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They Found the Babe

General Superintendent Williamson

THE CHRIST CHILD came into the world in most unlikely surroundings. The mother was, perforce of Roman law, far from home. There was no hospital in Bethlehem. There were no doctors or nurses to attend the arrival of that first-born child of the woman God had chosen so highly to honor. There was no room in the inn. His was a manger bed.

But God saw to it that His only begotten Son's lowly birth was announced by a herald from heaven, and an angel choir sang amid the dazzling splendor which lighted the earth and sky. A few devout shepherds heard the good tidings of great joy and the undying song of, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

With their hearts bounding with joy unspeakable, they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in the manger. As the first witnesses for Christ, they made known abroad the saying that was told them concerning the Child.

Those shepherds had been present to celebrate the advent of the Child whose birthday was to be the focal point of all human history. He had come to make all mankind stand in

awe when a baby is born into the world. Every beautiful layette that is provided in anticipation of a baby's birth is inspired by the influence of the Christmas message. All the cautions of highly skilled doctors and nurses for the safety of mothers and their offspring are because Jesus came!

The sacredness of a baby's life is known only where the story of the birth of Jesus is told. In other lands where religion is a superstition, a baby may be fed to the crocodiles or sacrificed to the gods. If a baby dies what does it matter?

In the Christian home the birth of a child is an occasion of great joy. Every parent who knows Jesus sees unmeasured possibilities in the life of an infant. Mothers spend countless hours to bathe, dress, feed, teach, and nurture a baby. Fathers work and pray that they may give each child a fair chance to make life worth-while.

Those wondering shepherds found the Babe on that blessed night. Because He came, all Christendom has discovered the beauty, sacredness, and significance of a baby's birth.

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

TELEGRAMS

Richmond, Kentucky—Eastern Kentucky District journeyed in a motorcade to the campus of Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee, on November 16. Dr. A. B. Mackey, president, met the long train of cars just outside the city limits of Nashville; Nashville police escorted the motorcade through the downtown area. Eastern Kentuckians were royally greeted and wonderfully entertained by students and faculty; a banquet given by the Kentucky Club was had in the college dining room at 6:30 p.m. At the service which followed, Dr. A. B. Mackey was presented with a check for \$4,200.00 by the district treasurer, which represented almost the entire district school budget for the year. It was the largest check presented to Trevecca by any district yet. At the chapel service the next morning when the district superintendent spoke, fourteen students bowed at the altar of prayer. We appreciate Dr. Mackey and Trevecca as never before.—D. S. SOMERVILLE, *District Superintendent*.

Yakima, Washington—Winter bared its white teeth for the first time this year on Northwest District, Sunday, November 22. However, previous plans on the part of pastors and people rolled up the greatest attendance on November 22 of any fall rally day in the history of the district. Northwest District moves on under the wise and faithful leadership of District Superintendent E. E. Zachary in this golden anniversary year.—J. PAUL DOWNEY, *Chairman, District Church School Board*.

Prescott, Arkansas—South Arkansas District recently concluded a very wonderful Sunday-school tour with Dr. E. S. Phillips, pastor of Bethany First Church, as special speaker. Fine crowds were in attendance on each zone, and enthusiastic response met the stress laid upon the various phases of the church school work. Dr. Phillips won the hearts of the people with his practical, inspirational messages. South Arkansas Sunday-school work is progressing rapidly under the leadership of District Superintendent W. L. French, and J. Frank Hamm, chairman of Church Schools.—HAROLD R. MORGAN, *Secretary-Treasurer, Church School Board*.

Lexington, Kentucky—First Church just closed greatest revival in history; Rev. C. F. Wright, evangelist; Warren and Frances Hayes, ministers of music. Altar lined with seekers, fine class received into church member-

ship. Rev. D. D. Lewis, pastor, called for three years with fine vote, and \$10.00 per week raise in salary; also good love offering. Largest Sunday-school attendance ever.—L. T. WELLS, *Superintendent of Kentucky District*.

