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THIS I ASK—

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General Superintendent Williamson

MY DOMINANT desire for 1953 is to conform perfectly to the will of God.

I would more quickly turn away from evil in thought, word, or deed. My hold upon temporal things, even though legitimate, I want to be more relaxed. I crave to have a sensitive conscience with a more ready response to the checks and promptings of the Holy Spirit. As a son of God, I would be led by the Spirit of God.

My desire is for a keener relish for the Word of God. As I read its sacred pages, I would seek for the eyes of my understanding to be enlightened so that I may fathom the deep things of God. In my conduct and attitudes I would manifest the fruit of the Spirit, which is love. May all my words and deeds spring from a pure fountain of divine love. May I love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength and my neighbor as myself. Among fellow Christians I would keep Christ's new commandment, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you." Toward all men let me practice the Golden Rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

I would sit at the feet of Jesus and humbly ask that He should teach me to pray. In my praying I would be more honest with myself, more earnest in my supplications for others, and more constant in my communion with my Lord. I would welcome the searchings of the Spirit while I seek to see myself as others see me and, more important, as God sees me.

I would submissively accept all God's appointments with less concern for my pleasure, comfort, advancement, compensation, or recognition. I want to have a holy indifference to the censure or the compliments of men.

Let my whole life be centered in the Christ of the cross that I may save and serve others. Give me the mind of Jesus, self-disciplined, obedient, unselfish, and sacrificial. May I give more generously. May I see the good in others and commend it. Let me uphold truth, virtue, and holiness more loyally.

Let me carry with me an atmosphere of other-worldliness, a fragrance and beauty of Christlikeness, and a serene heavenly-mindedness.

"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION" (I Thess. 4:3)

TELEGRAMS

Columbus, Ohio—Rev. Vernon O'Brien, Jr., an evangelist of the Central Ohio District, passed away Saturday, December 27, at the White Cross Hospital in Columbus. Although new in the church, he had made a fine contribution to it in revival campaigns during the past few months.—HARVEY S. GALLOWAY, District Superintendent.

Santa Cruz, California—Organized new church at Lemoore, California, with twenty charter members. This new church the result of work of Rev. and Mrs. John Yates. Lots for new building being purchased. Good future for church in this town of over four thousand population.—GEORGE COULTER, Superintendent of Northern California District.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. G. B. Williamson will leave San Francisco, the Lord willing, on January 26 to visit New Zealand and Australia. He will come back to the Philippines about February 21, and there Mrs. Williamson will join him and accompany him to Japan. They will return to Hawaii about March 15 for the annual district assembly. They will return to the mainland by ship, the rest of the trip being made by air.

Rev. J. R. Jarnagin has resigned as pastor at Fithian, Illinois, and accepted a call to the church in Piedmont, Missouri.

Rev. Hubert I. Livingston has resigned as pastor of the church in Boswell, Pennsylvania, and is entering the evangelistic field.

Rev. and Mrs. Olean Maple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on December 17, 1952, at their home in Stratton, Colorado. Rev. C. W. Davis read the marriage license which was purchased by Brother Maple fifty years ago, and Rev. George Greiner sang. The Maples served as pastors on the Colorado District for many years. Open house was held in the afternoon, at which time Brother and Sister Maple received many beautiful gifts and were congratulated by a host of friends.

Rev. R. V. Schultz has resigned as pastor of the church at Sidney, Illinois, to accept the call to pastor the church in Trinidad, Colorado.

After two very successful years in full-time evangelism, Rev. T. J. Daggett has left the field to accept the call to pastor the church in Wardell, Missouri.

LAST DAYS

By T. T. Liddell

MUCH IS said by way of prophetic preaching concerning the last days, and that we are in the last days. Many have chosen to treat with disdain this fact; yet how true it is from more than the prophetic angle! To many who walk the streets today, this will be their last day. To many who seem to possess the bloom of health, this will be their last day. To many who enjoy seeming prosperity, this will be the last day of employment, for tomorrow brings its end.

We are rapidly approaching the last days of plenty in America. Floods, storms, blizzards, earthquakes, and droughts, plus extravagant squandering of natural resources, are gradually eating into our supply. These are the last days of American supremacy and democratic freedom. Communism, indifference, apathy, corruption, and lack of patriotism are sapping and undermining the freedom bought so dearly by our fathers.

In view of this, can we not see the signs that indicate that this age is coming to a close? Only those who possess the eternal qualities of the kingdom of Heaven will be able to outride the storm and populate the coming Kingdom. Those who are true to God today, as well as those who have gone on, will be the "Pilgrim fathers" of the new generation. Let us dwell deep in Christ.

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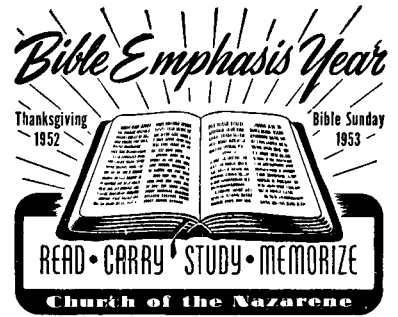
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Our Time Is the Lord's

By C. B. McCaull*

THE MEMBERS of Wesley's Holy Club were called Methodists because there seemed to be a method in their service to the Lord. We might need a little more of this "method" today. Too much of our time is spent in unplanned occupation. Our periods of relaxation, diversion, and exercise—which are necessary—should be scheduled so as not to infringe upon the more serious.

We should "pray through" about our time and, with God's approval, make out a practical and workable daily, weekly, and yearly program for our lives. Herein we will find a peculiar peace to our souls. Too many nights we go to bed with a guilty conscience over the things we have left undone which we thought were essential. Ofttimes we feel convicted for neglecting our devotions, when actually we should feel that way over the unnecessary and unplanned things we did during the day which took up the time set aside for this purpose.

Of course we should not let a schedule take the place of the Spirit in leading us. Our ears must be pre-eminently tuned to His voice. But if He helps us in making up the program it will become, though always secondary, an indispensable blessing in our lives.

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KEEP GOD FIRST

By Mrs. Ralph M. Saner

*Seek ye first God's blessed kingdom,
Now commands our loving Lord.
Seek to find His will and blessing;
He will guide you by His Word.*

*He has promised He will help you.
Never doubt Him; never fear.
Keep your hand in His and trust Him,
For He will be always near.*

*Seek Him first and keep Him foremost
In your life and in your heart.
It is then that He will bless you
And His love to you impart.*

Jet Propulsion

General Superintendent Powers

A FEW MOMENTS ago in the airport we gathered our missionaries, pastors, and friends about us and bowed our heads while European District Superintendent Charles H. Strickland prayed God's blessings upon us. We said our final farewells and boarded the bus for the new, modern Jans Smuts Airfield.

Soon we were aboard the British Overseas Airways Corporation's Comet Jetliner, the most modern passenger aircraft in the world today. It is a regular-fare plane but is a beautiful ship with a maximum load capacity of thirty-six passengers plus the crew of seven. It is powered by four D.H. Ghost 50 turbo-jet engines which thrust the plane through the air at the rate of 500 miles per hour, which is its cruising speed. It flies at a maximum altitude of 40,000 feet, or nearly 8 miles. That high above the earth one has the sensation of hanging suspended in mid-air, although we were traveling at the rate of 500 miles per hour. The noise made by the jets was about the same and the vibration some less than the sound on propeller-driven planes. The take-off was sluggish, it seemed to me, and required long runways, but the landing speed apparently was about the equivalent of a propeller-driven craft.

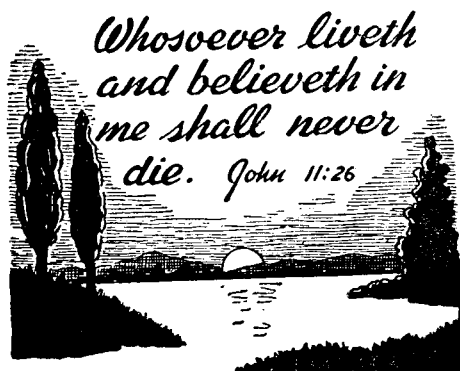
We traveled by jetliner as far as Rome, Italy, where we boarded a conventional, propeller-driven Pan American plane and flew into New York. The entire trip covered about 12,000 miles and consumed approximately 39 hours.

The jetliner is a symbol of this rapidly advancing, scientific age. We are now traveling at a rate of speed undreamed of a generation ago, but even now science is telling us again of machines which are traveling at speeds which make the speed of this great plane seem a snail's pace.

The Church must keep pace in vision and planning with the rapid, scientific advance of our day and time. Facing the challenge of this age and recognizing the necessity of changing our methods of getting the gospel out, some may be tempted to change the message, but this would prove fatal. The message is the same: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." Thank God, the gospel is designed for *this* age. God is not dismayed in the presence of this scientific twentieth century, for the human heart is the same and needs the old-time religion of Jesus and His love.

I am reminded of the testimony of a good Nazarene lady in Alaska recently. A military alert was in progress, and the jet fighter planes were roaring overhead during our service at the church. In the testimony meeting she arose to her feet and said, "I am grateful for the jets sent by our nation to protect us here, but my faith is not in them. My faith is in the God above the jets." Science can never meet the need of the

human heart. We must never become dazzled by these rapid human advances, but we must ever keep the eyes of our faith fixed on "the God above the jets."



The Thankfulness of Jesus

By Peter Wiseman*

JESUS was thankful; even in that dark hour when He said, "Nevertheless not my will, but thine." There is revealed, if not expressed, a sigh of thankfulness that the highest and best will be done.

Unthankfulness is an ugly thing, if not quite sinful, and it is so common. How seldom now do we hear just the words, "Thank you," for a kindness rendered!

The Bible says much about thankfulness. The command is, "Be ye thankful." The scope indicated is great: "Whatsoever ye do"—eat, drink, thought, word, home, shop, church—"Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," giving thanks to God and the Father by Christ. "Whatsoever" covers the whole of life's action—God in everything and everything taken to God with thankfulness.

"Do all to the glory of God," is a statement revealing a sacred principle—one standard for all. That which is necessary to be done in life's program must be done to God's glory.

Giving thanks reveals a wonderful spirit. "In every thing give thanks." Indeed, the writer of this epistle even declared on one occasion at least that we should give "thanks always for all things" (Eph. 5:20). If nothing can come to the child of God without God's permission, why not give thanks for all things?

Let us take a little while and count the many blessings which we have. If we cannot find a lot of things for which to be thankful, then there is something wrong with us. If we have had dark days, put over against them the bright days; if we have had defeats, put over against them the victories; if we have had sorrows, put over against such the joys that have come; and so on. Let us be thankful for life, food, and raiment; thankful for a stainless future and the promise of God's grace to keep it clean.

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The Land of the Giants

By Hugh S. Clark*

THE ISRAELITES had escaped from Egypt and had been led by Moses to Sinai, where they received the law and were organized into a nation and an army. They were directed to proceed on their journey to the Promised Land. In a short time they arrived at its borders near a famous mountain pass. This gateway through the mountains was significant in that it was called Kadesh, which in the Hebrew tongue is *holy*, thus revealing to them and to all who would follow them that it was the gateway to the land of holiness or to a state of holiness.

Spies were sent into the land, and after forty days came back with a glowing report of the rich fruitfulness therein. Two of the spies were impatient at the slowness of the people and urged them to be up and on their way to possess this wonderland immediately. However, the other ten spies demurred and, while admitting that it was indeed a marvelous land, they advised the people not to go up into it because of the danger involved. Their reasons were that "the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great: . . . the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature, . . . And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grass-

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hoppers, and so we were in their sight" (Num. 13: 28-33).

When the people heard these things, their hearts failed them and they refused to enter the land. Grieved and angry with their unbelief and rebellion, the Lord turned them back into the wilderness, where they wandered for forty weary years, until the last of the rebels perished.

Had these people stopped to think on this matter, they would have realized that, if they would but go up into the land and get their feet down, they too could develop into giants, for a land capable of developing one race of giants could very well develop another race of the same. That is exactly what did happen, for their descendants finally went in and took the land and developed a race of giants whose exploits and deeds of renown and valor will be heralded throughout all time and eternity.

From this land came such giants as Samson, Barak, Shamgar, Gideon, and David, the mighty warrior, and his band of heroes who slew lions and bears and great hulking, armored warriors, often with their bare hands or with any weapon that was hastily snatched up, such as a few smooth stones or the jawbone of an ass. This land developed such men as Jashobeam, who lifted up his spear against three hundred enemies of the Lord and slew them singlehanded and who, with two other men of David's band, hearing their beloved leader sigh for a drink of water from the well at Bethlehem, cut their way through an entire army, drew the water, and made their way back to David and beheld him as he, valuing it too highly for human consumption, poured it out to God as an oblation. And time would fail me to tell of all these men who, having the boldness and faith to enter into the land, developed into famous giants.

