sermon on the anger of our God. Oh, I heard of the love of God, too; but the fear of God was so strong that whenever disaster, sickness, danger, or storm came my way I prayed to a God I feared.

One night I was awakened by the sound of a strong wind. I felt the

struction, and who is more powerful than all men put together, is also more loving than one could ever imagine. He loved us so much that gladly He gave His only Son for us. I learned that, when I called upon Him, He always heard me and gave heed to my prayer. I learned that He wanted me

to live for Him always. I learned to lean on Him when no one else, not even my parents, could help me. Because I was taught to fear Him, I learned of His love.

God is a fearful Master. He controls the waters of the earth. He can bring winds, such strong winds that

man is destroyed in spite of all of his inventions and abilities.

But God is also a Lord of mercy. He listens to the cries of His smallest children. He answers their pleas.

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whosoever shall say to his brother, <sup>a</sup>Rā'-cā,<sup>b</sup> shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

<sup>c</sup> 23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother

<sup>a</sup> 1 Pet. 4. 14  
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## The Sunday-School Lesson

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for March 23:

Lydia, Who Opened Heart and Home

Scripture: Acts 16:6-40 (Printed, Acts 16:6-15, 40)

GOLDEN TEXT: *A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised* (Proverbs 31:30).

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Now here we come to the second outstanding truth that shines out in this lesson. Don't forget the city of Thyatira as we slip into the Pauline party and journey on west. At Troas there was the man in the night who beckoned Paul to come over into Macedonia. Paul responded immediately and found himself a-sail for a brand-new continent—Europe. Upon his arrival at Philippi, there was no man to greet him, as the vision would suggest. Rather, the first contact was a group of women holding a prayer meeting. And among them was Lydia "of the city of Thyatira." Now you can see why the Holy Spirit led Paul to bypass Thyatira—Lydia was not home. Lydia was a woman of some wealth, a seller of fine linens with



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We light this flickering lamp of home,  
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through*

*Uplift our prayer and evensong.  
Dost Thou, with heaven in Thy ken,  
Seek still a dwelling-place with men,  
Wandering the world in ceaseless  
quest?*

*O Man of Nazareth, be our Guest!*

*Lord Christ, the bird his nest has  
found;*

*The fox is sheltered in his ground.  
But dost Thou still this dark earth  
tread*

*And have no place to lay Thy head?  
Shepherd of mortals, here behold  
A little flock, a wayside fold*

*That wait Thy presence to be blest—  
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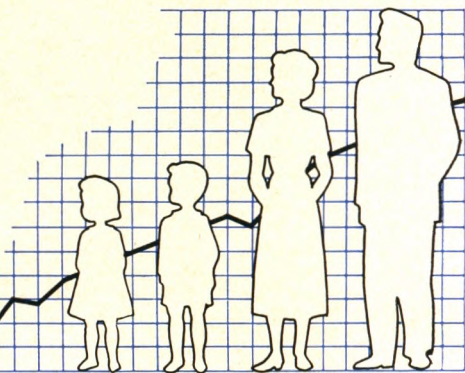
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