Mitchell, South Dakota—Dr. Hardy C. Powers at his best in South Dakota preachers' convention at Madison. His heart-searching messages stirred preachers to be more profitable for God's kingdom. Well-planned convention with practical suggestions by Superintendent "Bill" Davis has resulted in South Dakota steadily moving ahead in the Crusade for Souls Now.—EDGAR A. KINCAID, *Reporter*.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Samuel Young only recently returned from a week's trip to Puerto Rico, in foreign missionary supervision work.

Rev. Harold Daniels has resigned as pastor of First Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to accept a call to pastor First Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

Pastor Roy T. McKinney sends word from Dunbar, West Virginia: "Over one thousand attended homecoming, November 22; Paul Qualls, Institute choir, and others sang the glory down. Revs. L. H. Roebuck, Florence Walling, and Ira Isom, former pastors, brought great messages. Best of all, God came; long altar filled. Dunbar church all out for God and souls."

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Superintendent Cecil Knippers, of the Hawaii District, sends word: "Dr. Russell V. DeLong has been invited by the Honolulu Council of Churches and Honolulu Evangelical Ministers' Fellowship and our Nazarene churches to conduct a united evangelistic campaign, March 4 to 14 (1954). If you have friends in Hawaii, notify them of this meeting."

After serving for almost five years as pastor of First Church in Dallas, Texas, Rev. W. C. Allshouse has resigned to accept a call to pastor First Church in Washington, D.C.

"Forrest Park, California, with just thirty-three members goes over the top for missions; \$167.40 in Thanksgiving offering. Goal of \$1,000.00 for the year in sight, with \$532.00 at half-way mark."—W. D. Franklin, *Pastor*.

Special prayer is requested for Rev. Howard S. Hurd, of Providence, Rhode Island, who has had a major operation and is in the hospital.

"A record-breaking Thanksgiving offering of over \$4,000.00 was given spontaneously and with a sincere spirit of praise and gratitude to God by the Oskaloosa, Iowa, church," writes their pastor, Rev. T. T. McCord. "The offering was received on Thanksgiving Sunday, which was also the final service of a two-week revival campaign with Dr. George Frame, Rev. Gene Phillips, and Mr. Gerald Berglund. God blessed the ministry of these men to stir and bless the people. Scores of seekers found Christ as Saviour and Sanctifier."

Pastor A. J. Gunter sends word from First Church in Honolulu, Hawaii: "Aloha from Hawaii—Thanksgiving offering goal of \$300.00 exceeded without pledging the people; they placed in cash for their Thanksgiving offering \$701.00. Probably a few more dollars will be given. First Church with her loyal band of saved and sanctified Nazarenes marches on."

Pastor S. T. Sumners sends word from St. Louis, Missouri: "Record-breaking Thanksgiving offering for Wellston Church with an amount of \$1,279.00."

Pastor Fred J. Hawk sends word from Lansing, Michigan: "First Church Thanksgiving Offering exceeds \$3,200.00. Church moving forward in every way."

Pastor Milton H. Taylor sends words: "Evangelists George and Flora Erinkman closed a very successful

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Idle Christians

By Roy A. Bettcher*

Why stand ye here all the day idle? . . . Because no man hath hired us . . . Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive (Matt. 20:6-7).

ANNUALLY our churches elect officers to serve the next year in church and Sunday school. After the different officers are elected and teachers placed, we have quite a number of people that are not in official positions. Of course, it is understood that we have a number of musicians who play in the orchestra, sing in the choir, and sing special numbers; however, we have a great number who have not been placed. Now, will this group stand idly by and say, "No man hath hired us"?

In the parable of the reapers, Jesus is speaking to those standing in the market place: "Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive" (Matt. 20:6-7).

Beloved, I believe there are thousands in the market place today who are idle. They are no more loafers than were the men to whom Christ spoke. Those men were tired of being idle and wanted to work; they were waiting for someone to give them something to do. Just a while ago a young man told me that we hadn't given him anything to do in the church and he was afraid that he wasn't wanted or wasn't needed in the church.