Let us turn our eyes now to another species of giants developed in the land of holiness. There was Samuel, the holy prophet and judge; the anointed of kings and destroyer of the terrible Agag, king of the Amalekites. There was Isaiah, the prophet of the holy dispensation, who grew to such height that he could look down through seven rolling centuries and see the time of the Messiah and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. Then there was Jeremiah, marked as a giant from his mother's womb, so strong, so mighty that all the persecutions of a backslidden priesthood, a wicked, God-rejecting king, and all his court could not stop him from declaring unto them their certain doom.

Still another giant family, headed by John the Baptizer, than whom there has never been a greater one born of woman; Peter the fisherman, coming suddenly into gianthood on the Day of Pentecost, shaking all Jerusalem as well as a multitude of visitors from seventeen different nations that day. There was John, beloved of the Lord, who rose to such proportions as to look over the very walls of heaven and bring back to us a vision that has encouraged millions of weary

CONQUEST

By L. M. Hearn

*Shrunken and twisted her frail body lay,
Barred from the beauty of brilliant day;
Her world a bare little hospital room—
Far from the fragrance of garden bloom
And children's play.*

*Caught by the powers that paralyze—
That slowly creep on till the body dies—
She nonetheless garnered the victory;
For her spirit grew till the blind could see
God in her eyes!*

*Spite of the clutching, racking pain,
She smiled at us all again and again;
And, gathering bits of beauty rare,
She lovingly scattered them here and there
Like healing rain.*

*Then she was gone—or I thought it was so—
Until I found out that she never could go!
Her smiles keep on smiling—her courage still
dares;
And whatever happens, her love and her
prayers
Will whisper low!*

pilgrims to press on to that celestial home. And what shall I say of Paul and Silas, the jail-shakers; of Matthew, of James, of Timotheus, yea, and the women whose lives waxed mighty in this land: Mary, His mother; the Magdalene, Resurrection messenger; Anna, prophetess of His sure coming!

These are not all the giants that this holy realm has made. John Huss was the giant of Bohemia who lighted such a light with the fagots of his martyrdom that all the dark dungeons of Romanish persecution were never able to extinguish it. There is Luther, the monk who took up a home-stead in this holy state, shook off the shroud of a decadent religion, and grew to such proportions as to well-nigh shake the Pope off his man-made ecclesiastical throne. George Fox, the Quaker, living in this realm of giants, took on such stature that all the vile jails and foul dungeons of bigoted England could not hold him nor quench the light of individual freedom that he cried out for, and, lo, we walk today in the beams of that light that giant Fox held aloft.

John Wesley, who at first saw this land afar off and dimly, pressed on in and was transformed from a weakling wrapped in the swaddling clothes of a dead mother church to a giant so mighty that he towers above statesmen, soldiers, and kings and is given credit for saving England from a bloody revolution and for spreading the truth of holiness around the world.

Our hearts are thrilled as we view this mighty army of giants: Whitefield, Asbury, Finney, Carradine, Booth, Bresee, Morrison, Bud Robinson, Reynolds, yea, and many others. Time would fail us to tell of those who by faith staked out a claim in the *land of the giants* and went forth to do exploits in the name of Him who paved the way into it by His own blood.

Dear reader, you may be a grasshopper in the sight of others, yea, and in your own sight also; but if you will but press in through the gateway (Kadesh—holiness), put your feet down, and stake out a claim in the name of your Sovereign, Jesus Christ, you too may develop into a giant!



A "LOST" PRIVILEGE:

The doctor stopped reading his medical journal . . . he lost out.

The teacher stopped reading his works on pedagogy . . . he lost out.

The farmer stopped reading his agricultural journals . . . he lost out.

The church member stopped reading his church paper . . . he lost out in his religious life, in his interest in the church, in his zeal for the spread of the Kingdom, and in his usefulness to the community in which he lives.—The *Church Herald*.

THIS IS PENTECOST:

By Milton Harrington*

IV. A Definite Witness

And began to speak with other tongues. It is one thing to know we are sanctified ourselves and then it is quite another to bear witness of it to someone else. On the Day of Pentecost the ones who had been filled with the Holy Spirit didn't wait to testify. You mention a popcorn testimony meeting—they had one on the Day of Pentecost. In our churches in this day we like to hear the words of a newly sanctified soul; so after those at the altar have prayed through we ask them to tell us the good news. It was this way at Pentecost. When they arose from their knees after the mighty inpouring they all began to testify.

This was the start of the Great Commission: "Preach the gospel to every creature." This mention of tongues is not an *unknown* tongue—it is *other* tongues. The world is full of other tongues, and in Jerusalem at this time were Jews from every nation under heaven. Each one began to testify to holiness in his own native language to those who could understand. But one thing was certain—whether everyone could understand their tongue or not—he understood their spirit. There was a kindred fellowship that not even the barrier of tongues could halt.

The *other tongues* were not *unknown tongues* as evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, but tongues for world evangelism. They were not to be left in the church to suddenly go off during a worship service—but to go to every nation and tell them the story of Pentecost. There is another sense of "other tongueness" here. An un-sanctified tongue is not very useful in the cause of evangelism. These tongues were being used differently now. They no longer were critical, cutting, lashing, but were now making a holy conversation—tongues that preached, sang, testified, and prayed to the glory of God.

These had not met together to seek the gift of the unknown tongue. They were praying and waiting for the filling of the Holy Spirit, and when He came they began to testify to this wonderful work of grace in their native tongue as the Spirit blessed them. I don't suppose these in the Upper Room even knew what they were expecting except that the Comforter was to come. Then when He came He loosened their captive tongues and sent them forth to be witnesses wherever they should go. God needs for us to be sanctified so we will be definite witnesses for Him. It is the natural thing for the sanctified soul to begin to witness to what God has done in his life. If that Pentecostal witnessing is not a part of your life—go back to the upper room and remain there until God causes you to become a definite witness to the cause of holiness.

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Where to Find God:

By Alice Whitson Norton*

"The world is growing worse all the time," I heard Will Jones remark to Sam Allen one day in a conversation at a gathering.

"How do you get that?" Allen returned. "Seems to me the old place has never been quite so attractive as it is at the present time."

"Attractive, maybe," Jones answered, "but not peaceful. Look at it," the man continued. "Never in the history of the old world have we had so much unrest and distress on us at one time. Where is God, anyway, that He will let His children continue to suffer as we are suffering?"

Allen looked at his old friend in astonishment, and for a moment he sat with his head bowed in his hands.

"I thought I'd stall you," Jones said presently. "Your optimism isn't strong enough to offset the question I asked you."

Allen raised his head, and a smile curved the corners of his mouth.

"Jones," he said pleasantly, "your line of talk doesn't bother me; I was just wondering how I could help you."

"Help me?" Jones returned. "I don't need helping; I was just pointing out to you that the world is not a place of happiness any more."

"It never was a place of happiness," the other answered quickly. "As far back as we have any record of time, the world has had its disturbing elements, its sufferings, its joys and sorrows. But the same God that ruled the world then is ruling it today, and if we fail to find peace and happiness in the world it is not God's fault, but our own."

"But where will you find this God of love and peace you speak of? I've looked for Him in all the churches of the universe, and I don't find Him."

Allen was silent for an instant; then he came a little closer to the man who seemed so in doubt.

"You don't have to go to the churches always," he said slowly, "to find God. I'm not saying He isn't there," Allen continued, "for with all my heart I believe that God's Spirit loves to dwell in the holy churches, but I'd hate to believe I couldn't find Him anywhere else."

Jones's face changed expression. "Allen," he said slowly, "I may be wrong; maybe I have been looking in the wrong places for God. Tell me where you find Him easiest."

Allen laughed a good, old-fashioned laugh that reminded you of a camp-meeting shout.

"That's the easiest thing in the world, Jones," he said presently. "The easiest place in the world to find God is to look right down into your own heart; if it's in love with the world, then you may know that He isn't there. But if peace and love abide in your heart, then you may know that God dwells there; and if you'll only give Him a chance.

*Nashville, Tenn.

He'll soon prove beyond a doubt that the world is better all the way 'round than it's ever been in the history of time."

"Maybe you are right," Allen answered. "Maybe I have been spending too much time in just looking for God; maybe I had better come closer home and give my old heart a thorough inspection."

And immediately the man turned and walked away; and as I watched him disappear down the street I wondered if a lot of people in this world wouldn't do well to follow his example. To my way of thinking, the Allen man was right, for the best place in the world to look for God is in our own hearts.

Rest IN THE LORD

"Commit thy way unto the Lord,
trust also in Him and He shall
bring it to pass."

The Heart Is the Part

By Arthur H. Townsend*

AN OLD country preacher said, "If the heart is right, the part is right that keeps the man right." He is right! God's Word states, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23).

The heart is the part of man that needs attention today. We have given man's mind—his intellect—much attention; we have schooled ourselves in the wisdom and knowledge of men. We have, however, neglected the necessary part—the heart. But God has not. He has said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9).

When man's heart is transformed by the regenerating work of God's Spirit, man becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 5:17). Man's intelligence—his intellect—does not change the heart; God's Spirit transforms the heart of man, and the heart-change changes man's thinking. When man is born again of God's Spirit, his heart is changed. Thus he thinks differently, he sees differently, and he lives differently. There is a complete and glorious transformation. God has said, "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name" (Deut. 6:13).

The heart is the mainspring of life—not the head, not the hands, nor the feet, but the heart! Paul wrote, "Believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead . . . for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Rom. 10:9-

*Abbotsford, B.C., Canada

10). Thus we are made to realize that salvation is of the heart. The heart change is necessary. It affects the whole man.

Then, having experienced the new birth, or heart change, we need to guard diligently the heart door, for out of the heart come the issues of life. The inner man is not defiled by meat eating. Jesus said, "Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man." "When the heart is right, the part is right that keeps the man right."

It sounds fantastic to modern ears,
but it actually happened in response to

The Faith of a Little Child

By Ila R. Monday*

IT WAS a crisply cold day, a good day for the work the men were doing: dipping newly killed meat in a great caldron of boiling water, the better to clean it. And Billie, who was not yet five, played around the men as they worked. Such a beautiful day of sun and frost and wonderful blue sky with cotton clouds—it seemed that God was blessing abundantly . . . then it happened!

Billie skipped, then stumbled—and fell into the great kettle of seething water! As the stunned men pulled him quickly out, his thin screams of agony seared toward the house.

Then as his Christian mother ran to the scene and beheld him, she silently cried to the Lord for help. For how could anything on earth help him? He was livid red, so pitifully scalded—wasn't it better to ask God's mercy—to take him now—and end his suffering?

Still, as mothers will, when the first moments' shock was over she turned quickly to run for salve—for anything—anything! But then the sobbing voice of her little boy reached her again, beseeching, imploring:

"Mother, no! No medicine—I don't want *that!* Mother—run for folks to pray—pray for me! God will help me!"

And the mother, half-blind with tears of pity—but sudden joy too, that her tot thus reached to the Lord—came back to him and prayed while the men went: went down the country road, stopping at neighbors' houses, bidding Christians with tense urgency to come and pray.

They gathered. They prayed—and God performed a miracle: He healed that boy!

For Billie, whole and quiet and sound as he was before the accident, attended church *that night* to help praise his Heavenly Father. What was his "thank You" prayer? God alone knew. He knew how to go beyond the stumbling words to read the heart of His little child in whom so young He had yet instilled such wondrous faith!

God help us all to have such faith, the faith of a little child!

*Cincinnati, Ohio

Ever Onward!

By Pearl B. McKinney

*My Lord has planned my path for me
Through pleasant lanes, and o'er the hills
Of trials, but in it all I see
His hand—in both the joys and ills.*

*Today my path was dark and drear,
With threat'ning storm clouds hanging low;
My Lord gave comfort in my fear,
For in my heart is love aglow.*

*'Tis onward, ever onward, friend,
Each passing year, and day and hour;
If from our goal we should descend
We'd lose from life its joy and power.*

*At times the path is quite obscure,
And then by faith I walk with Him;
For to the end I would endure
And gain the joys that never dim.*

Millions in Misery

By Edwin R. Anderson*

AT LEAST eight million miserable members of the American family desperately need the saving touch of the Lord Jesus Christ, because they move about in a mental maze-mess!

It is reported that that is the number of our people today who are being treated for some form of neurosis. This fanatical and frantic tempo of living quickly turns to tragic breakdown. Not without significance has one called this the "Aspirin Age." Another notes with alarm the growing tendency in this country to depend more and more upon the psychiatrist's couch for help and advice.

It is a solemn, serious subject, and more so than these and other writers have realized. Here are eight millions who so desperately need Christ! They are bruised and beaten and battered and broken. They realize that somewhere, somehow, something is "all wrong" deep inside. They tearfully admit that everything for them seems only to be "dead-end."

But what a grief to note the miserable mistake which they have made! They have leaned upon the couch rather than looked to the Cross. They confess to a psychiatrist rather than cry out (Luke 18:13) to the precious Person of that only One (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) who can aid and assist. These mumbblings of men are deemed so all-important while that marvelous message of the Son of God is dismissed as mere "Sunday religion." How much they have so missed by not square-facing that final fact that what is needed

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is not soothing talk of earth but saving work from heaven (John 3; II Cor. 5:17)!

Are you among this miserable multitude, under this world's whip and god (II Cor. 4:4)? Well, there is welcome news for you! News of holy help, complete cleansing, divine deliverance! The blessed Lord Jesus Christ proffers the cure of Calvary (I Pet. 1:19; 2:24) at this very instant (II Cor. 6:2), and by repentance and faith (Acts 20:21) you have but to reach out and become regenerated, redeemed. And remember—He has already proved His Calvary-sufficiency to more than meet your need for your case. No question about it, at all! He indeed is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6)!

Little Things to Think About:

By Viola E. Hodge*

Sanctuary

Thus saith the Lord God; Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come (Ezek. 11:16).

HOW PRECIOUS are the promises of God and how sure to meet our every need! Take the one quoted above, for example. It was given by God to the remnant of His people Israel when He had permitted them to be taken captive and scattered among the heathen. He did this in order to teach them some much-needed lessons; but He promised that all those who would turn from their evil ways and look to Him would find sanctuary in His love and care, even among those idolatrous people.

This very same promise we may appropriate today for ourselves. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).

The truth of this scripture has been tested and proved times without number, by missionaries and Christians in all ages who have found themselves in "faraway places with queer-sounding names," without friends or congenial associations. God has been real and precious, a genuine Sanctuary where they could hold with Him sweet communion and find strength and refreshment for duties and problems.

But it has a yet deeper meaning; I am sure its blessing need not be confined to people away from home. There are faraway "lands of the spirit" that are just as desolate and lonely as any distant spot on the map. So to those who wander in the "Land of Bereavement" this promise applies. God wants to be to you a constant, comforting Presence; Someone to cling to, a Rock on which to stand, and a Guide into the "Land of Peace."

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To those whose pathway lies through a "Desert of Misunderstanding"—and that is a very lonely place indeed—your God has promised to be a Sanctuary for you, a place to wait and trust until He resolves the misunderstanding and brings it all out right.

To those also who are passing through deep waters or a furnace of affliction, He will be to you as a "little sanctuary." Has He not said, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee"?

Thank God for the sanctuary of His presence, always and in all places! We need only look to Him in simple faith and we will find Him "closer than breathing, nearer than hands or feet"—lovingly adequate for our every need!



If Tearstains Could Talk!

By J. C. Wallace*

TODAY my wife cleaned the altar in our church. She called my attention to the fact that she was cleaning away thousands of tearstains. If those tearstains could speak they would tell us a variety of stories.

We would find there tears of joy dropped by seasoned Christians as they rejoiced in new victories and new advances. They tell us that life can be so richly blessed of God that it is touched by a divine overflow. Tears of joy are a part of the experience of every Christian.

There would also be found there tears of sorrow. There are tears shed by a brokenhearted mother as she weeps bitterly over the sins of a wayward girl or boy. There are the tears of a sad-eyed boy as he prays for the salvation of his parents. There are the scalding tears of a loving wife as she prays for the salvation of a back-slidden husband.

Among the many tearstains upon the altar one could find the free-flowing tears of repentance. It was there where that fine young lady came on Sunday morning and, amid tears of godly sorrow, made her way to the throne of mercy. It was at that same altar where that brilliant young man cried and prayed until God delivered him from

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Old and young alike told how they
solved the problem of discouragement and—

Prayer Meeting Was So Helpful Tonight!

By Chester O. Mulder*

YOU KNOW how people will start testifying along one line of thought and then keep adding more and more thoughts to that line. Well, this evening the leader opened the testimony service with the request that the folk share their experiences in getting the victory over discouragement. It seemed that everyone had firsthand experience on this subject! What a blessing it was to hear the people tell of the ways in which they had won victory over their discouragements.

A couple of precious grandmothers said they had always resorted to prayer when discouragement threatened. Sometimes they had found prayer very difficult—like praying against a stone wall; but, praise the Lord, the victory had always come and discouragement had been forced to flee.

Then a young man stood to his feet (his face was beaming with the glory of the Lord). He said: "I have found an effective recipe against discouragement. I go out and start making some Sunday-school calls. While I'm busy calling for the Lord, He's busy chasing discouragement away for me. I thank Him for the victory just now."

A young mother then arose to her feet and told us that any threat to discouragement had served as a warning for her. She explained that a few years ago she had consecrated herself to the Lord. In doing that she had trusted the Lord to take care of everything pertaining to her. She knew that everything was safe in His hands. Thus any temptation to discouragement was a warning for her to examine her consecration—was it still complete? She had discovered that the consecrated life always brought the sanctifying power. She wasn't about to take any of her consecration off the altar!

Then a high school girl testified. She said: "The church has meant so much to me. There are so many here who have had so much more experience than I, and their victorious lives encourage me to live victoriously. Discouragement just has to melt away."

A young father gave his testimony next. He said the Lord had been so good to him since he had given his heart to God. "Whenever I feel tempted to discouragement," he said, "I just look around me and find so many others having so much harder things to bear than my problems that it makes me feel ashamed to think of being discouraged. It isn't long until I'm singing a song of praise, and discouragement has to flee."

A mature Christian gentleman was next to share his experience with us. In his testimony

he said: "A couple of weeks ago it seemed like the bottom had dropped out of everything. Sickness and hospital bills had gotten me to the point that I just knew I had to do some special praying. I began my praying by thanking the Lord for first one thing and then another. Soon I found that my blessings far outnumbered my problems. The truth of the matter is that I just didn't get around to say much about my discouragements to the Lord. It seems that, while I was giving thanks, my discouragements were withering away into nothingness. Praise His holy name forever!"

Another report of victory over discouragement mentioned the importance of reading the promises of God and said: "I try to get quiet before the Lord. It is then that His promises begin to come to my mind; I begin to feast upon His wonderful Word. Frequently the Lord has used the thirty-seventh psalm to chase away my gloom and fill my heart with His glorious sunlight."

While these were testifying a statement concerning David repeatedly came to my mind. I found that it is recorded in I Samuel 30:6 as follows: ". . . but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." The Bible doesn't tell us how David "encouraged himself in the Lord," but it seems probable that he reviewed his consecration, then reviewed what God had done for him up to that hour, and then reviewed what God had promised to do for him in the future. Guess that's enough to encourage anyone, isn't it?

Well, I encouraged myself in the Lord this evening by going to prayer meeting. These victorious notes of God's people are still ministering to my soul.

The Way of Holiness

By F. W. Davis

*Lord, let me walk the holy way,
The way that's free from sin,
Where hands are clean and hearts are pure—
And vict'ry dwells within.
Oh, blessed way of holiness,
Where Thy dear saints have trod!
In years gone by and still today,
Their lives are filled with God.
Lord, grant each motive of my life
Be subject to Thy grace,
And all my will be Thine until
I see Thee face to face.
Oh, let my thoughts, my words, and acts
Be under Thy control,
And keep me wholly sanctified
'Til heaven claims my soul.*

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"From Cover to Cover"

By M. Pearl Hensley*

MOST OF us have little personal habits. One of mine, good or bad, is when I get a new magazine, paper, or book to scan over it; and, more especially in magazines or other periodicals, I will read the pieces that appeal most to me.

This same habit was creeping in on me with my official church paper. How terrible! I face myself on the judgment seat, acting as my own judge and lawyer. There was a wonderful story, "Life in a Nazarene Parsonage," on the back cover; then I found myself guilty of picking through the entire paper.

I felt so hungry for what I had missed and almost guilty and not willing to face God, with so many copies of the HERALD OF HOLINESS in my possession in which I had missed so much.

I got my new paper, put it in my favorite reaching center, and every time I relaxed to read I explored and digested that new HERALD from the front cover to the back.

Sure, I saw a few familiar places; but just to make sure, I read those again.

It is needless to tell you how wonderful the atmosphere began to be around me when I came on through the wonderful "Editorials" and saw the beautiful fence covered with "Blue Morning Glories," which happen to be my favorite flower. At this time came a little verse, of which I needed the security, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" (Matt. 6:30.)

As I went on, the whole thing got better and better. To be sure, I saw some of my old-time friends' faces behind these manuscripts, but it also took the new personalities to complete this wonderful experience.

Now I am busy getting out the old HERALD treasures I have missed.

This little experience reminds me of the little book I read during the depression, *Acres of Diamonds*.

It isn't radio, television, park scenery, mountains, or the ocean that the soul craves. Right into our bookcases and on the table, into the corners and into our mailboxes comes this challenging weekly periodical. What a heritage has been mine these past forty years! My Heavenly Father, my Bible, the Church of the Nazarene, and the HERALD OF HOLINESS, and always such a great editor!

It was the September 17, 1952, issue and editorial from which I got such a blessing.

Hereafter, I am going to claim my heritage and read every word of the HERALD, from cover to cover.

If there is another who is guilty of my misdemeanor, let's open our hearts and minds and give

some valuable time to receive these rich experiences others have suffered for, or victories they have enjoyed, by reading the HERALD OF HOLINESS, each time, from cover to cover!

Baby Sitters Needed!

By Mrs. Thomas Younce*

THIS YEAR I began a new role—that of mother to a school child. Last year when Donna Sue attended kindergarten, we sent her to the afternoon session. It was not much of a problem to make calls evenings with my pastor husband, for Donna had learned to sleep late in the mornings to make up for the late evening hours, so she went along with us.

But things have changed—no more late morning sleeping, but off to school she goes with the rest of the important first-graders. No longer can I keep her up night after night to call on our flock. In fact, "nights out" for Donna have narrowed down to Wednesday nights for prayer meeting, Sunday nights for church service, and occasionally Friday night.

I can call with my husband during the day, but many people can be reached only at night; therefore we must hire a "sitter" if I am to go.

Perhaps I am unduly cautious, but I don't leave Donna with a teen-ager and I'm quite particular about who stays with her. My husband says that I'm like a fussy mother hen with one chick—which may be so; but it is also expensive to pay a sitter and we are not able to have one often. Thus our pastor is handicapped.

Often I've heard people say they wished they were able to give more toward the support of the church. There are widows who have only a small income and would like to do more for the cause of Christ in advancing the work of our churches. I'd like to help them to see how they could give more to the cause. You folks who wish to do more could sacrifice an evening now and then to go to the parsonage and "sit." Many women whose families are now grown could enlist their services by occasionally offering to sit with the preacher's children while his wife goes out to call with him. Perhaps you are one of those people who just can't call or won't call. Why not sit with some Sunday-school teacher's child the evening the Crusade for Souls (calling) meets at your church. It wouldn't be much sacrifice on your part, but it would mean much to the cause of Christ in your local church. All giving is not in dollars and cents, but if you give your time so that someone else is free to work for Him part of the reward is yours.

One laywoman in our church has often offered to sit with Donna Sue. I do not take advantage of her generosity, but have used her on a few occasions. What a great blessing to leave home

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*Pastor's Wife, Fulton, N.Y.

to do the Master's bidding and be confident that your child is in as good care as you could give her yourself!

Perhaps your pastor has a small baby. Wouldn't it be a great blessing if you, Mrs. Laywoman, would walk over to the parsonage and sit this afternoon, while Mr. and Mrs. Pastor call on some of the flock?

Since I am one of those needy preachers' wives, I shouldn't be pleading this cause, but it takes someone in this predicament to see the need and cry for help. "Will you sit?"

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his sinful habits. Surely that old altar could tell some heart-warming stories of repenting sinners.

Mingled among the many stains there must be the stains of tears of consecration. At that very altar I have seen young men wrestle with God until, amid flowing tears, they wholeheartedly

answered God's call to preach the gospel. Today they are out in the harvest field serving God and the church.

