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Commitment and Cleansing

General Superintendent Powers

Commitment or consecration is not cleansing. Quoting Dr. James B. Chapman: "Holiness is not an accomplishment, but a gift received. It is not attained, but is obtained from the Lord. It is not to be approximated by endeavor, but is to be accomplished by the divine enablement. It is wrought as an instantaneous crisis, and not possessed by means of a gradual approach."

But to obtain such an experience, commitment or consecration is indispensable. It is *our* responsibility to make a complete commitment of our all to God—"Friends and time and earthly store, soul and body." But this is only the human preparation. When this is thoroughly done it places us on "believing ground." Then by faith in Christ's atonement and promises the soul is cleansed from all unrighteousness.

To speak of commitment as though it alone is what we mean by entire sanctification is misleading. Man commits, but God alone cleanses. To fail to make this point clear leaves us feeling the necessity of "reconsecrating" ourselves to God from time to time. This is illogical and unscriptural. If we have completely committed ourselves to God for time and eternity, it is unthinkable that He would refuse to cleanse and keep that which completely belongs to Him, for in so doing He would compromise His own character.

How can a normal man who hates rattlesnakes knowingly allow one to remain in his house which completely belongs to him? How can a holy God allow sin to remain in a heart and life completely consecrated to Him? No, He will keep (by cleansing) that which we have committed (if we keep it committed) unto Him against that day. Let us not stop short of a definite work of heart cleansing since it is provided in God's covenant promise.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:68-75).



LATE NEWS

Telegrams . . .

Prescott, Arizona—Charles Leroy ("Chuck") Reedy, nineteen-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. Leroy Reedy, pastor of the Peoria Church of the Nazarene, was killed instantly on June 23 in an automobile accident while returning from a Youth for Christ service in Los Angeles. Three others were also killed and two seriously injured.—M. L. Mann, Superintendent of Arizona District.

Louisville, Kentucky—On Sunday evening, June 14, at the close of a revival I had been conducting, I organized the new Liberty Church of the Nazarene with eighteen charter members. There will be another group received into the church before the charter is closed. These are all new Nazarenes. This church is among the very finest I have ever organized. This has been a wonderful year in the Kentucky District for home missions.—D. D. Lewis, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

Evangelist Edwin C. Martin has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church at Westchester, California, on the Los Angeles District.

After thirteen years of service, Dr. A. Milton Smith has resigned as pastor of First Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

June 15 marked the fiftieth anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith. A group of friends met in Felinlec Fellowship Hall of the Hawthorne, California, church and celebrated the occasion with a varied program and refreshments. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Smith were received into membership of the local church in May of 1937, and have proved a real blessing. Their radiant personalities bespeak the love and power of God. From their wealth of past ministry come a challenge, a boost, and wonderful encouragement to everyone who knows them. They love people and are back of the program of the entire church. Many expressions of love and appreciation were received by this wonderful couple.

Rev. Jack H. Lee has resigned as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Kansas City, Missouri, to accept the work of the church in Newport, Kentucky.

Dr. Orville W. Jenkins has resigned as superintendent of the Abilene District to accept the call to pastor First Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Rev. C. Wesley Brough has resigned as pastor of the church in Charlestown, Indiana, to accept the pastorate of First Church at Filer, Idaho, on the Idaho-Oregon District.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayne Ault will observe open house in honor of their parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon and evening of July 18. Mr. and Mrs. Ault are charter members of the Church of the Nazarene in Barberton; Mrs. Ault is president of the N.F.M.S. and Mr. Ault is on the board of trustees. They reside at 3093 Akron-Wadsworth Road, Barberton, Ohio.

After serving five years as pastor of the church in Fithian, Rev. M. O. Ward has resigned to accept the call to pastor Chicago Southwest Church at Oak Lawn, Illinois.

After several successful years as pastor in Lomax, Rev. J. V. Morsch has accepted the call to pastor First Church in Pekin, Illinois.

Rev. Paul McGrady has resigned as pastor of Inglewood Church in Nashville, Tennessee, to accept the call to pastor St. Paul's Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

After serving as pastor of the church in Backus, Minnesota, for more than five years, Rev. David K. Ehrlin has resigned to accept a call to pastor Beacon Hill Church in Seattle, Washington.

"Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Widmeyer, veteran educators in the Church of the Nazarene, celebrated their fifty-second wedding anniversary on June 5 at the Nazarene Bible College in Sydney, Australia. Friends will be glad to know that they are in good health, and making a very worthwhile contribution to the cause of holiness here, as guest teachers at the college this year. Our seventeen resident students love them, and are enriched by the half-century of Nazarene acquaintance and experience which reflects in their conversation, teaching, and preaching. As a preacher and expositor Dr. Widmeyer is popular with our church folk as well as with the students."—RICHARD S. TAYLOR, Principal.

The God of Eternity

By F. W. DAVIS

*His dominion is endless, and boundless,
For He is the Author of time,
And He is not limited by distance;
He is Eternity Divine.
No end will there be to His kingdom,
Tho' nations of earth rise and fall.
All hail to our King and His glory,
For He is the Ruler of all!*

*He is the God of eternity—
How marvelous and great such a Friend!
Creator of earth and of heaven,
Of His honor there cometh no end.
Let the ruler of men and of nations
Bow down to the King of the sky
In humble submission and worship—
For eternity and God never die!*

KOREA JOURNEY

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT BENNER

It was a rugged terrain that I saw as the plane carried us past the coast line and over Korea. As far as one could see there was the view of mountains, gray, rough, gullied, barren, without habitation. After flying over about one hundred miles of such territory, we began to descend into the broad plain flanking the Han River. Within minutes we were landing at the Seoul airport, there to be greeted by Rev. Donald Owens, Rev. Eldon Cornett, Rev. Park Kee Suh, district superintendent, and a group of Korean Nazarenes, news photographers, and servicemen.

After a typical Oriental welcome, during which I collected an armful of flowers, we drove to our new headquarters, only a short distance from the airport. It was a thrilling experience to see this new property of twenty-one acres, and with eight well-constructed buildings completed. And standing in a long reception line along the driveway were the members of the assembly and other Nazarenes, greeting a general superintendent for the first time in eleven years, since war conditions had precluded such a visit at the regular time.

Our first assignment was to preside at the district assembly, and it was most heartening to sense the strength and quality of our national workers. Since quite a number had served in other groups previous to their Nazarene experience, there has been the problem of instituting Nazarene policies

Whenever God calls us to do any task He has said, "Surely I will be with thee." With this enduring assurance, we can receive new strength daily to seek God's will for our lives.—MRS. HAROLD H. COATS.

and procedures. But I found our Korean Nazarenes eager to learn and quick to co-operate. All the regular items of assembly operation were included. At the final service, ten were ordained as elders and the credentials of four older brethren were recognized.

In the first evening service I preached on scriptural holiness, and when the altar was opened twelve or more responded. Although the Korean

is somewhat reserved and inclined to be rather formal, such inclinations disappeared and the whole place turned into a prayer service. Everyone seemed to be praying at the top of his voice, and in such a spirit of typical Nazarene freedom God came with power as one after another found victory. The service closed with a glorious season of testimony.

It was my privilege to give the commencement address at the graduation exercises of the Bible school. This institution is rendering invaluable service in supplying trained preachers and in strengthening the basis of the work. In connection with this service a special dedication observance was conducted with representatives of the police and other local governmental agencies present. This furnished an opportunity to give a gospel message to these who probably would not attend a regular service.

Our Korean work is most encouraging. Brother and Sister Owens have furnished excellent leadership. While Brother and Sister Cornett have arrived on the field more recently, they are making a major contribution to the Korean church. A membership of 1,888 was reported, which represents quite unusual growth as related to the average of increase on our mission fields.

Of course there are problems and uncertainties, as there are in many areas of our missionary operation. Our headquarters property is only twenty-five miles from the Communist border to the north—about four and one-half minutes by jet bomber—and a sense of tension is constantly present. The southern portion of Korea is agricultural and is cut off from the industrial north, which means that the economic level in South Korea is extremely low. In Seoul, a hilly city of nearly two million people, only the main streets are paved, and the vast majority of the people there live in small, flimsy houses on narrow dirt streets, which, in a land of seasonal heavy rainfall, become muddy waterways.

But our missionaries and nationals are cheerful and optimistic. Certainly it would be difficult to find a more needy field. Our investment in Korea is already paying good dividends, and prospects for further rapid growth are bright. Let us not fail to pray for these who serve the Church of the Nazarene so effectively and sacrificially in the Republic of Korea.

Six Easy Lessons!

This claim sounds like a commercial “take,” but if you are interested in happiness, will you sincerely read this?

Happiness is a topic of prime importance. In fact, a recent Gallup poll came forth with the result that what the average person wanted more than anything else in this world was happiness. Of course there were other things, but this topped the list. I am right then in concluding that, if you are just an ordinary person with average interests, this claim has caught your eye? To substantiate this, we need a few words of inspired advice from the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippian Christians. Now before you read the rules, for that is what this scripture contains, remember nothing is promised unless you play the Christian life by its rules. Follow these, as they are listed in the fourth chapter, by meticulous observance and the promised consequence is—*happiness*.

“*Rejoice in the Lord.*” In other words, *will* to be joyful. This rule is an imperative command to act joy in spite of the circumstances. The foundation must be laid thoroughly here. This is asking you to allow the action of your will to practice joy as a habit, a state of mind and heart.

I can hear some say, “Easier said than done.” Will you turn back the pages of your Bible and read one of its many testimonials? Habakkuk had had a bad time. It is all there in the closing verses of the last chapter. And yet, in spite of all this, he determined, he willed, to rejoice in the Lord, to joy in the God of his salvation. None of us is promised an easy journey through life, but He who guards your life neither slumbers nor sleeps and to all those who trust Him, remember, He promises eternal rest at the journey’s end.

Overcome worry, in nothing be anxious. Paul surely doesn’t understand the conditions of our day. We worry over this and we worry over that, until we really are worried. Now I do not intend to belittle the trials of your life, but I am going to stop you dead with this—Worry is active atheism! If God is on the throne, if Christ is a living Saviour, if the Christian life is the victorious life, if your sins are forgiven and your name written in the Lamb’s book of life, you of all people have nothing to worry over. “Come boldly unto the throne of grace, . . . and find grace to help in



time of need” (Hebrews 4:16). And by the way, before you read the next rule, remember you need God’s grace to attempt the rules; you can do nothing without Him. That is probably why you took such a long time over the first two.

Exercise positive thinking. This looks like I am starting to preach! Love thinks no evil. In a nutshell, success here is learning to be positive in your thinking and opinion of others. No! I am not saying that you have been critical, just reminding you that much criticism begins first as negative thought. The rule would have you think on certain things. Examine the list and now exercise your mind to dwell on these. It is beginning to work, but wait, there are three more rules to go.