Friends, there is no need to be idle; but how many persons are idle in Christ's kingdom today? Oh, they work in a shop or an office eight or ten hours a day; but men and women, consecrated to God, who gave their all to the Master and said: "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," are idle as far as the kingdom of God is concerned. They are tired of laboring merely for their own livelihood; they would, like John the beloved, pillow their head on Christ and give all their time working only for His glory, but of course it is necessary for them to work in the shop or office. There are millions in heathendom; and there are millions in our homeland who claim to worship God who have never had anyone to pray with them or talk to them about Christ as their personal Saviour. I think a good testimony in the shop, office, or store can be more fruitful sometimes than a sermon from the pulpit. Let your light shine wherever you may be. Let us not waste our time in the market place.

The field is white unto harvest and reapers are needed. Do not linger longer serving the world. The Master said: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which



The Lord Thy God Will Hold Thy Right Hand

Isa. 41:13

endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you" (John 6:27). If there were no laborers, if men had not a mind to work, there might be some excuse. Many who are called to the ministry or mission fields come to the church, then go back to their homes, and go to work in a shop or factory or an office because the church had no place for them—they do nothing for Christ.

This is tragic, yes, tragic indeed. It is a tragedy for which God will hold each of us responsible. The church has said there are no funds to send them to mission fields; but, beloved, I know as well as you or any other thinking person that when there is not money to send them they should go to work among the people at home. There is much to do all around us. Ninety per cent of our people are not even doing a thing but warming seats in the church after they have worked in the shop or office eight or ten hours a day.

Does it not alarm you, beloved, to think that 90 per cent of the holiness people do not average one-half hour a week visiting homes, praying with anyone; and 95 per cent have not prayed a soul through in months, unless it was at the altar in the church? The spiritual barrenness is appalling! Yet we are not awake to the awful condition! These words of Jesus do not seem to impress us: "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:2, 8).

Too many of us are not concerned whether we bear fruit or not. Much of the time we go to church, and return home, without ever passing out a tract, inviting anyone to go to service with us, or thinking how we might relieve the poor or the oppressed. When it comes to good works, we as holiness people are as barren and give as little time trying to help our neighbor get to God, or in demonstrating the love of God, as any nominal church member. We talk about the lost on the broad road going to hell, yet we do practically nothing to get them into the narrow way that leads to heaven. The spirit of the world today should put us to shame. Yet as holiness people very few can give the real meaning of self-denial. Few know what it is to love the brethren as ourselves, or what it means to keep the new com-

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mandment which Jesus gave: "Love one another; as I have loved you."

It is none other than the devil who has put over us the power of this indifferent spirit, until we have almost lost all sense of true values. A man who loves God and belongs to a holiness church will work overtime two or three hours at night for four or five dollars. But ask him to visit the sick, or try to win a soul at night, and often he is too weary! What is it? We get greatly worked up over the terrible condition of the land because of intemperance, smoking, and other evils (and we have a right to be worked up over them), but we need first of all to be mightily moved over this destroying indifference that has crept into our churches and over the people of our God.

If we holiness people would sacrifice, men and women who are called to God's harvest field on other shores would not be lingering at home, laboring at some task to which God has not called them. It is because we are too indifferent to the cause of Christ, we are too indifferent to the need of the lost world, we are too satisfied in our own planning and our own way of life. The Word of God says: "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully [negligently]" (Jer. 48: 10). It is negligence, is it not, that has robbed us of that glory, that love, that delight which can be found only in God's service! Remember Jesus said: "He that gathereth not with me scattereth" (Matt. 12:30).

