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## Sleeping Disciples

General Superintendent Benner

**T**HE DISCIPLES were asleep! Asleep, while evil men were conspiring with a traitorous disciple to betray his Lord! Asleep, while the devil was doing his worst to defeat the plan of redemption! Asleep, while the Son of God was enduring the most exquisite agony under the burden of the world's sin! Prostrated "on his face," with soul "exceeding sorrowful, even unto death," crying, from time to time, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me," Jesus was facing a major crisis in His redemptive mission, and His disciples were asleep.

In the presence of unspeakable need, regardless of the expectations and exhortations of the Master, they failed at that crucial time, and at last He came to them saying, "Sleep on now, and take your rest," for their opportunity of participating in this epochal season of prayer and of sharing this heavy burden with their Lord was gone. No wonder this tragic weakness called forth the exhortation from the disappointed heart of the

Master, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation."

Why did those disciples fail? Jesus gave this as the explanation, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." This is not mere physical exhaustion but that spiritual weakness of "the flesh," that carnal disposition that "lusteth against the Spirit." It is this condition in the hearts of professing Christians today that produces sleepy, stupefied, apathetic disciples. Tragedy, need, challenge, opportunities, and gravest responsibilities are all about, but too many disciples are not awake and alert to them.

May the Church of this day hear the clarion call of the ancient prophet, "Awake thou that sleepest," shake off the temptation to lethargy, let the burning Spirit of God cleanse from every disposition to spiritual drowsiness, and face the tremendous challenge of these times with energy, courage, resourcefulness, and full devotion to our Lord.

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

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## TELEGRAM

*Mitchell, South Dakota*—Just closed (Nov. 14) great home-mission tour with Rev. E. D. Simpson; 513 Nazarenes pledged more than \$6,000.00 for missions. South Dakota District's future is bright. Substantial gains along all lines this year.—W. H. DAVIS, Superintendent of South Dakota District.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Aline Turner, wife of Rev. Maurice E. Turner, pastor at Broadmoor Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, died on November 9. Mrs. Turner was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London.

Dr. C. Warren Jones writes: "Have just completed a two-month tour across the country from southern Missouri to western Pennsylvania; had sixty-two services in fifty-four churches. Have been preaching holiness and missions, talking up the '10 per cent' plan, boosting the *Other Sheep* and the thank offering. Find that 50 per cent of the churches are already in the '10 per cent' class and the majority of the remaining 50 per cent are nearing the goal. It looks like a great thank offering. We are gaining ground. On with the battle against sin. Our best days are ahead!"

Pastor Noel Whitis sends word, "The Church of the Nazarene of Knollwood, Ohio, held its first service November 8 with seventy-six in Sunday school."

Rev. K. E. Sullivan has resigned as pastor of the church at Woodstock, Ontario, to accept the pastorate of People's Church of the Nazarene in Providence, Rhode Island.

Superintendent Whitcomb Harding of Nebraska District sends word: "Organized a new church at Burwell, Nebraska; small group, enthusiastic to evangelize their area. Brother Alfred Kilpatrick, pastor. Attractive church building free of debt. We are thanking God for His blessings."

Rev. Wilfred C. McKay has resigned as pastor of the church in Arlington and is now pastor of the new church at Ione, Oregon.

After serving as pastor of the church at Harmon for two years, Rev. Thurman F. Davis has resigned to accept the pastorate at Sayre, Oklahoma.

## The Shortest

### Long Trip in the World

By Katherine Bevis\*

**T**OO OFTEN we fail in our quest of life by making religion something separate from the rest of our activities. Christianity is the full life, and when we do separate it from the rest of life's activities we lose its flavor and power.

The "shortest" long trip in the world may be only a few feet. A few steps down a church aisle to an altar for prayer, or a short distance to our own improvised altar, can lead all the way to a life of peace and to our heavenly home.

Little did Moses know that day as he took the few short steps to the burning bush that at the end of that short journey he would receive the directive that would open to him greatness throughout time and eternity.

When Moses accepted the impulsive force of God's assignment at the scene of the burning bush, God released in him a directive force that enabled him to maintain control of every situation in Egypt that involved the Israelites until, in desperation, the Pharaoh released them. Then Moses led them to the frontier of the promised land.

The equipment needed for that shortest long trip in the world is prayer. It is a great thing when the soul can cast its longings in an attitude such as Coleridge expresses:

*Be not afraid to pray; to pray is right.*

*Pray, if thou canst, with hope, but ever pray,*

*Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay.*

*Pray in darkness, if there be no light.*

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As Benjamin Haydon, the great English artist, was beginning to plan for a picture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, he jotted down this sentence: "I earnestly prayed that I might conceive and execute such a picture of the head of Christ as would impress the world."

He began right—"I earnestly prayed . . ." This is the proper way to take that first step on the "shortest long trip in the world."

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## GLEANINGS

### From the Office Editor's Desk

"As a reader of and subscriber to your holiness paper [HERALD OF HOLINESS] it is one of the best; and I have received so much good and light on holiness from reading the paper . . ."—A Lady in Illinois.

"I always enjoy reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS from the front to the back; and also sure loved that poem on the back page of the August 26 issue. . . . I surely thank someone who sent the subscription in for us. The paper has come every week since June and we don't want to miss any of the papers. We are members of another church."—A Lady in Idaho.

"Would you please send me copies of the John Wesley number [HERALD]. I used it in devotions in a Methodist ladies' Bible class, and it was a great blessing. I would like to give the papers to Methodist friends and others. I read one article concerning John Wesley to a minister friend of mine, and he requested it."—A Lady in Indiana.

"The HERALD OF HOLINESS has always meant a lot to me in the building of my young life. I have used material from it in preparation of sermons, because it is a standard for true holiness. I was a student at Bethany-Peniel College for two years . . . I am not a Nazarene but, believe me, Nazarenes are close to my heart."—A Methodist Pastor, in Kansas.

"In these days when so many are wandering indifferently away from the true gospel and spiritual Christianity, I feel one should be generous with favorable comments of those who do practice them. Your church paper [HERALD OF HOLINESS] is one which does practice them."—Preacher and Wife in Oklahoma.

# How God Classifies Men

Basis: I Cor. 2:6—3:7

By Harry E. Jessop\*

## III. THE SPIRITUAL MAN

IT HAS now become clear in our thinking that in the scripture passage before us the Holy Spirit has classified men, placing them in three distinct categories: the natural man, the carnal man, and the spiritual man. The first two have already been discussed. Now the third is presented. The spiritual man belongs to a much smaller, but much more effective, group.

"He that is spiritual" (2:15). Nor is this the only place where expressions of this kind are used. Writing to the Romans, Paul speaks of "they that are after the Spirit" (Rom. 8:5); and to the Galatians, "Ye which are spiritual" (Gal. 6:1). To Paul, *spirituality* is real and practical. It is not idealistic, but realizable and experiential, even while living in a human body in a sinful world.

"*He that is spiritual.*" This stands in striking contrast to the other expressions, *natural* and *carnal*. He is literally the *man of the Spirit*. Those of this class are referred to again in verse six as "them that are perfect." Evidently the words *spiritual* and *perfect* are synonyms here. The spiritual man is distinctly unlike the other two in that he stands out from them—strong, robust, dominant, and victorious. Concerning him, three main thoughts are to be noted:

I. *The way by which he has come is clearly marked.* The direct steps are not mentioned in the passage before us, but the trend is clearly seen, and other great spiritual facts described elsewhere are definitely assumed.

1. He is no longer on the merely natural plane; he is born of the Spirit. Peter states it thus: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope . . . being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (I Pet. 1:3, 23). To this fact the spiritual man has received the Spirit's inward witness, a fact which none except those who have received it can either explain or understand. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

2. Nor is he any longer carnally minded. He has been Spirit-baptized, and indwelling sin has been destroyed (Matt. 3:11; Acts 15:8, 9; Rom. 6:6).

3. Thus, having been Spirit-born and Spirit-baptized, he has entered into a life of spiritual fullness, which brings to him an ever deepening sense of the soul's life in God.

The human spirit now indwelt by the Holy Spirit perpetually develops in the nature and knowledge of Deity. Of the believer thus endowed, the New Testament says at least seven things:

He lives in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

He walks in the Spirit (Gal. 5:25).

He is led by the Spirit (Rom. 8:14).

He is taught by the Spirit (John 14:26; 16:13).

He minds the things of the Spirit (Rom. 8:5).

He prays in the Spirit (Jude 20).

He wields the Sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17).

The realm of the Spirit is now both his sphere and his nature. In that realm he must remain *if he is to make spiritual progress*. There is no stagnation to those in the Spirit. They must either develop or die.

II. *The experience into which he has come is expressly characterized.* In it four things are to be recognized.

1. He receives by revelation the deep things of God. Since the Holy Spirit is in possession, the spiritual man's own spirit becomes divinely sensitized and spiritually receptive. It is to that sensitive, receptive spirit that the deep things of God are made known.

In the realm of the Spirit, spiritual revelation is a normal thing. The spiritual man possesses: (a) A *seeing*, which the eye cannot penetrate; (b) A *hearing*, which the ear cannot audit; (c) An *understanding*, which the mind cannot perceive. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (I Cor. 2:9, 10).

In this spiritual realm, the Holy Spirit is continually at work, delving into the divine mysteries and opening them up to the adoring gaze of the obedient soul.

2. He learns by perception how to evaluate the things which are revealed. "Comparing spiritual things with spiritual" (I Cor. 2:13). This evaluation is necessary because of the dangers which lie concealed in the spiritual realm. There is a destruction that wasteth at noonday. Noonday is the time of clearest light, and spiritually of the greatest danger. It is here that the powers of darkness would foist upon the unwary soul every kind of fanaticism. The spiritual man must increasingly beware.

3. He learns also how to exercise discernment in judging spiritual things. "He that is spiritual

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# BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

Thanksgiving, 1952 — Bible Sunday, 1953

## Bible-Emphasis Year Is Now Over

## But the Bible Carries On

**WE** HAVE come to the end of a journey, you and I; a happy trip through the Bible together during BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR. To us who made the plans, it seems but yesterday that we were discussing the details for the year-long observation. Now it has come and gone and, as with the parting of friends, there are mingled feelings of sadness and delight: sadness because we must turn our attentions to other duties and the comradeship of BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR must cease; delight at the splendid way our people accepted the whole plan from Kansas City to the ends of the earth.

Yes, BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR closes on Bible Sunday—December 13, this year. So, as travel companions for more than a year through the Book of Books, we part company. Shake hands around and wave good-by!

### BUT MEMORY LINGERS

Thank the Lord for memory! For long months we will recall the words of persons who have spoken kindly and with encouragement.

There is the report from Dr. L. J. Du Bois, general secretary of the N.Y.P.S., that where he has been there is a very noticeable increase in Bibles conspicuous in the services. That thrills us.

There is the wonderful lady—Mrs. Maud Burns of Lebanon, Missouri—who writes, "I have been an active booster this year in this Bible-reading movement. . . . I have read the Bible through this year despite the fact that I am now eighty-five years old and my eyesight is failing."

And Evangelist Helen Mooshian wrote: "The Bible is my favorite book. I completed it in six months of this year. . . . It has been illuminated since my two trips to the Holy Land. My devotional life has been deepened and enriched. I read it . . . and am encouraging others to do so."

These could be multiplied a hundredfold. They tell us of success attending the program and that is all the pay we wish.

**IT** WOULD be tragic now if anyone were to think that with the closing of BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR the Bible could be relegated to a dusty corner. If you are inclined to do so, then we have failed totally in all our deepest desires. We hoped that the emphasis on the Bible for a year would whet the appetites of our people for a far more consistent Bible-reading program through the years ahead; and we believe that is the case with the vast majority.

To encourage continued interest in the Bible and Bible reading the General Stewardship Committee will make available the following:

*For Local or District Bulletins*—Mats similar to those that appear on these pages, only revised so there will be no mention of this particular year. There will be two sizes: the large ones as shown on this page, and smaller ones half the size. They will read as follows. Please order them by number.

1. DO YOU CARRY YOUR BIBLE? (large) 4¼ inches long
10. DO YOU CARRY YOUR BIBLE? (small) 2 inches long
2. DID YOU READ YOUR BIBLE TODAY? (large)
20. DID YOU READ YOUR BIBLE TODAY? (small)
3. READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR (large)
30. READ THE BIBLE THROUGH THIS YEAR (small)
4. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD: Read, Study, Carry, Memorize It (large)
40. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD: Read, Study, Carry, Memorize It (small)

*For Individual Use*—A personal Bible-reading record is being prepared for your use in your Bible reading. It is a plan for reading the Bible through in a year. Have your pastor write for these to the General Stewardship Committee.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Ps. 119:105).*

**BE 1 OF THE 100,000!**  
Who Will Read the Bible Through During  
*Bible-Emphasis Year*

# DID YOU READ YOUR BIBLE TODAY? BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

## MAKE IT YOURS!

**T**HE BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR planning and promotion were done under the sponsorship of the General Stewardship Committee, of which Dr. S. T. Ludwig is secretary. I think it would be nice to have a word from him.

"Many people have a Bible but never really make it their own. Ownership does not guarantee possession.

"For the Bible to be yours, it must become necessary to your life. For its teachings to be vital, they must be incorporated in your daily plans.

"Too many people are content to buy a Bible, dust its covers once a week, display it in the home—then promptly neglect to read it. Great spiritual power can never be maintained in one's life unless God's Guidebook is faithfully read and used as the basis for soul meditation.

"Helen Keller says: 'The Bible is a Book to live with, to think from, and to die by.' That just about covers the ground. This is Bible-Emphasis Year. Let's read the Bible through but, more important still, let us live by its teachings and exhibit its truth by our actions. That is the only way some people will ever be led to Christ."

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Someone has said: "There are three stages of Bible study:

"*First*: the cod-liver-oil stage, when one takes it like medicine because it is good for you.

"*Second*: the shredded-wheat-biscuit stage, dry, but nourishing.

"*Third*: The peaches-and-cream stage, when it is sweet to the taste."

Ah, 'tis a great thing to have reached the third stage. 'Tis wonderful to have a real taste for the study of God's Word. How are you coming with your Bible reading?—*Selected*.

## Ways of Reading Your Bible

1. Take one book or one group of chapters and read and reread it scores of times. Creative power comes, not from collecting every new idea, but from being laid hold on by great vital and enduring truths.

2. Read it, especially the Gospels, and from the Psalms and Epistles, for light on personal problems—purpose in life, friendships, anxiety over loved ones, financial perplexities, the guilt of sin, when tempted to do wrong. It can be marvelously helpful.

3. Read it to find the person most like yourself, and study his experience with God and life.

4. Read to understand thoroughly a single character—what his motive and his hope, what his ambitions, what battles he lost and won.

5. Take a great word or phrase—"faith," "patience," "grace," "the glory of God"—and trace its meaning through the Bible.



# DO YOU CARRY YOUR BIBLE? BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

## How God Classifies Men (Continued from page 3)

judgeth [discerneth] all things" (I Cor. 2:15). He is not swayed by emotions nor influenced by sensations. He does not go off on a tangent over every new idea. He examines, investigates, weighs up, thinks through in the light of the Holy Ghost.

4. He possesses the mind of Christ. "But we have the mind of Christ" (I Cor. 2:16). The *mind*, here, is literally the *disposition*. That disposition is imparted to every wholly yielded soul.

III. *The results produced by such an experience are not far to seek.* These may be by implication, but there is need that they should be stressed. We gather up the thoughts from other scriptures introduced earlier in this paper.

1. The spiritual man realizes an essential relation. The source of his experience is outside himself. It centers in God alone; consequently, he has no room to boast. He gives glory to God. All he has is maintained by personal contact; hence, he must walk humbly and carefully before God.

2. The spiritual man rejoices in a glorious possession. "To be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6). This *life* is the conscious possession of the divine nature. The *peace* which results is the unruffled inward calm when the storms are on.

3. The spiritual man recognizes a distinct obligation. His life is to be lived out as a blessing to others. No man is blessed of God merely for his own enjoyment. To Abram God said, "I will bless thee, . . . and thou shalt be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2).

The spiritual man as Paul knows him has a similar obligation. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness" (Gal. 6:1). The man of the Spirit is God's man for all emergencies. While keeping his contact with God he will not fail.

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## CHRIST—A FRIEND

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*He was a Friend. He saw beneath man's greed  
And lust for power and visioned the soul's need.  
He loved rash Peter, shifting with life's shock,  
And clung to him till Peter was a rock.*

*He loved the magdalen, frail sinful soul.  
His faith made her a woman, pure and whole.  
He saw the grief that made weak Thomas doubt  
And gave him proof that called his boldness out.*

*And still He is a Friend to all who turn  
To Him, with hearts that ache and souls that  
yearn . . .*

*The only understanding Friend we know  
Whose love is constant when the tempests blow.*

## Royalty Recommends the Bible

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

WE ARE all familiar with the blessed fact that our most beloved Bible, the Authorized Version, is also well known as the King James Version. No translation of the centuries intervening since its publication has ever taken its place and captured the minds and hearts of Christian people as this one, and we predict none ever will. King James was known as the "Defender of the Faith"—the Christian faith—and His Majesty urged the translation out of the original tongues for the English-speaking world. This translation was completed in the year 1611, and the King authorized that it be read in the churches. And for three centuries following, the Word of God has mightily influenced civilization, Christendom, the missionary enterprise, and the whole world.

A queen of later years, Queen Victoria of the nineteenth century, held a precious Bible in her hand and told a prince who inquired of England's greatness, "This is the secret."

In September, 1951, Queen Elizabeth of England, in connection with the United Evangelical Campaign and Exhibition, held in Westminster Hall, sent a significant message to be read at the opening session:

"I am most happy to send my good wishes for the success of the Exhibition. That cherished inheritance which we call the British way of life has its source and inspiration in the great ideals of Christianity. It is fitting, indeed, that we should take this opportunity of showing that the life of our nation has long been influenced by our faith and molded by the Bible. I can truly say that the King and I long to see the Bible back where it ought to be as a guide and comfort in the homes and lives of our people. From our own experience, we know what the Bible can mean for personal life."

It is truly strengthening to our faith to know that these rulers place the weight of their extensive influence on the side of the Bible and Christianity. Some of the leaders in statecraft, business, education, and also the church on both sides of the Atlantic, could well change their ways and follow the Queen's advice. Well did the great Gladstone, England's "Grand Old Man," say, "I have spent seventy years of my life studying that Book to satisfy my heart that it is the Word of God." And holding it up to a graduating class he said, "I bank my life on the statement that I believe this Book to be the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture."

Artists, scientists, men of literature, musicians, poets, churchmen, missionaries, educators, and every branch of human learning have found inspiration, guidance, sustenance, comfort, and blessing in the inspired Word of God.

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# The Effect of the Bible

By John T. Donnelly\*

**T**HERE are, unfortunately, those who hold the "blessed Book" in contempt as a priestly imposture. There are few who do so as the result of individual investigation. It is the result of writings which are not careful about facts, or scrupulous in the use they make of them. The result is lamentable to those deceived. They reject the only book which can possibly be revelation from the Deity, and they throw away their only chance of immortality.

Surely if there be a book on earth that contains the revealed will of God, that book is the Bible; and if there be any possibility of deliverance from the sins and evils of this life—the corruptibility of our physical organization, the weakness of our moral powers, the essential badness of a great portion of the race, the misconstruction of the social fabric, the bad government of the world—that possibility is made known to us in this Book, and brought within our reach by it.

By the rejection of the Bible the unbeliever sacrifices an immense present advantage. He deprives himself of the consolations that come with the Bible's declarations of God's love for man. He loses the comfort of its glorious promises, which have such power to cheer the mind in distress. He cuts himself away from all the moral heroism which they impart; he sacrifices the abiding support which they give, the soul-elevating teaching which they contain, the noble affection

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they engender, the solace they afford in time of trouble, the strength they give in the hour of temptation, the nobleness and interest which they throw around a mortal life. And what does he get in exchange? Nothing, unless it be license to feel himself his own master for a few mortal years, to sink at last comfortless and despairing into the jaws of a remorseless and eternal hell!

*The effect of the Bible is to make the man who studies it better, happier, and wiser.* It is vain for the leaders of unbelief to assert the contrary; all facts are against them. To say that it is immoral in its tendencies is to propound a theory, and not to speak in harmony with the most palpable of facts. To declare that it makes men unhappy is to speak against the truth. To parade the history of unrighteous government and tyrannical priestcraft in support of such propositions is to betray either ignorance or shallowness or malice. Many are deluded by such a line of argument, and have the misfortune, in many instances, to become conscientiously impressed with the idea that the Bible is an imposture. Such are objects of pity; in the majority of instances they are hopelessly wedded to their view.

We cannot here deal with the vexed but settleable question of Bible authenticity. The person who is not convinced by the moral evidence presented to his understanding on a calm and independent study of the Holy Scriptures, in conjunction with the historical evidences of the facts which constitute the basis of its literary structure, is not likely to be altered in his persuasion by elaborate argument. It is more profitable to show what it teaches, and thereby commend it to every man's sober judgment.

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## The Three Best Books

By Walter Holland

*Precious Book of Books, the Bible—  
Word of God that giveth light—  
Tells us of His great creation,  
Marred so soon by sin's sad blight.  
Tells of Jesus, the Redeemer,  
How He died on Calvary;  
Of His glorious resurrection,  
And His Church from sin set free.*

*Precious book, the "Pilgrim's Progress,"  
Wherein one convinced of sin  
Leaves the City of Destruction,  
By the strait gate enters in!  
Through the valley, over mountains,  
Journeys on by faith until  
He has crossed the river Jordan,  
And ascended Zion's Hill.*

*Precious book, the Christian's hymnbook,  
With its songs of prayer and praise,*

\*Rosario, Argentina



*Of creation and redemption,  
And of all God's wondrous ways!  
Songs of trial and of triumph;  
Songs of Him whom we adore,  
And His love that is eternal;  
Songs of life forevermore!*

# Billy Sunday's Tribute to the Bible

By A. S. London\*

IT WAS my privilege to hear the late Billy Sunday pay the following tribute to the Bible: "Twenty-two years ago, with the Holy Spirit as my Guide, I entered the wonderful temple of Christianity. I entered at the portico of Genesis, walked down through the Old Testament art galleries where the pictures of Noah, Isaac, Abraham, Moses, Joseph, Daniel hung on the wall.

"I passed into the music room of Psalms, where the Spirit swept the keyboard of nature, and brought forth the dirgelike wail of the weeping prophet Jeremiah, to the grand impassioned strain of Isaiah, until it seemed that every reed and pipe in God's great organ of nature responded to the tuneful harp of David, the sweet singer of Israel.

"I entered the chapel of Ecclesiastes, where the voice of the preacher was heard, and into the conservatory of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley's sweet-scented spices filled and perfumed my life. I entered the business offices of the Proverbs, then into the observatory room of the prophets, where I saw telescopes of various sizes, pointed to far-off events, but all concentrated upon the Bright and Morning Star, which was to rise above the moonlit hills of Judea for our salvation.

"I entered the audience room of the King of Kings, and caught a vision of His glory from the standpoint of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; passed into the Acts of the Apostles, where the Holy Spirit was doing His work in the infant Church. Then into the correspondence room, where sat Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, James, and Jude, penning their epistles. I stepped into the throne room of Revelation, where I got a vision of the King sitting upon His throne in all His glory, and I cried:

*"All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all!"*

Revolutions have raged around the Holy Bible. Nations have been buried, and the geography of the earth has shifted in human strife, but the Bible lives on. The foundations of government are laid in its principles. It is the abiding strength of all efficient law. It is the source of the ideals of all loveliness in the human character.

The Bible has put its imprint on every page of print in the English tongue. The central figure of this Book is the ideal Character and Teacher of all ages, Jesus Christ. It is read on the Sabbath in all pulpits of our land. In all temples of Christendom, its voice is lifted. The sun never sets on its gleaming pages. It goes to the cottage of the poor peasant, and to the palace of the king; to the hut of the poor man, and to the halls of the rich.

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No vessel of war goes to the conflict—but the Bible is there. It mingles in all our sorrows, our joys, and our aching heads and hearts find a soft pillow in its leaves. Men rest their hope on the promises of this Book. It is a source of spiritual energy.

The Word of God still endures! Why not treasure its sacred truths as never before during the coming year?

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*The word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, . . . a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12).*

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## IKE, Two Ex-Presidents List

### Favorite Bible Quotations

NEW YORK—(UP)—Three men who have held the office of President of the United States have disclosed their favorite Bible quotations.

President Eisenhower and former Presidents Hoover and Truman made the disclosure to Lowell Thomas, well-known newscaster, who broadcast the quotations during National Bible Week, Oct. 19-25.

President Eisenhower gave Thomas two quotations, recalling, Thomas said, that "he used both of them on the greatest day of his life, when he took the oath of office as President of the United States."

At that ceremony, Mr. Eisenhower used two Bibles, one on which George Washington had taken the oath of office, and the other the one he had used as a cadet at West Point.

#### WASHINGTON BIBLE

Mr. Eisenhower took his oath with the Washington Bible opened at one favorite quotation, Psalms CXXVII: 1, which reads, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

The West Point Bible was opened at the President's other favorite passage, 2nd Chronicles VII: 14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

#### SERMON ON MOUNT

Mr. Truman, asked for his favorite quotation, replied that the people of the country should read the Bible in its entirety, but that he especially recommended the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of St. Matthew, as differentiated from the Gospel according to St. Luke.

The version from Matthew begins: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Mr. Hoover told Thomas that Proverbs XXIX: 18 was his favorite passage. It reads: "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."



Coming to Grips with—

## The Crusade for Souls Now

By John L. Knight\*

**T**HE Crusade for Souls is more than a slogan. It must ever be, and it is—but where to begin is the big question with some. One is almost overwhelmed by the national statistics of the unchurched. With millions of Americans outside the place of worship every Sunday, millions untouched by the Church, and six million criminals listed in the U.S.A., the average age of which is eighteen, one hardly knows where to begin!

May I suggest that we of the Florida District have undertaken to do something about those right at our finger tips. We realize that we must come to grips with this idea of Crusade for Souls Now. There are now enrolled in the Nazarene Sunday schools on the Florida District 8,020 people. Only one-half of this number are members of our churches. That means that there are approximately 4,000 people who believe in our doctrine, believe in our ministry and our church, believe in our program, and are willing to help support it; but for some reason they are not members of our church. Many of these non-members are Christians, and would no doubt unite with our church if properly guided and brought face to face with the issue; however, the vast majority of these 4,000 people are not Christians. *Here is a ripe field for an immediate harvest.*

In March and April of this year we conducted our annual evangelistic crusade for children and youth. That we might properly focus attention, our pastors made a survey of their local Sunday-school enrollment. With 45 of our 67 churches participating, we found 2,270 unconverted people enrolled in these 45 Sunday schools.

Immediately we saw the fields "white already to harvest." For six weeks only, all of our agencies for evangelism were directed toward the winning of these prospects. Pastors were asked to beam their messages, both morning and evening, to the winning of these souls. Revivals for children and youth were sponsored. In fact, all of the services were geared to bring the unconverted enrolled in our Sunday schools to a personal knowledge of the saving gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the close of the special evangelistic crusade these 45 churches reported that of the 2,270 unconverted enrolled in their Sunday schools, 672 were won to the Lord, and 218 united with the church! This, although short of our goal, was well worth the efforts. With the poet we feel:

*Just to see a saved man smile  
Makes the effort well worth-while.*

If the same ratio should maintain throughout the denomination, it would mean that there are at least 150,000 unconverted people now enrolled

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in the Nazarene Sunday schools across the nation. And if the entire denomination would come to grips with this Crusade for Souls Now, and go out to evangelize the unconverted people in our own Sunday schools, it would mean the salvation of at least 50,000 persons, and add approximately 15,000 to our membership rolls! Thousands of these would be children and youth. This means not only souls saved, but also lives guided into the path of faith and duty to become "a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work" (II Tim. 2:21).

This can be done if we will undertake it *now!* But we dare not wait. Time marches on. Even one year from now, if we delay, hundreds of these young people will have slipped from us and become a prey of the wicked one. For in the words of another:

*There is a time, we know not when,  
A point we know not where,  
That marks the destiny of men  
For glory or despair.*

How soon many of these 150,000 will come to that time and place, I know not. Perhaps daily some are reaching it. What a responsibility upon us! What a challenge to us! What an opportunity for us! Therefore, let us Crusade for Souls Now!

Such a church-wide crusade beamed at the unconverted enrolled in our Sunday schools would, in one season, give us the goal of net gains set by our general superintendents. What shall we do about it?

Let us rise in the name of the Master, and in His strength go forth to victory!

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## HOLY—WHOLLY—AL(L)TAR

By E. Wayne Stahl

*I wholly followed the Lord my God (Josh. 14:8).  
The very God of peace sanctify you wholly  
(I Thess. 5:23).*

If, in living true holiness, victor you'd be,  
This truth, oh, remember continually,  
That *holy* means *wholly*; they completely have  
died  
To the world and to self who are God's sancti-  
fied.

All the heart, all the mind, all the strength, all  
the soul  
Must be yielded in faith to Messiah's control.  
And then divine dynamos sent from above,  
With mighty empowering, will bring perfect  
love.

On His altar yourself as sacrifice place;  
You will then surely know His victorious grace,  
If with your obedience you will recall  
That from the word "altar" sounds syllable  
"all."

## Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley\*

### XV. Harden Not Your Hearts

*Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness (Read 3:7-18).*

THE second warning, that against hardening the heart, is drawn from the history of Israel in the wilderness. The preceding verses, therefore, not only indicate the conditional nature of experience, but serve to form a transition to this second warning. Here the warning has reference to the work of Christ in the Incarnation, and is at the opposite pole from the former warning against neglect. That warning was given in the light of the majesty of the Son of God and directed against the neglect of so great a salvation; this consists in a failure to recognize the greatness of the Redeemer in the midst of His humiliation and suffering.

*"The Holy Ghost saith."* It is interesting to note that the author of this Epistle never refers to the human instrument which the Holy Spirit uses, but drives back for his authority to the Holy Spirit himself. There are two words which the Holy Spirit utters. The first is today. The Holy Spirit always says today; Satan says tomorrow. God demands immediate trust and obedience; Satan argues for procrastination. Failure to heed this word today has resulted in the loss of opportunity, and condemned men to the darkness of eternal night. Today carries with it also the thought of a present salvation. "If by faith, why not now?" was one of Mr. Wesley's exhortations to seekers after full salvation.

*"Harden not your hearts."* This is the second utterance of the Holy Spirit. The hardening of the heart referred to here does not consist primarily in the rejection of something great, but in the failure to see greatness in the common things of life. Christ was God manifest in the flesh, but in His sufferings and humiliation men failed to recognize Him as the Son of God and put Him to death as a malefactor. Yet Christ was as truly God when hanging on the cross as when seated on the throne.

*How is the heart hardened against God?* Israel provoked God by a lack of faith. The reference here probably includes the outbreak at Marah. There was no bread. The second was at Rephidim. There was no water. The third and most serious outbreak was at Kadesh-barnea when Israel, dismayed by the report of the spies, refused to go forward. God was as powerful at Marah and at Rephidim as when He led Israel out of Egypt; and He who brought them out that He might bring them in was able to fulfill His promise. But Israel failed to recognize God in the struggles

of life, and turned back to their weary wilderness wanderings.

Charles G. Finney tells us that the heart is hardened in the following ways: (1) when the heart is too much open to other voices, (2) when one makes the intellect rather than the heart supreme, (3) when the life does not keep pace with the light, (4) when we attempt to walk by sight rather than by faith, (5) when we are content to rest with our present position.

### Saved in a Treetop\*

"I was saved in the top of a tree," was the testimony of a seventy-four-year-old man to the evangelist and myself. "The devil sent me up there to kill me," he continued, "but the Lord saved me and brought me down safely." He told us how God spoke to his heart and brought him to his senses.

But an hour and a half before when we pleaded with him to come down from his thirty-foot perch, we were unsuccessful. In his drunken condition, he was determined to end it all. His wife had been a member of our church for several years, and he had been saved more than once. But each time the habit of drink got the best of him. So when he got into this dangerous predicament, she asked us to help get him down.

When we were unsuccessful, we went to the evening service and prayed that the Lord would get him down safely and save his soul. Soon after the benediction, we returned to his home to find him, not only on the ground, but sober and with this testimony, "The Lord saved me in the top of a tree." We rejoiced with him, for we knew that God had actually got to his heart.

The following night he was in the service and gave his testimony. He told how God had saved him and taken away the desire for tobacco and drink. In the altar service, the church was blessed when he went forward and was wonderfully sanctified. As he told again of what the Lord had done for him, the glow of his heart was reflected in his face.

Here was a backslidden man whom God saved in the top of a tree and sanctified the following night. Thank God! The Lord performs miracles in our day!

\*By a Nazarene Pastor

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### NOT ALONE!

By Maggie Culver Fry

*I had a loss, and stopped beside the road to weep,  
Unmindful of another's tears—*

*The fountain of my own was far too deep—  
Until the Man of Sorrows whispered:*

*"Come with Me."*

*And on a beaten path I saw*

*All mankind, marching up to Calvary!*

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## Helps for Sunday-School Teachers—

### THE 1954 LESSON COMMENTARIES\*

**T** DON'T apologize for using my space in the interests of a special group—our Sunday-school teachers. Everyone should be interested in improved Sunday-school teaching. I hope every reader is either a member of a class or is teaching one. There are now too many lesson commentaries to elaborate on each one. However there are points of difference which I shall briefly mention.

**ARNOLD'S COMMENTARY.** (\$2.00) Now in its sixtieth annual edition. Written by that veteran Bible scholar, Dr. B. L. Olmstead, for many years in charge of Sunday-school literature for the Free Methodist church. Dependable in doctrinal and spiritual emphasis.

**HIGLEY'S COMMENTARY.** (\$2.00) Edited by R. D. Higley, L. R. Ringenberg, John Paul, and J. A. Huffman; all holiness men, the three latter well-known holiness preachers. Another safe, sound commentary.

**TARBELL'S TEACHERS' GUIDE.** (\$2.50) In its forty-ninth year. Now edited by Dr. Frank S. Mead. Worth every cent of its price. Not as conservative as some of the others but filled with teaching material and suggestions.

\*Any of these commentaries may be ordered direct from the Nazarene Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Mo.

**BROADMAN COMMENTS.** (\$2.25) By Robert P. Caudill. One of the newcomers in this field. Published by the Southern Baptist house. It wouldn't amaze me to find an occasional "eternal security" statement in it, which wouldn't change my views one whit.

**THE DOUGLASS SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.** (\$2.95) Formerly called the Snowden commentary. I have always liked it for young people's and adult classes. It gives the lesson presentation just as a teacher might do it—introduction, the four or five divisions of the lesson, questions and topics for discussion, and a final and most helpful "Hints to Teachers." Conservative in its theology.

**PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES.** (\$2.75) The veteran of the lot—the eightieth annual volume. For some years written by Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, noted author and professor at Fuller Theological Seminary. It would be difficult to find fault with it and also to say too much for its worth.

**STANDARD LESSON COMMENTARY.** (\$2.95) A toddling infant in its first year of publication. Issued by Standard Publishing Company (independent publishers catering to the Christian church). It would be conservative theologically. I can't see the wisdom nor appeal of the large page size—11 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ —but others may like it.

In the vest-pocket commentaries there are: **THE GIST OF THE LESSON** (75c), now written by Ralph G. Turnbull, of the *Sunday School Times*. **POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**, now authored by Clifton J. Allen (75c).—P. H. LUNN.

## Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

### Christmas Evangelism

**C**HRISTMAS is a church holiday. Let us make the most of it. We don't have to surrender to Santa Claus, a friendly reindeer, or any other current attraction. Let us use Christmas for evangelism.

An increasing number of communities across the nation are striving each year to emphasize the spiritual aspects of Christmas. An example is shown in the accompanying picture. This "Put Christ Back into Christmas" slogan has been erected on the City Hall building each year in Wilwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our pastors will be preaching warm, friendly messages that bring out all the happy Christmas memories that people enjoy. Also, they will be bringing messages that bring out Christ as the real meaning of Christmas and the only answer to the empty, artificial lives of many all around us today.

We should have Christmas evangelism in the Sunday school. Sunday-school teachers have a wonderful opportunity to help boys and girls,



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and men and women, see Christ as never before and know His saving power in their lives.

Every one of us can have a part in evangelism at Christmas through our

greeting cards and correspondence during the Christmas season. Cards with scripture verses and letters enclosing appropriate Christmas tracts will be of blessing to many people.

Let us use these opportunities for our Christ, who came at Christmas.

### Pray for South Dakota

This note is being written as I ride the Burlington Railroad from Edgemont, South Dakota, to Billings, Montana, where I will help in a home missionary service in First Church. From there we go on to Nampa, Idaho, for their Crusade for Souls Conference.

It was my privilege to spend three glorious days in the Black Hills of South Dakota in company with District Superintendent "Bill" Davis and six of his preachers and laymen hunting deer. I enjoyed so much these few days of recreation and relaxation. The exhilaration of the high altitudes and the solitude of the forests, together with the game of "hide and seek" played with the black-tail mule deer and the white tails, do something worth-while to a man with Western blood in his veins and who loves

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## A Significant Resolution

A RESOLUTION has come to me from the Associated Temperance Forces of Alberta, Canada. It is relevant to the Christmas season, and I am glad to pass it on to the readers of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. I am ready to do everything I can to help make Christmas more Christ-centered. Here is the resolution:

"Moved by I. D. Follett, seconded by A. Cursons, that

"Whereas a noticeable trend was shown during the last Christmas season towards sobriety in public and in private conducting of social entertainment, and

"Whereas this trend has contributed to emphasis on a Christ-centered Christmas,

"Resolved that we commend such a trend, and continue to encourage this high standard, not only at Christmas parties, but at all social functions throughout the year.

"Associated Temperance Forces of Alberta, Canada

"Robert G. Thompson, Secretary."

## They Read the Bible Through

DURING the Bible-Emphasis Year, which is now closing, many people in our church have read the Bible through. Of course, there have been some who haven't paid any attention to the Bible-Emphasis Year. They never have read the Bible through and didn't read it through this year. In fact, there are those who read the Bible very little, and they didn't increase their pace during this Bible-Emphasis Year. Those in this group are the sufferers. They lost an opportunity to co-operate with a great church movement, to bless their own hearts, and to make their lives more worth-while. In spite of those who here and there have failed to take any interest in this emphasis, there have been many, as I said above, who have co-operated and have been blessed thereby. Quite a few letters have come to me or to others at headquarters from those who were delighted to fall in line and read the Bible more than they usually do. I have before me now two letters that I received from laymen recently. One says:

During the Bible emphasis this year I have read the Bible through. I finished it this morning (August 27). I began reading it through the second or third Sunday of December, 1952, and my average number of chapters for a day's reading has been four, except when I came to the Book of Psalms and this last day of my reading. I read the Book of Psalms from one Sunday to another, that is, in seven days, and I finished my reading today with six chapters. I thank God for letting me be able to read the Bible through by this time.

Another letter was quite interesting to me. It reads thus:

You asked for everybody to read the Bible through this year. I have read it through each year for several years. This year I completed it twice, beginning May 19

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and finishing on September 7, for the second reading. This makes fifty-eight times I have read the Bible through since 1918. Besides, I have read the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**, the *Other Sheep*, the Sunday-school papers, week by week, and the missionary books and lots of other good reading. However, I am getting old now and cannot read as much as I did. I was eighty-one on Decoration Day. I love my Bible best of all and never tire of reading it. I praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness and mercies. Surely it is great to know the blessed Saviour.

The first letter was from a man in Alabama; the second from a woman in Ohio.

## Reformation Day Celebration

ON NOVEMBER 1 the Kansas City Council of Churches sponsored the Festival of Christian Faith, commemorating the 436th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. The service was held at 3:00 p.m., and the main speaker was Representative Walter H. Judd, now a Minnesota congressman and formerly a medical missionary to China. Dr. Judd gave an outstanding address, and some of it I pass on to you. He termed the Bible "God's laboratory manual for faith," and urged all of us to return to an "intensive reading of the Scriptures, the foundation stones of the Christian faith." Further, he said:

"We start to follow its instructions in faith, just as we do the directions in a chemistry textbook, believing that those who prepared the manual had first made the experiments themselves and are reliable guides. The beginning is in faith; it becomes certainty when the words are proved true in our own experience. At the point of certainty, our conscience, like that of Martin Luther 400 years ago, becomes 'captive to the Word of God.' On that Word we too will stand, God helping us."

In his message, Dr. Judd also outlined the Protestant beliefs as follows: Truth is from God through Jesus Christ; God is directly accessible to all men in the Bible; the clergy can and should assist, but not manage or control, men in their search for God; forgiveness is not something men can buy or earn, but is the freely given gift of God; and there is only one Head of the Church—Jesus Christ.

There were some six thousand people present in the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium, and with the other portions of the service, besides the address of Dr. Judd, it was a fitting celebration of Reformation Day, and one that should help all who were present to be better followers of Jesus Christ.

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*O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. . . . How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! (Ps. 119:97, 103.)*

# Stephen S. White

## A Bible Campaign in Britian

**A**S I THINK of the Bible-Emphasis Year just closing with us, I am reminded of the news about a new Bible campaign which is to be launched in Great Britain. The information is brought to us in these words:

"Introducing the forthcoming Bible campaign which will be observed in Britain, the Archbishop of York, in his address to the convocation of York, on October 14, stated: 'In the next twelve months a nation-wide attempt will be made to encourage the regular reading and study of the Bible. The special occasion for this is the 150th birthday of the British and Foreign Bible Society. We shall also join with other churches and denominations in thanking God for the work which has been done by the Society, and in praying that His blessing may rest on it in the years to come. Since the Reformation the Church of England has used the Bible as the test of all teaching claimed to be necessary for eternal salvation, for instruction in the Christian faith, and as its chief source of public and private devotion. For four centuries the Bible in the English tongue has been read morning and evening on Sundays to congregations who thus became familiar with its contents, both learned and unlearned knew and revered it as the inspired word of God. For long it was the one book certain to be found in every house, from castle to cottage. Its narratives and teachings were familiar to all, and many of its verses were known by heart. Its language made its way into the common speech. It's difficult to exaggerate the influence which this familiarity with the Bible had on the ideals and character of the English-speaking people. It should therefore be a matter of grave concern that in the twentieth century the Bible is an unknown book to large numbers of our fellow countrymen.'"

## Making Christmas Christ-centered

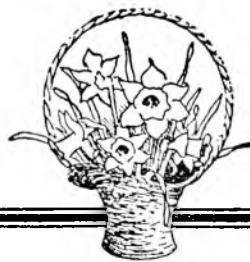
**L**AST year a Christian woman went out to buy some records for children's phonographs for Christmas presents. She wanted to get Christmas records, records that really had something to say about Christ. The result was, she found almost none which gave any place to Christ at all. In fact, the salesmen themselves in the stores seemed to know little about the Christ-story. When she asked about the song of the angels, the different carols, the story of the shepherds, and the story of the wise men, most of the salesmen didn't even seem to know anything about these stories or facts, about the manger, or anything else that really had to do with Christ.

The same sort of situation was found in connection with the Christmas cards sold in the average business places. Most of them had little or nothing to say about Christ; they were not Christ-centered.

Did the salesmen know about Christmas? Sure, they knew that Christmas was at hand, that it was going to be celebrated, but they were woefully ignorant about Christ. Their Christmas was not Christ-centered.

This means that many people in Christian lands are leaving Christ out of Christmas. Among these are those who are church members and claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, as well as those who make no profession. Many make much of Christmas, but don't seem to care whether they do, give, or say anything at that time that has to do with Christ. Also, they are little interested in going to services where Christ and His coming is made the center.

Some people are beginning to wake up to these facts, especially in the churches, and this year they are making a greater effort than ever to make Christmas Christ-centered. In several issues of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS* you will notice that our publishing house is being given some extra space for advertising at this Christmas time; and what it is trying to sell in the way of gifts, cards, etc., is Christ-centered. No doubt what it thus disposes of will net some profit, but I do not believe this is the chief reason why the Nazarene Publishing House is making this special effort. Primarily, it is interested in distributing gifts which are Christ-centered. Therefore, I direct your attention to these ads which are appearing in three issues of the *HERALD*, beginning with the one for last week (November 25). God bless the Nazarene Publishing House, our people everywhere, and the friends of our church; and help us all in our giving this year, and in all that we do at Christmas time, to do our best to make Christmas Christ-centered. Buy gifts through the Nazarene Publishing House, and help along this movement.



**Come, take up  
the cross, and  
follow me**

*Mark 10:21*

God's great out-of-doors. I enjoyed every bit of it, especially the fellowship with Brother Davis and his fine sportsmen.

But as I ride along today my thoughts are not concerned with the good shots I missed. I am thinking of the great need of planting the Church of the Nazarene in the towns and cities of the western half of this great state. There are Deadwood, Custer, Hot Springs, and Edgemont with Rapid City in between—all good towns and coming cities. The people represent a fine type of American citizenship. They exude a Western atmosphere and are progressive in their outlook. So far we do not have a Church of the Nazarene in any of them. Brother Davis and his people are doing their best and plan to enter Rapid City as soon as a proper place of worship can be secured—but they need our prayers.

I am praying that God will lay these places of crying spiritual need on the hearts of some of our daring young preachers. Centers for second-blessing holiness preaching should be opened in each of these places. Brother Davis needs men—men with iron in their blood and a burning passion for souls in their hearts, men and women who can adjust to Western atmosphere. The anemic city dweller with no love for rugged challenges of the pioneer would be a misfit. It will require those who can subsidize their salaries with part-time work. Schoolteaching, school bus driving, and other part-time jobs can be had by the up-and-coming missionary pastor.

Surely if all of the present-day religious groups and cults can find places of worship and establish themselves in this area, the Church of the Nazarene with her soul-saving message can make a place for herself where full salvation can be preached. Pray for Brother Davis and his faithful men and women who are standing by him. No group gives more liberally to the cause of home missions. Pray that God will send workers into this overripe harvest field.

Our forgiveness from God is conditioned not only upon our repentance but also upon our willingness to forgive others. If we forgive not, it is impossible for us to be forgiven; but when we forgive others we help position ourselves to receive forgiveness from God. He who bears the spirit of Christian forgiveness helps build a bridge to God and glory.—B. W. DOWNING.

## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

*Q. I do not understand "initial" sanctification or the concept that a person is partially sanctified when he is regenerated. Please explain the difference between "initial" sanctification and entire sanctification.*

A. According to Wesley "initial" sanctification (or what is sometimes called partial sanctification) refers especially to the cleansing away of acquired depravity which takes place when a person is saved. By acquired depravity Wesley meant the depravity, or pollution, which comes upon one's nature by his own acts of sin. This cleansing, or "initial" sanctification, does nothing to the original sin, or depravity, which all of us have inherited through Adam's sin and fall. This inborn, or native, depravity is cleansed away in entire sanctification which comes as a second blessing, that is, after we are converted, or regenerated. This distinction is often confusing today because so many of us testify to being saved and sanctified without any mention of regeneration, which is one phase of the first blessing, or conversion. Neither do we talk about "initial" sanctification, which is technically connected with regeneration and the first blessing. Further, when we witness to the second blessing, we just speak of sanctification and say nothing about entire sanctification, which is really the more exact and technical way of describing the second blessing.

*Q. Does God ever sanctify a person in the sense of entire sanctification when that person is converted? Though sin is twofold what is the purpose of God in not accomplishing both works of grace at the same time?*

A. No, would be my answer to your first question. The Bible teaching separates them, and so does experience. I can't find the teaching in the Scriptures upholding the view that we are sanctified wholly when we are saved. The church creeds are decidedly against this position, also. Again, I have never heard anyone testify to getting the two blessings at once and, furthermore, I have never known of anyone who did hear someone witness thus. Experience, I say again, is against the theory that we get both blessings at once. As to your second question, I would say that it is not necessarily the arbitrary purpose of God not to save and sanctify at the same time. His purpose is limited by man's inability. Salvation—regenera-

tion and sanctification—is a cooperative affair. What God does in connection with it is limited by what man can do. Man cannot meet the conditions for both blessings at once—his finiteness bars this; therefore, God's will and purpose for man is circumscribed. God cannot do His part until we do ours.

*Q. My husband has been carrying health insurance for twenty-five years, paying forty-eight dollars per year. Now, being totally disabled, he is receiving one hundred dollars per month. Should I tithe it and how?*

A. I passed this question on to Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the Nazarene Publishing House, and he has given an excellent answer, which I now present to you with his consent. It reads as follows: "You have propounded a rather complicated question. To merely arrive at the tithe or 10 per cent of your income from the source mentioned would lead to technical complications, such as years of life expectancy. Assuming that heretofore you and your husband gave a tithe of your total income—you could simplify the situation thus: during the twenty-five years your husband paid an annual premium of \$48.00, or a total of \$1,200.00. As he will receive an income of \$100.00 a month, it will require twelve months or a year to replace the total amount paid to the insurance company. After the twelfth month, consider the \$100.00 as an income and commence to tithe the monthly income. Years ago, I adopted the policy, whenever there was a question of what was right, of giving the Lord the benefit of any doubt. He will supply our needs. No doubt you, as well as many others, agree with Livingstone, who once stated that he would set no value on anything he did have or might possess except in its relation to the kingdom of God."

*Q. Last night a preacher said in my presence we should try to be like Paul and not Jesus, for Jesus was divine as well as human and if we attempted to be like Him we would be trying to raise the dead and heal the blind. What is your view on this?*

A. Christ is our Example and we should try to be like Him. Of course we can do this only as human beings. Perhaps you misunderstood what the preacher said or what he meant by what he said.

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

## Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

### From Portugal to Cape Verde\*

WE HAVE enjoyed this year immensely in Portugal, and feel that we have learned many invaluable things about our people, besides what we know about their language. We shall never be able to express our appreciation to our church for the opportunity thus afforded us. We trust that our work in Cape Verde will in some way demonstrate to you the genuine gratitude which we feel.

We have become attached to the people here until it is almost like leaving home again. And the thing that makes it particularly hard is that there is no one in all this country to preach the message of second-blessing holiness to these hungry hearts when we are gone. We have tried to cross the many barriers this year and to be a blessing, but it seems our efforts have indeed been feeble. But we have prayed, and asked BELIEVING for our church to come to Portugal—and we have tried always to act in accordance with these plans so that our actions and contacts will be a help and not a hindrance to our workers when they do come, for we feel sure that the way is going to open for holiness to be preached in Portugal. And we pray God to hasten the day!—J. ELTON WOOD.

\*The Woods left Portugal November 10, 1953, for the Cape Verdes.—Ed.

### After Many Years

I have arrived home after a two months' visit with the missionaries in Gaza and in Swaziland. It was a great privilege to look upon these two different parts of our mission field once more. The work has advanced marvelously and the missionaries are pushing the work in all lines. I was up in Gaza during their assembly. They have a wonderful band of national preachers. They are most earnest in their work and in spite of much opposition they are faithful and earnest. God is pouring out His blessing upon them. Their outlook is wonderful and their uplook most encouraging.

In Swaziland I made my home at Endingeni, our first stopping place and also our first starting place when we began our missionary work many years ago. I stayed there with the Schmelzenbachs almost two years, back at the beginning of the work. It is amazing to see the great progress that is being made on all lines. They have a fine nurse there and she is doing a great work among the sick

Africans who come seeking medical help. What a change from the first days! What a marvelous help our medical work is to the spiritual side of missions! Our God is surely blessing our missionary endeavor and bringing things to pass.

Our Pigg's Peak Station was the place chosen by Dr. Reynolds in 1914. (Not only did he choose it, but he went to the magistrate and made all arrangements for us to open up the work there, and Mr. Schmelzenbach sent me over.)

I thought it the most unlikely place for a mission station. There was no water and very few people living around there. What a change today! Later missionaries discovered a spring that is supplying every need of the mission station from the water standpoint. We have a dispensary and a fine nurse, which are a great blessing to the sick folk. National workers

for the most part carry on the work in the large school and the church. I looked at the different departments of the work and my heart cried out, "Behold what God hath wrought!" I am fully convinced that if God can get someone to stand by and carry on the work there is no place too difficult for Him. He will open up the understanding and the hearts of the people.

If I had another life to live, I would want to go to the darkest place in Africa and tell the story of Jesus to the people, and God, our God, would do the rest. I am still a missionary, though a retired one. My heart still burns for the salvation of the heathen. God is working where He has a chance, wherever there is someone to tell the story of the Christ who died for them. Our missionaries are wonderful but we still need more who will climb the mountain and go down the other side into the valley and hunt out those who have never heard of Him. There are still millions like that in dark Africa today.—ETTA INNIS SHIRLEY, Africa (retired missionary).

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## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for December 13: One Human Race

Scripture: Matt. 22:34-40; Acts 10; 17:24-28; Rom. 10:12-13; Gal. 2:11-14; 3:28 (Printed, Acts 10:9-15, 25-28, 34-35, 44-45)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him (Acts 10:34-35).*

### ON THE DEATH OF A PREJUDICE

Some forms of death are immediate and painless, while others are prolonged and agonizing. I once tried to kill a cat by poison gas, and it seemed that the stubborn feline was virtually immune to fumes that would kill a human in a few moments. Some things die with great difficulty—such as prejudice.

No wonder Peter replied to the centurion, "I myself also am a man," for Peter had been put through the paces by God in a desperate method of killing race prejudice. God must have thought over and over again, That is the toughest case of prejudice I have seen in a long time! It was a very radical cure for a terribly stubborn case—prejudice dies very slowly.

You see, Peter was privileged to be born a Jew, and then insisted that it was actually an achievement to be proud of—and all the time God

smiled. The Lord permitted Peter to live on with that prejudice, but the day came when it must be cure of the prejudice or curtailment of Peter's ministry. So God applied the anesthesia of sleep and gave Peter the shock treatment. A vision—animals with split and full hooves; and then the command, "Kill, and eat." Peter revolted at the very thought of eating such atrocious animals; a trap of Satan, he thought. Then God shouted out so there could be no mistake that all animals that He provided were eatable, and all peoples were equally precious in His sight.

Yes, prejudice dies slowly, and Peter was not the last person to be infected with a heavy case of it. O Lord, help us all to be open to divine leadings that may cross our earlier preconceived ideas. Amen.

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# Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

**A** WISCONSIN correspondent sends an item from the Racine *Journal-Times* which criticizes Wisconsin's peculiar double standard on beer and whiskey. The law does not call beer an intoxicant, but alludes to it as "fermented malt beverage." Beer is served to eighteen-year-olds, but whiskey only to those twenty-one or over. However, the retiring president of the Tavern League of Wisconsin, Emil (Whitey) Hansen, declared in a public address that "beer is just as intoxicating as whiskey!" The editorial notes the fact that concerning the end result of drinking the law makes no distinction concerning the causes of drunkenness. One is arrested when he becomes a nuisance whether he got that way by drinking beer or whiskey. Because of the economic weight of the brewing industry in Wisconsin, the state has "a special set of laws which ignore the facts and loosen the enforcement of the law on intoxicants," and is "tolerating a dangerous double standard." A truer statement is that in legalizing these beverages the state is tolerating factors of its own destruction.

A magazine called *News Bulletin* has reviewed events of the past five years in Colombia, South America, concerning religious work there. Protestants have been badly used. Forty-two church buildings have been destroyed by fire and dynamite, according to this source, and thirty-one other buildings used by Protestant churches have been damaged, while government officials or persons authorized by them have confiscated ten more. One hundred ten Protestant schools have been closed. Fifty-one Colombian Protestants have paid with their lives for their religious affiliation. In addition, Protestant members, farmers, and others have lost farms, homes, tools, animals, clothing, books, and such possessions to persecutors.

Billy Graham's most recent evangelistic campaign, his twenty-ninth, is at Detroit; 25,000 people, it was estimated, attended his opening Sunday service. On March 1, 1954, his party is scheduled to begin a campaign at Harringay Arena in London, England.

The Mormon Temple and Tabernacle and other institutions at Salt Lake City, Utah, have great attraction for visitors, and it appears that a new record will be set this year for

tourists and visitors there. In 1950 there were 1,075,042 persons who came to the Utah religious center. By September of the present year over one million had visited Salt Lake City, and the September total was over one hundred thirty-five thousand.

The *Christian Century* proposes editorially that marriage licenses should be arbitrarily denied to persons who have failed as many as three times to "make a go" of marriage. This would deal with the problem in the same manner as is done with criminals who come before the courts for repeated convictions.

At Rockwood, Tennessee, a minister stood up to deliver his Sunday morning sermon on October 11 and suffered a heart attack. He grasped

the edge of the pulpit and called for help. On being helped to his chair he told his people: "This may be my last sermon and I want to complete it." He did complete it and afterward was taken to the Rockwood Hospital, where he died at five-thirty that afternoon.

For some years the state of Pennsylvania has been having difficulty in enforcing its education laws among the Amish people. To the present time at least nineteen parents have been prosecuted for refusing to send their fourteen-year-old children to school. They fear that the children will be spoiled by worldly ways and want to keep them at home (chiefly on the farm) to learn the simple and plain ways of life which have been followed for many generations. A new plan is now under way in the form of a home study course so the Amish children can do the required schoolwork at their homes. About forty children of fourteen and over have failed to return to school since last year.

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## THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

### The Church of Tomorrow—

**L**AST Sunday morning it was my privilege to worship in First Church of Los Angeles. As it chanced, the day was World Communion Sunday. From the beginning of the service there was a warmth which could be felt in any congregation when the Saviour is present. He was there in that auditorium.

As the choir sang, groups of people stepped forward and knelt at the altar, where they were served by the ministers of the church. At what I thought was the conclusion of the service, for all in the auditorium had been served, suddenly the rear door opened and down the aisle walked fifty children. Fifty children and there was not a whisper or sound save that of the soft padding of their little feet on the rug which covered the aisle!

I sat in wonderment. Those children walked to the altar; quietly they knelt and in great reverence they partook of the Lord's Supper. I—well, I sat in my seat overcome with tears—tears they were of joy and wonderment. Then, almost overcome, I covered my eyes and silently prayed for that little group of fifty who had evidently been prepared for taking the Communion while they were still in the Junior Church auditorium. They knew what they were doing and they knew the significance of what they did.

Fifty children in 1953! The question arose in my mind, Will those children be fifty leaders in the church of 1963 or 1973? "The Church of Tomorrow" knelt at the altar of old First Church, so often called "The Mother Church."

The choir sang several stanzas of "It Is Well with My Soul." I prayed that always those little ones would be able to sing the words of that song. Trained they were in the ways of the church. Trained they were in reverence for the house of the Lord. They quietly came into the presence of the older folks who had just been served at the Master's table.

The church of tomorrow will soon be taking our places. Was it long ago since you were a member of the children's band? "Well, no," you answer, "but there are many years left in which I shall be a leader in our church." Perhaps you are correct, but on the other hand you could be dead-wrong. Ten years go fast! We never know how to count our years, for many times sooner than we think the young people, our children, are required to take over.

Let us bow our heads and ask our Heavenly Father, who seeth all, to look down on our church everywhere and help us to train our church of tomorrow. Let us pray that He will help us live so close to Him that those who visit in our churches can feel



His Spirit. The church of tomorrow must know that God abides in our churches.

## Especially for Boys and Girls:

### WHAT'S IN MY MIND?

**M**ANY years ago now I spent most of my time teaching boys and girls to read and write. I loved to teach, for I enjoyed seeing those youngsters improve in attitudes and abilities. You see, I love boys and girls.

While I was busy teaching, I found that boys and girls all have wonderful imaginations. What they play, they really live. If they play house, in their minds they really boss the house in which they play.

One day I chanced to come upon three little girls who were playing house. One little girl in whom I was especially interested was holding her hand to her mouth and, as I watched, she pulled that hand away and between two of her fingers I saw a little white roll of paper—nothing rolled up inside the paper, you understand. But as far as that little girl was concerned, she was smoking. Oh, she was just playing, that I know; but in her mind she was smoking a cigarette.

One day when I came home from school, tired and hungry, a little four-year-old boy suddenly jumped up from behind the wall which supported the steps to my apartment. "Bang, bang," he shouted. In his hand he held a small play gun. After the banging noise, he said, "You're dead." I turned and looked into his eyes and there I saw that in that child's imaginations he had really killed me.

"No, Sonny, I'm not dead; but if that gun had been real, I would be dead. If I were you, I wouldn't play I was killing people. You might try to shoot all the bears and lions and snakes that are around here, but never, never shoot people. People must live!" And then I walked on, heavyhearted.

I am afraid of what we play with. Sometimes when we play wrong we live that same way once we are grown.

What we see and what we hear make deep impressions upon us. We see folks smoking and we hear ads over the radio and television which tell us to do wrong things. The people who speak of smoking and drinking all sound and look as if they enjoy those indulgences.

We must be careful of what we read, too. Those comic books! Sometimes we say, "Oh, they are just imaginations." But the danger is that what we read and what we see and what we hear will become a part of us.

Wait a minute! I have been writing all of this in order to copy the following clipping which I took from the *Star*, the daily newspaper of Kansas City.

"San Francisco police chief, reporting to the annual conference of the International Assn. of Chiefs of Police

in Detroit, contended that 'a main cause' of juvenile delinquency can be attributed to motion pictures, obscene literature, and television programs."

The old devil works in every way he can and he especially likes to use our eyes, our ears, and our minds. Keep thy mind pure!

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Evangelist M. V. Bass writes: "I will be closing a meeting in Oklahoma on January 10, and then will attend the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City. I have an open date, January 14 to 24, and would like to slate it in that vicinity. Write me at 18616 Riverview, Detroit 19, Michigan."

Grand Forks, North Dakota—We recently had a revival with Evangelist Joseph W. Selz. Good, constructive work was done, and the church was greatly helped. We broke the former attendance record in our Sunday school on the last Sunday. There were a number of seekers with good results. Brother Selz brings clear, forceful messages and carries a real heart burden; he is also a fine Sunday-school booster. Colored slides of pictures taken on his trip to Europe and Palestine drew a large crowd in the Monday night service.—W. M. Brown, Pastor.

Friendsville, Tennessee—Emmanuel Church closed a wonderful revival on October 25, with Rev. Lattie Henderson. This was our second revival with Brother Henderson. Souls prayed through to victory nearly every night. On the closing Sunday afternoon seven were baptized and a fine class of eight members was received into the church. God's blessings are upon the people and we are determined to press forward for the cause of holiness.—Don E. Conrad, Pastor.

High Springs, Florida—We recently closed a good revival with Rev. E. E. Michael, evangelist, and Mrs. W. W. Glenn, special singer. Several prayed through to definite victory, and the church was wonderfully helped. The people appreciated the excellent singing of Mrs. Glenn and the Spirit-anointed messages of our evangelist. During almost twenty years as a pastor, I have never had an evangelist who carried a greater burden, fasted more, and preached with a more Christlike spirit than Brother Michael.—R. B. Phillips, Pastor.

Evangelist Paul A. McGuire reports: "Since entering the evangelistic field on September 1 we have been busy in the Lord's work, and are in our fifth meeting in California. The Lord has blessed and given us souls in every meeting. Our first meeting was with Dr. Oren DeBoard at the Hughson church; then in a new field, meeting for two Sundays at Berry Creek,

near Oroville; Wednesday through Sunday with Pastor Underwood at Gridley; then to Red Bluff with Rev. John Monroe and his fine people. At this writing we are in the first week of the meeting in Huntington Park with Pastor Kenneth Barnett. The Lord is blessing and giving victory. We are slated until December 21, but have some open time through 1954. We will go anywhere the Lord leads. Wife and daughter travel with me; we have a trailer, and will carry the full program for meetings if desired. Write us at Box 14, Hammononton, California."

Livermore Falls, Maine—We held a four-day Bible conference October 15 through 18, with Dr. Harry E. Jessop as the speaker. Dr. Jessop's Bible-teaching ministry of heart holiness was well received and marked by definite victories at the altar. He has been invited to return next year.—Alan G. Keith, Pastor.

Mrs. Dell Aycock, song evangelist, writes that God has been blessing in a special way in the teen-age rallies she has been conducting on the Kansas City District. Only the young people take part, doing all the singing, and Mrs. Aycock has charge of the rally. She especially appreciates the fine talent among the children and young people as shown in their music, reading, and singing. God has made the rallies of special blessing to all who came.

Chattanooga, Tennessee—The young people of First Church are now sponsoring a radio program over Station WDOD (1310). This station reaches a large territory including Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee. The program is called "The Challenge to Youth"—an old-fashioned program of religion which they are praying will be used to reach many souls. Write us your comments about the program.—Wayne Smith, Reporter.

East St. Louis, Illinois—State Street Church closed a revival with Evangelist Nettie A. Miller on October 4, which was one of the best meetings our church has had. We had larger crowds and more people saved and sanctified than in any meeting we have had for some time. A great many new people were reached and the church was helped spiritually. Miss Miller has a wonderful Christian spirit, and really captured the hearts of our people.—J. S. Cummings, Pastor.

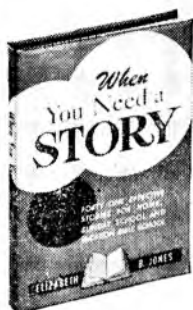
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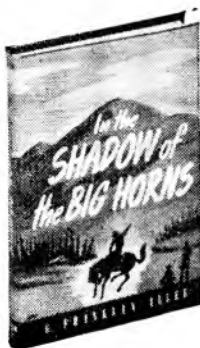
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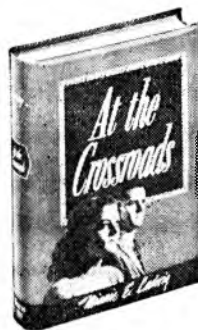
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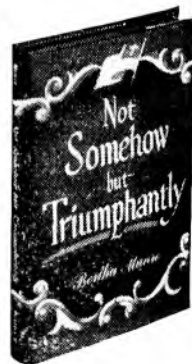
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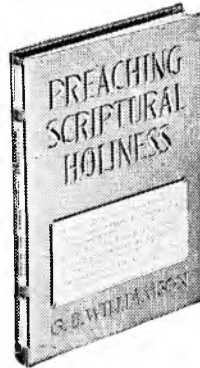
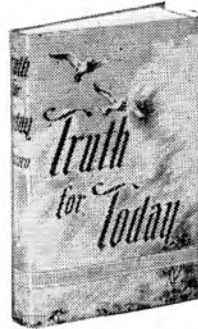
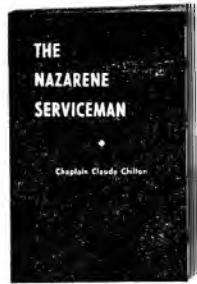
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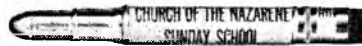
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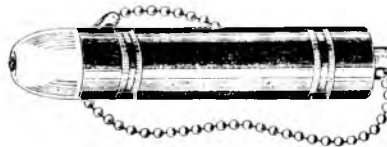
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Pastor R. J. Kisse reports from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada: "First Church closed the best revival in its history on Sunday, November 1. The Moore-Dake party were at their best as many seekers sought and found spiritual help at our altars. Over one hundreds guests signed our register during the campaign, and the major portion of them had never attended a Church of the Nazarene before in their lives. A new spirit of optimism characterizes our membership as we plan for the future. We feel that our church is at the crossroads of a new era of progress. Wife and I arrived here in April and we are enjoying our ministry. Write us at 385 Brandon Avenue if you want friends contacted."

Ravenna, Ohio—We recently closed one of the best revivals that this church has had in several years. God mightily used the old-time holiness preaching of Rev. W. M. Tidwell and the Spirit-filled singing of A. C. Wakefield. The attendance and interest were fine from the very first service. One hundred and twenty-five seekers knelt at the altar of prayer. We want to thank God for His presence and blessing on all our services. Under the splendid leadership of Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Kyer our church has been making marked progress in every department, and we are looking forward to even greater days in the future. —Mrs. Earl Deming, Reporter.

## Seminary Memo Books

The little black memo books, *Yours to Serve Day by Day*, which, for four years, have been provided for all active ministers in the church by the Alumni Association of the Seminary, **WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR 1954.** The Association has reluctantly been forced to abandon the project because it has become financially too burdensome.

J. FRED PARKER,  
Secretary-Treasurer of the  
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Evangelist Lec L. Hamric reports: "At this writing Wife and I are in a five-day revival at Palestine, Texas, where Rev. D. L. Sloan is pastor. He is doing a fine job. In the very first service souls prayed through to victory. We have had many good altar services. We came here from Crockett, where we were with Brother and Sister E. M. Walker. They haven't been in Crockett long, but they are building up the church there. From here we go to McKinney for a revival with Rev. Horace Blackshear. We have an open date before Christmas. Write us at 221 N. Rosemont, Dallas, Texas."

Rockford, Illinois—Recently we closed a combination revival and holiness convention at First Church, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Evangelist Harold Volk, and the F. H. Lacy Gospel Singers. We are rejoicing in the manifest blessings of the Lord. During the twelve-day campaign, which was climaxed by the holiness convention under the direction of District Superintendent Lyle E. Eckley, we had 3,374 people in attendance. Of this number 300 local Rockford people entered our doors who had never been in the church before. There were over 60 seekers; finances came easily, with a total of \$200.00 received for all purposes; and 10 members joined the church. The preaching of our workers would not be excelled; the Lacy party were never more used in singing the gospel and attracting the people. This past month our Sunday school hit the highest average we have had during our pastorate, and we are praising God for His many benefits.—Walter W. Tink, Pastor.

Cherryville, North Carolina—On October 11 we closed the greatest revival we have ever known, with Evangelist C. F. Wright, who was at his best. The attendance was great, with many visitors here for the first time. There was wonderful victory in every service, with many praying through to victory and a good number of new members taken into the church at the close of the meeting. Our pastor, Rev. Robert F. Turner, is doing a good job of keeping the revival spirit going. This is a small, new church but we are making great progress in every way.—Bertha W. Black, Reporter.

Miss Miriam Finch writes: "In answer to prayer, God has clearly opened the door for me to enter the field of song evangelism. I am now a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Shawmut, Alabama. During October, I worked in the united revival campaign of the five Nazarene churches in the Chattahoochee Valley. I am happy to be fulfilling my call to work in His vineyard. I shall be glad to go anywhere, as God may lead, to sing in revival meetings, work with children and youth in youth camps and vacation Bible schools, etc. Write me, Box 303, Shawmut, Alabama."

Pastor Amil Peterson reports from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan: "It has been one year since I came here as pastor. During the year it was not convenient to have an evangelist come in for a revival campaign; however, the Lord saw fit to come in a real way in the evening services. Then Evangelist Frank Wiggs came for the revival for which the church had been praying. He was loved by the old and the young alike of the congregation. His talks at ten o'clock each morning were revelations for the people who came to pray. How our faith lifted to the God of revivals! The evening services were equally good, with many seeking God for salvation and holiness. The last Sunday evening Brother Wiggs preached as we hadn't heard him preach before, resulting in the altar being lined with seekers. Praise the Lord for revivals such as this one."

Evangelist Thomas S. Fowler reports: "In October I had a real Holy Ghost revival with Pastor Collier and people in Greensboro, Pennsylvania. Brother and Sister Collier are wonderful folks. For eleven consecutive nights we had seekers at the altar, with a total of 125 seeking God; more than 30 backsliders prayed through to victory. I am enjoying my labors in the field since resigning my pastorate at Irwin, Pennsylvania. I have some open dates and will be glad to go wherever the door may open. Write me, Hawthorn, Pennsylvania."

### Guatemalan Council Meeting

The twenty-ninth annual council meeting of Guatemala closed Tuesday, October 13. Rev. William Vaughters was elected council president. The Ingams are now on furlough and the Hesses are to furlough in the early part of 1954. There are many signs of God's blessing and leadership in these days. There was a wonderful spirit of unity manifested in the council meetings.

During this year our new Spanish Bible school building here in Coban has been finished. We have all but completed our Bible school in San Juan among the Kekchi-speaking Indians.

God blessed and gave victories in conferences, both in Peten and San Juan. Chamelco, with some five hundred attending each of these different conferences and scores of seekers. In



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April of this year a young holiness preacher became the first Christian martyr in Guatemala, when stoned to death by a fanatic mob of some three hundred.

The fields are "white already to harvest" but the laborers are few. Continue to pray with your missionaries for this needy field.

JAMES HUDSON, Reporter

### Nazarene Rescue Mission

November marks the third anniversary of our Nazarene Rescue Mission which is located in the slums of Kansas City. Truly, if any place is skid row, our mission is located on it. There are nine saloons, two dance halls, and many cheap hotels, rooming houses, and restaurants within less than two blocks of it. In the midst of this condition of vice and iniquity the Nazarene Rescue Mission stands as a lighthouse.

Its doors are open 365 nights of the year and the gospel is preached to those who are lost in sin. Thousands of people pass the doors of the mission. Many stop to look in through the windows, listen at the door to the singing, and then come in to hear the gospel. Some come to the altar and seek the Lord and find Him precious to their souls.

During the three years of the Rescue Mission's existence, between thirty and forty thousand have come in and listened to the gospel. Some remarkable cases of drunkards, both men and women, have been saved through the precious blood of Jesus.

*From Nazarene home:* A young man from a Nazarene home staggered in one night and heard the message and came forward and knelt for prayer and was gloriously saved. He said, "I am going back home. My wandering days are over and I am going to live for Jesus."

*Telephones mother:* Another young man quite heavily under the influence of liquor came to the altar and after a season of prayer rose to his feet seemingly sober and said, "Jesus saves me and this is the happiest day of my life. Where is the telephone?" He called his old mother in Pennsylvania and told her that he had come into the mission, Jesus had saved him, he was going to live for God, and that he would be home soon.

*Saloonkeeper's wife:* The wife of a saloonkeeper came in one night and came to the altar and God wonderfully saved her. Her testimony was this: "I have lived all these years without knowing there was such a thing as salvation. It is not going to be easy to live for God, but I am going to do my best for Him from now on."

*Everlastingly at it:* Here on skid row people are really fast slipping into hell. Night after night our workers are proclaiming that "the blood of Jesus can reach deeper than the stain has gone." Every night after the service we feed anywhere from a dozen to twenty-five or thirty in our basement. Some nights when it is very cold we buy beds for fifteen or twenty people. We give away lots of men's

clothing that has been sent down for that purpose.

*Personal experience:* Having been bound by sin and habits when I was young, after wandering for years in sin, passing through the slums one night I found a rescue mission and went in and heard that wonderful story of Jesus and His power to save. Since Jesus saved me that night, my heart has gone out to the rescue mission and at last God has given us one. When I see men staggering along the street, poorly clad, old, wrinkled, and gray, bound by sin with all of its curse, I often say to myself, If it were not for the rescue mission and the grace of God, there goes Jarrette Aycock.

JARRETTE AYCOCK,

Superintendent of Kansas City District

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEDDING BELLS

Rev. D. Swarth, superintendent of the North American Indian District, and Rev. Helen E. Kelsea, Nazarene chaplain at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, were united in marriage on November 3, in Breesee Avenue Church of the Nazarene, Pasadena, California, with the pastor, Rev. George Taylorson, officiating.

Miss Judy LaVonne Anderson, and Mr. Carl Henry Burris, both of Hollydale, California, were united in marriage on November 8, in the Hollydale Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Earl W. Powell, officiating.

Mrs. Eva Harlow of Bowie and Rev. J. C. George, pastor of the church at Wizard Wells, Texas, were united in marriage on November 1, in the Nazarene parsonage at Bowie, with the pastor, Rev. L. V. Reazin, officiating.

Miss Marlene Holderbaum and Mr. Gerald Bachmann, both of Tucson, Arizona, were united in marriage on October 23, at the Northside Church of the Nazarene in Tucson, with the pastor, Rev. C. D. Holley, officiating, assisted by Rev. Floyd Smith.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a widow in Michigan for healing of a serious physical ailment; by a Nazarene lady in Texas for a revival in their church, also for a daughter-in-law and son who has t.b.;

by a Christian lady in Oklahoma for healing of a severe chest pain—she believes God is able if it be His will; also for a son, called to the ministry, but now backslidden and in desperate need of prayer;

by a mother in Illinois for a son in Korea who needs special help from God, for a church in Illinois that God may overrule and defeat the enemy, that God will give help in a special way to a young man in school who is preparing for missionary work, for the salvation of an ungodly father, for a mother in Indiana who has cancer, and for a mother who is terribly afflicted;

by a lady in Illinois that she may be able to find at least a part-time job, also that God will undertake in a reconciliation with a friend;

by a lady in North Carolina that she may be a soul winner for the Lord; that God may help in a special way in the communities around her home, they seem so steeped in sin, that God may break through; also for a son-in-law afflicted with the drink habit.

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

FOR A NUMBER of months we have been in contact with Chaplain G. Q. Gardner (not a Nazarene chaplain), who is in Korea. We should like to share a recent letter from him with our HERALD readers. "The literature which you shipped arrived and in perfect condition. The other material is also coming through. There is much fine literature being circulated today but I can honestly say that this selection is the 'world's best.' Holiness literature has a reality that other lacks. How wonderful to be able to give out such 'good news' and that is well presented! May I witness as to the challenge it is for me? I think Dr. Chapman's writings are excellent, as are also the books by A. Paget Wilkes. All the literature is on this high level and is a rich means of grace. The weekly HERALD OF HOLINESS is always an inspiration and a challenge to read.

"It is of course 'peaceful' here with the cease fire. How restful and quiet it seems now without that almost constant booming of the artillery! Korea presents a tremendous harvest field for the ambassador of Christ. Present locations will permit services on battalion level, which provides a favorable situation to carry on a gospel ministry. My earnest desire is to go forth in the enablement of the fullness of the Holy Ghost. The Lord has impressed upon my heart the importance of holiness. To go without the fullness of God in sanctifying grace is but to fail. Without a doubt this has been and is Christendom's greatest failure.

"The Lord's will is still the redemption of people everywhere. I remember the Church of the Nazarene in earnest prayer. A holiness revival is the need of the world and the Nazarene church could well be the channel through which this revival might spring.

"You are to be commended upon your faithfulness to minister to your young men in service. As a preacher of this blessed gospel, I shall by His grace strive to feed the flock and to evangelize the lost. Your prayers are appreciated and used of God. My family continues to enjoy the blessing of fellowship in your Portland Highland Park Church with the Petersons."

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To show how our relief and retirement fund is used and how much our preachers deserve it, let us use as an example a well-known couple in the Church of the Nazarene, Mr. and Mrs. X.

They were born in one of the central states in the 1800's. When quite young, they married. In their early married life, Mrs. X was converted, but it wasn't long before Mr. X became a Christian.

After many years as a farmer, he received his call from God to preach, but, feeling his large family, he was afraid to "let go and let God." After hesitating a number of years, they experienced a very sad loss. Through this loss, God revealed that He wanted them to labor in His vineyard. Before yielding to their real call, the man had been a circuit rider and song leader. Responding to his call, he gave up his farming and gave full time to God's work.

A little over thirty years ago, they joined the then young Church of the Nazarene. Mr. X's first church was a little one in the eastern part of the state. Being of pioneer spirit, they went into the work with their whole hearts—he digging basements and building while Mrs. X cooked for the volunteers on the church building, thus backing her husband in every undertaking. Her prayers and faith kept them going. Only God knows how she managed on the meager supply of groceries and money. Yet she managed to care for a large family and extras and prepare herself to be ordained a minister of the gospel.

After serving here for several years, they were called to the extreme eastern part of the state. No work was too small or undertaking too great. To help feed his large family, Mr. X worked in harvest fields, at carpenter jobs, or anything there was to do. He never asked for a fixed salary when taking a work, feeling that if people were there God could use them to organize a church and build a building in which to worship.

Again, after several years, they were called to another pioneer work in the western part of the state. This time a church was bought, but many sacrifices were necessary to get the work going. Then, just when the struggle was easier, they moved to another state to a church that was already established; but, their hearts being in pioneer work, they were soon back to begin another home-mission church. This church was in a city of 12,000 population. Again digging and building began. By this time, the family was grown and they helped finance the work. Then, when the building was finished, sickness forced the couple to retire.

Although retirement caused a restlessness as a result of being inactive, they do supply preaching wherever needed and help their pastor in every way possible. Although old in years, they have never lost their youthful spirit. All through their converted life, living for Christ day by day, their actions speak far louder and plainer for Christ than words ever could.

They are truly deserving of far more than their small check. Still, it helps provide when their strength is less but their faith in God stronger.

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