Learn contentedness. Now do not lose faith here. It is time for another testimonial, this time Paul himself. He states that he had *learned to be content* in whatever state he was. This is the only secret to such an experience. Personal satisfaction in this life is not gained in possessions; it is not according to what you have, but in your attitude to them. Now you know what God meant when He said that “a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth” (Luke 12:15). (Contentment is a pearl of great price also, but remember it does not just happen.)

The Master Said in His Prayer—

*Sometimes I used to wonder why
He placed forgiveness next to bread.
But, weathered long by living, I
Have learned the depth of what He said;
For having hoped and loved and grieved,
My heart, now well instructed, knows
Forgiveness given or received
Makes bread sweeter than any rose.*

—GRACE V. WATKINS

Exercise the strength of God. This is a reasonable rule, because I know that you are not strong in yourself. Christianity is not an air-conditioned express to heaven. Quite the reverse, it is a race to be won, a battle to be fought, and an experience to live day by day. If you are like the rest of us,

it is this *living* business which tries your strength. But again here is the secret. It is another testimonial, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13). You can testify to that workmate, you can pray that public prayer, you can knock on that door to invite a neighbor to church, and you can seek the salvation of your friends. You can do all things, but only by the strength of Christ. He is the Source of your enabling power to overcome. Now just one other rule. It covers a testing time in every Christian's life.

Trust God for all your needs. There is no true happiness in insecurity. God knows this and His promise is that He will "supply all your needs

according to his riches in glory" (Philippians 4:19). Look at your bankbook. If you promised to finance your neighbor in need according to your riches, would that neighbor have everything he wanted? If your resources are limited, God's are not. He has abundant riches in Christ Jesus. But just a word of warning before I leave you to play the Christian game by its rules. God promises to supply your *needs*, not all your *wants*.

God's standard for your life is never too high for you to reach if out of the depths of your mind, soul, and spirit you long to reach it, and go forth with that determination.—W. E. ISENHOUR.

NOT THE BHAGAVAD GITA of the Hindus, not the Koran of the Mohammedans, not any book of religion, except the Bible, teaches that God completely forgives sin. But in it we read, "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (Hosea 14:4). In it Paul says to the Ephesians: "God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (4:32)—"graciously forgiven," the word means, literally. Among the hundreds of other such assurances of forgiveness is that one in Hebrews where it is written: "Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (10:17).

And it is not that man gets Deity into a corner, pressuring Him into extending a free pardon. The initiative, right through, is with God. In what we call prevenient (pre-coming) grace, He makes appeal on top of appeal to the rebels all, helping them step by step on the path to pardon—the path of regrets for sins, of turning from them, of confessing them, and by faith receiving forgiveness for them all. That it is a ready forgiveness is shown in the prodigal son or "gracious father" parable (Luke 15:11-32).

It is true that there is one sin, or one kind of sin, for which there is no promise of forgiveness. Often this is called the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. This sin is referred to in Mark 3:28-29 and in Matthew 12:32. The contexts of these passages suggest that it consists in attributing to unclean spirits the work of the Holy Spirit. Many interpreters, including the ancient Augustine, have understood it to include a persistence in such sin—such persistence that the person never submits to God nor seeks forgiveness. This refusal to ask

The Forgiveness of the Father

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forgiveness might be the "sin unto death" of I John 5:16 (compare Hebrews 6:4-6).

In order to receive God's forgiveness one must readily forgive his fellows, regardless of how frequently he is wronged. In Luke 17:4, it is to be "seven times in a day," and until "seventy times seven" in Matthew 18:22—both of which suggest limitlessness. It is even to be an attitude of mind before an offending party asks forgiveness, as is implied by Jesus' "if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother" (Matthew 18:35).

The holy God of course cannot offer pardon willy-nilly, setting lawbreakers scot-free because it tickles His fancy to do so. He does offer it, however, to all forgiving persons who repent and believe on Christ. And He is able to do so, and at the same time remain a just God, because His wrath against the penitent's sin has been assuaged by the substitutionary suffering of His own Son.

*Great God of wonders! all Thy ways
Display the attributes divine;
But countless acts of pardoning grace
Beyond Thine other wonders shine.*

—SAMUEL DAVIES, 1723-61

A saved soul and a freshly painted church proved he was wrong!

DON'T BOTHER WITH ME

By MINA WIARDA

"I'm only a hopeless alcoholic. Don't bother with me!" mumbled dejected, tall, emaciated, trembling, aged Seth Coy, as he leaned his weak form against the door casing while being invited to gospel services.

Bleary-eyed, ragged, dirty, bent, alone, with a hovel of a home, he knew all the miseries of the drunkard. But for the power of God, we might well have heeded his word.

Religiously well trained in youth, he said, he had wandered far, gotten into wrong company, and contracted an unfortunate marriage. It had been many years since soft-spoken Seth Coy had entered a house of God. Once or twice cultist neighbors had taken him to their meetings. But only the old-time gospel could deliver such as he. He himself had long ago given up hope. Shy and timid, he shrank from any display of bravery.

But one Sunday evening he made his way to the church, slumped into a rear pew, a knotted bundle of tension, hardly daring to lift his eyes. On leaving, he muttered that he wouldn't return. "I don't belong here! I'm just a thorn among roses!" But he didn't get away without being assured that our God is in the business of making roses out of thorns.

Several weeks of irregular attendance brought him to an evening of decision for Christ. Kneeling at a front seat, the smell of liquor unmistakable, he professed to receive the Saviour, only God knowing how real it might be. For thirty years his neighborhood had never seen him sober.

Only Christ could keep this object of despair. To this end the saints prayed. The enemy worked overtime to bring him back into the toils of alcohol. It proved a tough battle, with his old drinking pal, a neighbor, coming in almost daily to hold a whisky flask under his nose; and two other old cronies constantly taunting him about his "religion" and that he wouldn't hold out. Coy put up a real fight for a feeble, lonely, impoverished babe in Christ—and childlike trust triumphed.

Faithfully attending all services, he soon lifted his quivering voice in testimony and prayer. Later he asked for tracts, to pass out along those streets where none had ever seen him sober, that they

might know the secret of his new life. The pockets of his poor, patched jacket were stuffed with the little leaflets, their distribution amazing his neighborhood.

In the fall, when cold winds began to blow, our frail brother informed the church that he would be unable, due to a bad cough, plus his weak heart, to walk the three-block incline to attend service the coming winter. Urged to pray much about such a serious matter, he kept coming throughout the entire season, with no ill effects. Each succeeding winter proved the same!

His first Christian summer brought special trials, the smell of liquor coming from such outlets as he passed by often tempting him severely, especially on warm days. Instructed to "enter not into the path of the wicked [keep away from those establishments whose locations he knew], and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it [around the block or across the street], and pass away" (Proverbs 4:14), and that should he come upon a liquor store unexpectedly and experience temptation, he breathe the name of Jesus repeatedly, until beyond the point of danger, he came off victor.

How meekly this trusting, trembling soul received all helpful suggestions! A humble, eager learner in the school of the Spirit, he grew amazingly. For ten years Brother Coy lived a sober, godly, happy life. His eyes became clear, his voice strong, his form straight, his trembling gone. These, plus his sweet, gracious, gentle, selfless manner, made him a Christian gentleman indeed!

His little home, blackened by the neglect and smoke of years, he scrubbed and brightened, declaring with a happy smile, "I never saw how black it was until after I was saved!" Delivered from misery and despair, he knew daily delights in the wonders of his new life. Formerly an object of his neighbors' pity, he now pitied especially those of them who knew not his Christ.

Coy loved the Lord, loved His house, His people, His Word, His service, and the lost souls around him. Once when the little church building needed painting and the other men were too busy to do it, they engaged this aged brother for the job. What

a privilege he counted it! Had he dreamed in his drunken state that such an honor should ever be his!

On coming into the next meeting after having completed the task, he was handed his pay. Without opening the envelope, he placed it and the entire contents on the offering plate, his first opportunity to make any substantial gift to the One who had done so much for him.

The church treasurer, reluctant to accept it from so poor a person, felt that surely it should be re-

turned to him. But Coy insisted he had neither need nor want, and that the gratitude he felt for all God had done for him was only faintly expressed in this contribution.

At the age of seventy-six the redeemed alcoholic entered the palace of the King, not as the "thorn" he had once considered himself, but as a lovely "rose," by the saving, keeping, satisfying, and glorifying power of Christ Jesus.

And it had paid to "bother" with him!

CONGRATULATIONS!

By **NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER**



After the diplomas come the happy congratulations of teachers, relatives, and friends on school and college platforms everywhere at commencement time. And, happily, most of the new-diploma owners deserve them. With the commencement congratulations come warm and cheery good wishes for success.

But after the excitement of commencement days is over, and the speech of the speaker half forgotten, when one looks at his diploma in its real relation to life and life's success, no rule, or rules, for this much-coveted thing appears on it.

This is not serious, however, for one who has a Bible. A great American businessman once gave an interviewer what he called his six rules of success—and they are all from the Bible.

If they have helped a man of the practical ability of Mr. John E. Edgerton, once president of the National Manufacturers' Association, surely they ought to be of help to many others. And I am sure that thousands of others will agree with him as to the everyday working values of these rules in the everyday working world in which we live.

The six rules are from only three chapters of the Bible. The first one is from Proverbs 16: "He that ruleth his spirit" is greater than "he that taketh a city."

The next three are from Galatians 6, and I do not give them in any special order. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked," is one; another, "Let us not be weary in well doing." The fourth rule is in verse ten of this chapter, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."

The last two of these six rules are in James, chapter 1, verses 5 and 19:

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth . . . liberally, and upbraideth not."

"Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."

As in almost everything, old things are best—this, life soon teaches each new year's army of new-diploma men—so these rules are good because they are old, old rules. They have been tried over and over again, year in and year out for hundreds of years.

If I were getting my diploma again this year, I believe I would have these rules printed or typed and fastened securely to my diploma. This would bring them freshly to my heart and mind again, and I think they would add something very valuable to my diploma which it does not contain.

Why should not all diplomas given by schools and colleges have printed on them a few rules of success?

of Christ and Christianity

Many worthy things appeal to men in the world: love, beauty, art, music, and kindness appeal to men. These in themselves are nothing compared to the greatest appeal, *Christ and Christianity*.

By these two, Christian people are living, and sinners find new life. Christ is the source of Christianity, the center of the gospel, the power of God, the fullness of the Godhead, and wisest Counselor of men and nations. Christ appeals to men because of His perfect and sinless character. He was "holy, [and] harmless, . . . made higher than the heavens" (Hebrews 7:26). He appeals to men by His unique personality, His glorious presence, which has perfumed the world for nineteen hundred years.

He appeals to men because of His atoning death for all sin, and by His bodily resurrection, thereby guaranteeing to us a bodily resurrection. Christ—always a Miracle Worker—caused the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the dumb to speak, the lame to walk, the lepers to be cleansed, the devils to be cast out, fevers to be dispelled—can today forgive all sins and heal all human woes. Nothing in the providence of God has succeeded like Christ!