Thy Will Be Done

(Matthew 6:10)

By Nona Keen Duffy

*"Not my will, but Thine, be done"—
Thy will, I know, is love;
It's harmony, and all that's good,
In earth and heaven above.*

*Thy will for me is only good;
'Tis Thou who understands.
I place myself and my affairs
In Thy own loving hands.*

*I know, dear God, Thou lovest me
While I'm awake or sleeping;
I place my loved ones and myself
In Thy own care and keeping.*

*Thou art with me, this instant, now,
To strengthen and to guide me.
I listen to Thy still, small voice
That's ever deep inside me.*

*I open up my heart to Thee
And let Thy will be mine;
My life is blessed when I can say,
"Not my will, but Thine!"*

Think on These Things

By F. Lincicome*

GETTING people to church is not our problem; our problem is getting the church to the people. After Pentecost the disciples did not have a convention to try to find out how they could get the people to attend the public services. They went where the people were. If they had waited for the people to come to the Upper Room, they would have waited a long time. They took Jesus to the people. The Church for a long time has been trying to bring the world to Christ, but they will have to reverse the program, and take Christ to the world. The world is not coming to the church. There are too many other places for the world to go. We have been commanded to go after them and bring them in. The Church must either go and grow, or stay and starve. It must either extend or expire. Only a *going* church can be a *growing* church.

One reason why we have so many nonchurchgoers is because we have so many non-going churches. Some churches are very fond of singing, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God." But is the church moving like an army? It seems to me it is moving more like a Memorial Day parade. We do not have to be close observers to detect that the church is not an altogether going concern. At best it is simply marking time. We are not like a "mighty army." We are more like a "little army" marking time for God. Brothers, we are "resting" where the saints have trod.

What Christ said to His disciples a long time ago is pre-eminently the message for today. "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." The Church has what the world needs, but before the Church and the world can do business, customer and commodity must be brought together. I may have the commodity to offer the people, but if there is no one to buy it I can't sell it.

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Zaccheus was a little man. Most men are little in spots. A man is little who is little in spiritual force. A man is little who is little in tenderheartedness. A man is little who is little in moral courage. Not many men are wholly hemisphered on both sides. The signature of defect is upon most men. There are many who have something they wish they did not have. David had an Absalom to disgrace him. Paul had a thorn in the flesh to sting him. Job had carbuncles to plague him. Samson had a Delilah to shear him. Wesley had a termagant wife to pester him. Byron had a clubfoot to impede him. Milton had blind eyes to afflict him. Naaman had the leprosy to burden him.

A man is not big because he weighs 250 pounds. There are ways of taking a man's meas-

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ure other than from the standpoint of avoirdupois. There are two real tests of a big man. One test of a big man is, not how he acts when all goes well, but how he reacts when all goes wrong. The other test of a big man is whether or not he is big enough to speak in praiseworthy terms of his rivals and competitors. Prov. 27:21 says, "As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise."

Genuine praise is the mother tongue of a generous soul, as you will know if you have followed its trail through the Bible. Envy is one of the most vicious of human vices. Yet what is envy, but dislike of excellency in others? And life is never so near its lowest as when embittered by envy. It is likewise near its highest when it refreshes comrades in toil with its overflow of praise. Little in life is more contemptible than contempt for the skills and achievements of those who do not work at our bench or sit at our desk.

FEATHERED FOLK

Who Live in the Miff Tree

By Dorothy Boone Kidney*

Whippoorwills—Mercilessly run down the other fellow's Christianity. "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone" (John 8:7).

Ravens—Found on the top branches; always ravin' about the poor way the church is run.

Bittern—Just can't quite forgive that mean thing another church member did to him ten years ago; can't quite forgive, so it's turned him sour.

Robins—Have been robbin' the Lord of tithes and offerings for years—and lost the blessing.

Buzzards—Buzz church matters, which would be better not told, around to town folk, and hurt the church's influence in the community.

Crows—Crow over somebody else's defeat and weep over somebody else's success; jealousy rules the nest.

Blackbirds—"Make clean the outside of the cup," but are black as sin inside; hypocrites and whited sepulchers which Jesus mentioned.

Bluebirds—Things were always better last year. "The day of revival is over and the devil's got all the young people, so we might as well quit and go home!"

Skylarks—"I'm having a good time now. Salvation is for old fogies. I'll think about spiritual things later."

Duck—The backslider who ducks guiltily behind the shrubbery with his lawn mower on Sunday morning when the preacher passes by—then soothes his guilty conscience by quacking that he doesn't go to church because it is full of hypocrites.