The saddest stories known by a tear-stained altar are those wrapped up in the stains made by tears of rebellion. Young men have cried at that altar and, through their tears, have told God they would not take the way of the Cross. From that altar they have gone out to live useless lives and die untimely deaths. Young girls have wept over that altar and said in their hearts that they would not go to the mission field. They have gone out to lose their lives in a whirl of social activities and disregard their responsibility to God and a lost world. Men and women have, at that altar, told God to go His way and they would go their way. Tears of rebellion have closed Him out of their lives and they are now spiritually destitute.

Yes, those tearstains may be cleaned from the altar, but those who put them there will live forever in heaven or hell, depending upon the stories the tearstains could tell.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Progress Report

Rev. Ira Taylor reports that Mrs. Taylor, who recently broke her arm, is recuperating very well. Thank you for your sustaining prayers.

African Travel News

Miss Irma Koffel and Miss Dorothy Beville sailed from New York on December 27 on the S.S. "United States" for Southampton, England, where they will board the "Arundel Castle" on January 8 for Capetown, South Africa.

Miss Lorraine Schultz, who has been studying the Portuguese language in Lisbon, Portugal, for the past year, telegraphed from South Africa on December 28: "Arrived safely. Churches and Wises sailed for New York today."

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hetrick and family boarded the "Robin Kirk" on December 27, sailing directly from New York to South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Penn and family will arrive in New York on January 19 from South Africa.

Miss Lois Drake and Miss Ruth Matchett, who have been delayed at a coastal town in west Africa, are scheduled to arrive in New York in January.

Seeing the Cross

It never fails to fascinate me that in this tropical land the stars come out in the evening before it is actually dark. The two evening stars

are truly mine! No matter what I'm doing, I interrupt myself to find those stars every evening. As I was talking about them the other day to one of the ladies of India, she startled me with the question, "Have you seen the Cross?"

Actually I hadn't since we have been back on this our third term. But there it is in the sky for any and all to see: the Southern Cross. What a testimony in this land of other religions! As I again read Psalms 8 I humbly ask God to keep me ever mindful of the cross of Calvary symbolized in the heavens above.—Mrs. JOHN ANDERSON, India.

Union Report

Forty years of courtship ended on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1952, when the gavel of General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers fell with a solemn sound upon the table at the Arthurseat mission station of the Church of the Nazarene in the Eastern Transvaal, South Africa. At that moment the International Holiness Mission, with its thirty-two European missionaries and the associated African brethren, amalgamated with the Church of the Nazarene.

The challenge of Dr. Powers was given thus to all: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, foreign missions secretary of the Church of the

Nazarene, was invaluable to us in the information and spirit that he imparted to us as he spoke concerning the operation of the Department of Foreign Missions in Kansas City.

When you read this, all of us will be scattered to our mission stations all over South Africa tending His sheep. All of us covet and expect His blessings and the revival that will bring from this union a huge crop of new spring lambs. Pray for us as we pray for you.—REV. OSCAR M. STOCKWELL, Africa.

Spirit-blessed Nationals

We are having great times in tent meetings here. One of our young preachers is in charge of the services. About fifty have sought the Lord for salvation. The pastor, Alejandro Medina, has asked me to go there and to preach holiness for a week. He, as John Wesley, believes in getting the believers into "the blessing" as soon as possible.

Another of our men recently finished a fifteen days' campaign, with the result that a new hall opened in a very needy section with over sixty people at the opening ceremony. Almost all of these people were saved during the campaign. Praise God for these splendid young men and others that we have here.—REV. THOMAS AINSCOUGH, Argentina.

People take courses in singing or playing, but few want to take a course in praying. The model prayer teaches us the proper attitude in prayer. It teaches sonship, reverence, missionary mindedness, obedience, and dependency of spirit.—Selected.

Entire Sanctification a Living Grace

MY FIRST article in this series presented a brief statement of each of the ten planks in the platform on entire sanctification. In succeeding discussions, I have dealt at some length with seven of these planks. Now I consider the eighth plank. Here is the way I originally stated it: "This experience of divine grace is primarily a living grace. This does not deny the fact that it is also a dying grace. No person is really ready to live until he is ready to die and, from the standpoint of divine grace, no person is ready to die until he is ready to live."

THOSE WHO teach that entire sanctification is merely a dying grace think of it as an experience which cannot be obtained until death. According to them,

The Voice of Experience we may make progress toward it in this life, but we can't reach it before this life has ended. But those who claim that we cannot be sanctified wholly in this present life must face those who have testified to this second blessing. Including those of the past and present, this number would probably be two or three million.

The lie detector test could be tried on these millions, and the result would indicate that they are telling the truth when they testify to this second work of grace. Further, they are reputable people and their word as to other phases of life would be accepted without question. Why should it be turned down here? Of course, some might say that, while they are not trying to misrepresent the facts, they are deceived themselves. If this were the case, it would not be so easy to discover it. We have a lie detector for those who are attempting to deceive others, but not for those who are themselves deceived. This cannot be revealed so easily. Still, it is difficult to believe that so many have been deceived as to this matter. They are intelligent, reliable people, and it is not likely that they could be so assured as to this second blessing if it is nothing but a deception. The voice of experience cannot be so readily brushed aside.

LET'S PAUSE now and hear two testimonies from the past. John Fletcher, a contemporary of John Wesley, and one of the saintliest men who has ever lived, said: "Last

Four Witnesses Monday evening he [God] spoke to me by these words: 'Reckon yourself, therefore, to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' I obeyed the voice of God; I now obey it, and tell you all, to the praise of his love, I am free from sin, dead unto sin, and alive unto God. I received the blessing four or five

times before; but I lost it by not observing the order of God who tells us, 'With the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.' . . . Now, my brethren, you see my folly, I have confessed it in your presence, and now I am resolved before you all to confess my Master. I will confess him to all the world. And I will declare unto you, in the presence of God the Holy Trinity, *I am now dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God, through Jesus Christ, who is my indwelling holiness, my all in all.*"

Rev. Dougan Clark, M.D., who was at that time professor of Latin and Greek in Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana (a Friends school), testifies to having been converted very early in life. Then in December, 1871, he publicly stepped out and believed that God did make him free from sin, and the work was done. This was when he was along in middle life. The following words describe what happened: "Now, what did I get? Answer: 1. *A clean heart*: I was baptized with the Holy Ghost, and my heart was purified by faith. 2. *Perfect love*. 3. *The endowment of power*. For whatever spiritual power I have been possessed of since, either for winning sinners to Christ or bringing believers to entire sanctification, by consecration and faith in Jesus, I date it from that blessed day and hour. . . .

"On the 19th day of February, 1887, I do still testify that, by the grace of God, I am reckoning myself dead to sin; and I have a sure confidence that *now the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth me from all sin, and that I have received, and now have, the gift of the Holy Ghost*. Praise the Lord!"

In addition to these testimonies from two well-known preachers of the past, I present two more from laymen who are active in the Church of the Nazarene today. First, we hear from Charles A. Swim, an accountant of Bethany, Oklahoma: "The transformation wrought in my life when, in my teen-age years, Christ entered the door of my heart was a marvel to me. I was indeed 'converted'—turned about—born again—made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Never have I doubted the fact. Even so, I became aware of the need of, and later entered into, 'the more perfect way.' Therein I found grace more abundant, yea, sufficient for my every present need. He abides!"

Next, Melvin Kjonass, a chemical engineer of Hammond, Indiana, takes the witness stand and tells of what Christ has done for him: "I am happy to say that I have two professions in life—one is chemical engineer for the Standard Oil Company and the other is a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Sanctifier. I am glad that I do not look back on the past and say that I have had better days spiritually, because

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'each day grows sweeter than the day before.' I have great faith for the future with Christ as my Pilot through the treacherous shoals of life."

PLEASE remember that these four clear-cut and definite testimonies could be duplicated by the thousands. Across the years several millions have witnessed

The Most Cogent Argument to the experience of entire sanctification as a present possession. Also, we should bear in mind the significance of experience as a form of argument. Daniel Steele, a notable Methodist scholar and preacher of some fifty years ago, said: "Testimony is the most cogent argument. A herald is useful to make proclamation of the law, and of the will of the court, but make way! here comes one more important to the ends of justice—an unimpeachable witness. All jurists tell us that one word of authentic evidence outweighs ten thousand words of professional pleading. The witness must speak, the plea may be dispensed with. The testimony can go to the jury without the argument, but it will be folly to send the argument without the testimony." Steele uttered these words in order to emphasize the value of testimony as to Christian experience—entire sanctification as well as conversion.

Another well-known preacher has said that "one experience in the converted or sanctified life is worth ten thousand theories." A. J. Gordon, an outstanding spiritual leader of the recent past, also speaks out thus as to Christian experience: "Having drawn our scheme of the doctrine of the Spirit from the Scriptures, we have sought to fill up the outline from the records of religious biography. For Christian experience, if it be true and divinely inspired, is but the Bible translated and printed in illuminated text, 'Scripture writ large' for the benefit of dim eyes that cannot read the fine print of doctrine." He might also have added that those who can read the fine print of doctrine can often read the message of experience more clearly and quickly. The fact that so many have testified definitely to the experience of entire sanctification forever stands in the way of those who would deny its possibility in this life. It must be a living grace because so many have testified to getting it in this present life.

A SECOND LINE of argument for the fact that entire sanctification is attainable in this life is found in the Scriptures. Take the New Testament,

The Voice Of the Scriptures

and that ideal of life cannot be reached without the blessing of entire sanctification. Of course,

there are those who tell us that this is just an ideal to be striven for and not to be realized in this world. Nevertheless, the New Testament does not leave this impression as we read it. The teachings there clearly imply that this wonderful criterion of Christian perfection is to be obtained by the Christian in this present existence.

TURN WITH ME to the Sermon on the Mount and consider the demand it makes on us. In the fifth chapter of Matthew, anger, lust, and hatred are barred from the heart of him who would go all of the way with Christ.

Jesus' Teaching Love for your enemy as well as your neighbor manifested in a willingness to turn the other cheek and go the second mile is also required. All of this harmonizes with the last verse of the fifth chapter of Matthew, which reads as follows: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). According to the sixth chapter of Matthew, we are to pray and fast in an absolutely unselfish manner and always seek first the kingdom of God. This should be accompanied by a faith in God so complete that there is no anxiety as to where the next meal is coming from—the future is left wholly in God's hands. This brings us to the final emphasis in the Sermon on the Mount. It is found in the seventh, and last, chapter of this great discourse and declares that, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). The final basis of entrance into heaven is the doing of the will of God. This ideal can be realized only by those whose hearts have been made free from sin.

The same high standard is set before us in the Master's answer to the lawyer's question as to which is the great commandment. "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matt. 22:37-40). This scripture more than any other was for John Wesley a description of the state that one arrives at when he is sanctified wholly—his heart is filled with supreme love to God and man. Jesus gives no hint of the claim some make that this is an experience the Christian is to aim at but never reach in this present existence.

PAUL JOINS Christ in the same emphasis when he describes the more excellent way in terms of divine, or perfect, love. Turn and read I Cor.

Paul's Teaching

12:31 and 13:1-8, 13. These words are a description of the way of entire sanctification. Charity, or divine love, takes precedence over speaking with the tongues of men and angels, gifts of prophecy and faith, and sacrifice which includes life itself. Without charity, or divine love, these activities have no value before

God. Then, the passage, I Cor. 13:4-8, describes the life of those who are entirely sanctified, in a more vivid manner than is found anywhere else in the Bible. All who belong to the holiness movement should read these words often: "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." Add to this the statement in the last verse of this chapter that charity stands above faith and hope and we begin to see the climactic position in which Paul places this divine love. Also, we must not forget that this divine love is something which men can have here and now. It is the best possible preparation for living as well as a wonderful preparation for dying.

PETER gives us these words, which call us to holiness in this present life: "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:15-16). Beside these verses from I Peter, I place the following: "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment" (Heb. 6:1-2). These are just two outstanding examples among many where we are either exhorted or commanded in the present to be holy, sanctified, freed from sin, perfect, or cleansed from sin. Both the voice of experience and the Word of God teach that we can and should be sanctified wholly in this life. This grace, which so well prepares one to die, is primarily a living grace.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. *I have always heard it taught that the birth of Christ was in late 5 B.C. or early 4 B.C. In accordance with this it is believed that Herod died in March or April of 4 B.C. This would make Jesus only a few months old when Herod died. But how can all of this be harmonized with the statement in Matthew 2:16 where Herod orders the slaying of all the infants two years of age and under in Bethlehem and the surrounding country? Does this mean that the wise men went to see Jesus two years before?*

A. First, it must always be remembered that the chronology of Jesus' earthly life is not clearly and completely set forth in the four Gospels. However, as best it can be put together, Jesus was born when you have indicated—late in 5 B.C. or early in 4 B.C. Nevertheless, Herod's decree does not mean that he died two years or more after the birth of Jesus—he probably died when you have indicated. Neither does it imply that it was two years until the wise men came to see Jesus. Herod was frightened, mad, and cruel; and he determined to take no chances on the life of the Baby of whom the wise men had spoken. As one commentary indicates, he took a large sweep, for he was determined not to miss the mark. The wise men came after the shepherds, but probably not very long after them.

Q. *On page 32 of the "Manual" there is this statement: "The Church of God is composed of all spiritually regenerate persons, whose names are written in heaven." This is certainly a step forward. I wonder if you believe that Mormons, Christian Scientists, Theosophists, Christadelphians, and Jehovah's Witnesses can go to heaven.*

A. The Church of God as described in the words from the *Manual* is the invisible, or true, Church. This invisible Church is not to be identified with any earthly, or visible, church. All Christian churches no doubt have in them some who have not been born again, that is, they are not spiritually regenerate. Those from all local churches and denominations who have been genuinely born again, or spiritually regenerated, belong to the invisible Church. I am not the judge as to those who have been spiritually regenerated and, therefore, belong to the invisible Church. I do know, however, that only those who have a living, or experiential, faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through His death on the cross are among those who are spiritually regenerate. Now as to those groups which you have named, none of them so far as I know believe in the full deity of Jesus Christ and His death on the cross as essential to salvation. If this be the case they would have to go beyond what their group actually

believes in order to be born again, or be spiritually regenerated, and thus become a part of the invisible Church.

Q. *Please explain I John 1:8 and 10.*

A. If anyone will read I John 1:5-10 with an open mind, he will have no trouble getting the truth God is bringing to man through the Apostle John. First, God is light—there is no darkness, or sin, about Him at all. Second, no one can fellowship with such a God who is walking in darkness, or sin. Anyone who says that he can walk with a God of light, a holy God, and still walk in darkness, or sin, lies and does not the truth. This is strong language, and yet it is exactly what is found in verse six. Third, John hastens to bring us some good news and that is that we can be cleansed from all sin. We do not have to walk in sin, or darkness, and, better still, we do not even have to keep the sin nature within our hearts after we have been saved from sinning, or walking in darkness. The blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse us from all sin. The truth of salvation from sinning and the sin nature is even more fully set forth in verse nine, where we are told that Jesus will forgive our sins when we confess them and cleanse us from all sin. Fourth, John deals with those who claim that they do not need to be saved and cleansed. In the tenth verse he says the man is a liar who holds that he does not need to be saved because he has not sinned, and in the eighth verse he pays his respects to the person who declares that

he does not have any sin to be cleansed. Such an individual deceives himself—he doesn't even have a semblance of truth in him. Yes, all have

sinned and have the sin nature, but we can get rid of sinning and the sin nature by God's grace. Then we can fellowship with God!

entire project and for the fields which are represented by it.

January 25-31

Youth Week

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

Youth on Parade

IN MOST of our churches from January 25 to February 1, the young people will be sponsoring a special program in observance of Youth Week. This is a period of eight days set aside by most of the Protestant denominations to highlight the work of their youth groups. Youth Week has been gaining each year in popularity in the Church of the Nazarene, until it is one of the very special times of interest and profit. Some youth groups sponsor revivals during this time; others plan a week of varied interests; other groups, working with the pastor and church board, take over responsibilities in church service and church business. All in all, the reports which we receive tell of maximum benefits as our youth are given special attention and are given a chance to display the program in which they are engaged throughout the year.

The church is grateful for the great group of young people within its ranks. The records for the past year show that we now have 80,594 young people (active and associate) as members of the N.Y.P.S. in the homeland. In addition there are 5,741 N.Y.P.S. members on our mission fields. This brings the grand total to 86,335. This past year the N.Y.P.S. gave \$486,136.00 for all purposes. This amount was distributed as follows: local, \$253,681.00; district, \$178,936.00; general, \$53,519.00.

As we look back upon the past year and look ahead to the year to come we are encouraged to believe that the youth of our church are making a vital contribution to the ongoing of our movement.

Prayer Tower Requests

January 18-24

N.Y.P.S. Project

The financial project for the current year, being shared by the N.Y.P.S. everywhere, is the establishment of Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa (European). This is an urgent need on both of these home mission fields. The future of the work of the church is dependent upon getting these schools started. The goal is \$50,000.00, to be divided

equally. Let us pray for this project. Pray that God will direct us individually as to what we ought to give, and pray that He will help us get it. Pray for your own society that it might do its share. Pray for the

This week is Youth Week. Plans have been laid for this observance in your own church and in most of the churches in the denomination. Let us pray for the services and activities in which we ourselves will be engaged. Let us pray for the youth revivals which are in progress, for the societies on our own district, and for the plans for Youth Week throughout the entire church. God has been helping greatly in years past, but it is only as our plans are backed by real prayer that the greatest results are obtained.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for January 25:

Jesus Teaches Humility and Forgiveness

Scripture: Matthew 18 (Printed, Matt. 18:1-4, 15-22)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 18:3).*

WHAT IS THE GREATEST SIN?

The question that I have used for a heading has been used as the basis for many sermons and almost endless surmisings by teachers of all ages. In Jesus' day religious leaders had tried to classify sins on a scale from top to bottom. But the truth remains that the Bible doesn't help us much when we try to put sins on a scale and weigh them. For the Bible is not a catalog for classifying sins, but a testimony to the tragedy of all sin and the salvation provided. Rather than separate them into big and little ones, the Bible pictures the terrible doom of the man who permits even the smallest sin to ensnare him.

But yet the Bible does leave the strong implication that one sin stands out in its awfulness. For we are led to believe that the one sin God cannot forgive is an unforgiving spirit; and at this very point Jesus hammered away with a steady aim. Being by divine nature a great Forgiver, He practiced it and demanded the same of His followers.

This matter of forgiveness is a strong emphasis in our lesson today, so let's look at it a moment. Hold it up for close scrutiny and questions fairly leap out at us. How much shall I forgive? And how often? And how cheerfully? And having forgiven shall I forget, or shall I hold the in-

cident over the offending brother's head for strategic purposes? Read and study Jesus' brand of forgiveness, and we come to some clear and positive conclusions: forgiveness is complete and final or else it is not Christian forgiveness at all; to partially forgive only shortchanges the confessor; grudging forgiveness is a mixture of secular diplomacy and carnal stubbornness. When Christ suggested the seventy-times-seven formula He went as far as the English language would go and then urged us to use our imagination, for His forgiveness didn't stop as long as confession was sincere. It was a finger post pointing toward eternity. Our forgiveness must also be endless as long as confession is heartfelt and real.

Lord, help us to be as forgiving to others as we want Thee to be toward us. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

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How much the more and the better thou knowest, so much the more rigorously shalt thou therefore be judged, unless thy life hath been the more holy. Be not therefore lifted up for any art or science, but rather fear for the knowledge that is given.—**THOMAS A' KEMPIS.**

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

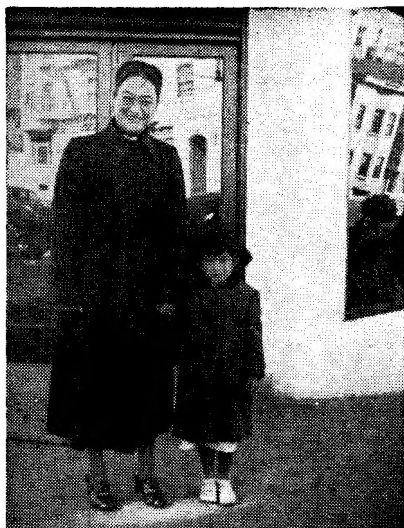
San Francisco Chinese Mission



Chinese Sunday School, San Francisco, November 16, 1952. The lady at far left is the first baptized convert of this new work.

MRS. MARY LI, the pastor of our new Chinese mission in San Francisco, reports that the work is growing, following the opening on October 5 (see this column in November 12 issue). Mrs. Li is visiting the homes of the people near the church, as rapidly as she can get to them, and this is bringing results in attendance. The accompanying pictures show Mrs. Li and some of those in the Sunday school.

Church groups interested in getting a more complete picture of what the church is doing among the Chinese people on the West Coast may order the slide set of full-color pictures from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. Ask for set No. 5, which is a combined set showing the work sponsored by this department in the United States among the Chinese people and among the Negroes.



Mrs. Mary Li, pastor of San Francisco Chinese Church, and a little girl in the Sunday school.

James B. Chapman Memorial Church

Near Dr. Chapman's home at Indian Lake, Michigan, a home-mission church has been organized in his memory. There could be no finer memorial to his passionate pioneering spirit.

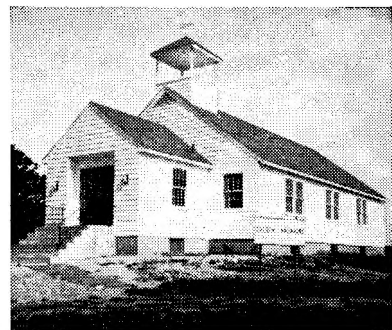
The ground-breaking service was held last spring, on April 20. The pastor, Rev. William Van Wuffen, was in charge of the building program and did much of the work himself. The building was ready for use by August 31, when the opening services were held. The beautiful pulpit was a memorial gift from the Nazarene Theological Seminary. Many others contributed memorials to make the building possible.

The church building is a modification of a plan prepared by the Division of Church Extension. Mrs. Louise Chapman has been of great encouragement in the planning and organizing of the church. Mrs. Bert Smith, the church secretary, has sent us this report and picture.

NEW CHURCHES

District Superintendent V. W. Littrell has organized the Eastgate Church at Roanoke, Virginia, with

James B. Chapman Memorial Church, Vicksburg, Michigan



fourteen members as the charter opened, and others coming later. One lot was donated for the new church and another purchased, and a nice chapel built for \$7,000.00. There is only one other small church in the community and prospects are good for an excellent growth.

District Superintendent E. E. Grosse has organized a church at Pitman, New Jersey, with twelve charter members. A number of others were unable to be present at the time of organization. Rev. William Kale, Jr., has been appointed pastor and the young church has purchased a fine corner lot, a little more than an acre, in the heart of the city. This is the first new church since the General Assembly for the Washington-Philadelphia District.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Someone to Fill My Place

A MIDDLE-AGED woman complained to me because her husband had had no vacation for many years. I looked at her in amazement and wonderment. In the first place, I knew that her husband was supposed to take a vacation every year. The company for which he works, for its own good, prefers that he get away from the business—but consistently he refuses to leave. He seems to feel that the whole institution would go to "smash" if he absented himself for two weeks. This question arises in my mind, What will become of the institution when he is dead?

Sometimes one does not take a vacation because he fears that those in higher authority, or lower authority, as far as that is concerned, will find out they do not really need him and

can get along without him very well. This constant fear when present in a man's heart and mind becomes a kind of disease.

Everyone should realize that all businesses, all households, all cities, all communities, all churches, and all Sunday schools can get along without even their most important members. I have observed that when important men of decision have passed on to the other world their places have been filled quickly. Even before they lie in their graves, often there are meetings for the purpose of choosing their successors.

This has a morbid side to it, I know. It also has a happy side for the Christian. I personally would dislike to think that when I die the works in which I have been employed or interested would go to pieces just as soon as my body was interred. Surely the greatest joy of any Christian

should be to know that there is someone ready to ably fill his shoes when he becomes too old to carry on or when he must bid farewell to earthly people and things. A Christian wants to be followed by a more capable person than he has ever been. A real Christian is humble and ready to step aside for the better qualified man. A Christian need have no fear of being replaced before his time. When there is one who can do better or equally as well, he is always ready to step aside, "in honour preferring one another."

And now back to a vacation! Only as well-qualified people step aside for vacations and other tasks do the young or the co-workers get opportunity to learn and gain experience. If you have been complaining about never getting a vacation, take yourself to task and find out if you have been unselfish or selfish in staying "put" always. If you give the neighbor a chance, you will come back to your work better equipped to fight the battle for Christ and will also have allowed someone else to try his wings. We do all want others to be ready to take up the battle when we no longer can fight. We do want others to be prepared!

Five Hundred Boys

And Five Hundred Girls

Do you remember the story of last week where Solomon chose between the real flowers and the artificial ones? He showed his wisdom by choosing the flowers which the bees chose.

Here is another story which the Jewish people tell us about the wisdom of Solomon. Someone was always trying to prove that King Solomon was not really a wise man. In today's story, the Queen of Sheba again tried to make him fail.

The Queen of Sheba spent much time figuring out tests which she hoped would stump the king.

"I will send many riddles to him by my messengers," she said. "Surely he will fail on some of them."

One day she took five hundred little boys and five hundred little girls. She dressed the boys in girls' clothing and the girls in boys' clothing. Then she wrote a letter to the great king.

"O King Solomon," she wrote, "I have heard of your wisdom. If you are truly a prophet, you will be able to distinguish between the girls and boys in this train of ambassadors I am sending to you."

After King Solomon read the letter, he went right ahead with some of the problems of his own court, but all of the time he was thinking how he could

solve this boy and girl problem which the queen had sent him. Suddenly he turned to the thousand children and in a kind voice he asked his servants to bring forth silver bowls of water so the messengers could wash their hands.

The boys and girls were filled with joy, for they were tired and it seemed only proper that they should be offered water in which to wash. Never once did they realize that Solomon was solving the riddle in the very washing process.

When the water was set before the children, five hundred of them merely put their hands into the water and

then drew them out quickly; but the other five hundred rolled up their sleeves and washed, not only their hands, but their arms as well.

King Solomon knew by this water test which were girls and which were boys. Would you have known? I expect you would, for all of us know that boys wash only when they must and girls wash a great deal. The girls rolled up their sleeves and really cleansed themselves, but the boys hurried the work.

As long as Solomon obeyed God and served Him, he was able to judge rightly. His fame spread from one kingdom to another.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Cates, Indiana—On December 14 our church closed a revival campaign with Rev. Miss Twyla Pittenger in charge of the music and preaching. Miss Pittenger's methods are unique, and her preaching is forceful. She manifests a great zeal for the Lord and a passion for souls. Surely, God came and met with us.—J. H. Baughman, Pastor.

Evangelist Denver H. Brown reports: "During the past few months I have held meetings in Oregon, Idaho, and California. The meeting with Brother Elton Green at Twin Falls, Idaho, was outstanding in many ways; the attendance was good, and the people prayed earnestly. There were three prayer services each day, with as many as twenty people in the 6:30 a.m. prayer service. There were 251 present in the Sunday-school rally on the last Sunday. Some 52 people sought God at the altar, and the church was revived. I have some open dates in '53; write me, 2031 Layton Street, Pasadena 7, California."

Fort Wayne, Indiana—On Sunday, December 7, we closed a revival with Evangelist C. L. Henbest, which proved to be one of the best ever held in First Church. Old-fashioned restitutions were made, the glory of God was manifested in the services, backsliders were reclaimed, and many souls were saved and sanctified. Our people rejoiced as they saw the miracles of grace performed in answer to prayer. Brother Henbest's ministry was much appreciated by the pastor and people of First Church. A nice love offering was given to the pastor's wife. Since the close of this outstanding revival, a good class has united with the church. We give God all the praise.—N. E. Roland, Pastor.

Evangelist Lillian Robinson writes: "I am reserving some time in the spring and summer for vacation Bible schools. The Lord has been with me and helped me in this work in the past, giving me open doors, good schools, and the salvation of many boys and girls. Write me, Box 205, McLean, Texas."

When I Read the Bible

By Marvin S. Cooper

*When I read the Bible,
My spirit to refine,
It searches deep into my soul,
With balm in every line.*

*When I scan its pages,
All that I find is real.
It makes wide the incision
But applies the grace to heal.*

*When I'm in need of comfort,
It offers hope and cheer.
It sustains if I'm in danger,
And boundaries every fear.*

*I shall ever read the Bible,
And upon its truth depend—
For in sunshine or in shadows,
It will be a constant friend.*

Maysville, Kentucky—Recently we had a very good revival meeting with Rev. Robert Altman, pastor at Mt. Sterling, as the evangelist. He preached with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and our people enjoyed his ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Stone, with their son and daughter, were the song evangelists; their singing was the very best. Forty-nine people sought God at the altar, and a nice class was added to the church membership. This is our fourth year here, and the church has had a steady increase in all departments each year, with our Sunday school now averaging 202. Finances are better than ever, with budgets paid as they come due, and the debt on the new church is now down to six thousand dollars. Our church building was valued, three years ago, at forty thousand dollars; it is a credit to the city and to our district. God is blessing in our church,

and we seldom have a Sunday evening service without seekers; recently sixteen prayed through in a regular prayer meeting service. We give God praise for all these victories.—E. L. Bryant, Pastor.

Barstow, California—This church will be two months old on January 4. Since there are a marine base and an army camp near, we are anxious to serve the military personnel as well as others stationed in or near Barstow. If you have friends here, write us (509½ E. White Street) and we shall be glad to contact them.—James J. Thomas, Pastor.

Mrs. Esther M. Dyer, musical evangelist, reports: "We praise the Lord for the many doors of service which have opened for us this season. We left our home in late October and served in Jacksonville, North Carolina; New Bern, North Carolina; Charleston, Florence, Spartanburg, and Georgetown, South Carolina; Waycross, Georgia; and will be busy here in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, until January 9. Following that we go to Miami, West Palm Beach, Sarasota, Plant City, Clearwater, Ocala, and Tallahassee, all in Florida. Then we have meetings scheduled in Georgia; and close in Charleston, South Carolina, on Easter Sunday. Attendance

in all the services has been unusually fine; the Spirit has been present in convicting, saving, and sanctifying power, and many souls have been won for the Lord. We are happy in the Lord's service and expect, the Lord willing, to reach our home (Woodland Park, R.D. 1, Mohnton, Pa.) in late April or early May."

Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep report: "We have recently closed the first five months of our assembly year, and at this writing are at home for the Christmas holidays. We began our fall meetings at Birmingham, Alabama, with the Joel Danners and their great people. From here we went to Cullman, Alabama, for our second meeting with the Garrisons and their fine people. Next we went to North Dakota, for meetings at Valley City, and at Carrington with the Hulls. In the meeting at Cheyenne, Wyoming, with Pastor Rodeffer we had about 150 at the altar, and more than 300 in Sunday school. Our sixth meeting was with the Goodfellow Boulevard Church in St. Louis with Pastor Wideman and his fine folks; we return here in '54. At Creston, Iowa, with Rev. E. J. Strong, we found a beautiful church and a wonderful people. God gave an outstanding revival here. Then we went back to North Dakota for a meeting with the

Fargo church, where Pastor Long is doing a great job. We closed our fall meetings in Muncie, Indiana, with Pastors Harold and Flossie Richardson. Ours was the first meeting in their new church building and the new location. In all of these meetings there was scarcely a barren altar service, Sunday-school records were broken, and many souls were saved and sanctified, with new members added to the church. We have been in the Nazarene field of evangelism for almost two decades; never felt better in our lives. We are enjoying our chosen work and the blessings of the Lord more and more. Our slate for the future is in good shape; however, due to pastoral changes, we have a choice spring date open. We shall be glad to slate this time with any church interested. We carry the full program for the meeting—preaching, song leading, solos, illustrated by beautiful Scene-o-felt pictures. Write us at our home address, Box 238, Lo-santville, Indiana."

Rev. Sammie Martin writes: "After resigning as pastor of the Beulah Church, Logan, Alabama, in December of '51, I returned to Trevecca Nazarene College to finish my work on the A.B. degree. After graduation last June, I entered the evangelistic field, full time. This has been a blessed six months of labor on the Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, East Tennessee, Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky, Indianapolis, and New York districts. I do praise God for His blessings, and I have enjoyed working with our pastors and people. My slate is rapidly filling both for '53 and some in '54. Write me, Box 24, Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee."



DID YOU READ YOUR BIBLE TODAY? BIBLE-EMPHASIS YEAR

Many of our failures in the Christian life are due primarily to our neglect of prayer. If we neglect prayer in our personal experience, we cannot grow spiritually as we should. If we fail in prayer as a church or as a group, the Holy Spirit cannot use our service as He would. "Religion on earth," a famous theologian has written, "finds its highest expression in the act of prayer." Prayer, then, is basic to all effective service in the cause of Christ. It is in "effectual, fervent prayer" that we find power to do God's will and and to fulfill His purposes.—*Christian Observer.*

Nazarene Parsonage, Sparta, Michigan

After fifteen years in the evangelistic field, we felt it God's will for us to accept a call to this church, coming here in November of 1949. We have seen all departments of the church grow spiritually, financially, and numerically. We have purchased one hundred new chairs for seating, also redecorated the auditorium, put in a full basement under the church, and a new heating unit has been installed. Feeling the need of a parsonage, about eighteen months ago, after much prayer, a friend gave a lot adjoining the church; then a building was purchased in Grand Haven, moved forty-five miles and placed on a full basement, remodeled and made completely modern throughout. The parsonage is valued at \$8,000.00; most of the labor was done by men of the church, and our debt is only \$2,000.00. In June of 1950, in a big Sunday-school rally, we had an attendance of 125. Mrs. Charles Farmer, of Grand Blanc, had charge of our vacation Bible school in 1952. We have a fine N.Y.P.S., and they have sponsored two revivals, with Rev. and Mrs. Paul Mayfield, and Rev. Charles McKinney; also a Lamplighters' League has been organized. We have had as special workers: Rev. Cletus Franklin and



wife, Rev. and Mrs. Gauss, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Farmer and Family, and Evangelist Donald Silvernail and the Indian song evangelist, Mrs.

Mackety; also missionaries, Dorothy Bevill and Mayme Alexander. A Junior Society has been organized and is doing well.—W. G. Richards, Pastor.

Greenfield, Ohio—Recently we closed what was in many respects one of the best revivals this church ever has had. Our pastor, Rev. Charles E. Keel, served as the evangelist, with Mrs. Keel and local talent in charge of the music. Souls prayed through to definite victory in God, and the church was blessed and helped by the rugged, heart-searching, old-fashioned gospel preaching of Brother Keel. We appreciate the ministry of Brother and Sister Keel, and feel that God is prospering our church in all departments.—Quentin Comeans, Secretary.

Monticello, Indiana—This work was organized by District Superintendent George Franklin on August 4, 1951. Rev. Oral Cooper had to leave the work in order to finish his schooling under the GI Bill, so we came here in August of '52. Our present place of worship is almost one mile out of town, so we began construction of a \$60,000.00 edifice last October. In December Dr. J. T. Myers came to us for a revival, although this is still considered a home-mission work. We praise God for His blessings on this campaign. One night fourteen people came to the altar and found victory in God, and on the closing Sunday night we had eight at the altar. A class of fourteen was added to the church membership, and more than one hundred new people were contacted for our church. Dr. Myers also spoke in our high and junior high schools. We thank God for the vision of our good people.—C. D. Baker, Pastor.

Newcomerstown, Ohio—In October our church had a fine revival with Evangelist A. S. Howard and Edward and Lydia Stevenson as the special workers. Our church, and the people at large, appreciated the Spirit-filled preaching of Brother Howard and the singing of the Stevensons. The attendance was good, with thirty-three seekers at the altar, most of whom prayed through to victory. We reached a number of new folks for the church, and have received a good class of members. The spirit of the revival continued, with the altar filled with seekers in the Sunday service following the close of the meeting. The church gave the pastor an increase in salary of ten dollars per week. We thank God for His blessings and the fine spirit of enthusiasm among our people.—J. Donald Carrico, Pastor.

Benedict, North Dakota—Recently our church enjoyed a very successful and blessed revival with Evangelist M. F. Gordon. Truly, it was a time of rejoicing, as God came on the scene, and almost every night there were seekers at the altar. Sinners were converted, Christians sanctified, and many received a deeper experience with God. Brother Gordon is a great holiness preacher and has a burning passion for souls. At the close of the scheduled two weeks, we all felt the meeting should not close, and we prevailed upon Brother Gordon to remain for another week; truly, God met with us and gave definite victories during these added days. On the last Sunday afternoon we had a

great healing service. The pastor was given a love offering, and new people were contacted for the church.—Reporter.

Birmingham, Alabama—Upon receiving a unanimous call from the congregation of the Cottage Hill Church, we came here last October. My fine predecessor, Rev. J. D. Stafford, did a remarkable work in the two years he was here. Under his leadership, the Sunday-school attendance was more than doubled, giving an average of 170 for last year. We found a spirit of love and unity among the people, unexcelled in any church. My address is now 4725 Sixth Ave., Wylam, Birmingham.—Barney Brumbeloe, Pastor.

Caruthersville, Missouri—During the year of 1952 God was with our church in a very definite manner. Many souls were reached during the short revival last May with Rev. James Holman and wife as evangelist and musicians; and again in September in a two-week revival with Rev. James Hamilton as the evangelist. This revival spirit has continued under the Spirit-filled ministry of our pastor, Rev. Curtis F. Cook, with souls praying through during the regular church services throughout the year. Our Sunday school has an average of twenty-two more per Sunday than for the same period last year. Brother Cook, now serving a three-year recall, has been the pastor for four years. The church is now in an extensive building program, God is blessing, and a wonderful spirit prevails among the people.—Reporter.

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Oswego, Kansas—Coming here last August 6, I found a small but loyal group of people who love God and the church. In September we had a revival with Evangelists Glenn and Vera Slater. The ministry of these fine workers was much appreciated, and they were a real blessing to the church. Recently we closed a good revival with the young evangelist Rev. Clint Mitchell. The splendid preaching and spirit of this young man were a blessing to our church, and several young people and boys and girls sought and found the Lord. We praise God for each of these good special workers, also for our fine group of Nazarenes. God has blessed us with a 27 per cent increase in our Sunday school over the months preceding our coming, with a 10 per cent increase in church membership, and our church attendance is on the upward climb.—W. N. Durham, Pastor.

Alton, Illinois—We praise God for a good revival in November, the best we have had in recent years. Rev. R. G. Schultz was the evangelist, and the blessings of God were upon him as he brought the messages night after night. Many souls sought and found victory in God; some were saved, some reclaimed, and others sanctified. The church was encouraged and strengthened, and some new members were received. Our Sunday school is increasing, and new folks are attending the services. Rev. Wm. B. Kelly is now serving his fourteenth year as our pastor, and God is blessing his ministry with us.—Reporter.

Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "Reading my diary for 1952, I gather the following facts: labored in 23 revivals, preached 353 times, saw about 1,100 souls come to the place of prayer. My travels took me from Boston, Massachusetts, to Seattle, Washington, and from Minnesota to Texas, through 28 states. No evangelist could ask for better treatment than has been given to me by pastors and people, both in churches and camps; my appreciation wells for the opportunity of working in our Zion. God is so good, and it is a joy to preach and promote second-blessing holiness."

Cleveland, Ohio—Rev. James E. Hunton came as pastor of First Church on December 5, 1948, and has served well both his own parishioners and also the community. On October 19 he was given a unanimous invitation to remain with us for three more years. Since coming, Brother Hunton has led an extensive church property improvement program. An all-time high was reached for a one-year period when more than \$38,000.00 was raised for all purposes last year by the splendid co-operation of all members. Many new people have been welcomed to the congregation, and the church has entered upon its third season of broadcasting three times each week. The choir has been re-organized under the splendid leadership of Mr. Vesey Stemm, minister of

music. The youth work has shown a good growth, with more than one hundred in their evening services, and the average Sunday-school attendance will approximate three hundred. Mrs. Hunton has assisted with the work among the children, also in the music field as pianist and organist. We love and appreciate Brother and Sister Hunton, and their sixteen-year-old son, Jay, who is an asset to the church.—Mrs. K. S. Keene, Reporter.

Vanceburg, Kentucky—In December we had a revival with Evangelist Harold C. Frodge, and under his masterful preaching the church received much help. Surely he is a Spirit-filled preacher. This is a home-mission church, but God is blessing; we are now averaging thirty-five in Sunday school, also broadcast each Sunday over WFTM (Maysville).—Robert Palmer, Pastor.

Evangelist Donald K. Ballard writes: "Due to a cancellation I have an open date, February 4 to 15; also a later date, March 18 to April 5. This latter date would close on Easter Sunday. Write me if interested in one of these dates. My address, 1005 W. Greenwood, Nashville, Tennessee."

Rimby, Alberta, Canada—Our church recently had a very splendid meeting with Evangelist D. C. Van Slyke. He preached straight and close, God blessed, and a good number of souls were reclaimed, saved, or sanctified. Best of all, much of the fruit remains. A splendid offering was received during the meeting to help the pastor buy a new car. This was greatly appreciated, and especially since much of the work is country work. Our church is branching out into schoolhouses and homes in the district, and God is blessing every effort. The Sunday school is growing, finances are good, interest is high, and new people are being contacted for the church. We give God all the praise. Rev. Evan D. Kaechele is our good pastor.—M. Irene Wright, Secretary.

Evangelist J. C. Henson reports: "I came into the Church of the Nazarene at Pilot Point, Texas, in 1908, and I want to thank God for the privilege of being a Christian, and a Nazarene. The year of 1952 was as good as any of the fifty-six years I have been in the ministry, if not better. I began the year with a holiness and stewardship convention at Yukon, Oklahoma, with Pastor Perry; then to McAlester with Pastor Ellis, and on to Edmond, where I spent a week end with Pastor Clinton Rock. Next I had a two-month tour of the Missouri District, with Superintendent E. D. Simpson. Pastors, people, and the district superintendent felt that much good was accomplished. In April I came by home, then hurried on to West Virginia, where I spent nearly two months in three- to five-day holiness and stewardship conventions, in our churches at Belle, Davis Creek, Rand, Southeast Charleston, Dunbar, and Charleston First Church. West Virginia is a ripe field, and District Superintendent Oney and his pastors seem to be awake to their opportunity. In July I came home for a few days and then went to the Oregon Pacific District for a tour with Superintendent W. D. McGraw, Jr. I had the privilege of attending the last Sunday of their district camp. Returning from Oregon, I stopped for a week's meeting with Pastor Olson at Florin, California. After attending the Southeast Oklahoma District assembly, I had a holiness and stewardship convention at Muldrow, Oklahoma. From there I went to Zillah, Washington, for a convention with Pastor Sampson, and then to Goldendale for a twelve-day revival with Pastor Hantla. At Yakima, I spoke at the district preachers' meeting, following which I spent twenty-two days touring the Northwest District. Superintendent E. E. Zachary and his pastors are certainly getting the job done. After being at home for the holidays, I return to Northern California and Washington for three months. I praise God for good health and salvation and victory through the blood of Christ."

Rev. Raymond C. Kratzer writes: "After serving as pastor of the church at Moscow for nine years, I accepted the call to our First Church in Nampa, Idaho, coming here last July. We have found a most gracious people here in one of our great churches. The excellent labors of previous pastors have laid a most substantial foundation for a continuing work. Recently we experienced one of the best revivals in the history of First Church with Evangelist Fred Thomas. Under his Spirit-anointed ministry, the glory of God was outpoured time and again on the services. About 150 seekers found definite spiritual help around our altars during the meeting, and the church feels the surge of revival fire burning in our midst."

Vallejo, California—During the past six months we have been privileged to have three of the finest meetings we ever have had. In early summer we enjoyed so much the ministry of Evangelists C. Wm. and Marjorie Fisher. In August it was our privilege to have Evangelist Howard Sweeten and wife with us for a week-end meeting. In December we had a short meeting with Dr. and Mrs. John E. Riley, and our own Lamplighter Gospel Team in charge of the music. In all of these meetings the Word was proclaimed under the anointing of God with good results around the altar. The people of the church are spiritual, united, and carry a burden for souls. We appreciate so much the fine servicemen who attend here. We are happy serving the Lord and the people of Vallejo First Church.—A. G. Hanners, Pastor.

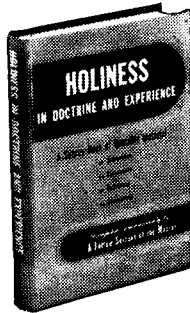
Steele, Alabama—Recently we accepted a call to this church, and have found a loyal group of Nazarenes. God is blessing, our Sunday school is on the increase, and we have reorganized the N.Y.P.S. with a group of young people who want to work for the Lord. Our people are encouraged, and the work is moving forward.—J. A. Emerson, Pastor.

Toronto, Ontario, Canada—St. Clair Church has been enjoying an encouraging growth during the past years. Rev. L. Guy Nees came to pastor the church in October of 1949, and on December 7 concluded a little over three years' ministry. During this time, the indebtedness on the church was reduced by \$25,000.00, and 165 new members were received. The church now broadcasts the Sunday evening service on Station CKFH, the only religious broadcast in this city of more than one million people on Sunday evening. Although this means a heavy financial load, we rejoice that funds always have come in so we are able to meet our obligations on time. The ministry of Brother Nees was widely accepted in the city, and the congregation has increased until the present auditorium has been taxed to hold the people on

Sunday nights. Brother Nees has resigned to accept the call to pastor the College Church, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois. At the farewell service on Sunday night of December 7, well over one thousand people attended the service, filling both the main auditorium and the basement auditorium. Many could not get into the building. Brother Nees's ministry has been deeply appreciated by members and friends of the church. His wide contacts with other churches, and city-wide evangelistic efforts, made a deep impression and brought many new friends to the church.—Reporter.

Artist-Evangelist Donald Isenberg reports: "The Lord has given my family and me another good year in the evangelistic field. We conducted twenty-four revivals, and have been on the road continually since last January. God has blessed the ministry of our two children in song; this has been possible since we travel by house trailer. The Lord has given us a good slate, and we thank Him for an open door to preach His truth. However, we still have February 11 to March 1 open, and would like to slate this time in the southeastern part of the country. Write us, Box 388, New Cumberland, Pennsylvania."

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Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "In December we closed a revival with Rev. Mrs. Betty Wagner in Carterville, Illinois. God blessed in a wonderful way, with souls praying through to victory. We were invited to return. Mrs. Wagner and her co-worker, Miss Helen Lavelly, are doing good work, and we were happy to be with them."

Lectureships at Nazarene Theological Seminary

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, has some wonderful friends who desire to bring our way special seasons of intellectual and spiritual stimulation. These supporters of the Seminary provide funds for special series of lectureships by qualified church leaders. The first semester has been measurably enriched by the visit of two such speakers. In October, Dr. W. T. Purkiser brought the Berry Lectures, which were endowed by the late Eugene Berry in honor of his father. Dr. Purkiser's general theme was "Contemporary Issues Confronting Holiness Preaching." In a masterful manner he presented a scriptural and logical answer to those who attack holiness from the "eternal security" theological school. With deadly accuracy, he smashed the doctrinal framework of contemporary critics of holiness. The widespread demand that these truths be placed in permanent form is being complied with, and in the near future a volume containing these sparkling lectures will be published by the Nazarene Publishing House.

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In December, Rev. Everette Howard delivered the missionary lecture series which is provided by Dr. J. F. Leist. Brother Howard related many miracles which form the remarkable history of our missionary endeavor in the Cape Verde Islands. Again and again his audience was impressed with the fact that Spirit-centered, Spirit-filled, and Spirit-directed lives can accomplish the impossible. Brother Howard's quiet and eloquent manner opened new horizons in the realm of faith and prayer which will make every Seminary student attempt great things for God.

MENDELL TAYLOR, *Reporter*

Florida District Preachers' Convention

The Florida District preachers' convention was held at our First Church in Daytona Beach, with the Rev. Veldon Dobbs as host pastor. Sixty-two of the sixty-seven pastors were present to enjoy the Spirit-anointed preaching of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool. All were challenged to a greater vision and work by the life and ministry of Dr. Vanderpool, who used "Crusade for Souls Now" as his central theme.

District Superintendent John L. Knight presided, and gave a midyear report which indicates that this year will be a great one in all departments. Brother Knight reported that the \$100,000.00 goal for home missions in this quadrennium is bringing wholehearted response from the churches.

DON IRWIN, *Reporter*

Northwest Indiana District N.Y.P.S. Tour

The N.Y.P.S. of the Northwest Indiana District recently sponsored a tour of the district, with Rev. Ponder Gilliland, general N.Y.P.S. president, as the special speaker. This tour, in the interest of the Lamplighters' League, was acclaimed a success by all.

Brother Gilliland won his way into the hearts of our young people with his timely message of soul winning. He inspired and challenged us to win the lost to Christ. Our prayer is that the idea of this tour will blossom into a "Crusade"—a "Crusade for Souls Now"—that will see countless hearts yielding to Christ's redeeming love. And all because we have accepted the challenge of becoming "Lamplighters."

ROBERT L. GRIFFIN, *District President*

Pastors' Conclave Northern California District

From December 8 to 11, the pastors and wives of the Northern California District gathered in the district center, Beulah Park, near Santa Cruz, for their annual conclave. District Superintendent George Coulter presided in his usual gracious and warmhearted manner. Plans for the conclave had been set up by a committee with Robert Goslaw as chairman.

Dr. John E. Riley spoke to the entire group twice a day, bringing messages that were vibrant with a love for God, the souls of men, and the work of the ministry. Dr. Coulter ex-

pressed the feelings of everyone when he said, "He was most certainly God's messenger in our midst for this time." In the divided sessions Dr. Riley spoke to the pastors concerning many practical aspects of the ministry, including those of sermon building, the program of the church, etc. At the same time, Mrs. Riley spoke to the pastors' wives concerning the work of the "shepherdess." These sessions were all most helpful.

The responsibilities of the conclave were divided out among those attending, and every responsibility was handled with efficiency, ease, and the blessing of God. From the Monday "first night banquet" through to the Thursday noon communion service, there were times of relaxation, fun, instruction, and melting times with the outpouring of God's Spirit. Of a truth, this was one of the most blessed, profitable, and relaxing conclaves ever held on the Northern California District.

REPORTER

Nebraska District Preachers' Convention

The Nebraska District preachers' convention, held in Sidney, November 18 to 20, was filled with spiritual blessings which lifted and inspired all those attending. Nearly all the pastors of the district were present, even though traveling was hazardous, as the first snow of the season swept across western Nebraska the previous day.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner, with his optimistic and enthusiastic approach, kindled a fire of zeal which sent the pastors back to their fields of labor with a sincere determination to work harder, trust God more, and with a clearer vision to build the kingdom of God. Dr. Benner was loved and appreciated by all who heard him.

Dr. Jarrette Aycock, superintendent of the Kansas City District, inspired us in his unique manner as he emphasized the good qualities of Peter.

Rev. A. A. Schneider, district church school chairman, presented a positive program for the Sunday school. Rev. L. C. Schwanz, district N.Y.P.S. president, presented plans for the youth. Helpful papers on various subjects were presented by pastors.

Rev. Whitcomb Harding, district superintendent, presided with grace, and kept things moving in a manner which stimulated interest. Rev. Mari-del Harding gave readings appropriate for the occasion. Her ability is unexcelled, and it was a privilege to have her in the convention.

Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, gave a picture of progress endowed with spiritual blessings for the school.

Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Johnson, pastors of the Sidney church, were perfect hosts. Every need was supplied and every comfort assured in the beautiful new church edifice recently dedicated. The Nebraska District looks ahead to greater achievements for the Lord.

CLARENCE W. PERRY, *Reporter*

DEATHS

REV. J. FRANK SIMPSON was born December 17, 1902, in Rush, Kentucky, and died October 30, 1952, in Fostoria, Ohio, where he was pastor. In December of 1926 he was united in marriage to Alberta Steil. To this union were born two sons, Arthur Wayne and Marion Lewis. He was a faithful and devoted husband and father. In November of 1925 he joined the Church of the Nazarene, and had he lived until January (1953) he would have celebrated his silver anniversary as an active pastor. He pastored churches in Kentucky, at Wurtland, Frankfort, and Richmond; at Bluefield, West Virginia; at First Church in Lincoln, Nebraska; and at First Church, Newark, and Fostoria, Ohio. He was actively engaged in the work of the district, serving as district secretary for nine years, and as a member of various district boards. He was faithful in whatever task was assigned him. Funeral service was held in the local church on November 1, with Dr. H. S. Galloway, district superintendent, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. B. Frederick, Rev. W. E. Zimmerman, and Mr. Lance Marshall. A second service was held in First Church at Ashland, Kentucky, on November 3, with Dr. Galloway officiating, assisted by Rev. L. B. Hicks. Interment was in the Rose Hill Burial Park, Ashland.

REV. GEORGE W. WILSON was born September 21, 1875, at Hurley, and died on November 6, 1952, after a lingering illness, at his home in Ava, Missouri. In 1898 he was united in marriage to Della Caviner; to this union were born four sons and two daughters. One daughter and one son preceded him in death. He was converted at the age of twenty-seven, sanctified three years later, and devoted the rest of his life to the ministry until his health failed. He was an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, Della; three sons, Herman, Roy, and Lee; one daughter, Mrs. Fern Sturdefant; also two brothers and three sisters. Funeral service was conducted at the Dogwood Baptist Church by Rev. Raymond Boyd, assisted by Rev. Raymond Perkins, with burial in the church cemetery.

GEORGE W. GOSSETT was born May 1, 1853, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and died on October 5, 1952, in Sulphur Springs, Texas. On December 4, sixty-five years ago, he was married to Mary Cordelia Allen. They became acquainted with the holiness work at Wickes, Arkansas, and were charter members of the Church of the Nazarene in Sulphur Springs. He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, and also a grandson they reared—and other grandchildren, to the fifth generation. Funeral service was held in the Sulphur Springs church, with the pastor, Rev. E. H. Hendrix, officiating; interment was in the Black Oak cemetery.

MRS. MARY McCOLLOM was born August 23, 1870, in Shelby County, Illinois, and died on October 22, 1952, at the home of her son, Rev. W. B. McCollom, Nazarene pastor in Larned, Kansas. She was married to J. N. McCollom in February of 1892, and was the mother of six children, four of whom survive. She was converted at the age of thirty-five, sanctified in 1924, and in 1946 she was united with the Church of the Nazarene at Howard, Kansas, while her son was pastor there. Later she transferred to the Eureka church. She lived a saintly life; attended the services on Sunday before her death and gave a glowing testimony to the saving and sanctifying grace of God. She is survived by her husband and children: Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McCollom of Larned, Kansas; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McCollom; Rev. and Mrs. D. F. Timblin; and Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Lemmons. Funeral service was conducted in a church near Chester, Oklahoma, with Rev. Milt Shuck officiating; interment was in the Elm Grove cemetery.

MRS. ADELAIDE SPIVEY was born March 11, 1868, and died February 27, 1952. The memorial service was held in Central Church of the Nazarene, Wichita Falls, Texas, of which she was a charter member, with the pastor, Rev. Oliver Newsom, in charge. Mrs. Spivey first joined the church of the Nazarene in 1922. Although eighty-three years of age, Mrs. Spivey had been a regular attendant at Sunday school and church up until two months before her death.

MRS. CLARA P. WADE, age sixty-three, died November 3, 1952, at a hospital in Dallas, Texas. She was a member of Central Church of the Nazarene, where the funeral was conducted by Rev. Clyde E. Ammons and Rev. J. E. Moore. She is survived by her husband, Floyd Wade; two sons, E. Bruce and George; also a daughter, Mrs. B. G. Reneau.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Indoor Camp Meeting, January 18 to 25, in Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Indiana. Services at 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Special speakers: Dr. T. M. Anderson, Rev. Glenn Griffith, Bishop L. R. Marston, Dr. Paul S. Rees, and Dr. Oliver G. Wilson. Mr. Orville Butcher will direct the music. This is specifically a soul-saving crusade, with two hundred churches co-operating. Pray that there may be a mighty spiritual awakening among God's people.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This is to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Mason are available as song evangelists. He is a commissioned song evangelist on our district, and is a graduate of Bethany-Peniel College. She plays the piano, and they are qualified to carry the complete musical program for revival campaigns. Address them, Box 432, Bethany, Oklahoma.—J. T. Gassett, Superintendent of Northwest Oklahoma District.

I am glad to recommend Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bush as evangelists. They have felt the call to return to this field. At present they are concluding a six-year pastorate that has witnessed an outstanding growth in our church at Sunny-side, Wyoming. He is an ordained elder. They play the accordion and marimba, and will come to a church with a burden for souls. We are glad to commend them to our pastors and people. Address them % our publishing house.—Alvin L. McQuay, Superintendent of Rocky Mountain District.

ADOPTED—by Revs. Ellis and Ruth Teasdale of Stillwater, Oklahoma, a girl, on December 18 (born November 26); named Sharon Ruth.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Wallin W. Slonaker of Palouse, Washington, a daughter, Kathryn Ann, on December 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Bill McCaskell of Biloxi, Mississippi, a son, David Lee, on November 25.

—to A 2/c and Mrs. Duane Carmony of Keebler A.F.B. Biloxi, Mississippi, a son, Terry Duane, on November 5.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Irwin Harris of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a son, James Irwin, on October 20.

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Evelyn Louise Rutledge of Seattle, Washington, and Emerson Jesse Elmore of Nampa, Idaho, were united in marriage on November 21, in First Church of the Nazarene, Seattle, with the Rev. Roy Yeider, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. R. Rutledge, father of the bride.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene wife from Wisconsin for "a broken home, backslidden husband and father";

by a lady in Oregon, sick for the past two months, that God will touch her body, also help her to get back to God and know the joy of salvation again;

by a lady in Indiana for healing of a friend's limb, also for another friend who has been in the hospital and wants prayer that her body may be healed;

by a lady from Oklahoma for the healing of her husband, and that the family may draw near to God and ever do His will.

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SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN George C. Laurie writes from Fort Jackson, South Carolina: "Our Sunday night services have been very gratifying. It is an informal service with time for men to testify and pray and participate in other ways. I thought it would add variety and interest by having visitors conducting the service. I learned the men were satisfied with the regular method used. I took a few minutes to encourage them and give an altar call recently, with a response of nineteen at the altar. I have learned these young fellows are uncertain and need encouragement. We have the most active chapel on the post. The other units here recognize this. Our attendance equals that of all the others totaled and also our offerings. On a recent Sunday we had 596 in attendance throughout the day. The Lord has been very gracious in blessing our efforts here."

"I thank you very much for your letter that I received recently. I appreciate the church literature that you have been sending me, since I have been in the service. I find that it means even more to me since I don't have the privilege of attending church.

"We are operating with the Sixth Fleet, in the Mediterranean Sea, at the present time. The conditions over here certainly make me proud of my own country.

"I appreciate our church more every day. God has been very good to me since I've been in the navy. I just want to always live so that I won't be a disappointment to Him. Thanks for remembering me. I pray for you folks often."—DICK FIELDS.

"Greeting in our Lord's dear name. I just want to thank you for sending me the *HERALD OF HOLINESS, Conquest, and Come Ye Apart*. I had my name put in the Pen Pal column of *Conquest* and have received so much mail that it keeps me busy answering them.

"I get a great blessing out of reading the magazines. They are food for my soul. Thank you again for sending them to me. I always pass them on to the other fellows when I have finished reading them."—VONDON E. YOUNG.

"I received your most welcome letter, and am also glad to receive the books. I sure enjoy reading them during my off duties here in Korea. I'll appreciate it very much if you will continue to send them."—SIDNEY D. DEYSIE.

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Life in a Nazarene Parsonage

By Paul Martin*

TABLE MANNERS

GRACIOUS living in the home, in the church, and in a community is characterized by courteous thoughtfulness of one another. If you had observed our parsonage table at certain times, you might have wondered if we were a loving family or even of the same family. The scene would include: Ted arguing the opposite side of truth just to be debating; Everett reaching for the chicken while it was two places away; Leora impressing Mary with her latest romantic adventure; Mother arranging Dad's Sunday schedule and rehearsing the announcements; and the tender Paul, quietly as if in a daze, eating everything on his plate and Ted's—for Paul was quiet; he acted smart and funny only when company was present.

Now, even in our best day, Emily Post could have found some minor flaws. But we developed certain laws of the table—for safety's sake, and some for beauty.

One of the principles in our code was: Do not reach past your place for desirable food pieces! Notice how easily these apply to gracious living in the church. More than one fairly innocent soul has some "fork marks" in his heart from the energetic political maneuver of a brother regarding some of the better "pieces." In most cases, the better (if any are better) places of service come to those who are humbly doing what they can to build where they are. Juggling and arranging God's appointments often end in sorrow for the juggler.

*Nazarene Evangelist

Another rule that applied to me, especially, was: "Be careful—guard against un n a t u r a l demonstration when company is present." Dad always urged us to be natural, easy, and relaxed when guests were around. This law never hindered real fellowship, nor kept back the fun and wholesome pleasure of a normal family with friends. But it did help one little chap to learn that he was not indispensable to good humor, and that the family appreciated some of his bright remarks at regular times without guests or fanfare! The moral of the story is: Shouting people often have blessed spells when just home folk are around, and some of the finest testimonies are delivered at a summer prayer meeting service while the assembly is in session a hundred miles away.

Perhaps the most interesting rule of the table was: "We live by faith—be thankful for what is on the table." Chicken every Sunday? No, our table too often reflected the seasons and fortunes of our people. And then, Mother was not the best cook. If we could have voted annually, she might have been stunned by the number of "no votes." But we learned to thank God. And it was regular meals that built bone and brawn, not the occasional "invitation out." Lesson: I believe in Nazarene ministers, anointed ministers; they are the best in the world. And if you'll season your spiritual food with faith, praise, and prayer, you'll grow on the diet that God gives through your pastor.