Christ gives to souls a new birth, a new heart, and a new life when they trust Him fully. He has demonstrated His power in the past, and has amply done so in modern times. He gives victory over sin, purity, and hope of immortality. In Christ the world may have assurance of a perfect Bible, everlasting life, redemption from sin, and eternal glory with the Father.

No other religious leader has lived such a life, taught such truth, displayed such perfection of example, died such a death, and risen again in triumph over death and hell, ascending into heaven, promising to return for His own followers.

Christ appeals to men of all ages, nationalities, dispositions, and all vocations in life. He appeals because He can give saving faith, abundant grace, lasting joy, abiding peace, and eternal life. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36).

Christianity is Christ and all true believers united to Him. This union is produced by faith in His death and person, revealed by the Word of God,

and made actual by the Holy Spirit in the life. Christ said, *Ye must be born again* (John 3:7).

All other religions have failed to give men a change of heart, to affect them vitally and eternally. Christianity has changed hundreds of millions of souls. It has built hundreds of hospitals, established mission stations, built schools, protected motherhood and childhood, besides showing how God *tenderly cares* for humanity, and is concerned about their every need. "Produce a single religion, apart from Christianity, which can atone for sin and cleanse from sin!" There is none other!

A British Army officer was asked how he became a Christian. "I'll tell you," he replied. "When I was a private in India, my roommate was a Christian who *really lived* the Christian life. He prayed daily and studied his Bible. One rainy night I came in about bedtime, and seeing him kneeling in prayer, smote him with my muddy boot on one side of the head, and with the other boot on the other side of the head. But he never even turned or protested. *In the morning I found my boots nicely polished* and standing under my cot. It broke my heart; I could not fathom such love and forbearance! That day *I became a Christian!*"

Christianity is divine, but sweetly reasonable, and appeals to the reason of thinking men. It appeals to highest moral principles by its sound standards. It condemns sin, but also offers atonement for it. Christianity appeals to men because of the sins it forgives, the habits it conquers, the diseases it heals, the salvation it brings, the hope eternal it inspires, the divine grace it bestows, the everlasting assurance it gives, and by the lives it so miraculously transforms.

Christianity appeals to men because of its re-

What Might Have Been:

*I held a moment in my hand,
Brilliant as a star,
Fragile as a flower,
A shiny sliver out of one hour.
I dropped it carelessly.
O God! I knew not
I held opportunity.*

—HAZEL LEE, India



News in Picture



HONORED at the thirty-seventh annual commencement of Eastern Nazarene College was President Edward S. Mann, for thirty years of devoted service to E.N.C. Pictured (left to right): Merritt H. Mann, son, graduating; Mrs. Mann; President Mann; Dean Alvin H. Kauffman; and Dean Emeritus Bertha Munro.

storing merit, its transforming power, its message of good hope and cheer. It appeals because it destroys the works of the devil, bringing comfort to human hearts, help to the needy, and the kindness of God to the vilest of sinners.

Christianity reveals the wonders of God: His majesty, glory, and holiness, before which human sin must disappear! Christianity conquers death, reveals perfect life in Christ, and assures us of becoming like himself. "We shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (I John 3:2). It appeals because of its justice in law and its mercy in justice. This living organism, the true Church of God, through which Christianity has been demonstrated, has dethroned wrong, molded the destinies of nations, evangelized heathen peoples, maintained law and order, exalted righteousness, given victory to the weak, purity to the vile, and promise of redemption to wicked souls who repent of sin.

Christianity is essentially a revelation of the love of God. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Christ said the two greatest commandments were love to God and love to our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). This is the *diamond rule* of life. If these were kept perfectly there would be a different world and less failure. But this is not always the case, for too many people obey lower appeals of sin, despising the love, mercy, and goodness of God.

As a young lady was adjusting her hair, pre-

paratory to going to a dance, she observed her sister behind her. Anna, her sister, saw the diamond in her older sister's hair.

"What are you thinking about, Anna?" asked her sister.

"Oh, I was thinking about what my Sunday school teacher said about winning souls—that we would shine like the stars! I wonder who will be the *first* star in my crown."

Anna went to bed, for she was a Christian, but her older sister went dancing. She came home late—tired, soul-sick, and disappointed with life. She saw her beautiful sister asleep with that appearance of innocence, and thought about her remark a few hours before, "I wonder who will be the *first* star in my crown."

She knelt by her sister's bed and prayed softly, "O God, I'm so tired of the world, of sin, of its pitfalls! Please, God, save me, and forgive my sins. Make me a Christian, and someday I'll be the first star in Anna's crown! For Jesus' sake. Amen!"

Instantly the Lord responded—answered her heartfelt appeal and forgave her sins, assuring her soul of salvation.

"Wake up, darling!" she cried. "I'm saved, and I'm going to be the first star in your crown!"

Christ in Christianity is the living *Person* to whom you must commit your life, forsaking all sin, and accept Him as your personal Saviour. "But *as many* as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Trust in Christ today. He will become to you a living reality!

I was amazed to see what happened when—

By **FLETCHER GALLOWAY**

Pastor, First Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan



I Dropped a Quarter

I was standing at a busy street corner and dropped a quarter—"two bits" we would have called it in Texas—but this is Michigan. It amazed me what happened. Everybody within a half block stopped and looked my way. Even an important-looking man just getting into his Cadillac, stepped back out and turned around. The jingle of silver coin—money—has a strange drawing power. Material values hold such a large place in the thinking of the average person that just the suggestion of possibly finding a free coin stopped traffic momentarily. Of course they did not know I dropped it on purpose and watched with a Scotchman's eye to see where it rolled.

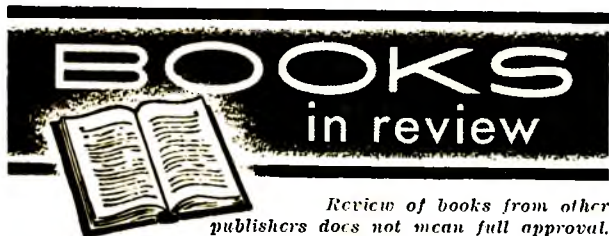
I was walking along the street in a great city. My friend who walked by my side was part Indian. In his veins coursed the blood of that noble race that roamed the forests and lived close to nature. He himself was a great lover of nature and was very much at home on a mountain stream or in the woods. Suddenly he stopped and said, "Listen! What was that?"

I heard the screech of brakes, the clash of truck gears, the sound of automobile horns, the rumble of a train in the distance, the roar of a plane overhead, a policeman's whistle—all that mad jumble of sounds that one would find in the congested area of a big city. What in the world was my friend talking about? He turned back a few steps and walked over to a window box, poked around in the dirt a little bit and smiled as he found what he was looking for—a cricket. "I thought I heard him," he said.

"Did you see the young man who was sitting beside me in church?" asked one of my members. "He is my new neighbor. You know, I went over to see him and I found he had a hungry heart. Please help me pray for him. I believe he is going to get saved. His wife has promised to come with him tonight." You can imagine how thrilled and blessed that good man was, when his neighbor and wife were saved.

One of those poor unfortunate souls—one of my church members who had become disgruntled—said to me at the door as she left, "I'm never going to darken the door of this church again. The only person who spoke to me tonight insulted me. She said to me, 'How are you, stranger?'" (I had to admit that this was not a very diplomatic approach, having her unfaithfulness thrown into her face the first time she had been to church for six months.)

I thought about these people. The crowd on the corner who heard the coin the instant it struck the sidewalk, my friend who heard the cricket, the good man who found some hungry hearts next door, and the unhappy woman to whom a well-intended, though unwise remark sounded like an insult. I said to myself, Every man consciously or subconsciously tunes his soul to a certain wave length, and *life* comes in.



Review of books from other publishers does not mean full approval.

WHERE TWO CREEDS MEET*

O. GLENN MCKINLEY
(Beacon Hill, \$1.50)

This very worthy book has a subtitle which explains it, "A Biblical Evaluation of Calvinism and Arminianism."

These are some particular values this book will offer you. First, it will get you acquainted with the historical background and the real meaning of Arminianism. Inasmuch as the Church of the Nazarene is in the Arminian camp, we are very wise to understand a bit more about our background.

Second, by placing side by side the teachings of Calvinism and Arminianism in a very fair, frank, but scriptural manner, you will see beyond controversy the distinct significance of being an Arminian. You will notice that not only does the sweep of scripture, but the sweep of history, undergird the position taken by all of us who classify ourselves as Arminian.

—NORMAN R. OKE, *Book Editor*

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THE HILLS ARE HIS!

By **KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

*When I am weary, how the great hills call me
Away from routine cares of daily life;
From noisy crowds, their hollow-sounding laughter,
From competitions, bickerings, and strife!
The hills are His. Back in the dawning ages
He piled their snow-crowned summits near the
sky
To guide our vision upward, and to stir us
To nobler dreams, and aspirations high.
Protectingly they guard the peaceful valley,
And know the force of wind—the crash of hail,
And speak of towering strength that knows no
measure,
And love omnipotent that cannot fail.*

*At daybreak I have watched them touched with
splendor
Of amethyst and amber; seen the storms
Descend upon them suddenly with fury,
Obscuring for a time their mighty forms.
Then they emerge serene, more finely chiseled;
Guardians of the valley still they stand.
The hills are ever preaching quiet sermons—
Eternal truths to hearts that understand.
When I am weary, how the great hills call me
To look beyond the mundane to the high!
For there I touch God's hand, and rest my burden.
The hills belong to Him—and so do I.*

A Little

LOOK AT LIFE

By **MRS. W. M. FRANKLIN**

The passengers had been ordered to their state-rooms. The decks were nearly forsaken. The steamer was rolling in the huge waves of the severe storm on the Atlantic as the ocean vessel plied its way from London to America. One young man walked the deck alone. It was difficult to keep his footing but he wanted to talk to the pilot of the boat. Anxiously he enquired, "Is there any danger?"

Keeping his eye faithfully ahead the pilot answered, "There is no danger for the person who is living in God." The young man felt the rebuke for his anxiety and hurried to his room. Pilot Christensen was soon released while another pilot took the wheel. As the steamer was tossed on the mighty waves of the ocean, Paul sought and found the Lord. He did not see Pilot Christensen again on the voyage.

Years went by, in which Paul made many trips to many parts of the world. Liners were more luxurious; travel was safer and more enjoyable. The speed with which the vessels crossed the ocean

had improved, but the waves of the mighty Atlantic rolled just as high in the storms. One day, as Paul was making the crossing to America again, a severe storm arose. There was no fear in his heart, for all was well with his soul, yet he walked the deck alone as he went to the pilot's house. There he found an old man, weather-beaten by his years on the waters of the world. Paul said, "Sir, I would like to tell you how I came to know the God who rules the storms."

The pilot said, as he kept his eye ahead, "There is no danger for the person who is living in God."

"Those are the words Pilot Christensen used, when I first saw my need of salvation. Are you Pilot Christensen?"

"Yes, Son, and happy to tell you that I have made that testimony to many people. You are the first one to come to me here with a testimony. I thank you."

"And I thank you for being faithful to my soul when I needed a Saviour."

We are living in a world of passing things. Towering buildings are erected and eventually they crumble. Mighty armies are recruited only to fall. Great empires are built, then they collapse. In a world of change and decay, thank God, His Word says that His name shall endure forever.—*Selected.*



EDITORIALS.....

Little Talks on Sin

A right conception of sin is basic to Christianity. You can't have a proper view of the Christian religion with an improper view of sin. An inadequate view of sin carries with it an inadequate view of God, Jesus Christ, the atonement, the Holy Ghost, salvation, heaven, and hell. When sin is counted a little thing, or if the distinction between right and wrong isn't clear-cut, God's holiness, the highest of all His characteristics, is misunderstood. For a holy God, sin is clearly differentiated from righteousness. Sin as an act brings guilt and separation from God. It always leads to hell if unconfessed and unforgiven. It cannot in any sense be thought of as a passing matter; it is an affront to the very nature of God and the universe itself. We must watch our step when it comes to the question of sin; compromise here can end in nothing but disaster. I have said what I have as a preface to a quotation from Volume 2, p. 212, of Dr. A. M. Hill's *Fundamental Christian Theology*:

"(1) *The regenerated man does not habitually sin.* I John 3:9, 'Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin.' I John 5:18, 'Whosoever is born of God sinneth not.' 'He cannot sin because he is born of God' (3:9). Not that it is physically impossible, but morally so. He must first abandon his regeneration, before he can get his own consent to commit a wilful sin. A regenerated man must live outwardly above the conscious practice of sin, as truly as a sanctified man. There are no separate standards for them. 'In this are the children of God manifest, and the children of the devil; whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God' (I John 3:10)."

Speaking of the regenerated man, Dr. Hills says: "He must first abandon his regeneration, before he can get his own consent to commit a wilful sin." That is, a man before he can commit a willful sin (the opposite of non-wilful sin, which we often

speak of as a mistake, or a sin of ignorance—wrongdoing which arises out of one's infirmities) must "abandon his regeneration." Willful sin always carries with it guilt, and the breaking of one's relationship as well as one's fellowship with God.

It has always been difficult to differentiate between infirmities, mistakes, or sins of ignorance, and deliberate or willful transgressions. Only the individual involved and God can make these distinctions. At this point, no finite person can be the judge of another. This much I do know, however: insofar as any wrongdoing of mine is deliberate, to that extent I am a sinner, a deliberate sinner; and if I am to any extent a deliberate sinner, I become guilty, and backsliding follows.

There are those who can talk about deliberate sinning without backsliding, or at least complete backsliding. For them, one's fellowship with God is broken, but not his relationship. He still *stands* in a saving relation to God. But there is no place here for those of the Wesleyan tradition. There is no halfway station for them. A sin can't be half voluntary and produce a Christian who is half backslidden.

While emphasizing the fact that voluntary sin always causes backsliding I would emphasize the truth that God always stands ready to forgive. If a Christian, even a sanctified person, sins and backslides, that doesn't mean at all that he has to continue in this state. He can be forgiven immediately and restored to a converted state. More and more we should emphasize this possibility to our people. They do not have to wait until an altar call is made; they do not have to wait until they get back to church—God is ever ready to forgive the backslider. This is emphasized in the First Epistle of John, chapter two, verse one: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin

not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Notice that in the King James Version there is only a colon at the close of this verse; then the writer goes on to say: "And he is the propitiation

• By *Stephen S. White*

for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." The first verse in chapter two is not complete without the second. The latter has in it the most important word in the New Testament connected with the atonement, that is, with the provision which has been made for man's salvation. This word is "propitiation." John is calling attention to the truth that Jesus is now at the right hand of God interceding for every sinner—those who have never been saved, and those who may have been saved and have backslidden. He is ready to take such a one back at once.

Let's keep our thinking clear here and not confuse our minds as to what John thinks an act of sin will do for anyone. A deliberate, willful transgression of a known law of God causes even the sanctified to backslide. "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." But don't stop there; let's go on: "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." He is the "propitiation" for the backslider's sins as well as for the sins of the person who has not yet come to Him. John is not thinking of any special situation. He is simply setting forth a general principle of the atonement which is often found in the teaching of the New Testament.

How Much Water Does Your Well Have in It?

Recently at the Kansas City District camp meeting, Dr. B. V. Seals said: "It isn't hard to live religion up to the amount that you have in your heart." Those words have stayed with me. They have reminded me of the different types of wells that I've had to do with across the years.

As a small boy I drew water out of a well, in a bucket; not the "old oaken bucket," either. Thus I watered the hogs and cows, and provided

water for use in our home. Later we got beyond this stage. We had a deeper and better well, and a windmill, with our own water tank on a high platform. Then the water was piped into the house; I didn't have to carry it in any longer. Later we moved into another house and began to use "city water," as we called it; it was really "little town" water. The town bored the wells, pumped the water into a big tank, and supplied the community.

But in every instance we had difficulties, occasionally. When I drew the water, sometimes after watering the cows I had to wait before I could water the hogs. The level of the water sank too low. After this, when we had the windmill, the water in the well would give out. We had to turn off the windmill and wait until more water came in. And sometimes in that small town, when it took over the water system, the water got low or gave out temporarily.

But it was never difficult to get water out of the well, or out of the pipes that were in the house—after we had our own windmill or the city water—if there was water in the well. The only time we had a problem was when the water got low in the well. Dry wells weren't any good.

How much water does your spiritual well have in it? "It isn't hard to live religion up to the amount that you have in your heart." If your well of religion has gone dry, or nearly so, it's pretty difficult, then, to "live" much religion. Out of the heart "are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

Some people, if they go to prayer meeting, have to wait until they take on some more religion before they can get to Sunday school the following Sunday morning. There are others whose well runs dry if they tithe. That's about all they can do; they can't pray, or sing, or shout, or get into very many of the services. The trouble is that the level of the religion in their heart is low; the old well is about to go dry. They need to get reclaimed or they need to get sanctified; they need to read their Bibles more or pray more. God can so fill your heart with true religion that you can attend Sunday school, Sunday morning service, Sunday night service, prayer meeting, revival services, pay your tithe, say, "Amen," once in a while, testify at least occasionally, and do many other things for the Master. "It isn't hard to live religion up to the amount that you have in your heart." If *you* are having a hard time living your religion day by day, get some more of it in your heart. God's supply is unlimited. He'll come to your rescue if you'll give Him a chance! How deep is the water in *your* well of religion?



Foreign Missions

Barbados News

Our first quarterly service of the year was held on Good Friday at our tabernacle. Between eight and nine hundred were present at the morning service and a gracious sense of the Lord's presence pervaded the building. It was a joy to welcome and baptize twenty-eight new converts, and to receive an additional nineteen others into fellowship. There were quite a few seekers at our altar services also.

On the eighth and ninth of April we held our first Preachers' Convention with both pastors and their wives present. The various sessions and discussions on practical subjects, presented by the pastors, were a great blessing to all. There is a bigger, better, and more blessed spirit of harmony among our pastors since we have changed over to a full-time ministry. I am convinced that the prospects of a spiritual advance are better, and that there are signs of blossoming and bearing fruit these days more than at any time before.

The class sessions twice weekly are proving a big asset to the pastors in their preparation for their ministry in the pulpit.

It was a wonderful privilege to meet with the staff and to work with them in their first Youth Camp at Trinidad. The college grounds made an ideal place for this venture. It was thrilling to see the fine group of young people assembled there. Wednesday night was a never-to-be-forgotten experience, when old-time power and glory rested upon us and about thirty young people wept their way forward to the altar seeking salvation and cleansing. Friday night, too, was a glorious climax, when many more sought the Lord.—ROBERT BROWN, Barbados.

New Missionaries

Alice Marie Reed arrived in Beirut Lebanon, May 14, 1959. Timmy and Lawrence Paul and their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Reed, are all very happy to welcome the new sister.

Harry Jeffrey Flinner came to the Flinner home on May 21, 1959, and was just as joyfully received by his three sisters and his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Flinner, missionaries to Peru, who are presently home on furlough.

Missionaries on the Move

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wellmon left Nicaragua on May 28, 1959, to come to the States for furlough.

Rev. Paul Dayhoff has moved to the Lorraine Mission Station. His address is: Lorraine Mission Station, P.O. Box 27, Trichardsdal, Northern Transvaal, South Africa.

Prayer Request from Lorraine Station

Our greatest hindrance in our growing work is the problem of holding our people because of lack of national pastors to shepherd our flocks. Please pray that God will send us African pastors who will take over these preaching places and make them into strong, established churches, through the help of God.—I. E. DAYHOFF, *Lorraine, Transvaal, Africa.*

Recovering

Miss Jessie Rennie, missionary in Transvaal, Africa, is recovering well after having had major surgery on February 5.

Dr. T. Harold Jones Improving

We are very busy in the hospital these days, and Dr. Sutherland especially is putting in long hours as he tries to keep all the work going. Dr. Jones seems to be improving but will have to be free to rest for another few weeks.

Our Sunday school at Violetbank is growing. We had 215 in Sunday school yesterday and 235 on Easter Sunday. We are aiming for 300 now. I trust that someday we will have a church there. It is a very needy field.—RUTH MATCHETT, *Acornhoek, Transvaal, Africa.*

Dentons in Brazil

We arrived in Rio on April 23. Brother Mosteller and Brother Gates met us there and helped us through customs.

I hope to be in Campinas for just

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

a short visit, as we want to get on to Belo Horizonte and get started in finding a location for our beginning work there. It is hot here.

We find it wonderful to be in the midst of such a challenging field, and we covet your prayers as we go on to Belo Horizonte to open work. Pray that God will help us to find the right site and will send in people who are hungry for the gospel. We need His guidance every moment of the day.—RONALD DENTON, *Brazil.*

Answered Prayer for Brother Miller, Taiwan

We are most grateful for the prayers of our many friends and brothers and sisters in the Lord who prayed for us during the trying time when Brother Miller had his right eye removed. It was not an easy experience, but the Lord gave grace and brought him through. The left eye, as far as we know, is in good condition. There were three operations before the doctor was satisfied. His artificial eye was made by a little old Taiwanese in a tiny little shop here. Most of the Chinese people think he can see with it.—MRS. RAY MILLER, *Taiwan, Free China.*

Used Hymnals Needed

Several of our Trinidad churches are without hymnals and we would be grateful for any Nazarene hymnals that could be sent to us.—WESLEY HARMON, *Box 444, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.*



Nazarene Ministers Benevolent Fund

DEAN WESSELS, Secretary

We would like to share with you a letter from a retired elder in the South.

"I want to acknowledge the kindness of the District Assembly and the Department of Ministerial Benevolence for their much kindness and consideration of me. The Lord bless and reward all that were concerned, even all those who make it possible for the retired ministers to receive such checks. . . .

"Even though I have passed through the waters, the rivers did not overflow; and sometimes the path led through the fire, but it did not burn because the Lord was with me. I love and appreciate the Church of the Nazarene and pray for it daily."

Your contributions to the Department of Ministerial Benevolence helped to supply the needs of this retired elder during this past year. Your love made possible this testimony.



Religious News & Comments

By **LESLIE PARRGTT**

● Two hundred and eleven British Congregational churches have fewer than ten members and several have only one, an official of the Congregational Union of England and Wales reported at its annual assembly in London. Ben Hartwell, chairman of the Union, also disclosed that more than seven hundred churches have only twenty-five members each.

● Fifty-four American Negroes have been ordained Roman Catholic priests since 1950.

● A prominent priest of a Protestant Episcopal church has charged that a scheduled preaching appearance at Silliman College in Clinton, Louisiana, in May was canceled because of his opposition to segregation. Rev. Malcomb Boyd said that he had been told by

telephone that if he spoke at the college the university would not receive a one million dollar grant in state funds. The thirty-five-year-old clergyman is a well-known writer in the field of religion and has made radio and television appearances.

● The appointment of Rev. Dr. Theodore A. Gill, president-elect of San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo, was hit a severe blow by California Presbyterians who "have indicated they will fight the Gill appointment because of his alleged denial of the virgin birth of Christ." The thirty-eight-year-old clergyman served as managing editor of the *Christian Century*, a nondenominational weekly published in Chicago, until his election last fall as president of the West Coast Seminary.

● Mrs. Mattie Smith, forty-seven-year-old mother of two, admitted setting fire to the Grace Nazarene Mission at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, after attending services there. Her reason? She was "mad at the preacher."

● Bishop Roy Short, of Nashville, is chairman of a nationwide observance of the 175th anniversary of the organization of the Methodist church in America. The observance will be held the week of December 27 of this year. Special ceremonies are planned for Baltimore, where the church was organized formally in 1781. At the "Christmas Conference" of young ministers in Baltimore, Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke were chosen as the first Methodist bishops for the United States.

● Fifteen million vacationers this summer will be able to worship in natural cathedrals under the open sky. One hundred and forty young men and women will minister to those who seek these services on the shores of mountain lakes or in secluded woodland glens. The young people come from American colleges and theological seminaries. They will spend the summer in the

Servicemen's Corner



From a Chaplain's Report—

"Our religious services, of all our duties, hold the pre-eminence. I held 121 military services with a total of 16,039 in attendance. Most of these services were held in military chapels. Others were held among the sagebrush and dust of the desert, the rain and mud of the mountains, the debris of hot trenches, and in rain-soaked tents.

"From my pulpit, I have looked down the great Yakima mountains into the Columbia basin, where the Columbia River flows for a thousand miles. In Greenland, I have watched a glorious sunset across a field of snow and ice that stretched into the distance for fifteen hundred miles.

"I have sat at the general's conference and dined at the governor's table, but I think the greatest thrill of my military experience was to watch the light of heaven break into a young man's heart who had lost his way in the darkness of the night. At least once in a service I had forty men step forward and acknowledge Christ as their Saviour and King.

"In my services, the private sits in the same pew with the colonel. There is no rank when men bow their heads at the foot of the Cross and acknowledge Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

"When I came on active duty, I was afraid I might be somewhat lost to the church. I am glad to report that this was a false assumption. The pastors where I have been located have been very generous to me. A total of seventy-four

civilian services were held. This includes three revivals. Most of these were in Dr. Seals's district in Washington. I greatly appreciate the wonderful fellowship of our Nazarene people in these services."—CHAPLAIN (CAPT.) EARL A. KEISER, *Port of Whittier, Alaska.*

From Our Newest Chaplain—

"Things do not go very slowly in the chaplaincy. I am assigned as group chaplain of the Marine Group 23, and our present strength is around sixteen hundred, so there is plenty to keep me busy. We are settled in Santa Ana and the church here has given us a very warm welcome. I am to have charge of the Wing Sunday School, that averages around 285 pupils, and the junior church. This is in addition to my other regular duties and preaching for a month when my turn rolls around. Then I am to have charge of vacation Bible school, that anticipates about two hundred pupils."—LT. VILTON B. DOWNS, *U.S. Navy.*

Chaplain W. Wyland Huffman has been chosen to be the Protestant chaplain for the World Jamboree for the International Boy Scouts which will be held in the Philippines in July, 1950. He is presently serving aboard the U.S.S. "Bryce Canyon."

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national parks as desk clerks, waitresses, bellhops, filling station attendants, and the like. In their off-duty hours, they will serve as chaplain-counselors for vacationers. Several areas included are

the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia; Shadow Mountain National Recreational Area in Colorado; and the Daughton Park in North Carolina.



ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

Comparisons Are Odious

A recent letter from Dr. John Knight, superintendent of the Florida District, gives me a report of the home missionary activities of that district during the calendar year of 1958. During that year they organized 14 new churches. These churches reported a total membership of 347 at their recent district assembly. They enrolled 1,100 in Sunday school and on Easter Sunday had over 1,100 in attendance. They raised \$3,700 for world evangelism and over \$58,000 for all purposes. I call this building the Kingdom through the Church of the Nazarene. No wonder the district came up with a net increase in membership of 609, having received on profession of faith 721 new members. The district lacked only 1/10 of 1 per cent of being a 10 per cent district for world evangelism.

It has been said that comparisons are odious, but I can't help making some comparisons. There are a number of our districts that compare favorably in size, population, and economic strength with the Florida District but have made little or no progress in home missionary outreach. Naturally I wonder why. I know some of the excuses made, but do they really "hold water"? For instance, "We believe in concentrating our efforts in a few places and thus avoiding a lot of small, struggling churches." So far the past few years these districts have spent all their resources on one, two, or three places, and some oversized baby churches have been born. But many times the oversized babies just remain babies. The record will show that too many of these churches that have been on the receiving end so long fail to ever come to a full sense of their missionary responsibility. The records of the few churches of this type of home missionary work do not compare favorably with the growth and percentage of missionary giving in districts with the home missionary drive evidenced in the Florida record.

In checking the records for the first three years of this quadrennium, I find that only seventeen districts made a net average increase of more than one church per year. Nine districts show no increase at all in number of churches over this three-year period, and nine

districts show an actual loss in the number of churches on their rolls.

Possibly I should not publish such a record in the *Herald of Holiness*. It certainly is nothing to shout about. But this is our record, and it should cause us to pray for our lagging home missionary outreach. I trust that our people everywhere will pray for their district superintendents and advisory boards and home missionary groups. If everybody will make it a point to see the picture as it is, I believe we can find a solution. We are spending more money in the field of home missions than ever before and seeing less accomplished. With our exploding population, we cannot plead a lack of opportunity for holiness evangelism. And we cannot excuse ourselves because of the heavy drive for new churches during the Golden Anniversary year. This is our record for three years, including that of our Golden Anniversary.

I am praying that a new spirit will possess us and that new, holy enthusiasm will grip the hearts of Nazarenes everywhere and this lagging trend will soon be reversed.

Home Missionary Spirit Builds

I have recently received several different notes of home missionary interest from the Northern California District. A home mission club call says, "In the past few years, three churches have been organized from the North Sacramento church. The North Highlands church is the most recent of these new churches. Strangely enough, North Sacramento church has moved forward in attendance, finances, and spiritual strength."

Rev. Kenneth Vogt, pastor of San Jose Westside Church, has sent me interesting statistics of that church, out of which the Cambrian church was organized two years ago. He observes: "In two years prior to division, Westside received 20 members by profession of faith. In two years since, Westside has received 49 and Cambrian 8, for a total of 57 by profession of faith. Before division, Westside was declining in Sunday school attendance. Now we are gaining and running near the 300 mark. The total annual giving of the two churches has increased \$14,050

above the amount given by Westside two years ago, and the budgets carried by the two churches are more than double the amount given by Westside before the new church was organized. Westside alone would never have made the net gains realized. In fact, had she not been challenged with the birth of a new church, she would not today be at the height of her spiritual productivity as she is." In summarizing the situation, Pastor Vogt says: "Not only is the new church well established, but the mother church is stronger than in all probability she would have been had we not divided. *So we are praying as a board and waiting upon the Lord for another opening where we can do it again.* The people are coming into this valley by the thousands and our only hope to reach our share of them is through more churches, and growing churches."

There are other churches that need a challenge to arouse them from a settled complacency. For many that challenge can be found in an enlarged vision and concern that come from sponsoring and digging out a new home missionary church. The pioneering spirit of rugged holiness evangelism that has characterized the early days of the Church of the Nazarene may still be found today in the thrill of home missions. Let it never die from our midst!

Thought
for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

"Freely Give"

Monday:

"Remember, from now on as long as you live you are going to have to be a giver." I was speaking to a young woman, a college graduate with a brilliant mind, who seemed in danger of letting her energies evaporate in excessive sympathies, self-reproaches, and self-analysis, theological explorations—a devastating emotional self-indulgence. "You are going to have to be strong with strength to share. You have an inescapable influence to account for. You must husband your assets, then give them." (Matthew 10:8e.)

Tuesday:

It is true of us all. An old motto, "Noblesse oblige." Rank involves responsibility—in more familiar terms,

"Give in the same measure as you have received." What does it say to us? Jesus put the measure in terms of a debt of 10,000 talents—a sum (I heard calculated this week) which would have taken a man working 160 years, 24 hours a day, to earn. Impossible ever to pay the debt of love I owe. God says, Pass it on—today, tomorrow, as long as I give you days to work in. (Matthew 18:23-27.)

Wednesday:

Give forgiveness—generously, ungrudgingly, unendingly. Your supply won't give out, for it is from God, and He has plenty. Give unassumingly, unostentatiously, unpretentiously—not adding a lecture or a taunt that will humiliate or bemean. Give a lift of encouragement, "considering thyself, lest thou also . . ." Tomorrow you may be in his place. (Matthew 18:28-35, 21:23; Galatians 6:1.)

Thursday:

Give when you have nothing to give—or feel you have nothing. Give when you have to borrow to give—borrow from God, that is. When the need confronts you, you must never forget you have a rich Friend, himself a Banker, who will advance as much as you require. Yes, you will have to pay interest—in prayer, and concern, and faith, and patience; but the joy of giving is worth all it costs and more. (And interest is soon canceled, the principal too, and compound interest begins to pile up in the other direction!) (Luke 11:5-10; 9:12-13.)

Friday:

"Give to him that asketh," even when the demand is unreasonable, inconvenient, embarrassing—or repeated to the point of imposition. Stop only when you are *certain* that your giving what he thinks he wants is actually robbing him of a higher good. (And this is a difficult and risky decision, to be made only when the higher good is plain and you try with God's help to show him how to reach it.) (Matthew 5:42; Ecclesiastes 11:1.)

Saturday:

Give—not ask—sympathy. Rejoice with another, even when you feel you need him to weep with you. And weep with him—learn to feel with him genuinely.

Give—not ask—understanding. Give the benefit of the doubt always. Give the best construction to your neighbor's action. You can learn to do this if you get yourself out of the way and your own craving for understanding. Give understanding and you will be likely to get it in return. (Mark 12:31; Romans 12:15; Luke 6:38.)

Sunday:

But give, "hoping for nothing again." Calculating returns or personal advantage has no place in giving. Give because yours is a giving heart, filled with the grace of God. His nature is to give—grace means giving. "Be . . . as your Father." (Luke 6:35-36.)

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Could you give me some knowledge about angels? We always see them pictured as beautiful and with white wings. Just where did people get this idea? Do you think that they do just as they are commanded or do they have minds of their own?

Angels are spiritual beings and must have the power of free choice—at least some of them fell once. Angels are heavenly beings and are a little higher than men (Hebrews 1:14). Angels neither marry nor are given in marriage (Matthew 22:30). They are holy (Mark 8:38). Angels are created beings. They are ministering spirits—the very word angel means messenger or envoy. Angels are not all-wise (Matthew 24:36). There are differences in rank among the angels—archangels and ordinary angels. Also there may be other distinctions within

Where are the fallen angels at this time?

They have been cast out of heaven, and their doom will be hell, which was especially prepared for them. At present they are working with Satan, who

Will all of those who go to hell receive the same punishment?

It is taught that there will be degrees of rewards in heaven, and the same can be said as to the punishment in hell. Speaking of the latter, one conservative writer, after saying that the doom of sinners of all degrees of guilt is endless, writes thus: "The third statement is that as there are degrees in the rewards of the righteous, so also there are degrees in the punishment of the unrighteous. The Judge of all the earth will do right. We need have no misgivings at this point. The degree of light men possess; the degree of fidelity to that light; the use of the opportuni-

Can Satan do anything he wants to?

Certainly Satan can think for himself. He is very shrewd and wise. You and I are no match for him without the help of God. On the other hand, Satan does not have all power. God can and does limit him. He (God) that is for and

What about reincarnation—the idea that we are born again and again until finally we become what we ought to be? Recently I talked with some people who had much to say about this. They also claimed that the dead can come back and help us to make the right choices. Is there anything in the Bible which supports such views?

There is absolutely nothing in the Bible which substantiates the theory of reincarnation or the fact that the dead come back and help us to make right choices. He who places his hopes in such views as these is leaning on a crutch which will fail him when it is too late to do anything about it. Chal-

Will a suicide be saved?

We should be careful in our judgments here. God knows the hearts and minds of men and will be just. If a person in his right mind deliberately takes his own life, I do not believe that he will make it to heaven, for he is a murderer. Further, I believe that there

are some who do this very thing. On the other hand, there are no doubt those who are not in their right mind that commit suicide. They are not murderers and will be judged in the light of what they were before they became mentally unbalanced.

leads the powers of darkness against God (II Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 12:7; Matthew 25:41).

ties and powers with which they are blessed; the circumstances which condition their lives; in a word, every fact which has any bearing upon human guilt and responsibility will be considered. It follows from this that not all the wicked will suffer the same degree of punishment. The doctrine of degrees in rewards and punishments is one of the most clearly revealed doctrines of Scripture." Then this writer refers us to Luke 12:47-48; Matthew 11:21-24; and Romans 4:15; 2:15; and 2:12.

Can he think for himself?

with us is more than all who are against us; and this includes Satan, for he is surely against us. Nothing delights him more than to thwart the purpose of God in man.

allenge people who give you such views to prove the same from the Bible. Some people seem to like to be deceived. If you and I get to heaven, we will have to do it by our own choices. We can't be what we ought to be in this world and go where we want to go hereafter except as we choose Christ and His way.

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The Sunday School Lesson

MENDELL TAYLOR



Topic for July 19:

No Strangers with God (Ruth)

LESSON: Ruth 1-4 (Printed: Ruth 1:19-22; 2:1-2; 4:13-17)

GOLDEN TEXT: *He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt (Deuteronomy 10: 18-19).*

A Bitter Plight: The Book of Ruth is a vivid presentation of ennobling friendships. One of the most beautiful of these friendships was between Naomi and her daughter-in-law, Ruth. The meaning of Naomi is "Pleasant One." She had been a popular young belle in Bethlehem during her early life. Her marriage to Elimelech had been attended by great festivities. Two sons were born to this union. The cup of happiness overflowed for this little family, until a famine struck the country.

During this emergency the family moved to Moab. Tragedies started coming in rapid succession. First, the young husband died. Second, the sons married Moabite girls. Third, ten years later the two sons died. All of this had taken such a toll on the mother that she decided to return to the old home place. Maybe a change of environment would give her a lift.

One daughter-in-law, Ruth, decided to go with her. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the former friends of Naomi could hardly believe that she was the same woman who had left them a few years before. She took the initiative in acknowledging her change of appearance. She told her friends not to call her Naomi, but Mara, which means "bitterness."

A Benevolent Program: Naomi had no way to make a living for herself and Ruth. However, the Jewish people had a benevolent program that would provide food for unfortunate people. According to Deuteronomy 24:19-21, there was a command that fields were not to be stripped absolutely bare. Some of the grain was to be left in the field to be gleaned by the poor and the underprivileged.

Naomi had a wealthy kinsman who was a farmer by the name of Boaz.

Naomi instructed Ruth to make full use of the benevolent program for the relief of the poor, by gleaning in his field. (This system of relief was not a giveaway program. The poor had to put out enough labor to gather the food materials.)

A Blessed Partnership: The beauty, the industry, and the friendliness of Ruth gained the attention of Boaz. He soon learned of her devotion to Naomi. As he became better acquainted with Ruth, he noticed her strong character qualities and her charming ways. A romance soon blossomed forth; this culminated in a happy marriage. This was a perfect match. It was a partnership that brought many blessings.

A Bountiful Payoff: The marriage of

Ruth to Boaz solved the financial problem for Naomi. It also took care of a deeper need. One of the keenest disappointments which Naomi suffered was the loss of her two sons, who had no heirs. To Jewish women, the lack of posterity was a major tragedy. When Ruth gave birth to a son, Naomi was able to claim it as her next of kin.

Once more Naomi was called by her regular name. She recovered her former disposition and outlook upon life. Her joy was complete. Her payoff for faithfulness was more than she had ever dreamed would be hers.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	May 1958	May 1959	Increase
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
Florida	8,920	9,325	405
Alabama	* 6,848	7,138	290
Kentucky	5,750	5,871	121
Mississippi	2,982	2,996	14
East Tennessee	5,963	5,875	-88
Eastern Kentucky	* 5,057	4,924	-133
Georgia	6,214	6,043	-171
Tennessee	8,214	7,956	-258
West Virginia	12,107	11,828	-279
Virginia	3,483	3,157	-326
North Carolina	no report		
South Carolina	no report		
EASTERN ZONE			
Philadelphia	5,698	5,940	242
New York	* 2,195	2,420	225
New England	7,520	7,593	73
Washington	5,544	5,534	-10
Akron	12,866	12,593	-273
Pittsburgh	9,138	8,237	-901
Albany	no report		
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH			
Canada Central	* 2,107	2,771	664
Maritime	* 981	1,112	131
British Isles South	* 2,918	2,935	17
Canada Pacific	1,340	1,245	-95
Canada West	no report		
British Isles North	no report		
Australia	no report		
NORTHWEST ZONE			
Idaho-Oregon	5,575	6,051	476
Washington Pacific	5,860	6,093	233
Alaska	* 725	781	56
Northwest	* 6,938	6,993	55
Rocky Mountain	2,542	2,489	-53
Nevada Utah	895	779	-116
Minnesota	2,504	2,371	-133
Oregon Pacific	8,363	7,765	-598

NEWS of the Churches



Canada West N.Y.P.S. Convention

"Thrilling!" "Tremendous!" "I'm so glad I came!" These are a few of the enthusiastic comments made by young people who gathered for the Canada West District N.Y.P.S. convention at Red Deer, Alberta. This annual event was held over the holiday week end of May 16 to 18, concurrently with the commencement activities at Canadian Nazarene College.

They came from near and far—some even traveling more than 700 miles. Such effort was not without its reward. There were 180 who attended the "kick-off" banquet; 60 voices blended in

"Holiness unto the Lord" over the local TV station.

Rev. Norman R. Oke, convention speaker, was true to form and was mightily used of God to touch youthful hearts. On Sunday evening about 600 young people from all parts of the vast district joined in a never-to-be-forgotten rally. Following this about 200 united voice and heart in song and testimony in the shadow of nearby "Piper's Mountain." While the campfire slowly died, scores of burning hearts were fanned into increased intensity.

Plans are under way to make this the greatest year in our history. Enthusiasm

and spiritual intensity are at a high tide. Nazarene youth are on the march in Western Canada.—*Reporter.*

Florida District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The twentieth annual Florida District N.Y.P.S. convention opened with 260 young people meeting in the Broadway Methodist Church of Orlando on Monday evening, May 18, for the annual "kick-off" banquet.

The business sessions convened the following morning under the capable direction of the district president, Rev. Tom Ream. Reports indicated good gains in every phase of the work, including a 28.7 per cent gain in active membership and a 33.7 per cent gain in associate membership.

Officers elected for the new year are: Rev. Tom Ream, president; Rev. Bill Anderson, vice-president; Rev. Eugene Williams, secretary; Rev. Bill Chambers, treasurer; and Kendall Blanchard and Barbara Stiles, teen-age representatives.

Florida youth are united under the direction of the district council, and plans for camp and institute, Trevecca Caravan, youth tours, area rallies, PALS, and Caravan work lead us to trust the Lord for another year of substantial gain in the rapidly growing state of Florida.—*Bob BENSON, Reporter.*

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio—First Church recently enjoyed a great revival with Evangelist W. T. Elkins. We greatly appreciated his wonderful gospel preaching, also his readings and quoting of scripture. Special singing was furnished by the good people of Akron East Liberty Church. We thank God for this group of workers. Many souls found the Lord in saving and sanctifying power. The church board requested that Brother Elkins return for a meeting in 1960. The Lord has been good to us since we came here one year ago in June; we have had an increase in every department, with twenty-three new members added to the church.—*E. W. COCHRAN, Pastor.*

Evangelist G. Franklin Allee reports: "Recently it was a privilege to conduct a revival in our church in Casper, Wyoming, where we spent four happy years as pastor some years ago. Rev. Kenneth Ball is doing a splendid work, the people love him, and the church is spiritual and aggressive. Splendid crowds attended the services, with a number of souls praying through at the altar. Also, in recent revivals we have labored at Arcadia, California, with Rev. Joe Stockett; at Ashland, Oregon, with Rev. E. E. Crawford; and at Hood River, Oregon, with Pastor Vern H. Lewis. In every place we have been treated royally, and God has given souls. I have a fall date open (1959), and also some time still open in 1960. Write me, 1137 Skyline Drive, Moses Lake, Washington."

	May 1958	May 1959	Increase
North Dakota	no report		
South Dakota	no report		
CENTRAL ZONE			
Northeastern Indiana	10,775	11,027	252
Northwestern Illinois	* 5,337	5,392	55
Chicago Central	6,304	6,328	24
Illinois	9,118	9,085	-33
Iowa	6,640	6,546	-94
Central Ohio	15,079	14,940	-139
Western Ohio	15,359	15,176	-183
Southwest Indiana	10,012	9,671	-341
Michigan	9,555	8,819	-736
Eastern Michigan	no report		
Wisconsin	no report		
Indianapolis	no report		
Missouri	no report		
Northwest Indiana	no report		
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Southwest Oklahoma	5,098	5,411	313
Dallas	* 4,671	4,814	143
Northeast Oklahoma	* 3,966	4,120	154
Houston	3,826	3,817	-9
Northwest Oklahoma	5,689	5,696	7
North Arkansas	3,798	3,801	3
Kansas	8,262	8,194	-68
San Antonio	3,592	3,521	-71
South Arkansas	4,199	3,961	-238
Joplin	4,628	4,376	-252
Nebraska	2,778	2,511	-267
Abilene	5,862	4,792	-1,070
Kansas City	no report		
Southeast Oklahoma	no report		
Louisiana	no report		
SOUTHWEST ZONE			
Southern California	* 12,014	12,961	947
Colorado	* 6,292	6,291	-1
Hawaii	* 715	685	-30
New Mexico	3,477	3,441	-36
Arizona	4,280	4,074	-206
Northern California	16,383	15,586	-797
Los Angeles	no report		
Estimated average for May, 1959		413,287	
Decrease under average of May, 1958		5,297	
% of decrease		1%	

*Average attendance last assembly year

E. G. BENSON
Field Secretary

Howell, Michigan—the past few months have been days of special blessings for our church. On last January 18 we dedicated a spacious and beautiful new church, giving us facilities for a Sunday school of five hundred. Dr. G. B. Williamson was the dedication speaker. In February Rev. Ponder Gilliland was speaker for youth week, and the church was greatly benefited through his ministry. The month of March was highlighted by 446 in Sunday school on Easter, with an offering of over \$800. In May we had a revival with Evangelist C. B. Cox and Professor Leland Davis. The preaching of Brother Cox was a real instrument in the hands of God and we appreciated his ministry. God blessed and gave more than seventy-five seekers at the altar. Recently the church gave the pastor, Rev. W. E. Varian, a unanimous call for another year. The church at Howell is marching forward for God.—Reporter.

Southern California District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The convention began officially with the largest group of young people ever assembled together on the Southern California District at the annual banquet, held this year in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. One thousand and fifty young people fellowshiped together, heard ten wonderful teen-talent contestants, and applauded the winners, Jan Dunn and Martin Anderson from Long Beach First Church; and then sat back to hear Dr. William Greathouse

deliver a masterful message, "Witnessing to Win."

Under the very capable leadership of President Paul Benefiel, the convention convened on May 15 at the Lynwood Church. Reports of the local presidents, zone chairmen, and district officers showed that the young people "mean business with Christ." The president's report showed tremendous gains in every department: 2,618 members now in the Southern California District N.Y.P.S., thousands of dollars raised, and hundreds of books read.

On Friday the president presented a check for \$500 to Rev. Charles Elam, who is starting our newest home mission work at West Anaheim. We have taken this church as a project for the coming year.

Pomona First Church received the honor-rating trophy and Redlands the reading trophy. Other awards and honors were presented to encourage our young people to participate in the total program of the church.

Rev. Reuben Welch was elected as district N.Y.P.S. president by an excellent vote. His executive council will be composed of Jewel Meador, Bob Foster, and Ernie Owen. Rev. Paul Benefiel, who is going to do some part-time teaching at Pasadena College this year, declined to allow himself to be nominated. The district has shown tremendous gains in spirit and efficiency during his two years as president; we were fortunate to have a man like him to serve us.

District Superintendent Nicholas A. Hull loves the young people, and the young people appreciate his spirit and concern for their spiritual welfare.

Dr. Wm. Greathouse gave some tremendous messages on "Witnessing" and "The Work of the Holy Spirit." The Spirit warmed hearts, also searched them, and many young people sought a deeper experience with God at the altar of prayer.—HAROLD B. BUCKNER, Reporter.

British Isles South District Assembly

The sixth annual assembly of the British Isles South District convened May 18 and 19, in the Co-operative Halls, Bolton, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding. God was with us. A mighty anointing of the Spirit rested upon Dr. Vanderpool, and we rejoice in the old-time religion in the old-fashioned way. The Sunday services, devotional services, and evening rallies were pregnant with the power of the Spirit of God. There were many seekers at the altar. On Sunday evening the altar had to be extended as souls sought God—some were gloriously converted and others sanctified wholly. We shall not soon forget Dr. Vanderpool's visit to British Isles South. The assembly gatherings were also graced by the presence of Mrs. Vanderpool.

It was a "smooth-as-oil" assembly; everything flowed on in the love of the Spirit. Our beloved and highly esteemed district superintendent, Rev. J. B. Maclagan, gave a good report and was re-elected for his sixth year as superintendent. Advances were shown, and victories recorded in the British Isles South District, for which we give glory to God.

Mrs. Maclagan, the devoted wife of our superintendent, was re-elected for her sixth year as district N.F.M.S. president.

The assembly concluded with an impressive, moving ordination service under the direction of Dr. Vanderpool, with Hugh G. Reid and W. Wyndham Lewis receiving elder's orders; and E. Evans' orders recognized, coming from another denomination.

Our host pastor, Rev. T. Crichton Mitchell, provided for our every comfort, which added greatly to the success of the assembly.

Mrs. Vanderpool requested the singing of the Bolton "glory anthem," and on the note of this we reluctantly concluded our assembly gatherings: *Come brethren dear, that love the Lord, Who taste the sweets of Jesus' word, In Jesus' ways go on!*

—W. WYNDHAM LEWIS, Reporter.

Oregon Pacific District Assembly

"Freedom, liberty, the blessing of the Holy Spirit." These were not only the ideals in the messages and the challenge of General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner to the sixteenth assembly of the Oregon Pacific District, but from the very beginning they proved to be descriptive of each meeting. Many "old-timers" remarked that this was the best assembly they could recall. Certainly, with the moving of the Spirit again and again upon the group, the shouts of

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victory, testimonies, and other responses, it was not difficult to determine that God was present.

Dr. Benner presided with his characteristic warmth of spirit, and his messages were a challenge and an inspiration to all.

Dr. W. D. McGraw, Jr., beloved district superintendent, gave a thrilling report of progress along every line: 502 new Nazarenes received this year, with a net gain of 368 members, which pushed our district membership to 6,007; 18 churches are on the Evangelistic Honor Roll and 37 are "10 per cent" churches. Oregon Pacific is again a "10 per cent" district. Total giving was up nearly \$75,000 over one year ago, with the total for all purposes being \$844,917. Two strong churches were organized this year: Eugene Fairfield averaged 125 for its eight months of operation, and Portland Montavilla averaged nearly 60 in the six months of its work. Dr. and Mrs. McGraw, who are serving on an extended call, were given a love offering of \$495.

On Thursday night, in a most sacred ordination service, Dr. Benner presented elder's orders to Harry F. Burk, Carl C. Green, Alan W. Miller, and Ronald Persyn.

In the N.E.M.S. convention, preceding the assembly, Mrs. Gordon T. Olsen was enthusiastically re-elected as district president. Oregon Pacific is again a "star" district. We have a missionary society in each of our 74 churches, and all but three of them were "star" societies.

Our hearts were moved by the messages of Mrs. Wanda Knox of New Guinea. It was thrilling to have our own missionaries, Merrill and Myrtlebelle Bennett in the convention and assembly, along with Rev. and Mrs. James Kratz, under appointment to Brazil. By way of long-distance phone call, Rev. Earl Mosteller, also a member of our district, received and gave greetings to the missionary convention.—CHARLES W. OGDEN, *Reporter*.

St. Clair, Missouri—Recently we had one of the best revivals in our five-year ministry here. Rev. and Mrs. Howard Doerle of South Point, Ohio, were the special workers, and God came upon the scene the very first night and gave seekers at the altar. There was a wonderful spirit of conviction throughout the meeting, with souls saved and sanctified. The Spirit-filled singing and preaching of Brother and Sister Doerle, and also the special youth program of Mrs. Doerle, were used of God to move the hearts of the unsaved. Five members were added to the church, and God's presence continues with us. We have been given another three-year call, which we have accepted, and ask the prayers of God's people that physical as well as spiritual strength may be given as needed.—H. H. DOERLE, *Pastor*.

Evangelist James W. Thomas writes: "The early months of 1959 have been blessed of God in a wonderful way. I appreciate our fine pastors and people, and God is blessing and giving some

ANNOUNCING

FIFTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Fifteenth General Assembly will meet in the Municipal Auditorium, Kansas City, Missouri, on Sunday, June 19, 1960, and continue through Friday, June 24. Conventions of the Young People's Society, Foreign Missionary Society, and the Church Schools will meet in the same building June 16-18, 1960.

Hotel reservations will be made by the Chamber of Commerce for the convenience of delegates and friends, but such reservations will not be accepted until after January 1, 1960. Please do not write for them until further announcement is made in the "Herald of Holiness."



General Church Secretary

real movings of the Holy Ghost. At this writing I am in a meeting at Bradleyville, Missouri, with Rev. H. E. Hunsaker, and God is blessing in a very real way. I have some open time in August, and also in the fall after September. Write me, Route 2, Box 55 A, Gravette, Arkansas." —
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the evangelist. More than fifty people sought God for saving or sanctifying power. There was much prayer by the people preceding the meeting and the revival broke in upon us before the scheduled meeting started, with seven souls seeking God. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Hundley; he is an outstanding holiness evangelist.—J. N. LAKIN, *Pastor*.

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Deaths

REV. WATSON M. FRANKLIN

Rev. Watson M. Franklin, Nazarene elder, died May 24, 1959, at Nampa, Idaho. He was born July 31, 1885, at Grant City, Iowa; both his parents were ministers. He was converted at the age of eighteen, and became a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene at Yakima, Washington. In 1907 he was married to Hattie B. Flournoy, to which union were born six children, two of whom preceded him in death: Elaine and a son, Wesley, who died in World War II. His wife died in 1929. In 1936 he married Ruby Hoifeldt, who assisted him in a number of pastorates. He spent thirty-four years in the ministry until ill health caused him to retire in 1953. He pastored Nazarene churches in Richland, Halfway, Enterprise, Burns, and Baker, Oregon; Meridian and Weiser, Idaho; Chelan, Washington; Plano-Beulah, Carthage, Watertown, and Norris, South Dakota; Fargo, North

Dakota; and Garyton and Stone Bluff, Indiana. He held a number of pastorates because of the challenge he felt to build churches, congregations, and character. The people of his churches held him in high esteem. He spent more than two years in the Reynolds Nursing Home, Nampa, because of his need of constant care. He is survived by his wife, Ruby, Nazarene pastor in Glenns Ferry, Idaho; five sons: Delance, of Parma, Idaho; David and Earlynn, of Chelan, Washington; Fred, of Wenatchee; and M. James, of Nampa; also one daughter, Grace, of Nampa; and two brothers: William, of Pomona, California; and Dr. George J. Franklin, Nazarene pastor in Bradley, Illinois. Funeral service was held in the Church of the Nazarene in Meridian, Idaho, with Rev. Eugene Culbertson in charge, assisted by Rev. I. F. Younger, Rev. Eugene Stowe, and Rev. Raymond Kratzer.

MYRTLE ALT COATE, a deaconess in the church of the Nazarene for thirty-five years, died February 3 at the home of her daughter, Lois Woodall, in Sacramento, California, after a long illness. She was a loyal and faithful member of First Church of the Nazarene in Sacramento. She was born in Sioux City, Iowa, August 14, 1887; converted at the age of sixteen and sanctified at nineteen. She joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1913. She is survived by her husband, Clifford, of Sacramento; a daughter, Lois; and a son, Sylvester of Covina, California; also several brothers and sisters. Funeral service was held in Sacramento First Church with Rev. Lawrence H. Bone, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. C. Augsburg.

HARRY ROSS GARDINER was born May 18, 1887, at Wheatland, Missouri. He was married to Minnie May Azbill on August 25, 1913. He came to Nampa, Idaho, from Ogden, Utah, in 1945 and purchased the Nampa Business College, which he operated until the time of his death. He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa.

MRS. MINNIE M. GARDINER was born December 7, 1891, in Kiowa, Kansas. She was co-owner with her husband of the Nampa Business College and a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner joined the Church of the Nazarene at Potter, Kansas, about 1925, and through the years were faithful Nazarenes.

They were both killed in a car accident in the New York Canal, east of Gowen Field, on February 18. They are survived by a son, Rev. Harry M. Gardiner; and seven daughters: Mrs. Mary F. Rose, Mrs. Ruth Heinze, Mrs. Florence Van Ripper, Mrs. Lois Kuhne, Mrs. Esther McNutt, Mrs. Berty Pyles, and Mrs. Donna Fuson; also her sister, Mrs. Earl Cochran; her two brothers, Elmer and Franklin Azbill; and his sister, Mrs. Norma Yocum. Funeral service was held at First Church in Nampa, with Rev. Raymond Kratzer officiating, assisted by Rev. Eugene Stowe; interment at Kohlerlawn.

ROBERT P. CLINE died December 30, 1958, in Nashville, Tennessee. He was born in Nashville on March 9, 1906, and as a boy was brought up in First Church of the Nazarene. He was a devout and faithful Christian who loved the Lord and the church. For several years he served as trustee and men's Bible class teacher in the South Portland Church of the Nazarene (Maine). He held a place of high respect and responsibility in the

Portland business community, where his Christian testimony was widely felt among his business associates. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jean A. Cline, now living in Nashville; a daughter, Mrs. Jean Ellis; also two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Prewett and Mrs. Jeannette Conner. Rev. Claude Galloway, pastor of the College Hill Church of the Nazarene in Nashville, and boyhood friend of Brother Cline, conducted the funeral service, assisted by Dr. Wm. Greathouse, with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville.

ERVING E. FRAKER was born at Queen City, Missouri, in 1878 and died January 27 at Ventura, California. He was the son of a Free Methodist minister. In July of 1903 he was united in marriage to Sena G. Olson; to this union were born seven children. He joined the Los Angeles Graham Church of the Nazarene, and at the time of his death was a member of the local church at Ventura. He is survived by his wife, Sena; two sons, Irving and Orville; and five daughters, Mrs. Lillian Hiser, Mrs. Iva Husted, Mrs. Ella Ogden, Mrs. Catherine Taylor, and Mrs. Viola Morton; also two brothers, Jack and William; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Conrad. Funeral service was conducted at the Ventura Church of the Nazarene with his pastor, Dr. Henry B. Wallin, officiating.

Announcements

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Jim Lais of Culver, Oregon, a daughter, Sheryl Jean, on June 12.

—to Carl and Lefa (Axtell) Gorslin of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a son, Dana Sumner, on June 7.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Bill Varian of Howell, Michigan, a son, John William, on June 2.

—to David and Maralyn (Posey) Chandler of Yukon, Oklahoma, a daughter, Melinda Gail, on May 31.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Gerald G. Van Tine of East Alton, Illinois, a son, Geron Blaine, on May 19.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Illinois that all the family will be saved before it is too late—for a person being severely tested, to stand true—for "my own spiritual need," and for unspoken requests;

by a Nazarene friend in Texas much in need of spiritual help, and also healing of the body;

by a Christian lady in Pennsylvania, badly crippled, and her husband has backslidden and will not now take her to church—they both need special help from God;

by a teen-age girl in Nevada, recently saved and sanctified, and her parents are much opposed to her attending Nazarene services—she needs strength and grace from God that she may be true to Him.

Nazarene Camp Meetings

July 10 to 19, Pleasant Ridge Nazarene Camp, McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania. Rev. George Brannon and Rev. V. S. Rushing, evangelists; Eugene and LaNora Smith, song evangelists.

July 13 to 19, Minnesota District Assembly and Camp Meeting, at Mission Farms, on Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Services, 9:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. Special workers: Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, preachers; Dr. A. F. Harper, church schools speaker; Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, missionary speaker; Rev. and Mrs. Veryl Jenkins, children's workers; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Jantz and Carolyn, singers and musicians. Roy F. Stevens, district superintendent.

July 16 to 26, Oregon Pacific District Camp, at the District Center, 12625 S.E. 82nd Ave., Portland, Oregon. Workers: Rev. Harold L. Volk, Dr. John S. Logan, preachers; Gilbert A. Rushford, singer; Norvie O. Clift, children's worker; Rev. Paul Hetrick and family, missionary workers. Limited number of cabins available; family units in new dormitories at reasonable rates. Dr. W. D. McGraw, Jr., district superintendent. For information, write Rev. Roscoe Pershall, camp manager, P.O. Box 125, Clackamas, Oregon.

July 18 to 26, Central Ohio District Camp, at Columbus Campgrounds, Cleveland Avenue at Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio. Workers: Dr. Samuel Young, Dr. B. V. Seals, Dr. John S. Logan, evangelists; Professor Ray Moore, song evangelist; Dr. John Cotner and the Olivet Nazarene College Crusaders' Quartet, youth workers; Rev. H. C. Little, prayer director; Mrs. H. C. Little, children's worker. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent. For information write the secretary, Rev. C. D. Westhafer, 708 Woodland Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

July 20 to 26, Colorado District Camp, at Denver (Lakewood), Colorado. Workers: Rev. Harold Daniels, Rev. D. K. Wachtel, and Dr. Paul Cul-

bertson, preachers; Boyce and Catherine Pierce and daughter, singers and musicians. Dr. O. J. Finch, district superintendent.

July 24 to August 2, Georgia District Camp, Adrian, Georgia (one mile east of Adrian, on Hi-way 80). Workers: Dr. B. V. Seals and Rev. Leon Chambers, evangelists; Professor DeVern Mullen, singer. Rev. Mack Anderson, district superintendent, director of camp. For information write Rev. H. J. Eason, 5001 Jasmine Ave., Savannah, Georgia.

July 27 to August 2, Southern California District Camp, at Southern California Bible College Campus, Newport Boulevard, Costa Mesa, California. Workers: Dr. John Logan, Dr. Orville Jenkins, preachers; Professor Ron Lush, musician. Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, district superintendent. For information write the camp manager, Rev. Clive Williams, 704 West Street, Oceanside, California.

July 30 to August 9, Northern California District Camp, at Beulah Park Campgrounds, two miles north of Santa Cruz, California, on State Hi-way 17. Workers: Dr. T. W. Willingham, Rev. Paul Martin, and Dr. H. Orton Wiley, preachers; Rev. A. G. Jeffries, prayer meeting leader; Rev. M. W. Anderson, leader of people's meetings; Gilbert Rushford, music director; Paul Skiles, youth director; Hal Bonner, tween-teens leader; Rev. and Mrs. Ted Parrott, V.B.S. activities; Mrs. Paul Alexander and Mrs. Eugene Mallory, pianists; Mrs. G. L. Rushford, organist. Dr. George Coulter, district superintendent and director of camp. For information write, Frank S. True, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Santa Cruz, California.

July 30 to August 9, Western Ohio District Camp, at the Nazarene Center, Hi-way 29; 2 1/2 miles west of St. Marys and 7 miles east of Celina. Workers: Dr. Mendell Taylor and Rev. Charles Lipker, evangelists; Professor Ray Moore, singer; Mrs. Noel Whitis, children's worker. Dr. W. E. Albee, district superintendent. For information write Rev. O. V. Mawbuorn, 1001 Edwards St., St. Marys, Ohio.

July 31 to August 9, Southwest Oklahoma District Camp, at Anadarko, Oklahoma. (District campground 3 1/2 miles west of Anadarko, on Hi-way 9.) Workers: C. W. Davis and Don Scarlett, evangelists; Jim Bohi, singer. For information write the district superintendent, Rev. W. T. Johnson, Box 391.

July 31 to August 9, Northeastern Indiana District Camp, at the district campgrounds, 1 1/2 miles east of VA Hospital on East 38th Street, Marion, Indiana. Workers: Dr. Ralph Earle, Rev. Roy Betcher, evangelists; Rev. Robert Condon, song evangelist and choir director; Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Taylor, Mrs. Etta Tucker, Mrs. Alice Hunt, children's workers. Dr. Paul C. Updike, district superintendent. For information write Rev. Walter Graeflin, registrar, 321 W. Cherry St., Bluffton, Indiana.

August 6 to 16, Arkansas Nazarene Camp, at Vilonia, twelve miles east of Conway on Hi-way 64. Workers: Rev. C. B. Cox and Rev. Clyde Montgomery, preachers; Boyce and Catherine Pierce and daughter, Linda, singers and musicians. Three services daily. Free trailer space. For information write, Clyde Montgomery, 515 Center St., Conway, Arkansas.

August 7 through 16, Washington and Philadelphia Districts Camp, at North East, Maryland. Workers: Rev. James Crabtree, evangelist; Dr. Harry Jessop, Bible expositor; Rev. Dean Baldwin, youth worker; The Singing Jantzes, singers and musicians; Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Eades, missionaries; Mrs. William Snyder, children's worker. Dr. E. E. Grosse and Rev. Wm. C. Allshouse, district superintendents. For information write the camp manager, Rev. Boyd Long, 305 Euclid Ave., Trenton, New Jersey.

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