*Yarmouth, Maine

Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley*

XVI. The Wilderness State

THE AUTHOR of this Epistle drew his warning against hardening the heart from events which transpired during the wilderness journey of Israel. This chapter, therefore, is a parable of Christian experience as truly as the following, which holds out the promise of a "rest of faith." The time between conversion and the entering into this rest of faith is only too often like that of ancient Israel, a period of wilderness wandering. God no more wants His people to wander in a spiritual wilderness today than He did ancient Israel in the Arabian desert. The journey from conversion to holiness need not be long. Those wanderings are not due to any plan of God, but result solely from a failure to consecrate fully or trust God wholly.

Characteristics of the wilderness state. These may be summed up as (1) unrest, (2) aimlessness, and (3) dissatisfaction. Ancient Israel, weary, aimless, unsatisfied, crossing and recrossing its former paths, is typical of the experience of many Christians—breaking down over and over again at the same points of temptation, sinning, and repenting, until their souls are sick within them and they long for something better. It is because there is something better than this in Christian experience that the author brings his inspiring message—there is a "rest of faith" which awaits the people of God.

The provocation in the wilderness. There were three outstanding events in Israel's wilderness life that greatly displeased God. First, the outbreak at the Wilderness of Sin—there was no bread. "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness" (Exod. 16:2). Second, the outbreak at Rephidim—there was no water; again the sullen sounds of discontent were heard. Third, and the most serious, took place at Kadesh-barnea, within sight of the green hills of Palestine. Spies were sent to search out the land, and returned laden with the rich fruits of Canaan. But the majority also brought back the report of giants and walled cities, which so filled the people with dismay that all night long they wept and said, "Would to God we had died . . . in the land of Egypt." Here it was that God turned the people back into the wilderness, there to wander for forty years.

The evil heart of unbelief. "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (3:12). Unbelief is not merely a matter of the intellect; it is also and more truly a matter of the heart. Hence it must be met, not with argument, but

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with that spiritual power which can cleanse the heart from all sin. It was this power that was given by the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, and clearly stated by St. Peter in Acts 15:8, 9: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

Dr. Adam Clarke sums up the matter by saying that "this whole chapter, as the Epistle in general, reads a most awful lesson against backsliders, triflers, and loiterers in the way of salvation. Every believer in Christ is in danger of apostasy, while any remains of the evil heart of unbelief are found in him. God has promised to purify his heart; and the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. It is therefore the highest wisdom of genuine Christians to look to God for complete purification of their souls; this they cannot have too soon; and for this they cannot be too much in earnest."

The Conquering Cry

By W. N. Harrington*

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him (Ps. 103:13).

WE MORTALS have little conception of the compassionate understanding, sympathy, and pity of the eternal Father toward His lalty little children. Yea, we struggle so very hard at times to live the life of holiness, and, if you please, fret and fuss with ourselves when we fail to reach our goal or ideal. For some reason we think that God will not credit us with consideration of the motives which underlie our sad experience. The enemy of our soul delights to have one labor under this cloud, but all the while the eternal God knows so very well how much our disappointment and failure accrues from our temperament, overstrained nerves, and disposition. When in our distress and disappointment we call upon Him, He hears, understands, and undertakes for us in our crisis hour and in our weakest moments.

Do you tell me that the eternal God is too lofty, too mighty, too exalted to hear the cries of mortal man, frail children of the dust? Do you imply that He is too great to give heed and attention to our littleness, and that we are too weak to move His might? Are we not taught in nature that each particle of matter, however small, attracts each ponderous orb by which itself is attracted? Do you not find through all nature that strength is the servant of all weakness, and that the mightiest voices of earth are not the voices of the strong who command, but the voices of the weak who plead?

You may shout the decrees of kings and presidents into the ears of the wild life of the forest, and they will defy your authority, and go scream-

ing away to their mountain aeries. But let the cry of their hungry young be heard, and they will speed their arrowy flight through the airways, over sea and land, swooping down upon their prey to carry it safely (no matter how hungry they themselves are) and lay it before their helpless young. The cry that rouses all the fierce energies of the lioness is not the mandate of power or the voice of defiance, but it is the plea of helplessness from her hungry cubs. True, her utmost energies may sometimes fail to provide for their necessities; but, though "the young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: . . . they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing" (Ps. 34:10).

What rouses all the strength that inhabits the arm of man like the cry of a hungry child for bread? What wakes every power of woman to frenzied exertion, and makes her rush through fire and water, regardless of fear and danger, like the wail of a helpless babe? Dare we say that because the father is so great and the child so small his cry will not be heard? Shall we say that because the mother is so strong and the wailing babe so weak its pleading cry will not receive attention? There is no voice on earth, be it the voice of prince or priest, king or president, which is as potent as the voice of helpless infancy when it reaches parental ear. "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how more much shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13.)

Precious heart, child of the most high God, put aside every doubt and fear; lay aside these unbelieving thoughts. Turn with all of your ransomed powers to the almighty God, with purpose of heart; cast all your burdens, fears, and cares upon Him. He understands your temperament; He knows the pressures of your day. He calls himself your Father; He acknowledges himself to be your God; He acclaims you His child.

The cry that conquers Omnipotence is the cry of penitence and the cry of dependence, the wail of weakness and need. The record of God's dealings with His Church in past ages is a record of answers to prayer. And He who has granted answers of peace in days gone by still invites us to come to Him and find pardon for all our transgressions; cleansing from the last remains of sin; fellowship; blessing; the supply of our every need for body, soul, and spirit; provision and protection in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh (Luke 6:45).

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Great Giving Brings Great Grace

By George C. Mullins*

IN WORDS easily understood, Jesus gave to His disciples and to all men the unalterable conditions of discipleship when He said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). This, Jesus said, is inescapable if we are to be disciples, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it" (Matt. 16:25). Regardless of creed, doctrine, or church affiliation no one has ever fully complied with these requirements for discipleship until he has received the sanctifying baptism with the Holy Ghost as a second definite work of grace. And this sanctifying baptism always puts an end to the self-life, for it eradicates the carnal nature.

This experience the Apostle Paul had received, was enjoying, and gave testimony to when he declared, "I am crucified with Christ: and I live no longer, but Christ liveth in me: and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and delivered up himself for me" (Wesley's translation of Gal. 2:20).

This is the true Pentecostal experience. It is a great grace and is received by a great *giving of ourselves to God*; yes, giving ourselves unreservedly to Him. But this grace does not become a rigid, fixed element in our hearts that needs no attention, or that is unaffected by our daily living. The sanctified life is a life of great grace because it is a life of great giving. The life of the disciples after having received this sanctifying baptism on the Day of Pentecost is an example of this truth.

There followed a great *giving of themselves to prayer*. The apostles refused to serve tables that they might give themselves "continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:4). In

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the face of opposition the entire Church "lifted up their voice to God with one accord . . . and when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:24, 31). Great giving of themselves to prayer brought a great outpouring of Holy Ghost power, bringing great boldness to speak the Word of God.

There followed a great *giving of themselves to witnessing*. They "went every where preaching the word." They continued "daily with one accord in the temple." They went "from house to house . . . with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily" (Acts 2:46, 47). Great witnessing resulted in a great ingathering of souls.

There was a great *giving of themselves to one another in brotherly love*. "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common" (Acts 4:32). Notice, they "were of one heart and of one soul." There is strength in unity, or else "how should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight?" (Deut. 32:30.) Also this bond of love is the greatest proof to the world of the reality of our testimony. It gives both meaning and power to our testimony, for it supports it with loving works. So it was with these disciples; there was a great giving of their possessions to the cause of God.

I do not advocate a community of goods, but for me to see my brother have need, physically or spiritually, and it be in my power to supply his need, to refuse is to deny the faith (I John 3:17). Love will constrain me to give that which he needs. Neither will love consent to let the cause of God suffer for lack of finances until it has given, not out of its abundance—that which it can give and not suffer because of having given

Snow Thoughts

By Jeanne DeGood

*Snow on the roof is drifting and blowing;
Snow on the ground—so fresh and clean;
Snow-heavy trees, and a white world glowing—
Where does it come from? What does it mean?*

*Snow in the fields, so smooth and new—
Untrampled by boots that would make it slush,
Unturned by the spade that would cut it from
view,
Untraveled by cars that would grind it and
crush!*

*Snow in the thoughts of us who believe
That Jesus was born on a day long ago,*



*For snow is a symbol that we will receive
A soul fresh and clean as the new-fallen snow.*

it—but until it has given to the extent that the poor widow did when she “cast in all that she had.”

Whenever there was a need, our spiritual forefathers, like the disciples after Pentecost, gave until they had no more to give. They gave *unstintingly* of their *time, energies, and finances* as long as there was any to give or there remained a need. And God came, and they shouted His praises—many times with an empty pocketbook; yes, at times with an empty meal barrel. Oh, but great grace was upon them. The disciples after Pentecost were great givers. They gave themselves continually to prayer; they gave themselves to witnessing everywhere, not only at church, but “from house to house”; they gave themselves so completely in love one for another that there was perfect accord; and they gave of their possessions, even to all they had, until there was no lack, “and great grace was upon them all.”

Reader, do you have great grace? If not, it is because there has been no great giving of yourself to God. If you want “great grace,” then give greatly—give your all. *Great giving brings great grace.*

Things She Did Not Receive or Hear

By A. S. London*

WE TRAVELED more than 1,100 miles without rest to get to the bedside of our dying daughter, Aline. Her husband, daughter, brother, and parents, along with three doctors and three special nurses, watched over her almost every hour for four days and nights. Friends prayed, but God saw best to take her to himself. It was a sad experience. She was a beautiful Christian since childhood days. God knows best; He doeth all things well.

She did not receive our last letter. It was received at the parsonage after she was taken to the hospital. I wished that I had sent it earlier. I told her of her beautiful, cheerful, optimistic spirit. She suffered under church problems, but always with a smile. She paid her tithe when they received much or little. I reminded her of her pure, holy character.

She did not receive the last check I sent her. I wished that I had mailed it earlier, for she was one of the most appreciative persons I have ever known. It was our plan always to give her the money for our writings or profits from the sale of books. The last check came when she was too ill to know about it. I wanted her to get a nice present with the money; but I waited too long.

She did not hear the last prayer I prayed by her bedside. I had prayed for her every day since her birth. I thanked the Lord for giving her to us for these few brief years. We gave her to Him when she was not an hour old. We were willing to give her back to Him now if He did not see best

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to heal her. She always wanted a home of her own, but most of her life had been spent in a parsonage. Aline Turner was loved by the people of their pastorates. Often the salary was small, but never a word of complaint.

She did not hear us ask the Lord to blot out the mistakes and blunders we made as a young father in bringing her through the teen-age years. She was so pure, tender, kind, and gentle. “The children are tender, . . . lead on softly” (Gen. 33:13-14). No doubt there were times when we expected too much of her. I wish she had heard me in my last prayer of love for her, and confession of mistakes.

She slipped away in the early morning hour on November 9. Her sufferings were almost unbearable to those who watched over her; but now they are over.

District Superintendent Ponder Gilliland preached the funeral sermon in their church in Corpus Christi, Texas, from the text, “She hath done what she could” (Mark 14:8). He could not have spoken a greater truth for Aline. She gave all she had to Christ and the church. Rev. Paul Mangum of First Church, Corpus Christi, assisted in the funeral; also Pastor H. H. Spencer of Trinity Church, Oklahoma City. Mr. Mason of Broadmoor Church sang, and Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., our pastor from First Church, Oklahoma City, sang “The Pearly White City.” Her body was brought back to Oklahoma City, and laid to rest within a few blocks of her parents’ home in Rose Hill Burial Park. The service was concluded at the grave by Pastor R. T. Williams, