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Vicious Supplanters

General Superintendent Vanderpool

THE *good* may become a vicious supplanter when it takes the place of the *best*. It is a tragic day when the secondary becomes the primary in any program of the church.

Perfect form in religious services, stained-glass windows filtering soft colored light rays upon cultured congregations seated in cushioned pews, trained choirs and the soft tones of the pipe organ responding to the touch of a master may all be good, but they must never become primary. When they supplant the best, they become vicious supplanters.

A new church with correct appointments, a new parsonage, burned mortgages, and overpaid budgets are good, but they are poor substitutes when they occupy first place in the church program. Large crowds, great Sunday schools, and general community approval are good; but when they become fundamental with us, our vision is clouded and evaluation is poor. The supplanter has triumphed once more.

The supreme purpose of the Church is to develop holy, rugged, Christlike characters who will be living, joyful

examples of what God's grace can do for sinful men.

The church can attain that purpose only by a teaching-preaching program of evangelism that is God-anointed and Spirit-directed.

Reinforced walls must be erected against innovations that tend to cool the spiritual fervor of God's people. Positively no place is to be given to practices or trends that may seek to substitute smoothly manipulated human machinery for rugged gospel preaching, for clear-cut altar calls, or for mighty seasons of prayer by the whole church.

New roads, short cuts, and sad-faced decisions are poor substitutes for old paths, new songs, and soul rest.

Beautiful churches, comfortable parsonages, flawless programs, lovely music, and community approval are all only a means to an end. The chief end of all church activities must be to get men converted, sanctified, and prepared to live here and hereafter. Anything short of the best is a vicious supplanter.

Let us give attention to fundamentals!

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

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor George Taylorson sends word from Pasadena, California: "Dr. Fred Shields passed away this morning (Dec. 21) as a result of a stroke suffered last evening."

Evangelist Ira R. Akers and wife have left the field to accept the pastorate of the church in Miamisburg, Ohio.

After pastoring the church at Tulare for five and one-half years, Rev. Ira L. True, Jr., has resigned to accept the call to pastor the church in Arcata, California.

Rev. Craig Wyant has resigned as pastor of the church in Avon Park to accept the call to pastor the church in Hialeah, Florida. He has just finished a beautiful 40 x 60 foot church in Avon Park, dedicated by Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent, on Sunday afternoon of November 29.

Superintendent Renard D. Smith, of Albany District, organized East Side Church, Rochester, New York, on December 6. Thirteen charter members were received, with four Nazarenes transferring from First Church and two from Lake Avenue Church. Rev. Roy E. Carnahan was appointed as the pastor.

THE HIGH COST

Of Not Advertising

By a Nazarene Pastor

LAST Sunday morning I noticed that a leading layman of my church and his wife were absent from the service. I was anxious about them because they were always so faithful in their attendance. That afternoon I drove to their home but they were not there. That night as the service was beginning they walked in. I thought they seemed happy to be back, and I could hardly wait until the close of the service so I could speak to them.

As I stood at the door, after the service, shaking hands with the folks this layman came to me. I told him how he and his wife had been missed from the morning service, and he told me this story.

They had been away for the week end, in a city less than two hundred miles distant. On Saturday night they purchased a paper in an effort to locate the nearest Church of the Nazarene where they might worship on Sunday morning. Although there

were several Nazarene churches in the city, not one had an announcement in the paper about their Sunday services. This man and his wife did the next best thing; they went to a large, formal church near their hotel. This layman said how much better it would have been to know where a friendly Church of the Nazarene was located.

Oh, yes, this man is a liberal giver, and some church in that city lost a nice offering that day because there was no notice in the Saturday paper giving the schedule of their Sunday services.

I Cannot Live Without Thee

By Genevieve Thompson

*I cannot live without Thee,
My Saviour and my Lord.
Above, beyond all earthly loves
My soul hath Thee adored.
The total sum of everything
In all the world to me
Beyond the ken of human mind,
I find, O Lord, in Thee.
The center of the universe,
And its circumference too,
Thou art, because I want, my God,
Nothing outside of You.
My Sun, my Shield, my great High
Tower,
My mighty, sheltering Hand,
My Rock which cast its shadow on a
Dry and thirsty land,
I cannot live without Thee and
I dare not just exist
As I did once. Oh, what if I
The way of life had missed!*

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GLEANINGS

From the Office Editor's Desk

"The HERALD OF HOLINESS has been a great blessing in our home for many years. I wouldn't want to be without it."—A Nazarene lady in California.

"I have been sent the HERALD OF HOLINESS for two years and have enjoyed each copy, and usually pass them on. August 23 copy was especially good, as was November 19; the poems are inspiring and the article, 'I Have Come Back to Say Thank You' is especially good, also the poem, 'Thanksgiving.' Each week I think. This is the best one, and read them over and over. Thanks for such a good Christian paper and a welcome visitor in my home."—A subscriber in Arizona.

"The HERALD OF HOLINESS paper has been coming into our home for a year. I enjoy it so much; it is so inspiring, and is really full of spiritual food."—A reader in Ohio.

"I enjoy the HERALD OF HOLINESS so very much. God bless you [the editor] and all the staff of workers and contributors to our good paper. The need of the hour is strictly holiness preaching like E. E. Wordsworth's articles and all of it."—A reader in Michigan.

"I enjoy the HERALD OF HOLINESS so much and look forward to getting this good paper every week. I always try to pass mine on when I have read them, so that others too might be benefited by reading them."—A subscriber in Pennsylvania.

"I'm sending in my renewal for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, also for my nephew, who was visiting in our home and began to tell me about how God began to deal with his heart through the printed page, the HERALD OF HOLINESS. I sent his name and address to you while he was in the army, and he said he would like to have that paper again. He has been wonderfully saved and called into the ministry. He's going to college. I'm just praying that through this paper he will be led on to heart holiness and can get in some of our holiness schools. I want to say thanks. . . ."—A subscriber in Arkansas.

The Fellowship of His Sufferings

By P. P. Belew*

EVEN the original twelve whom Jesus selected made a poor showing in their unsanctified state. They did some worth-while things; but, on the whole, they manifested too much concern for preferment, and too little interest in service. They rejoiced in their ability to cast out demons rather than in the fact that their names were written in heaven. They were sectarian, vindictive, ambitious. At the Last Supper, eaten within the shadow of Calvary, there was "strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." Judas went out from that supper to betray his Lord, and a few hours later Peter denied Him. They slept in Gethsemane, while Jesus was sweating blood in prayer. When He was delivered into the hands of His enemies, they "forsook him, and fled." And during His agony on the cross, they stood afar off.

How different was all this from the attitude of Paul! He testified, "I am crucified with Christ," and that he aspired to be associated with Christ in His sufferings. To a generation accustomed to hearing "Tin Pan Alley" and "Gospel Boogie Woogie," such a testimony is indeed a voice from another world. The unsaved generally regard it as absurd, if not psychopathic. To the nominal Christian, the words have a strange sound. Even to a preacher that is looking for honors and emoluments rather than an opportunity to bear "the burden and heat of the day" for God and souls, the path that Paul chose holds little promise of hope. But here is the aspiration of the greatest preacher of the ages, expressed in words unmistakably clear: "That I may know him, . . . and the fellowship of his sufferings" (Phil. 3:10).

A few suggestions on the nature and purpose of Christ's sufferings may throw light on Paul's desire to share them.

The sufferings of Christ consisted in those disagreeable experiences essential to the execution of the divine purpose. His mission to the world could not be carried out apart from suffering. I think that it was in this sense that the Captain of our salvation was made "perfect through suffering" (Heb. 2:10). Likewise the plan of God for those whom He would mold into the greatest saints seems to include an unusual amount of suffering. Madame Guyon said: "These words were imprinted in me, as a real state into which I must enter, 'The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.' This I have since experienced in all its extent, having no sure abode, no refuge among my friends, who were ashamed of me, and openly renounced me, nor among my relatives, most of whom declared themselves my adversaries, and were my greatest

persecutors; while others looked on me with contempt and indignation."

In the case of Paul, God had said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). Notwithstanding this, and regardless of the cost to himself, Paul purposed to conform his life in all things to the divine purpose. When well-meaning friends sought to dissuade him from the path of suffering, he said, "What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 21:13). Space does not permit a citation of Paul's sufferings. But their extent, and the resolution with which he bore them, may be summarized in a brief quotation: "I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ" (Phil. 3:8).

The sufferings of Christ were vicarious. He suffered, "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Pet. 3:18). He is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for the sheep, the Scapegoat on whom man's guilt was laid, the Paschal Lamb that atones for the sins of the world, and the great, cleansing Fount that washes whiter than the snow. And Paul could take his sufferings in stride because he believed "that the things which have happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel" (Phil. 1:12). And "the furtherance of the gospel," the desire to win souls, was a compelling motivation of Paul's life. He acknowledged himself "debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Rom. 1:14). He wrote to the church at Corinth, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for you" (II Cor. 12:15). And his statement, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh" (Rom. 9:3), reaches a grand crescendo beyond which no mortal could rise.

The sufferings of Christ relate to a grand immortality. His Spirit in the prophets "testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory

GOD IS LIGHT

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*The shadows gather over earth today
And fear rides on black clouds that veil the sun.
The future path is masked in misty gray
And wise men wonder if our sands are run.
War wraps the nations in an ashen shroud,
And Famine follows close with his death's-face.
The thunder of the storm is rumbling loud,
And man has no sure refuge any place. . . .
But far above the storm there is a Light,
The only Light that never will grow dim
But wax in brilliance, and become more bright
Until it touches earth from rim to rim.
God's love has built a lighthouse on Time's shore
That shines the clearer when earth's tempests roar.*

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that should follow" (I Pet. 1:11). It was but for a little while that He was made "lower than the angels." And because He became obedient to the death of the cross, God has "highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name" (Phil. 2:9). And Paul says that "we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8:17), and that, "if we suffer, we shall also reign with him" (II Tim. 2:12).

The last quotation in the preceding paragraph was written from Paul's prison cell in Rome. Demas had forsaken him. Other of his associates were elsewhere. Only Luke, his secretary and faithful co-worker of the years, was with him. And his execution under Nero might be expected any time. Paul, how is your faith now? He says, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:6-8).

The Promise

By Ila R. Monday

*Far clearer than the tempter's cry
That falsely calls aside,
More satisfying than the crown
A ruler wears with pride,
More precious than a diamond's light
Whose glitter may deceive,
Is God's great promise, time-fulfilled
To all who will believe!*

Thoughts from a Farmer's Son:

By Spencer Johnson*

Blind Stagers

BLIND stagers is a disease, common among horses, which affects the vision and equilibrium. From the lack of poise and vision in spiritual things, it would seem that mankind is affected by blind stagers in the soul.

No man can be at his best until he catches a vision of God, himself, and others. It is only as one sees the holiness and the requirements of God that he realizes the deep depravity of his own nature. The further men are from a true vision of God, the more cluttered their lives become with selfishness, indifference, and worldliness. When Hilkiyah read to King Josiah the long-forgotten book of the law, which he had discovered in the Temple, the king rent his clothes because he realized the kingdom had drifted so far from the teachings of God (II Chron. 34:15-19).

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There is great need for such a vision in the Church today, while the world constantly seeks to ensnare the devout with love of money, worldliness of dress, and immoral social relations. On page 75 in the book *He Giveth More Grace*, Dr. James B. Chapman wrote: "Women sell their souls for dress and men sell theirs for money; then they in turn both sell out for one another. Hence the sins of the world gather about dress and money and social relations. But there are some who would have us not to mention dress, some who would have us not to mention money, and some who would forbid preaching upon marriage, divorce, adultery, and all social relations and sins. We shall be obliged to ignore them all. For if we leave out these three subjects the devil will practically get us all."

When man catches a true vision of God, he not only sees his need but also the One who can meet that need. Isaiah in his vision of God not only realized his unclean condition, but he beheld the One who could purge his iniquity (Isa. 6:5-7). Thus it has ever been with God and His dealings with man. He has revealed to him his need and provided for him the cure. He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who breaks every fetter and cleanses every stain!

Coexistent with heart cleansing comes an enlarged vision of lost humanity. With the purging of personal guilt and the cleansing of inherent depravity comes the voluntary cry, "Here am I; send me." Immediately after Pentecost the disciples became witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the known world. In this day it is alarming to see so many professing the experience of holiness who apparently have no vision of the lost around them. Could it be that they never had the vision? It is impossible to have the cleansing, purging experience and not have the vision. One of the signs of Pentecost was that the young men would see visions and the old men dream dreams (Joel 2:28). No doubt some once had the burning passion within that drove them out to the ripened harvest fields, but somehow a deadly disease has blinded their eyes and paralyzed their efforts. Ross H. Minkler expressed this great need when he wrote:

*Lord, give me a vision,
Lest empty I stand,
There at the great judgment;
No sheaves in my hand,
No labour of love.
To offer my King—
With nothing but leaves then,
The Master to bring.*

To the church at Laodicea, that were neither cold nor hot and thought they were rich and increased in goods and had need of nothing, the Saviour counseled, "Buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see" (Rev. 3:18).

May God send us old-time revivals that will reveal Christ in His holiness; that will clear the fog from our mountaintop experiences and the scales from our eyes; that will sweep sinners into the Kingdom, bring down the blessings of heaven upon the people of God, and save us from the fate of spiritual "blind staggers." "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Prov. 29:18).

A Day in Norway (IX)

By Haldor Lillenas*

THE little farm known as "Lillenas," on the thirty-five-mile-long island of Stord, on the west coast of Norway, is two hundred years old. A hundred years ago all who lived on the place died in an epidemic, and for some years it was without a tenant. Later, relatives of those who passed away took over the land and they and their descendants have carried on ever since. Here my father was born and from the farm I received my name. Approximately fifteen acres are in cultivation; such acreage consists of small patches between huge boulders. This land was developed during many generations, being cleared of rocks and subsequently tilled because the great rainfall is such that without tiling, the soil would be completely waterlogged.

The house, now 150 years old, is in good repair. It is situated but a short distance from the North Sea. On stormy days this sea is in a tremendous uproar and the windows of the house are often covered with a salty spray. To add to the commotion on such days are the clatter and grinding noises made by huge rocks which, by the action of the sea, have been worn until they are virtually round, thus adding to the terrific uproar of the furious waters.

In this part of the island known as Osternes it can be said that farming is being done under the most difficult circumstances. There are only small patches of earth between the large boulders. These have been intensely cultivated, but they are so small that farm machinery cannot be used. Some of the landowners have a horse for plowing and hauling hay, but the rest of the work must be done by hand. The barley and other grains are cut with a scythe, the bundles tied with straw, and impaled on poles for curing. This is often done in the pouring rain with the aid of the entire family clad in slickers, the baby, similarly garbed, in its carriage.

Our series of meetings in the prayer house about a mile from Lillenas was well attended. People came in spite of the pouring rain, all of them walking, many of them long distances over the steep hills and through the crooked little valleys, and God met with us. Truly, these people who have been carefully trained in the faith of

their fathers are hungry for the living gospel. Most of them know nothing of a real born-again experience. They have been confirmed and baptized and with that they seem to think they are Christians and that all is well; nevertheless, there is in evidence a real heart hunger for God. May God send an old-fashioned revival to these descendants of the vikings.

There have been such revivals, one of the most notable being under Hans Nielson Hauge in the eighteenth century. He was a farmer lad, but was powerfully converted one day while plowing a field on his father's little farm. Soon he began preaching in the homes and settlements. The established church fought the movement, but in spite of bitter persecutions the whole nation was powerfully affected, and thousands were converted. Eventually, he was arrested for violating an ancient law which made it unlawful for anyone to conduct religious services without the permission of the local pastor. In Oslo we visited (in a museum) the old jail where he was incarcerated ten long years; however, during all those ten years, and many more, the revival continued with unabated force. There have been other great revivals, but today there is a great need for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people. Who will go into this ripened harvest field? Who will say, "Here am I; send me"?

How God Answers Prayer (I)

By L. Wayne Sears*

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (I John 5:4).

MUCH that perplexes us in our daily Christian experience is but the answer to our prayers. We pray for many things but do not seem to understand that much that comes is the answer, and is God's way of satisfying our desires and supplying our wants.

For instance: the other day I was praying for victory. I had seen people who seemed always to be on the mountaintop, enjoying freedom from care and worry and completely confident that all was going their way; and I wanted that kind of victory. I prayed for victory definitely and earnestly.

When I looked up I was surrounded by enemies. Problems were all around, hosts were encamped against me, and the devil was launching an attack on my soul.

Then I prayed again. I told the Lord that He had evidently misunderstood my prayer. I had not asked for battles, but for victories. I had not wanted enemies, but allies. My desire was not conflict, but victorious peace. Then it dawned upon me that victories come after battles, and not before them.

There is no value in praying for victory unless we are willing to fight a battle. There is no

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crown without the cross. He who wears the crown of victory also carries the scars of conflict.

So God had answered my prayer in His way. I had asked for victory and He had sent me a battle, promising strength, but knowing that victories come only after battles. He would answer my prayer for victory by helping me win a battle. He did not disregard nor misunderstand my prayer; I simply misunderstood the answer.

Help us, O Lord, that we may have an overflow of righteous zeal. A lesser degree might suffice to bless the personal heart in which it may be bottled, yet how else can we expect it to reach others unless there be an overflow abundance?
—MARY SANDERS.

King Saul's Apostasy

By Oscar Hudson*

AMONG King Saul's last words were: "I have played the fool," and, "God is departed from me, and answereth me no more." The wail of despair of a hopeless backslider! This is quite a change since "God gave him another heart," and "the spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied." The change did not take place suddenly, and seldom does one backslide suddenly. We are first entangled, and then overcome.

The spider does not jump out into the air to catch a fly. He first spreads an almost invisible web across a corner, then slips out of sight. The unsuspecting fly buzzes around until the tip of a wing contacts the web. As he struggles to free his wing he becomes more entangled. All of this time the spider remains out of sight. When the fly is well tangled, the spider runs out and sends a dart through its vitals.

Such are Satan's tactics. In this manner he destroyed King Saul, and in this manner he destroys countless numbers today. Saul's first entanglement was with *self-exaltation*. He had come face to face with the Philistine army. The prophet Samuel had promised to appear in seven days and offer sacrifice, insuring the blessings of God as he went into battle. But Samuel was a little late. The soldiers became restive. Some deserted, others hid in the caves and thickets. This was a test of Saul's faith, and would have strengthened him if he had stood firm. But exaltation had already begun, like termites, eating away the foundation of religious integrity. He took matters into his own hands, instead of trusting wholly in God, and offered sacrifice himself. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall" (Prov. 16:18). Multitudes

have made promising beginnings, succeeding wonderfully while they were little in their own eyes, but later took glory to themselves, and the vessel became "marred in the hand of the potter" (Jer. 18:4).

This entanglement of King Saul led quickly to other troubles. Such is usually the case unless deep humility leads quickly to restoration. The Lord, through the prophet Samuel, sent King Saul with an army to punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel as they were traveling from Egypt to Canaan. He had specific orders to destroy everything; but when he saw the fine cattle and sheep, *covetousness* stirred him to downright *disobedience*, and he spared the best of the flocks, driving them back home. Then, to cover this, he *fabricated* a story, claiming that the people spared the animals for sacrifice. How sad! How very sad when material things begin to affect our choices! We then become blind to the finer things of life and open the door wide to an evil brood.

As the women sang David's praises after he slew the Philistine giant, *jealousy*, then *envy* found entertainment in Saul's heart, stirring him to *attempt murder*. The saddest, most sinister sight to behold is an *apostate*—one who has been redeemed by grace divine, and enjoyed God's blessings in successful battles, and then has allowed the devil, in some manner, to rob him of it.

No one comes to this state intentionally, nor suddenly. Spiritual, as well as material, termites work under cover. In the dark they eat away the foundation, while the outer appearance and finish of the building are unmarred. Visiting friends and the occupant himself detect little change. They don't realize that there is anything seriously wrong until the building is ready to tumble down. The only absolute safety is periodic searching by an expert. This conviction caused King David to cry out: "Search me, O God . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me" (Ps. 139:23-24). It is "the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines." When little things are winked at and allowed to drain away the fire and glory of the Holy Ghost, there is no strength left to resist the attacks of Satan.

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return to my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it *empty*, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there" (Matt. 12:43-45). If the house had been filled with the grace of God, the devil could not have entered. It was swept and garnished, but empty.

This has been a danger point in every age. The prodigal son "wasted his substance with riotous living." He did not lose it all at once. He *surrendered one principle after another*, until he came to himself in the swine pit—friendless, ragged, dirty, and starving.

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It's Safe Inside the Breakwater

By Jean Leathers Phillips*

THE DAY had been unusually warm for this northern Great Lakes region. The thermometer had registered in the eighties. Large, fleecy white clouds had driven leisurely across the blue summer sky all day long and now, as the late Northern summer evening came on, there was every promise of a sunset of the sort that makes one wonder if heaven can be more beautiful.

The city lies half a mile inland where the river flows out of the small inland lake and makes its way to Lake Michigan, and this half mile of river channel has been deepened to admit the lake's largest freighters through its channel, under its two drawbridges, to its largest industries on the small lake.

Half a mile of smooth sidewalk parallels the river channel to the harbor mouth with unimpeded view to the west, so I closed up shop and walked out to revel in the beauty of the evening, particularly the sunset. On both north and south sides of the river's mouth are long breakwaters. The one on the north extends straight out into Lake Michigan, with a low lighthouse at its end. The one on the south side extends still farther out than the north one, then has a thousand feet or so of mole angling northwest so that the harbor basin is fairly well enclosed.

Heaps of whipped-creamy clouds stacked themselves high above the horizon to the eastward. Broken white clouds, like so many lambs in a blue pasture, lay off to the south, and in the northwest a rain-squall hung gray and threatening, though its fringe of gold on the sunward side belied its small thunders.

As I walked out along the south breakwater, the wind-whipped rollers lashed close to my feet on the out-shore side. Bits of driftwood and sprays of green foliage were cast up menacingly, and the kittiwakes (eastern gulls), sooty terns, sandpeeps, and killdees soared and screamed in their glee.

*Manistee, Michigan

But on the opposite side of the breakwater and mole, inside the basin of the harbor at the river's mouth, the water was as placid as a farm pond. The winds barely ruffled it. The rollers broke against the wall of rock and concrete and rolled back into the depths, churned to foam, but effectually frustrated so far as the basin was concerned. Any little pea-pod of a boat could have gone safely anywhere inside the basin and the harbor, but all the light pleasure craft that had been out on the open lake in the morning had taken refuge from the late afternoon bluster.

How like the harbor of my soul! I thought. My Father's love and His great salvation have builded a breakwater past which all the waves of life and death and hell cannot reach me. Solid rock, the Rock of Ages, He used in making that eternal breakwater, and no change of time or circumstances can overflow it. My safety is a matter of my own volition, to stay inside or to sail out.

Close in at the mouth of the river is a small breakwater which looks as if it were wood pilings. The engineers, with a snorting tug and a barge of huge chunks of granite rock, were busily reinforcing it. Wood piling is poor stuff where wind and ice jams have year-round sweep between them.

Our Father's breakwater in the harbor of our souls needs no reinforcing. No perishable material went into it—only His most cherished and best, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever.

The white lambs from the south and fragments of the rain-squall from the north had now drifted into the west, where the lowering sun edged them all with gold and made their backs look royal-purple. In one explosion of natural glory they outdid any atomic spectacle. It is still my Father's world! It is still His little mirror of the glories He is preparing for His own. What He shall have prepared I can little imagine. I purpose to work and wait until He calls me to come and see—I know it will be abundantly worth it all.

The Lord Loves This Church

By Mary Alice Holden

The Lord must love this
little church—
He has a special share
Of blessings stored for
those who here
Will seek His loving
care.

And that their love might
always last
He fills each up-turned
cup,



And makes each heart so full of grace
It keeps on bubbling up.

But lest the enemy should quench
This fountain that they know
He calls them back on Wednesday night
That joy might overflow.

I know God loves this little church,
And now I've found out why—
Its members truly love the Lord
And, through them, so do I.

ETERNAL LIGHT

By Jeanne DeGood

When northern breezes blow the snow
Into the trees and grass, I know
No sun can shine eternally
To light the land so we can see.
Electric lights can even fail,
Resulting from the sleet and hail.
The only light that shines each day
Is what we do, and what we say.
My words could brighten someone's day
Each time I speak—each word I say.

Lord, Don't Let It Happen!

By L. I. Weaver*

IF THE time ever comes when people are not seeking and finding the experience of heart purity or sanctification, it will be partly because they are unwilling to comply with the conditions as set forth by the Son of God. It will not be because God is not willing, for we read, "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thes. 4:3). Nor is it because some are more depraved than others, for "he is able also to save to the uttermost." An unwillingness to comply with the conditions that bring the experience of heart purity to pass is a sure sign of a backslidden heart, or a following afar off, to say the least.

A retired elder of our church now residing in a nearby city, Rev. T. L. Taylor, said to me, "Shallow preaching brings shallow conviction; shallow conviction brings shallow repentance; shallow repentance brings a shallow experience; and a shallow experience causes backsliding and does not create a hunger for the fullness of the blessing." It has been the experience of the writer that those who do not have an up-to-date experience do not hunger for this blessing and find fault with those who are seeking the blessing. A high, clean experience of regeneration brings at least the following three things:

We go out of the sin business. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin" (I John 3:9). To hang on to old sinful habits, environments, etc. is to testify of never being saved.

We have a love for the brethren. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Divine love causes one to overlook the faults of others, forgive injuries; it covers a multitude of sins and harmonizes the people.

We have a burning desire to honor God with means, talents, time. Personal work will not be lacking if one is really saved. The woman at the well went into town and told everyone about the One who told her all things that she had ever done, and who had given her to drink of the water that satisfies every longing of the heart.

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I went to prayer again, praying: "O God, help me to be a preacher of a high standard of regeneration and thereby create a plane of living in the lives of people in my congregation that in turn will cause them to hunger and thirst for the fullness of the blessing. And, Lord, this low standard of living—don't let it ever happen in our church."

Have We Lost the Offensive?

By E. Drell Allen*

A FEW weeks ago the world was hardly stirred by the signing of a truce in Korea. It had as much effect as an ineffectual anticlimax in an overly long sermon. Was not the world weary of war? Yes. Were we not happy to see a halt come to slaughter and bloodshed? Yes—but we are all convinced that the truce was not a victory. We did not lose, but we did not win. Can he who does not win confidently assert that he has not lost? Whatever history may record as far as the truce is concerned, one thing is apparent: if the UN forces did not win, it was because they lost the offensive. When the offensive is lost, overwhelming victory is denied.

There is a greater battle being waged, a battle in which the Church is keenly interested. It is the Church's constant battle against sin and its destructive power over men's lives. What we see the world over are but symptoms of a crumbling civilization. Unless a change is wrought, it will be described as both decadent and degenerate. Like cancerous communism, it is spreading into the blood stream of the entire human race. The last and only defense against this ravishing foe is vital Christianity; but can vital Christianity, the Church of the living God, hope to conquer by merely holding its own? God forbid; His Word does not so teach. The Church is the organism of a living faith in the deity of Jesus Christ. It was "upon this rock," Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). We must not, we dare not, lose our offensive in the battle against sin.

As we see the encroachments of sin and the hold it is getting on people; as we see men, yes, even so-called Christians, learning to live comfortably in the presence of sin, we must beware. We cannot relax our historic position. God condemns sin in the flesh and holds out man's only hope for a new birth—faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. He condemns sin as a principle ruling the heart, and offers cleansing through the baptism with the Holy Spirit. Nothing short of this can deal effectively with sin.

That is God's tested plan for an offensive against sin. It is the peculiar heritage of our church—our marching orders. If we lose these, we lose our offensive. We may sign a truce, but

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with sin it is but compromise. If any generation should be completely impotent in the face of sin, history may ascribe all manner of causes to it, but the eternal record would have only one entry, "The Church lost its offensive!"

Call Off the Dog!

By Norman R. Oke*

OUR NEIGHBOR'S dog died recently. The death of a dog, however, is not an event to usually warrant space in the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*. But this dog deserves some notice because he taught me a little lesson that I want to share with you. The dog had a very bad habit, and now that he has deceased there is tremendous relief around our house—and that suggests the story.

I guess there are worse things for a dog to do than bark at cars, but nothing is much more irritating. One of my pet "hates" is dogs that insist on barking at every car that passes by—and this particular dog did this with a vengeance. So you see why our entire household is greatly relieved now the noisy dog is dead.

But, tell me, why do dogs bark at cars? The barking does not make the cars hurry away faster; nor does it guarantee that they will not come by again—in fact, there seems to be no gain to the dog, nor harm to the car—total loss all around. My first reaction was this; Poor thing! just proves how dumb a dumb beast can be. We humans would never bark at cars—or, again, would we?

To give that dog the benefit of the doubt, let's suggest it had a valid reason for barking at the cars. Perhaps some dogs just have to have a certain amount of vocal expression of this violent sort, and so they let off steam by venting their rage upon passing motor cars. If so, I would far rather have them snap at the tires of the car than my trouser legs; better to bark at the car than at our visitors. You see, the car has no feelings and cannot be insulted by such discourtesies. Do you get the point? If people must explode in bitter tirades, why not take it out on some inanimate thing like the weather instead of members of the family, or friends, or the pastor? Perhaps some of us might do better just to bark at the cars!

Or maybe, that dog barked at cars just because it resented the idea of mechanical progress. Here was a smelly, noisy thing that had driven the horses off the street—and they were so chummy, and nice! And, what's more, the car could go faster than the dog, and Fido perhaps felt outmoded and obsolete. So the answer was to bark as violently as possible and express this resentment.

It is like the little groups that dislike progress in local churches. The pastor and the board vote to move away from the railroad tracks to a nice,

roomy, quieter location. But the small group of dissenters are married to tradition, and wedded to the good old days in the little church by the tracks. So what do they do? They stand along the side lines and bark at the cars. It is easier to bark at cars than to dig foundations for progress!

Maybe this explains why St. Paul warned, "Beware of dogs." I am sure he referred to the two-legged species of dog, and perhaps had in mind the ones that barked at cars. He warned against the folk with uncontrolled vocal expression and biting, acid tongues. And this reminds me of the paper boy on the street corner. A passer-by stopped to ask the boy how he was doing in his sales. The boy, almost casually, replied, "Oh, I don't make any money selling papers." The man then asked why he continued when there was no remuneration. Again the boy replied casually, "Because it gives me a good chance to holler."

Call off your dogs!

Are YOU Saved?

LIQUOR, THE MOTHER OF CRIME

By A. S. London*

JUDGE GEMMELL, of the Chicago Municipal Court, has had 50,000 human derelicts, as he says, in his court for trial. He made the following statement relative to the liquor traffic:

"Liquor is the mother of crime. It gives life and sustenance to slums, dives, brothels, gambling dens, and 'pay-off joints.' It nerves to his deed the homicide, the stick-up man, the burglar, the thief, and the thug.

"It fires the brain of the prostitute and the panderer. It feeds and inflames the passions of the weak-minded and the degenerate.

"I have tried 50,000 human derelicts, most of whom were liquor-soaked. With faces red and bloated, eyes dull and languid, bodies weak and wasted, clothing foul and ragged, this vast army is forever marching with unsteady step to the graves of drunkards, and the pauper, or to the prison and workhouse."

And still 65,000,000 American citizens, above the age of fifteen are patronizing the liquor traffic! They pay into its hands more than \$9,000,000,000.00 annually, while one-third of our people are underfed and underhoused. We legalize near 500,000 places where the liquor traffic carries on its cursed business.

May God look in mercy upon us is our prayer!

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Victory Through Jesus

By E. Wayne Stahl*

IN AN hour dark with danger for the allied forces in Europe during the First World War, their supreme commander, Marshal Foch, sent this message to Paris, "My left is broken; my right is in retreat; I am advancing with my center." Then he added these words which, for their heroic confidence, thrill my inmost heart: "The situation is excellent!"

It was this spirit which, on the eleventh of November, 1918, brought him, under God, as he himself acknowledged devoutly, transcendent victory.

I thought of this valorous confession and profession after learning lately of a lady who suffers from at least three serious physical infirmities. One would be enough to daunt even a steadfast spirit, but for a considerable time such triple tribulation has been hers. Added to all this has been a prolonged domestic sorrow even more agonizing than the bodily distresses.

Yet amidst this sea of troubles her ship of faith is riding safely, for she has on board her heavenly Pilot, and hears His tranquilizing voice, "Fear not: . . . When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee" (Isa. 43:1-2).

My soul is stirred, as at the hearing of triumphant bugles, as I think of her glorious inner peace amid those multiplied seeming disasters. It emphasizes to me the meteorological fact that at the center of a tornado there is a region of perfect calm.

What is the secret of that marvelous serenity? To change the figure from weather to war, she realizes gloriously the truth of the promise, "And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land" (Mic. 5:5).

She hears the voice of the Prince of Peace, the God-Man, who says to her: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

She is a super-conqueror through Him that loved her. Through His "all-victorious love," abiding in her heart, her feet do not rove into

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the wildernesses of doubt and fear. Her life is another name for conquest.

She is a proof that "God is no respecter of persons" in supplying grace sufficient in affliction. For she knows the same grace that Paul realized in his gigantic and continued tribulations. Read their ghastly number in II Cor. 11:23-27. And yet at the close of the dreadful list he triumphs: "I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities" (v. 30).

This he did that awful midnight in the dark, dirty inner prison of Philippi. With his back filled with wounds from the awful Roman scourging, his lower limbs in the torturing position of feet being in the stocks, he "sang praises unto God."

And this "elect lady" of whom I write, in her midnight of sorrow, in her prison of calamity, as a conquering captive, makes melody in her heart unto the Lord. To her shall come to pass the saying expressed by many, "I learned it in the night."

WHY DO YOU DO IT?

By Ross W. Hayslip*

NEAR the close of His earthly ministry Jesus said to Pilate, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth" (John 18:37). Within the framework of this simple statement the Saviour revealed the highest aim that a life can hold.

The success of a life cannot be measured by its activity, but rather by the purpose that motivates that activity. Men's fancies often run into odd extremes, and set their ingenuity to work in queer veins, as useless as curious. For instance, in a New England museum there is a cherry stone which contains one dozen silver spoons. The stone itself is of the ordinary size, but the spoons are so small that their shape and finish can be well distinguished only by the microscope. Here is the result of immense labor, for no decidedly useful purpose; and there are thousands of other objects in the world fashioned by the skill of men, the value of which in a utilitarian sense may be quite as indifferent. Dr. Oliver, in his *Philosophical Transactions*, gives an account of a cherry stone on which were carved 124 heads so distinctly that the naked eye could distinguish those belonging to popes and kings by their miters and crowns.

There is a drawing of the head of Charles II in the library of St. John's College, Oxford, wholly composed of minute written characters which at a small distance resemble the lines of an engraving. The head and ruff are said to contain the Book of Psalms, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. In the British museum is a

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COST OF FREEDOM

By Maggie Culver Fry

A churning fury shook the land;

A storm rode overhead.

One man in all the crowd was calm,

While others cringed, with dread.

"I would give *everything*," cried one,

"To be as you—so unafraid!"

"Everything?" The old saint smiled.

"That was the price I paid."

portrait of Queen Anne, not much bigger than a hand. On this drawing are a number of lines and scratches which, it is asserted, include the entire contents of a thin folio.

These works of art are the products of multiplied hours of strenuous labor; however, this labor loses its glamour when compared with the activities of men like Bishop Francis Asbury of early-day Methodism. That saintly warrior of the cross once wrote in his diary these words: "Ah! What is the toil of beating over rocks, hills, mountains, deserts, five thousand miles a year?—nothing, when we reflect that it is done for God, for Christ, for the Holy Spirit, the Church of God, the souls of poor sinners, the preachers of the gospel in seven conferences, one hundred and thirty thousand members, and one or two million who congregate with us in the solemn worship of God—O, it is nothing!"

Our present Crusade for Souls is a channel of activity through which every Nazarene can give real purpose to his life. The world lies in wickedness around us. Soon our lives will be ended and our time for working past. A Spirit-filled quest for the souls of the lost will impart to our lives the design supreme.

John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

GREETINGS from Guatemala! We closed our recent assembly in a spirit of unity and blessing.

Our district-wide Thanksgiving offering is proving to be a success. Coban gave \$75.00; San Juan, made up of "poor" Indians, gave better than \$40.00. These people are truly capable of meeting a real challenge. I believe the year ahead will be a time of spiritual blessing and progress.—JAMES HUDSON, Guatemala.

They of Italy Salute You (Hebrews 13:24)

They and we salute you because of the way you have stood by us in prayer, correspondence, giving to the General Budget, which is our material means of continuance, and many other ways we cannot now mention. When an Italian sends salutations, it really means something. Dr. Vanderpool deeply touched the hearts of the Nazarenes here by bringing greetings from America. We have been well cared for and God is supplying all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

They of Italy salute you because

you have brought to Italy a church that preaches holiness in experience and life, that opens the Bible to offer eternal life to the vilest as well as the most self-righteous sinner. Your investment in Italy is paying off in Nazarenes who memorize God's Word, and who love to sing, pray, testify, and live for Jesus. Though Italy is poor, we have great hopes that our Nazarenes here can be a self-supporting church in the future.

They of Italy salute you because you have made it possible to preach entire sanctification, which satisfies the heart and mind far beyond the ceremonial, the fanatical, or the anti-nomian teachings of certain groups which are trying to solve the spiritual problems of Italy. Brother Del Rosso says that the Roman church can offer almost as much as some of the Protestant groups. It cannot, however, offer anything that begins to compare with holiness—the kind that purifies the soul from sin and fills with all the fullness of God, empowering for holy living and soul winning.

They of Italy salute you because your giving has made it possible to

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"Thanks again for the help."

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have a building for the Bible school and church partially completed, and the hope that perhaps next fall we can have the first class enrolled, if you will continue to pray to God for men with a divine call to preach to their own people. We are carrying on the program of visiting the churches, organizing different groups in the churches, contacting the preachers, and trying to edify the saints. For the next year Mrs. Morgan and I want to concentrate on the language, build up the work in Florence, which is our special charge, and get printed books, pamphlets, and correspondence courses for those who may never come to school, or for those who might be prospects—or perhaps for those who are really interested but not called to special work.

They of Italy salute you, especially, for praying for our work and moving the hand of God to open doors in these last days. We are now praying about an apparently open door in Naples. Please pray that God will continue to give Brother Del Rosso good health. He travels much and seems to love it. He also appreciates deeply what the Church of the Nazarene has done for Italy, so we salute you again for him. "Tanti Saluti Da Tutti I Nazareni D'Italia." ("Many greetings from all the Nazarenes of Italy.")—EARL MORGAN, Italy.

THE Holy Spirit is the medium through which man can come directly in touch with God. God the Father planned redemption, Jesus Christ came to earth and executed it, but it takes the Holy Spirit to make it efficacious for you and me as individuals. The Spirit applies the blood which Jesus shed. Following Dr. Daniel Steele's thought, I might say that God the Father found the cure for man's sinfulness, God the Son prepared this medicine, and the Holy Spirit administers it. The redemptive benefits which the Godhead bestows must reach us finally through the activities of the Holy Spirit. This is why someone has rightly said that the Holy Spirit is "Almighty God in action."

In Matthew's story about His birth, Jesus is called Emmanuel, "God with us." Jesus was "God with us" for a few years. He came from eternity into time and walked among men while in the flesh, but His sojourn here was only temporary. When He ascended to the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit back to abide with us forever. He who had been *with* us was now to be *in* us in the person of the Holy Spirit. In a more vital sense than ever had been the case with Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit was to be "God with us." He became the indwelling God, whereas Jesus was never more than God with us. The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son, and by indwelling us brings the whole Godhead within the realm of our personality.

God the Father is the transcendent-immanent God, with emphasis upon the divine transcendence, aboveness, beyondness, superhumanness, or greatness. God the Son is the transcendent-immanent God with emphasis upon both His transcendence and immanence, His deity and humanity. God the Holy Spirit is the transcendent-immanent God with emphasis upon His immanence, His close relation to time and man's present existence because He deigns under certain conditions to abide in the human heart. If we will make the proper provision for Him He is willing to come into human personality and live through our limited, finite capacities.

The Holy Spirit is God in the present tense. The dispensation of the Father is a thing of the past and so is that of the Son, but not so with the Holy Spirit. We are now living in His day, or dispensation. More so than ever before, if we meet God, we must meet Him directly through the Holy Spirit. Under the dispensation of the Father men had to deal with God through sacrifices and ceremonies. Contact with the ark of the covenant, which symbolized the presence of the living God, was possible only once a year when the high priest went into the holy of holies. Direct touch with God was not for the masses even once a year. Under that system man had no living, divine intermediary. The Son came to break down this middle wall of partition and rend the veil of the Temple—which separated

the holy place from the holy of holies—from the top to the bottom. This He did by His sacrifice on the cross, which He made once for all. He made it possible to bridge the gap which sin had made between God and man, but it was left to the Holy Spirit in His day or dispensation to actually reunite God and man. We are born of the Spirit and sanctified by the Spirit, and when the latter is accomplished God moves in and begins to make His abode with man. At that time we begin immediate and full fellowship with God and no longer have to take a detour through human means, or ceremonies, in order to reach Him. I am glad that I live in this day, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the climax of God's dealings with man.

In view of these truths, I am not surprised that the Father and the Son have much to say about the coming of the Holy Spirit, that even the Old Testament tells about the great day when the Holy Spirit will be poured out upon all flesh. *The promise of the Father was that the Holy Spirit would come.* And Jesus said, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." Further He said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Again, the Master declared: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14:16-17).

L O Y A L T Y

LOYALTY is one of the highest virtues. It is something which only persons can exhibit. Any reality—thing or animal—which does not possess freedom cannot truly be loyal. Loyalty isn't something that can be forced; it is something which has to be given by the individual himself.

When may a person be said to be loyal? When he is freely and enthusiastically faithful to a person or a cause. Just as freedom is demanded for loyalty, so is enthusiasm. A person who follows another person or a cause grudgingly cannot be thought of as loyal. Defined in this way, loyalty becomes a bond which holds an individual to another individual or an organization by the very closest of ties. The Apostle Paul said, "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:

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2). Anyone who will study the life of the Apostle Paul, after he met Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus, will be fully persuaded that the Apostle followed Jesus Christ freely and enthusiastically. He was ready to give everything, even his life if necessary, in order to forward the cause of Jesus Christ.

The only loyalty that some people seem to know anything about is loyalty to themselves—selfishness; everything else is made subordinate. Such a person can't be a Christian; neither can such a person ever build a high type of character. After all, selfishness isn't really loyalty, and for one to be enthusiastically faithful to himself only is not to be loyal. In the truest and highest sense, loyalty must have an objective outside of the selfhood of the person who is loyal. This was true of the Apostle Paul; "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

AT THE beginning of the Seminary year, the faculty met for its annual dinner. Dr. L. T. Corlett, president of the Seminary, was master of ceremonies. After

To God and the Bible we finished the meal, Dr. Corlett spoke briefly, made some announcements, and then introduced Dr. Jarrette Aycock, president of the Board of Trustees of Nazarene Theological Seminary, who gave the main address of the evening. His message was built around the thought of loyalty. First of all, we were urged to be loyal to God and the Bible. That meant, of course, that we must believe in God and the Bible, and be willing to follow the light of God as it is given to us in His holy Word. No one could teach young men to preach the gospel in the Church of the Nazarene who has any question about his faith in God and in God's Word. I might add that there was no one there but that could say, "Amen," to what Dr. Aycock said along this line. We all believe in God and in His Word, and feel especially called to exemplify God in our lives and uphold His truth in our teachings.

Loyalty to God and the Bible is essential not only for the teachers in the Nazarene Theological Seminary but for all who teach and preach in our church, and for every layman. None of us can be what we ought to be if we do not have this devotion.

THEN Dr. Aycock emphasized loyalty to the local church—willingly and enthusiastically faithful to it. This applies to all Nazarenes, as

**To Local, District,
And General Church**

well as to those who teach in the Nazarene Theological Seminary. We have a

great number of people in our denomination who are freely and enthusiastically loyal to the local church of which they are members; but also we have some who are not. Just today I read about one of the large denominations in our country, and the writer said that if one-third of their people all came to church on any Sunday morning their churches would not hold them—just one-third of their members. I hope the record of church attendance in the Church of the Nazarene is better than that! But I am sure that many of our churches would be more nearly filled on next Sunday morning than they will be if all of our members attended church at that time. That is only one way by means of which we can express our loyalty to the local church.

Also, we can manifest loyalty by loving and praying for our pastor. We can express loyalty by giving liberally to the work of the local church. We can give evidence of our loyalty to the local church of which we are members by refusing to criticize it. How about it? Am I loyal to my local church? Are you loyal to your local church? If we are going to be the kind of Nazarenes we ought to be, we ought to be freely and enthusiastically devoted to the local church to which we belong.

Then Dr. Aycock went on to emphasize the need of being loyal to the district church, and finally to the general church. The district interests and the general interests are not so close at hand, and oftentimes we are inclined to overlook them. We are not surrounded by them, or beset by them, and we cannot see their importance. Nevertheless, it is just as essential for me to pray for and pay to the district interests, and pray for and pay to the general interests, as it is for me to be loyal to the local interests. It is just as necessary for us not to criticize, or "drag our feet," from the standpoint of the district and the general interests as it is for us to avoid these things in relation to the local church.

Please don't forget, loyalty is one of the greatest words in the English language. Are you loyal to God and the Bible, to the local, the district, and the general church? Are you freely and enthusiastically faithful to them? May we walk as Paul walked and determine now "not to know any thing . . . save Jesus Christ, and him crucified"; and as we do that, we will be loyal to God and the Bible, and to the local, district, and general church. "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (Heb. 13:20-21).

But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you (Luke 6:27-28).

CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Goals for 1954

WE FACE a new year with thankfulness to God for His past blessings and what measure of success we have been able to achieve, but also with humility when we think of the enormity of both the task and the responsibility which are ours in reaching the world for Christ. Whatever goals we may have for 1954 are summed up in our desire that this year shall be effective for God and the church.

Goals have already been set for this year for our general church—a net gain of 20,000 members, 250 new churches organized, \$2,500,000.00 for world evangelism—but these goals will be reached only as each local church does its share. We know also that many of our local churches will be setting goals for the year, but again we must realize that success in achieving our goals rests ultimately with each individual Nazarene. If each one of us, in his own way and with his own talents, will do his best, our local churches will make advances; this will move forward the district program; and, in turn, the general church will achieve the goals which our leaders, under God, have set before us.

What must I do, then, to make this year of 1954 effective for God and the church? First and most important of all is *prayer*. Prayer must be a daily habit, and yet it must be more than a habit: it must be a dependence upon God, a renewal of strength, and a deep concern for the lost. It takes action to reach goals, but our activity will be almost valueless unless it is first fortified with prayer. Let us have a church-wide revival of prayer in the Church of the Nazarene in 1954. We will never get beyond the need expressed in the slogan that was introduced for the Mid-Century Crusade for souls in 1948: "Begin on your knees. . . . Go to the task."

Second, I can make this year effective by *loyal co-operation*. The local church is a family of Christians, or a Christian community. If I am a slacker, the others not only have to carry the program of the church, but also my dead weight. I can be loyal to the church, to the pastor, to the program of the church in reaching others and holding our own, and God's blessings will be upon me and the church as we work together for Christ's kingdom.

There is something else I can do to make this an effective year. I can form some *redemptive friendships*. It may mean going out of my way, becoming acquainted with people that are not "my type," and giving of my time and strength; but I know there are people in the circle of my acquaintances who are not Christians and may never be saved if I fail to win them to Christ. I can plan this year to cultivate their friendship for the sole purpose of getting them to the Lord.

These are not flashy goals, detailed programs, nor high-pressure tasks. But if every Nazarene will be *faithful in prayer*, will be *loyal*, and will *win souls*, who can tell what God can accomplish in the year 1954 through the Church of the Nazarene? Will we do it for Him and for souls?

Los Angeles Crusade Conference

A "grass-roots" Crusade for Souls Conference will be held on the Los

Angeles District at Pasadena First Church, beginning with a great opening rally at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 18. General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool will be the special speaker. The conference will continue on Tuesday and Wednesday. Other special workers are Dr. Roy F. Smee, Rev. Jerald D. Johnson, and Rev. Gordon Winchester. We trust that every pastor on the district will be present, and laymen will attend as many of the sessions as they can.

Overseas Churches Support Missions

The churches on our overseas districts are loyally supporting the whole program of the whole church. Honolulu First Church has just set a new record with over \$700.00 in the Thanksgiving offering. One of the smaller Hawaiian churches, Kailua, gave over \$100.00 in this offering. Our church in Fairbanks, Alaska, has sent in \$643.00 on the Thanksgiving Offering. Our churches in Alaska begin on the basis of giving 10 per cent of their income to the General Budget and 10 per cent to the district budget, and elsewhere in overseas home missions this is the goal of our churches. We appreciate these fine Nazarenes in all these lands.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. I am not a member of the Church of the Nazarene because there is no church near here. I am, however, a subscriber for the HERALD OF HOLINESS and believe what it teaches. Do you see anything wrong in using some of my tithe to pay for holiness literature such as the HERALD OF HOLINESS since I cannot attend a holiness church or afford the paper otherwise? Also, may I use some of my tithe to send the HERALD OF HOLINESS to another person who refuses to pay for it out of his tithe and will do without it if I don't get it for him?

A. I believe too much in storehouse tithing to answer your two questions in the affirmative. You ought to belong to some church and pay all of your tithe into it. Join the best church which is near at hand or else place your membership in a Church of the Nazarene which you can attend only occasionally, and then give your tithe to the church to which you belong. If you will do this, I believe that God will honor your right living enough to supply you with the extra three dollars to pay for the two subscriptions for the HERALD. Do the thing that's right

and then trust God to hold up His part of the bargain.

Q. What do you think of using tobacco? Can a person chew tobacco or smoke cigarettes and go to heaven? If not, why not?

A. All of us must remember that we are not the judges of men. God will decide who will finally go to heaven or hell on the basis of their trust in Him as evidenced by their lives. One's light will undoubtedly have something to do with God's final judgment of him. On the other hand, I am quite sure that I could not get to heaven and use tobacco in any form. Our bodies are to be the temples of the Holy Ghost. Therefore, we cannot indulge in habits which we know to be harmful without committing sin. Tobacco in all forms is harmful to the body, and the money we spend for it is worse than wasted. The recent revelations as to the effects of cigarette smoking in producing cancer of the lungs is appalling. Just recently, one of America's most famous physicians said that if a person will not quit smoking

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. George Taylorson

Topic for January 17: The New Birth

Scripture: John 3 (Printed, John 3:1-16)

cigarettes he should have his lungs X-rayed every three months. Then at the first sign of cancer have the lung affected removed in order to save the other lung, and quit smoking at once. Thus, it is either quit now for the smoker, or at the first sign of cancer stop and have an operation, or die. This means that we know that smoking cigarettes is flirting with death. Besides bringing on lung cancer, smoking cigarettes causes many deaths because of heart disease. I could not expect God to forgive me and take me to heaven if I deliberately did that which I knew would very likely shorten my life—destroy my body, which should be the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Q. *Shouldn't a person be proud to wear his cross and crown pin where it can be seen?*

A. Yes!

Q. *Why do some churches include the words, "he descended into hell," in the Apostles' Creed? Where do they get such a theory? Is there any scripture for it?*

A. The Apostles' Creed is printed with these words in it more often than without them. This statement is connected with I Pet. 3:19-20 and 4:6. I do not believe that these scriptures furnish a very good foundation for it. I Pet. 3:19-20 has been called the most difficult passage in the New Testament.

Q. *Should Christians rebuke those who take God's name in vain while talking to them? If not, what should we do in regard to this problem?*

A. One of the best ways to rebuke those who do wrong in your presence is to refrain from doing wrong yourself. The fact that you talk to them and do not swear will get their attention, in spite of everything, and it will make an impression on them. Our life, if lived carefully for Christ, is more of a rebuke to sin and sinners than our words ever could be. This does not mean that there will never be a time when you should speak your disapproval of the wrongdoing of those about you. Live carefully and pray much, and God will open the door for you to express your convictions on certain occasions. When this happens, God will so put His seal upon your words, that what you say will not be as pearls cast before swine.

Jesus . . . said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God (Mark 10:14).

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

When man was created, his spiritual capacity, which alone gives him his dignity, was filled with the fellowship of God. They were as one. Sin destroyed this spiritual union and, ever since, sinful man has been vainly attempting to fill his soul with the husks of life. Sin is not directly a problem of the mind or body, but of the will. There is no question as to the effects upon both body and mind, but the remedy lies not within the scope of mental or physical healing. The elements which really destroy human personality come from a far deeper and darker realm. It is the misdirected will, deliberately chosen evil, which constitutes sin and makes a man a sinner.

It is plain nonsense to talk about a sinner as merely having a sick soul. In the spiritual sense he is dead in the trespass of sin. Man is morally sick because he is a sinner. Most of the present-day answers to the problem of sin stem from the thought of reformation. One cannot reform the dead. It is true that a corpse can be made to look more restful, pleasant, and perhaps less frightening, but all the cold aspects that make commun-

ion and fellowship impossible are still there. Christ came, not to reform, but to resurrect. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

There is nothing in the Scriptures to suggest that Nicodemus was other than a good man; but his goodness and his goods still left him impoverished. The soul can be reached and satisfied only by God himself. Millions have come to Him through the ages with lives torn and marred by sin, only to leave alive, whole, and cleansed. He offers to all, regardless, freedom from sin and sinning, peace, abundant life, indestructible hope, deliverance from fear, peace of heart, and power to serve Him.

How is this done? Frankly, I confess I do not know. I can only humbly say: "Whereas I was blind, now I see." Then with Philip may I repeat, "Come and see." Yes, all may come; none need be lost. No life is too wasted, no life too far spent, and no life too young. There is grace for all: "There is life for a look at the Crucified One." "Whosoever will may come." Thank God, you can be born again.

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The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

General N.Y.P.S. Council Meets
JANUARY 5-7 the General Council of the Nazarene Young People's Society gathers for its annual meeting in Kansas City. This precedes the annual meeting of the General Board. The General Council meets to survey the work of the General N.Y.P.S. for the past year and to lay plans for the future.

Two members were elected recently to replace zone representatives who moved from their area. Arnold Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College, was elected as representative of the Canada-British Isles Zone. William Welch, publicity director at Pasadena College, was elected as representative of the Pasadena College Zone. These two men will be present at the council meeting.

The report of the General Secretary will show that there is a total of 81,327 youth members (active and associate) of the N.Y.P.S. in the homeland. This added to 6,776 on fields under the supervision of the Department of Foreign Missions brings the grand total to 88,103. Local societies gave a total of \$522,102.00 during the past year, \$268,277.00 for local expense, \$191,020.00 for district needs, and \$62,815.00 for general purposes. Within the last year, through the N.Y.P.S. \$22,759.67 has come in for General Budget and \$32,365.63 has come in for the Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa. Through the N.Y.P.S.-sponsored project for American Bible Society, \$13,562.00 has come in.

This year has seen changes brought

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about in the *Young People's Journal* (to show up in the first quarter, 1954) and in *Teen Topics* (to appear in the second quarter, 1954). On the district level it has seen continued interest in the Lamp-lighters' League and has seen a rise in concern for teen-age activity in the societies. Close to 10,000 were registered in the district camps and institutes with close to 5,000 young people finding definite spiritual help at the altars of prayer.

God is helping us through the N.Y.P.S. and its activities to save a great percentage of our young people to Christ and to the church and, while we are doing this, also to reach out to unchurched youth in increasing numbers.

Prayer Request—January, 1954

Youth Week And Allied Interests

January is a month which is filled with activities of vital interest to young people. We cannot hope to accomplish much, however, even with a well-developed program, unless we pray. There are three very important aspects of our work which ought to enlist our Prayer Tower Intercessors for this month.

The Lamp-lighters' League. On many districts January will be a special month of Lamp-lighters' League emphasis. Let us pray for every phase of this program. Pray for the district effort, for our local league, and for ourselves that we might be more effective soul winners.

Youth Week. The last week of January has traditionally been Youth Week. Every church will be planning something which will be of interest to youth. Let us pray for the church at large that God will indeed bless every effort. Let us pray for the plans which are laid for our own church and that all we do will be crowned with young people finding Christ.

Radio Offering. During Youth Week (or very soon thereafter) each local society will be receiving an offering as part of a total offering of \$25,000.00 to go for radio broadcasting in New York City. Let us pray for the success of the offering and for the field to which it is to go.

Binding Links

Nothing is dearer than kindness,
Nothing is finer than truth;
And nothing from God can detach
us—

If we cling to His hand from our
youth.

—ETTA MAI SCOTT

Frederick, Maryland—For a number of years we have felt the definite need of a revival within our church. Twice in the past we asked Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Ferguson for a meeting, but they were booked up. We were disappointed, but God knows best. We recently closed a meeting with the Fergusons, and God richly blessed their ministry and gave us the best revival we have had in a number of years. Many of our people were reclaimed and sanctified, and a blessed spirit prevailed. We thank God for answered prayer, and the Fergusons for their deep concern for us. May the spirit of revival continue.—J. Grant Swank, Secretary.

Evangelists Earl and Pearl Gardner report: "Entering the full-time evangelistic field this fall, we began in Leroy, Michigan, with Pastor Earl Culp. The results reached far into the community and outstanding victories were witnessed. Next we were with Rev. Roy and Dorothy Mathews of Tolleston Church, Gary, Indiana, where God blessed and gave souls. We recently closed in Gilmer, Texas, with Rev. Jack Shoulders, where a good number found victory at the altar and five new members were added to the church by profession of faith. We have an open date beginning February 7. We preach and sing, have scene-o-felt pictures, guitar, and accordion. We will go anywhere God leads. We praise God and give Him glory for blessing us in our new field. We are now making up our slate for the spring and summer of 1954, with vacation Bible schools included. Write us at 302 West Adams, Muncie, Indiana."

Evangelist Thomas S. Fowler reports: "These are days of victory. Our revival with Rev. Charles M. Coller, Greensboro, Pennsylvania, was a great success, with many seekers finding God at the altar, and capacity crowds almost every night. Our next meeting was with Rev. Francis Bowman, Bunola, where some people prayed through who had been back-slidden for over fifteen years. We then went to Hawthorn, with Rev. George Emmitt (we are members there). We had wonderful crowds night after night, and some fine altar services, with two outstanding nights when the Holy Ghost came on the people. We went on to Martinsburg, West Virginia, with Rev. A. V. Kesecker, pastor. This church is only two years old, with a very small membership, but God gave us the victory with about ninety out on one Thursday night, and sixty to seventy on other nights. In these four meetings we had almost two hundred seekers at the altar. We found all the pastors very fine men of God. At this writing I am in a meeting with Rev. Don Hennen at Albion, Pennsylvania. I have some open time in 1954. Write me: Box 127, Hawthorn, Pennsylvania. I travel as preacher and singer."

Hillsboro, Ohio—Our revival services, October 18 to November 8, were richly blessed under the Spirit-filled ministry of Rev. C. B. Hail. A goodly number of souls were reclaimed, saved, and sanctified, and several were healed. The messages of Brother Hail were rich and heart-searching. Many fasted and prayed before and during the revival, which proved a great blessing to the church; and since the revival, folk testify, "I have a stronger backbone since Brother Hail was here," "I am more determined to go through, and I feel better physically." We also notice a stronger continuation of the revival fires. God is still answering prayer, and to Him be all the praise.—C. R. Meyer, Pastor.

Assumption, Illinois—We recently closed a splendid revival meeting with B. K. Beaty as evangelist. The services were attended by fine crowds and the rugged truths as given by God's servant were gladly received. A number walked in the light and were truly converted, going on into the experience of second-blessing holiness. The last Sunday morning the Holy Ghost was present in convicting power; fifteen seekers were at the altar without any preaching, and all found victory. The folks tell us it was the best revival here for a number of years. The evangelist received a good offering, and a love offering was given the pastor. The revival tide still lingers and folks are praying through at home and in the church services. The Assumption church is moving forward.—David E. and Grace Milby, Pastors.

Evangelist Fred W. Fetters writes: "Since last reporting it has been my privilege to conduct meetings in churches in California: at Riverside Drive, where Rev. Mrs. Emma French is pastor and Brother French is her fine assistant, Mrs. E. E. Harry of Sierra Madre was the song director and soloist; God blessed with souls finding Him. Then at Turlock we were with Rev. L. T. Edwards; in Fremont Chapel, Stockton, where Rev. M. E. Stockman is pastor. During this meeting Brother Stockman was called east because of the serious illness of his wife's brother, but God helped us by using the Sunday-school superintendent to fill in for the pastor, and we had a good meeting. We then motored to Riverbank, where we labored with Rev. Louis G. Kettlehut. Our next stop was one week with Rev. Orvil Wright, who has improved the church property at Grass Valley by painting and redecorating the interior of the church and parsonage. We next went to Exeter for a week's meeting with Rev. Herbert Ratcliff, and on to Chowchilla, where Brother Maurice Rhoden is laboring faithfully. Rev. E. E. Burk and his family are standing by the pastor in a splendid way with finance and musical talent. We enjoyed our

association with the people of this church, and God blessed by His presence in the services. In West Long Beach we had a good meeting with Rev. Wayne Jenkins, who is doing a good job in that field. We reached a high point in the Sunday-school attendance during this meeting, and a nice class of members have been added to the church. We then went to Coalinga, where we worked with Rev. Roy Partain for one week, with only three services without someone seeking Christ. Then on to Oroville, where it was a joy to work with Rev. John and Iva Rupp. From the first Sunday there were folk seeking God in all but one service. Brother Rupp is planning an expansion program for the building of a new church. God has helped him do a great piece of work in property purchasing and financing. We then went to Tularosa, New Mexico, where we were in a meeting with Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Seago. I have never labored with a pastor and wife who carried more of a burden in prayer for the lost than these two folk. God gave us a goodly number of seekers and finders of salvation in these services. The last meeting of this group was in Alamogordo, New Mexico, where Rev. Ralph Herrin is pastor. This was our second meeting here, and God blessed us with salvation services. In all of the above meetings God gave us seekers and finders of pardon or purity. At this writing I am in a meeting in Pasadena in the Bethlehem Church of Christ Holiness with Pastor W. G. Glover and his people. I am building my slate for 1954, and still have some time open. I will go anywhere for freewill offering and entertainment. I have a special message to boys and girls, play four stringed instruments, and read poems of my own composition. Write me at Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Huntington, Indiana—We are enjoying the blessings of God in an unusual way. Mrs. Eva Gardner spent one week with us, emphasizing Sunday-school work and personal evangelism. As a result of this revival we have had from 20 to 50 people doing personal soul winning. This effort has brought new spiritual fervor and increased attendance in all services. New people are attending the evening services and some are being won to Christ. Rev. P. E. Kuykendall spent a week with us in a revival that touched every person in the church. God moved upon hearts under his anointed ministry. Attendance was the best of any meeting since our coming here two years ago, and on the last week end the altar was filled with hungry hearts, nearly all praying through to victory. Rev. James Snow, pastor at Butler and district N.Y.P.S. president, served as song director and soloist during the revival. His singing and friendly spirit added much to the success of the services. Brother Kuykendall's ministry helped the church; a greater vision and burden have been accepted by everyone and there is evidence of a de-

termination to spread scriptural holiness in our community. During the month of November the Sunday school averaged 429. Contracts have been let to continue with the educational unit of the building, which is very much needed. The people of Huntington First Church are among the very best, and we appreciate working with them. We praise God for all victories won.—Robert T. Morris, Pastor.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon report: "Recently we held a real, old-fashioned revival in Chinook, Montana. Some definite victories were won and on the closing Sunday night the altar and front seats were lined with seekers. In this same service a spontaneous love offering of over \$70.00 was given to Rev. Harry Stetson, one of the most aggressive pastors with whom we've worked. This church has a progressive program planned for the future and, with the leadership they have, these good folk are on the march. We thank God for His blessings on our labors. With the exception of one open date in the spring, our 1954 slate is full and we are now looking forward to 1955. Write us at 39 S. Prospect Avenue, Patchogue, New York."

Evangelist Russell Bush and wife write: "We have had a good fall slate with meetings on five districts. We started in September at Glasgow, Montana; went from there to Colorado; thence to Port Arthur, Texas; then to Pennsylvania. We attended the preachers' meeting at Cumberland, Maryland. From there we went back to the northern part of the country and held meetings at Antigo and Necedah, Wisconsin; International Falls, Minnesota; Stephenson, Michigan; and Nekoosa, Wisconsin. We have most of our spring schedule made up with meetings in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Montana. We have several dates open for early and late spring. We furnish both a musical and preaching program with vibraharp and accordion. Write us at Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

The Harmonettes report: "At this writing we are engaged in a revival at Erie, Pennsylvania, with Rev. L. T. Wells, pastor. We are enjoying the heart-searching messages of Rev. Fred E. Drayer, evangelist. God has marvelously kept us busy in His vineyard since we entered the field of song evangelism this fall. The first two weeks of October we worked with Rev. Floyd E. Williams and his wonderful people at Mineral City, Ohio. The latter part of October we were in Ludington, Michigan, with Rev. John Hiestje, pastor, and Dr. A. F. Harper bringing the messages. In November we went to Spencerville, Ohio, with Rev. Mark E. Moore, pastor, and Rev. James Fitch, evangelist; then at Leslie, Michigan, with the pastor doing the preaching. Truly God has blessed us and it has thrilled our hearts to see needy souls find their refuge in God.

We can take the full musical program and do some children's and youth work. We have a few open dates in January, February, March, and May and can be contacted by writing: Harmonettes, 138 S. Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio."

Pastor Donald Bell writes: "Having served as pastor at Ames, Iowa, for the past six years we resigned and came to Newton, last July 15. We found a very spiritual and aggressive group of people, who had been well shepherded by former Pastor Elvin Ernest. By the Lord's help the Sunday school has shown a substantial increase in enrollment and average attendance for the past four months. Thanksgiving week was characterized by a gracious outpouring of the Spirit of God. Our people came by the church for 6:00 a.m. prayer meetings on their way to work. God blessed the preaching of Rev. Gene Fuller and the singing of Miss Helen Greenlee. Conviction was powerful and it was met with a ready response. Thirty new people came forward for pardon and purity; most of them are adjusting quickly and are going to be a tremendous asset to the church."

Pastor Haven Goodall reports from Gibsonburg, Ohio: "We recently closed a twenty-day revival with Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Harley and their son, Danny. Brother Harley was in charge of our prayer meetings each morning, which seemed to kindle a holy fire that brought more zeal, concern, passion, and real soul burden. His messages stirred our souls and caused our people to move up the road spiritually. There were a goodly number who bowed at the altar and found spiritual victory; also some prayed through at home. The church paid Brother Harley \$250.00 and gave the pastor a nice love offering. The church is growing and progressing spiritually. We received twenty-two new members last year, and are looking forward to even greater days in the future. God is blessing and we give Him all the glory. If you have friends you would like for us to contact, write us at 612 W. Stevenson Avenue, Gibsonburg, Ohio."

Columbia, Mississippi—We closed a twelve-day revival, in the real sense of the word, with Rev. Joel Danner, the most unique evangelist we have ever known, practicing prayer and fasting, and enlisting the people of the church to do likewise. There were two services in which the Spirit's presence was so manifest that no sermon was preached, and the altar was lined with seekers. On the closing Sunday we received fifteen new members into the church, and the board recalled Brother Danner for a meeting in May. This is the best revival in the history of our church, according to many, and our hearts are full of joy and praise to God for His marvelous visitation among us.—Robert P. Wendell, Pastor.

Lakeview, Ohio—Indian Lake Northside Church recently closed a good revival with Rev. Louis K. Lutz as evangelist and Walter Cummins in charge of the singing. The church carried a burden for the lost in fasting and prayer, and God met with us in every service; several souls found victory. Two complete new families were won to Christ, for which we praise God. Brother Lutz is truly a man of God, and his messages were anointed by the Holy Spirit. We give God all the praise and are looking forward to continued victories as we press on for Christ and lost souls.—Richard B. Miles, Pastor.

Louisville, Kentucky—Sunday, November 1, will be a day not soon forgotten by each one who attended Broadway Church. A special program was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Selden Dee Kelley, since that was their last Sunday with us before leaving for St. Louis. The theme of the program was "This Is Your Life, Selden Dee Kelley." A nice booklet of his life was prepared by his mother for the occasion, and slides showing pictures taken throughout his life were shown. Each member of the family was presented with gifts, flowers, etc. It was a real pleasure to have Mrs. Dorothy Kelley from Chicago present, and we appreciate her splendid co-operation in helping to plan the program. It is needless to say we regret to lose the Kelleys. Selden has been our minister of music for the past year, and they have been a blessing to our church.—B. Jerry McClain, Pastor.

Burlington, Iowa—First Church is enjoying the favor of God; each service is made significant by His presence. After two years and four months, one can more fully evaluate the labors of pastor and people, and we find it a joy to build on the sound works of those who have labored here in former years. "The Nazarene Hour" broadcast, which is the oldest continuous program on this station, is proving a continued blessing to thousands. The church is united in a long-range improvement program. Last April 12 we enjoyed a wonderful visit with Dr. Samuel Young as he ministered to us in a great ground-breaking service for the new church plant. Work was started immediately after this grand opening, and has been progressing satisfactorily in spite of many unavoidable material delays. The church is of modern design, with seating capacity of 600 without extra chairs. Plans are also drawn for a Sunday-school annex which will add room for 125 more children, giving a Sunday-school capacity of 600 as well. October 9 through 11 we were stirred to a definite forward advance under the ministry of Gene Fuller, president of Ministerial Fellowship of Olivet College. Music was under the direction of Robert McCannon, local music director. November 4 through 15 was a time when revival fires burned brightly un-

der the able ministry of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Raker, and since the close of this meeting we have received 4 new Nazarenes into church fellowship. Last assembly year Burlington First led the Iowa District in total expenditures for the Kingdom; over \$33,100.00 was given, with over 10 per cent for general interests and over 10 per cent for district interests. God leads on and we seek to follow.—George M. Lake, Pastor.

Columbus, Ohio—Whitchall Church was organized June 28, by Dr. H. S. Galloway, and is making excellent progress with the help of the Lord and the wonderful co-operation of the people in the church and community. Our Sunday school has increased from an average of 26 to 78 in October. We have a nice bus that has helped us reach many unchurched folk, and aided us immensely in our first revival, which recently closed with a wonderful tide of God's blessings. We reached a record-breaking 116 in Sunday school in this meeting. Rev. Virgilene Richardson was used greatly as His handmaiden in reaching lost souls.—Clarence W. Brown, Pastor.

Eureka, Kansas—The Lord has been visiting our regular services the last few weeks, which is the fruit of a wonderful revival meeting with Rev. C. W. and Esther Brockmueller as evangelists, the last week of October. During the revival our Sunday-school attendance reached seventy-six, the highest since our coming to this church a little over a year ago. Also five new members were taken into the church on profession of faith. Since our revival we have been having prayer and fasting services on Saturday at noon. This service is being well attended and God is blessing. The church suffered a great loss of a loyal supporter on December 16 when Jesse Gum, Jr., died; he had been an active worker in the church for twenty-two years.—Odis R. Brown, Pastor.

Edcouch, Texas—We recently closed a ten-day revival with Rev. Mrs. Thelma Steelman, pastor of Grace Church, Tyler, Texas. The power of the Lord came so that we saw one young couple with three children pray through in their home at 11:30 p.m. Later they knelt at our altar and were sanctified. We saw other people kneel at the altar for spiritual help, and our entire church was set aflame. Before the revival closed we had reached new people from the entire town who came back night after night. On the last Sunday the people worked and the Sunday-school record was broken, which had not been broken for over two years. Two members were recently received into the church. Since we came here last September, we have averaged seventeen or more per Sunday in Sunday school over last year's average. Our General Budget is already paid in full and we have started to take care of our other budgets. The

Lord has been blessing in every way, and we know that an impression has been made upon the town. I don't believe the revival is over for our church, for the evangelist instilled something within the hearts of the unsaved which is still lingering with them.—Bobby R. Steelman, Pastor.

Pana, Illinois—First Church recently closed a good revival with Rev. Alva O. and Gladys Estep, very fine evangelists. Sister Estep sang the glory down night after night, and Brother Estep was at his best in preaching. The church had its largest crowd of seekers in years, a good class of members was added to the church, and many new friends were made. Brother Estep's scene-o-felt pictures were a great blessing, and our fine people feel like working harder than ever for God after this revival.—Ruel G. Braswell, Pastor.

Newburgh, New York—We recently closed one of the best revivals in the history of the church with Rev. Nelson Henck, evangelist. On three consecutive Sundays the Sunday-school record was broken. The last Sunday of the meeting the Sunday school broke the all-time record. The Thanksgiving offering was the best in the church's history. We praise God for His blessings. Many new people have been contacted for the church during these meetings. Finances came easily; the evangelist was given a good offering for his service. The outlook for the church is very bright.—Maurice D. Laurie, Pastor.

Evangelist Lowell L. Yeatts reports: "My fall meetings began at Geneva, Indiana, where Rev. Virdean Owens is the good pastor. God came and seekers found Him at the altar. From there I went to Union Chapel, Rev. Frank Voss, pastor, and a goodly number of young people found victory. Then to Churubusco, Indiana, with Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Martin, where we saw good victory at the altar. From there to Bloomfield, Iowa, with Pastor John Damon, for my second meeting; the Spirit of God came near to bless in a great many of the services. Rev. A. D. Foster is the good pastor at Indianola, Iowa, where God came and gave one of the best revivals I have ever witnessed. James Bohi had charge of the music and did a splendid job. Then I went to Brilliant, Ohio, with Rev. D. W. Sterling, pastor. This was a hard-fought battle, but God gave victory. From there I went to an outstation that Brother Sterling is taking care of; God came and we saw victory at the altar the last night. In all of these meetings I have been deeply conscious of being in the will of God. The pastors have been good to me and provided well in offering and entertainment. I have two open dates in March and May, and will go anywhere the Lord leads. Write me at 325 W. Sixth Street, Peru, Indiana."

First Church, Beaumont, Texas

On last October 25, a beautiful \$100,000.00 church building was dedicated by Dr. Hardy C. Powers and Dr. V. H. Lewis. The building was started in June of 1952, after many months of planning and work by the pastor and the building committee. A beautiful corner was purchased on one of the city boulevards, at a price of \$10,000.00, and the church was constructed to house the congregation and the Sunday school. Outstanding work was done by the men and women of the church, under the leadership of Mr. Bill Ely, carpenter in charge. Everything is new but the grand piano. A new Hammond organ was purchased, along with new hymnals, for the opening of the new building. The auditorium is 40 x 70 feet, with an opening into a small auditorium which will seat an additional one hundred people. There are a study and a choir room off the platform, and a beautiful baptistry back of the choir loft. Art-glass windows of Gothic style were installed in the auditorium; and a trinity of windows, with the picture of



“Christ at the Door” in the large center one, is just back of the baptistry. The Sunday-school building consists of three auditoriums, a nursery, hat-and-coat room, secre-

tary's room, two rest rooms, a church parlor, prayer room, and eleven classrooms. We owe less than \$20,000.00 on the whole setup.—Kendall S. White, Pastor.

St. Petersburg, Florida—First Church is rejoicing in an unusual visit of the Holy Spirit during our recent revival with Evangelist George Brannon and singers, Troy and Margaret Cook. On the last Sunday morning the Holy Ghost had right of way; singers and preacher stepped aside while a glorious time of melting took place, with weeping, singing, shouting, repentance, restitution, and prayer. Everyone was blessed through the good messages of Brother Brannon, and our church is definitely going forward for God and souls. Our song evangelists, Troy and Margaret Cook, served us well and helped make this revival one long to be remembered. The genuine friendliness of evangelist and singers was greatly appreciated. As a church we are praising God and expect with God's help to join our pastor, Rev. Clifton B. Nixon, and wife in winning souls for the Kingdom.—Mrs. Naomi Johnson, Reporter.

Detroit, Michigan—Bethel Church recently closed a wonderful ten-day revival with Evangelist Harry N. Dickerson. The meeting has already brought outstanding results. The crowds far surpassed anything that we had experienced in many years. It was a successful campaign from the very first service, with the Holy Spirit moving upon the people. This was our ninth meeting with Brother Dickerson, which proves that our people like the straight gospel truth that he preaches without fear or favor. There were 103 souls who bowed at our altar during the meeting to be saved, reclaimed, or sanctified. The revival spirit is still with us. We are having our altar lined with seekers in our regular services, and many new people are being brought into our church.—D. C. Tolley, Secretary.

Van Horn, Texas—Our newly organized church had a revival meeting from December 1 through 13, with Evangelist W. Evans Burnett, a wonderful man of God and an old-timer with the Church of the Nazarene—truly a Spirit-filled preacher of holiness. We also had our good district superintendent with us for one service, in which he brought a very timely message. We had a wonderful revival in this little community where they have never had a holiness church before. The Holy Spirit met with us every meeting and God came in an unusual way, with souls praying through in the old-time way, some saved and others sanctified wholly. We are now meeting in a building that was formerly built to house a liquor business. We covet our people's prayers in this new work, for this is a very needy place.—James A. Walker, Pastor.

Dr. A. L. Parrott, evangelist, reports: “Early in December I completed eleven months in the evangelistic field. During this time I conducted twenty-one revivals, and also saw hundreds of souls seeking the Lord. Owing to a cancellation I have an open date, March 17 to 28; I will be in the Midwest at that time. Write me, % P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.”

Gooding, Idaho—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke as the special speaker, and God came in mighty power during every service. There was much fasting and prayer in behalf of the meeting and God rewarded our efforts with twenty-five seekers at the altar, most of them adults and many of them outsiders. Three fine people were taken into the church at the close of the meeting. Our church has definitely been strengthened.

Brother Van Slyke is a man that preaches under the Spirit's anointing, and we were able to close the meeting with a great demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit such as is not often seen these days. We do praise the Lord for His goodness.—O. H. Ballard, Jr., Pastor.

Evangelist J. C. Henson reports: “On Sunday morning, October 11, we were with Pastor De Vore at Roberts Street Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, and then at North Minneapolis with Pastor Johnson on Sunday night. They have built a nice new church, and have a good membership. Our next engagement was with Pastor Tucker at Pasco, Washington, where they are making progress and are planning a new church building. From there I went to Grandview, Washington, with Pastor Grim, who was a new man on the job, but had things well in hand. There was a wonderful revival spirit during the meeting. From here we visited the Northwest District Preachers' Meeting at Wenatchee, Washington, under the direction of Dr. E. E. Zachary. Then we went to Milton-Free-water, Oregon, with Pastor Bajarth, where God did not disappoint us, but came in salvation power. Our next stop was at Pullman, Washington, with Pastor Craker, and God broke through in old-fashioned victory, with seekers at the altar and at the seats. From here we went to Bremerton, Washington, with Pastor Allee, where we had some good altar services. It seems here is one of the great opportunities of our church. My last engagement in the Northwest was with Pastor Gale at Beaverton, Oregon, where we had a good meeting. At this writing we are in a meeting at Hamlin, Texas, with Pastor Emberton. My health is good and my faith is in the promises of God.”

"Showers of Blessing" Stations

In Southeast Educational Zone

Evangelist Allen H. Wagner writes: "Owing to a request for a change of a spring date, I have February 24 to March 7 open. I will be in Tampa, Florida, preceding this date, and in the Midwest afterwards. Write me at 401 N. Kentucky Avenue, De Land, Florida."

Clendenin, West Virginia—Our church recently closed a gracious revival with Rev. L. W. Conway and the Joy Beam Singers. We humbly give God the praise for His poured-out blessings and the wonderful victories of this meeting. Brother Conway preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and showed a tenderness toward people. The singers were liked by everyone; they sing with the blessing of God on them. Several of our teen-age young people got back to God, and many souls found Him in saving and sanctifying power. The members of the church, together with the pastor, got under the burden for this revival. We feel that the church is in a good spiritual condition and is ready to do new exploits for the Lord.—Robert E. Salsler, Pastor.

Clarkson, Kentucky—We recently closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church with the Holso Evangelistic Party as the special workers. The Lord was with us in a very special way and blessed the ministry of these splendid workers. The attendance and interest were fine from the very first service. Twenty-five sought and found God at the altar, and a class of thirteen members was received into the church. To God be praise and glory for all that has been accomplished. We are going forward with the Holy Spirit as our Guide.—Bertie Allen, Pastor.

Decatur, Illinois—South Side Church recently closed one of the best revivals in its history with Rev. J. T. Myers as evangelist. He preached under the anointing of God and made the way of salvation and holiness clear and forceful. There were seekers at almost every service, and since the revival we have received 16 new members into the church, 9 by profession of faith. God is still blessing in our regular services with seekers almost every Sunday. Our Sunday school has had an average of 150 for the last two months, and every department of the church is moving forward in a wonderful way. The plans are already drawn up, and the city has approved our plans to add a Sunday-school annex, 30 x 30 feet, which will give us twelve much needed Sunday-school rooms. We plan to start the building in early spring. The people are good to us, and we are united and looking into the future, expecting even greater things from God in the days ahead. Remember us in your prayers that we will be the kind of church that would please God.—J. P. McIntosh, Pastor.

WLBS	Birmingham	900	kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
WEBJ	Brewton	1240	kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
WRAG	Carrollton	590	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WBHP	Huntsville	1230	kc.	6:00 p.m.	Sunday
WPBB	Jackson	1290	kc.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday
WSFA	Montgomery	1440	kc.	8:00 a.m.	Sunday
WWWR	Russellville	920	kc.	6:00 p.m.	Sunday
WLAY	Sheffield			9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WTUS	Tuskegee	580	kc.	9:45 a.m.	Tuesday
<i>Florida</i>					
WTAN	Clearwater	1340	kc.	8:30 p.m.	Wednesday
WBRD	Fort Lauderdale	1580	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WMYR	Fort Myers	1410	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WGGG	Gainesville	1230	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WRHC	Jacksonville	1400	kc.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WNER	Live Oak	1450	kc.	12:45 p.m.	Sunday
WMMB	Melbourne	1240	kc.	8:15 a.m.	*Bi-m'thly
WPCF	Panama City	1400	kc.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday
WEAR	Pensacola	1490	kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WTRR	Sanford	1400	kc.	5:45 p.m.	Sunday
<i>Georgia</i>					
WAGA	Atlanta	590	kc.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday
WAGA-FM	Atlanta	103.3	meg.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday
WATL	Atlanta	1380	kc.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday
WATL-FM	Atlanta	97.5	meg.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday
WBGE	Atlanta	1340	kc.	9:45 a.m.	Saturday
WGIG	Brunswick	1440	kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WGRA	Cairo	790	kc.	7:30 a.m.	Sunday
WCGA	Calhoun	900	kc.	10:15 a.m.	Friday
WGAA	Cedartown	1340	kc.	3:30 p.m.	Sunday
WBHB	Fitzgerald	1240	kc.	2:30 p.m.	Sunday
WBGR	Jesup	1370	kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WMTM	Moultrie	1300	kc.	10:15 a.m.	Saturday
WKMA	Quitman	1490	kc.	1:15 p.m.	Sunday
WRGA	Rome	1470	kc.	7:15 a.m.	Saturday
WRGA-FM	Rome	106.5	meg.	7:15 a.m.	Saturday
WCCP	Savannah	1450	kc.	9:15 a.m.	Monday
WJAT	Swainsboro	800	kc.	5:00 p.m.	Sunday
WKTG	Thomasville	700	kc.	1:15 p.m.	Saturday
WWGS	Tifton	1340	kc.	9:45 a.m.	Saturday
WGOV	Valdosta	950	kc.	*	Saturday
<i>Kentucky</i>					
WAIN	Columbia	1270	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WCTT	Corbin	680	kc.	6:45 p.m.	Saturday
WHIR	Danville	1230	kc.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday
WLEX	Lexington	1300	kc.	7:15 a.m.	Sunday
WGRC	Louisville	790	kc.	10:15 a.m.	Sunday
WNOP	Newport	740	kc.	4:30 p.m.	Sunday
WPRT	Prestonsburg	960	kc.	1:15 p.m.	Saturday
WSFC	Somerset	1240	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Saturday
<i>Mississippi</i>					
WLOX	Biloxi	1490	kc.	*	Various Days
WVMI	Biloxi	570	kc.	10:00 a.m.	Wednesday
WVMI	Biloxi	570	kc.	10:00 a.m.	Saturday
WGLC	Centreville	1580	kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
WCLD	Cleveland	1490	kc.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
WCBI	Columbus	1340	kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
WFOR	Hattiesburg	1400	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WKOZ	Kosciusko	1340	kc.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday
WAPF	McComb	1010	kc.	9:00 a.m.	Saturday
WMOX	Meridian	1240	kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday
<i>North Carolina</i>					
WRCS	Ahoskie	970	kc.	4:30 p.m.	Sunday
WATA	Boone	1450	kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday
WFNS	Burlington	1150	kc.	12:30 p.m.	Sunday

WFNS-FM	Burlington	93.9	meg.	12:30 p.m.	Sunday
WSSB	Durham	1490	kc.	1:00 p.m.	Sunday
WIFM-FM	Elkin	100.9	meg.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WGNC	Gastonia	1450	kc.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday
WGNC-FM	Gastonia	101.9	meg.	10:45 a.m.	Sunday
WNOS	High Point	1590	kc.	4:30 p.m.	Wednesday
WNOS-FM	High Point	100.3	meg.	4:30 p.m.	Wednesday
WKMT	Kings Mountain	1220	kc.	*	
WFMB-FM	Mayodan	93.5	meg.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
WOXF	Oxford	1340	kc.	9:15 a.m.	Saturday
WOXF	Oxford	1340	kc.	9:15 a.m.	Sunday
WREV	Reidsville	1220	kc.	11:45 a.m.	Friday
WSTP	Salisbury	1490	kc.	8:45 p.m.	Sunday
WSTP-FM	Salisbury	106.5	meg.	8:45 p.m.	Sunday
WEYE	Sanford	1290	kc.	1:45 p.m.	Sunday
WMPM	Smithfield	1270	kc.	5:45 p.m.	Friday

South Carolina

WHAN	Charleston	1340	kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday
WJMX	Florence	970	kc.	*	
WGTTN	Georgetown	1400	kc.	8:15 a.m.	*Var. Days
WKDK	Newberry	1240	kc.	7:15 a.m.	Sunday

Tennessee

WCOR	Lebanon	900	kc.	*	Var. Days
WJJM	Lewisburg	1490	kc.	9:00 a.m.	Sunday
WGNS	Murfreesboro	1450	kc.	6:45 a.m.	Sunday
WTPR	Paris	710	kc.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday
WHAL	Shelbyville	1400	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday

Virginia

WJMA	Orange	1340	kc.	9:30 a.m.	Sunday
WRIS	Roanoke	1410	kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday
WNNT	Warsaw	690	kc.	1:30 p.m.	Sunday

West Virginia

WCAW	Charleston	1400	kc.	8:45 a.m.	Sunday
WVOW	Logan	1290	kc.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WVOW-FM	Logan	92.3	meg.	8:15 a.m.	Sunday
WWYO	Pineville	970	kc.	*	Var. Days

New "Showers of Blessing" Stations

WCGA	Calhoun, Ga.	900	kc.	10:15 a.m.	Friday
WHAN	Charleston, S.C.	1340	kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday
WITY	Danville, Ill.	980	kc.	7:45 a.m.	Sunday
WJMX	Florence, S.C.	970	kc.	*	
KWHN	Fort Smith, Ark.	1320	kc.	12:15 p.m.	Sunday
WGTTN	Georgetown, S.C.	1400	kc.	8:15 a.m.	*Var. Days
WRHC	Jacksonville, Fla.	1400	kc.	5:45 p.m.	Wednesday
WMOX	Meridian, Miss.	1240	kc.	8:30 a.m.	Sunday

Overseas Stations

KANI	Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii *			12:00 noon	Sunday
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* Consult local paper for exact time.

corner lot in front of the church was purchased, and a nice three-bedroom parsonage has been built. The people have stood faithfully by the pastor and we are enjoying our ministry among them."

East St. Louis, Illinois—First Church recently closed a splendid revival with Rev. Sammy Sparks as evangelist, and Professor James Cook, music director. Though I have been in the ministry for forty-five years, I have not seen a finer team of workers. During the one week, eighty or more were at the altar. We have a very fine group of happy, spiritual people with no divisions of any kind. They love God and love one another; they stand by their pastor and try to co-operate in every way possible. We started here about twenty-four years ago without one member. We organized and stayed fourteen years, pastored another church six years, were called back, and are now going on our fifth year. It has been a joy to work with these people.—C. I. DeBoard, Pastor.

Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "At this writing we are in our fifth revival this year in California. God has given us many precious souls, and many have joined the church. Eleven have found the Lord here in Waterford since Wednesday night. We have some open time in January and February that we would like to schedule while in this part of the country. Write us at P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

East Liverpool, Ohio—On November 29 the LaCroft Church closed a one-week revival with our new pastor, Rev. LeRoy Hastie, doing the preaching. He brought a series of sermons on Revelation, which God blessed. Twenty-eight persons knelt at the altar of prayer, and the church was helped immensely. We have much for which to thank God.—Mrs. Hazel Silverthorn, Reporter.

Moultrie, Georgia—One year ago we came to Crestwood Church, which was struggling for existence. No time was lost in visiting the homes of the entire community, and every effort was made to comfort, encourage, and inspire the faithful members. Their response was immediate, and we began praying and preparing for a revival. In April the Lord gave us a good meeting, but not the revival for which we were contending. Then a group joined in fasting and continuous, persistent, and importunate prayer. The engaged evangelist was unable to come, so another was contacted. At the last minute serious illness intervened, and in desperation we cried unto the Lord, and He sent Rev. S. Whitson Osborne, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. From the very first night there were souls seeking salvation. During the ten days of the revival 851 contacts were made, 54 people were saved or sanctified, and the Sunday school broke all records with 108 in attendance the closing day. The revival continues—last Sunday

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Superintendent Whitcomb Harding of the Nebraska District planned a Sunday-school tour that covered 4,000 miles. We spoke once at the preachers' meeting in Lincoln, then drove 1,100 miles without rest to get to the bedside of our dying daughter, Mrs. Aline Turner. We went back to Nebraska for our tour. The preachers and laymen were kind, thoughtful, responsive, and appreciative. There are 46 churches, with a church membership of 1,600. It is a wide-open missionary field, with scores and scores of small cities that could be evangelized if workers could be secured. Revs. Whitcomb and Mari-del Harding will lift any church or district. He scatters optimism from the smallest church to the largest one. He is a hard worker, a good man with vision, ability, courage, and adaptability. He knows how to deal

with people, and is dearly loved by little children. He is kindness personified. We long to see the Nebraska District come to a new day under his leadership. This tour will never be forgotten."

Pastor Leon Martin writes from Bonham, Texas: "We recently enjoyed a profitable revival with Evangelist A. K. Jones, whose Bible-centered messages proved a blessing to the church. Several prayed through during the revival, and eight united with the church. The revival tide continues with souls praying through in the regular services. This month marks the close of our fourth year as pastor of these fine people. During this time we have received fifty-seven members on profession of faith, and witnessed gains in all departments. Improvements have been made on the church property; a large

during the song service I felt led to present the invitation. A young man almost ran down the aisle and two other young people followed; their repentance was genuine. Brother Osborne's earnestness, intense interest in souls, his fervency, holy zeal, enthusiasm, and deep humility make him a real soul winner.—Maurice S. Cook, Pastor.

Dr. E. O. Chalfant, evangelist, reports: "The year of 1953 was an exceptionally fine one. I worked in 16 districts—12 states and Alaska—in 400 services. Many souls were in the fountain."

Evangelist E. E. Taylor reports: "I recently concluded a series of conventions of one to three days, extending from Chicago, Illinois, to Tacoma, Washington, boosting the Crusade for Souls Now. Our burden is to stress holiness and individual soul winning, helping to mobilize our laity in the local churches for systematic, follow-up soul winning. God has wonderfully

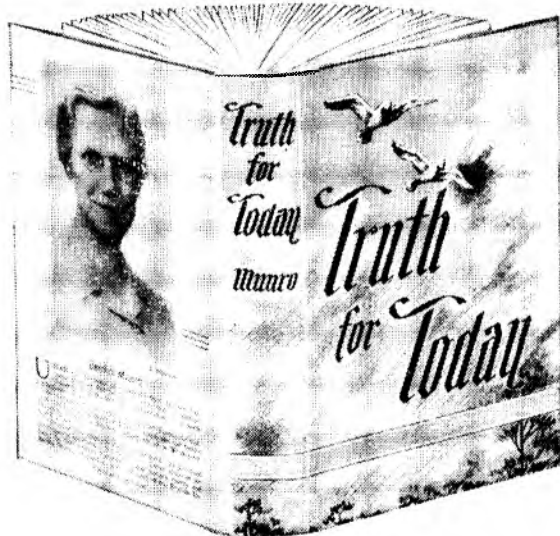
blessed and helped on this tour; the pastors have been very co-operative, and their people most responsive. Over five hundred of our laity responded to the challenge and came to the altar, pledging themselves to obedience to the Great Commission in personal soul winning. Our tour included the following churches and pastors: Lomax, Illinois, James Morsch, pastor; Burlington First Church, George M. Lake, pastor; Fairfield, Iowa, Pastor Foster; Creston, Iowa, E. J. Strong, pastor; Homedale, Idaho, C. J. Wilson, pastor; Nampa First Church, Raymond C. Kratzer, pastor; Franklin Road, Nampa, Leo Kirley, pastor; Emmett, Idaho, Alva L. Turner, pastor; Greenleaf Friends Church, Idaho; Puyallup, Washington, Pastor Beecher; Tacoma First Church, Crawford Vanderpool, pastor; Kalama, Washington, Allen Bennett, pastor; and the last Sunday with the Austin Chicago Church, W. N. Vanderpool, pastor. Before starting on this tour, I was in three fifteen-day campaigns: a home-mission campaign at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, with W. L.

King, where a new church was organized; a meeting with Rev. Minnie Wiandt at Bergholz, Ohio; and at Corydon, Pennsylvania, with Viola Doverspike. The meeting at Corydon had the marks of a real revival with seekers every day except one. It has been a great privilege to have fellowship with all these good pastors, and to see many wonderful answers to prayer."

West Chester, Pennsylvania—We are deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for the wonderful manifestations of His power and presence upon our church. We recently closed a very fruitful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ross Emrick. The Spirit of God came upon the services night after night as the Enricks sang and preached their way into our hearts. A number of men were saved during this meeting and are proving invaluable to the church. The Spirit of God continues to prevail in our midst, and we are seeing results around the altar in regular services. We are in our fourth year with these wonderful Nazarenes, and no pastor could be loved more nor be appreciated more than has been our portion. Truly God has been good to us. The entire Sunday-school department has been renovated and remodeled, giving us additional facilities for our work. A new electric range, an automatic washer and dryer have been installed in the parsonage. Our Thanksgiving offering is near \$600.00 and the finances continue to increase. There is a wonderful spirit of unity and love between pastor and people, and we look forward to the coming year with great anticipation.—Don R. Hoffman, Pastor.

Moundsville, West Virginia—We are well into the second year of pastoral work here. Upon arrival we found a people who had a mind to work together and, due to this unity, God has given us a wonderful year. The three departments of our church have consecrated department heads; we have wonderful Sunday-school teachers, and a people who co-operate with the department heads in a very unusual way. The music department of the church is blessed with efficient leaders, and we have one of the fine choirs of the city. The Sunday school is crowded to capacity, with one class in the parsonage basement. The N.F.M.S. has made constant progress and is thriving beautifully. We have a large group of young people with unusual talent. They have splendid programs, and their spirit often is carried into the evening service, making a definite contribution. This year we painted the church and parsonage, purchased a new grand piano, and completely remodeled and redecored the sanctuary, with only a small indebtedness. Spiritually, the church has "the glory." We started the year with a one-week revival with Evangelists George and Ruth Grimm, which was very helpful. In the spring our revival with Evange-

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list John Donley was the best to that time, with God's presence very real. Crowds came, folk prayed through to victory, and several joined the church. In September it was our privilege to have Dr. Ernest E. Grosse, superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia District, for a one-week holiness convention. Our people were definitely helped by his instructive ministry. In November, Evangelists Lloyd and Gertrude Ward were with us. The church was filled to capacity; God came, and the altar was filled again and again. Victory came to hearts as we heard the shout of newborn souls. Recently we received thirteen new members into the church. All our budgets are paid in full to date, we are living in Canaan, and have nothing but a good report to bring.—Robert E. Long, Pastor.

Nebraska District Ministers' Convention

Dr. Hardy C. Powers, general superintendent, lifted the hearts of preachers and laymen to great heights as he spoke on the challenge of the Church of the Nazarene, and the crying need of world evangelism, in the Nebraska District Ministers' Convention, held in Lincoln First Church early in November. The potential power of the gospel of Christ, the adequacy of the gospel for this day, and the necessity of reaching the people now were emphasized.

Dr. A. S. London gave a challenging message on the commission to reach the unchurched in this hour of world unrest. It was during this convention that Dr. and Mrs. London were called to the bedside of their daughter, Mrs. Maurice Turner, who died. All our hearts were with them in sympathy and prayers.

Rev. John Logan, of London, England, fired the hearts of the people with his dynamic evangelistic truth, which was anointed of God. Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, addressed the convention regarding the spiritual, scholastic, and material achievements of the college. The Student Union building, newly constructed on the campus, is a tremendous accomplishment.

Rev. Whitcomb B. Harding, district superintendent, directed the convention with ease and grace, keeping things moving and alive with interest. The Nebraska District has bright days ahead under the capable supervision of this youthful leader. The programs of the Sunday school, N.Y.P.S., and N.F.M.S. were presented by the department leaders with enthusiasm and challenge. Special music was presented by Miss Helen Greenlee, song evangelist, and a ladies' sextet from Lincoln First Church.

God's blessing was truly upon this outstanding convention and days of great advancement are in store for the Church of the Nazarene in Nebraska.

CLARENCE W. PERRY, Reporter

Wisconsin District

On December 11 it was my privilege to be present in a home-mission campaign being conducted at Stephenson, Michigan, by Rev. Russell Bush and wife, and in general charge of Rev. J. S. Ritchie. The hall was well filled and Rev. Bush, at my request, gave a good message.

At the close of the message they presented me to care for the official work of organizing, and adding to the growing number of churches under the Church of the Nazarene. After presenting the church, its standards and doctrines, I asked for those who would stand by the same, and who felt that they measured to the same, to come forward and present themselves as members; thirteen people came.

Rev. J. S. Ritchie was placed as pastor, a full board elected, and our program put into action. They already have a nice Sunday school, and it is hoped that by spring they will be able to start a building program.

This is a fertile field, but we have to have workers that will enter, and stick, and it calls for great sacrifice. If we had twenty such workers, a place could be found for each.

In nine years I have never seen the prospects as bright for Wisconsin as they are today.

CHARLES A. GIBSON,
District Superintendent

DEATHS

REV. EMERSON R. MYERS was born in Bureau County, Illinois, February 28, 1864, and died August 27, 1953. He began his ministry in the United Brethren church in Kansas in 1890, and pastored in that state until 1913, when, because of failing health, he with his wife and daughter moved to California. Brother and Sister Myers were received into the Church of the Nazarene and his credentials recognized by Dr. B. V. Seals during his pastorate in Escondido. Through the years Brother Myers had stood by the church, and always stood by his pastor. He is survived by his wife, Jennie, and daughter, Mrs. Edwin Atyeo, both of Escondido; a sister, Mrs. Frank Eden, of El Segundo, California; and a brother, M. C. Myers, of Alva, Oklahoma. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Howard Wolf.

MRS. CONSTANCE (ROBINSON) GRIMSHAW, of Barrington, Rhode Island, wife of Alfred W. Grimshaw, was born January 1, 1923. She was stricken with polio on December 4, 1952, and after spending ten months in the hospital in an iron lung much of the time, she was brought home. After being at home about a week she was returning to the hospital October 19, and died in the ambulance as it turned into the hospital grounds. She died in the triumphs of faith. Survivors, besides her husband, are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Robinson; two sons and a daughter; three brothers: Charles F., Donald G., and Bradford N. Robinson; and three sisters: Mrs. Priscilla Luckett, Mrs. Hope C. Mason, and Mrs. Elizabeth S. Tidd.

MRS. ROSE CLARK was born in Wright County, Minnesota, March 13, 1874, and died at the Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis on September 30, 1953. On December 22, 1898, she was married to Sherman Wilcox Clark, and to this union were born five children. There are eight surviving grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister. Mrs. Clark was converted and sanctified many years ago, and she and her husband, who preceded her in death in 1941, joined the First Church of the Nazarene, where she was a member for more than twenty years. She loved the church and her Lord. The funeral was held in First Church, Minneapolis, with Rev. Ceren C. Roberts, pastor, officiating. The church sanctuary was well filled. The memorial in flowers was generous and memorial gifts to the cause of missions were also received. A precious member and friend has been promoted.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Albert Gamble writes from Texas: "This month was one of the best I have had in the ten months I have been in the service, both from the standpoint of response to the gospel and the opening of new opportunities which I believe under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit will prove means to the salvation of souls. I have now added an evening service at seven o'clock on Sundays and am helping out in the Cadet School by teaching a Bible class from six to seven in the evening. Last Sunday I had a class of sixty-five cadets. These men will be the future leaders in the air force. The training of their spiritual lives will reflect itself in a national way in the future.

"I want to give a picture of a typical Sunday in order to show you the opportunity and challenge of this vast mission field. Last Sunday I conducted a chapel service at nine o'clock here on the base. Following the service I took one of our fine Nazarene airmen to the city, where I preached in the eleven o'clock service in First Church. Since their new pastor will not arrive until November 15, I will have both services this Sunday. After the eleven o'clock service, I returned to the base and after lunch went to the hospital and called on those on the seriously ill roster and those returning from surgery and scheduled for surgery the next day. Lackland Hospital is the largest in the air force and there is never a time when you feel that you give complete coverage. After spending the afternoon in the wards I went home (we live on the base), ate a snack, and reported to the Cadet chapel for the Sunday-school hour. At seven o'clock I went to another chapel and conducted a service. We arrived back home at eight-thirty a very tired but a very happy chaplain and wife. There are many, many other thrilling areas of this work, and the story of the professions of faith in Christ this month would cover many pages. We are preparing now for our base-wide preaching mission (evangelistic services) to be held the first part of December. Pray that God will break through in real life-transforming power and that many shall be saved."

NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION
Al Dubois DIRECTOR

January 6, 1954

MRS. D. C. NEWCOMB was born October 24, 1863, at Lexington, Kentucky, and died October 27, 1953. She was converted in 1936 and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Corsicana, Texas, where she was a faithful and devoted member. Even though she was blind the last few years of her life, Mrs. Newcomb kept up her attendance at church until recent months, when she was totally unable. Her influence lives on among her loved ones, her many friends and neighbors, and fellow church members, who will miss her so much. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Ruth Roberts of Corsicana and Mrs. A. B. Harshaw of Dallas; and one son, Rev. L. H. Newcomb of Pineville, Louisiana. Funeral services were held by her pastor, Rev. E. M. Northcutt, assisted by Rev. W. M. Shamburger, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Corsicana.

DE ROY VAN DE GRIFT, aged sixty-seven years, native of Missouri, and resident of Redlands for three and one-half years, died in Yucaipa, California, on October 2, 1953. He was converted in 1918, sanctified two years later, and had lived a Christian life for thirty-five years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Opal Van De Grift, and the following children: Vernon, Mrs. Verla Abraham, Mrs. Ida Wilson, Thomas, Rev. Deal Van De Grift of Oregon, Earl, Mrs. Nora Trepp, Mrs. Laura Moore, Mrs. Leona Demaray, Mrs. Bessie Bowen, Mrs. Ruby Bonham, and Melvin; also one brother and two sisters. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. L. I. Weaver, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Redlands, with interment in Hillside Cemetery.

JERRY THURMAN MARTIN was born April 1, 1896, at Chico, Texas, and died October 22, 1953, in the hospital in Wellington. He was converted under the ministry of "Uncle Bud" Robinson, and joined the Church of the Nazarene at Dodson, Texas, in 1926, where he served as a faithful member until his death. Brother Martin was a veteran of World War I, serving his country in overseas duty with the 90th Division and 360th Infantry. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Archie Martin; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Whitfield; one sister; and four brothers. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene in Dodson, Texas, Rev. Amos R. Meador in charge, assisted by Rev. J. W. Douglass. Interment was made in the Dodson Cemetery.

MRS. NOLA A. CALKINS was born February 10, 1908, at Red Hill, Virginia, and died on July 15, 1953, at a hospital in Washington, D.C. A devoted wife and mother, she is survived by her husband, Alvin M. Calkins; four daughters: Mrs. Avory C. Cook, Mrs. Kenneth Dewey, Miss Grace Calkins of Arlington, and Mrs. Sherman W. Leonard of Nashville, Tennessee; one son, A. Merl Calkins, Jr.; also seven brothers and four sisters. Her life had been one of much suffering, but she was devoted to her family, God, and the church. Many times she served these beyond her physical strength. She was a member of the Glebe Road Church of the Nazarene, Arlington, Virginia, and gave testimony of the abiding presence of Christ to the end. Funeral services were conducted at the Glebe Road Church with the pastor, Rev. Fred W. Gibson, officiating, assisted by former pastor, Rev. L. W. Conway, of Newport, Kentucky. Interment was made in the National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia.

MRS. CARROLL WILSON, member of St. Albans, Vermont church, died October 31, 1953. She leaves a husband, son, grandson, and a host of friends. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Vera Weightman, on November 3, and interment was in Swanton Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Rolly H. Foster of Beloit, Kansas, a daughter, Zandry Gay, on December 11.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Flemming of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Dean Ellis, on December 3.

—to Mr. and Mrs. James A. McCoy of Kansas City, Missouri, a son, James Scott, on December 3.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Frederick F. Fike of Kingston, New York, a son, David Stanley, on December 1.

—to Mr. and Mrs. D. Wayne Sledge of Duncan, Oklahoma, a daughter, Cynthia Hope, on November 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Frederick of Grove City, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Brenda Jean, on November 27.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frens of Malden, Massachusetts, a son, James Ernest, on November 18.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Leo D. Baugus of Kankakee, Illinois, a son, James Dale, on November 16.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Lester C. Sprang of Sarasota, Florida, a son, Lester Clair, Jr., on November 10.

—to Gordon and Shirley Belzer of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Susan Louise, on November 6.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED for a lady in Kansas, that her husband may be saved, that they may have a home that is warm and light for their small children—never have known a real Christmas;

by a lady in Ohio, that the Lord will help her to find employment;

by a lady in Utah, that God will send them the right man for their pastor—the church there has had no pastor for seven months;

by a father in Iowa, that God will help him that he may be able to attend church again, for physical healing, also for a daughter and family in Colorado.

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Canada Central	May 12-14
Washington-Philadelphia	May 20-22
Florida	May 26-27
North American Indian	June 11
North Dakota	June 23-24
Canada West	July 6-9
Southwest Indiana	July 28-30
Kentucky	August 4-5
Wisconsin	August 11-13
Northwestern Illinois	August 18-19
Mississippi	September 1-3
Northeast Oklahoma	September 15-16
North Carolina	September 22-23
South Carolina	September 29-30

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Idaho-Oregon	May 12-14
Oregon Pacific	May 19-20
Nevada-Utah	May 26-27
Northwest	June 16-18
North Dakota	June 23-24
Northeastern Indiana	July 7-9
Maritime	July 14-15
Pittsburgh	July 21-23
Missouri	August 4-6
Virginia	August 11-12
Dallas	August 18-20
Indianapolis	August 25-27
Southeast Oklahoma	September 22-23

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Albany	May 5-6
Northern California	May 12-14
Washington Pacific	May 19-20
New Mexico	May 26-28
Southern California	June 2-4
Alabama	June 30—July 1
Central Ohio	July 14-16
Minnesota	July 21-22
Eastern Kentucky	July 28-29
Illinois	August 4-6
Houston	August 25-27
South Arkansas	September 8-9
North Arkansas	September 15-16
Georgia	September 29-30

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Abilene	May 12-14
Arizona	May 19-20
Los Angeles	May 26-28
Nebraska	June 2-3
Rocky Mountain	June 10-11
West Virginia	July 2-3
Colorado	July 7-8
Eastern Michigan	July 21-23
Western Ohio	July 28-30
Kansas	August 4-6
Iowa	August 11-13
Louisiana	September 1-3

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New England	July 2-3
New York	July 14-16
Michigan	July 21-23
Northwest Oklahoma	July 28-30
East Tennessee	August 4-5
Chicago Central	August 11-12
Northwest Indiana	August 18-20
Tennessee	August 25-27
Kansas City	September 8-10
Southwest Oklahoma	September 15-17

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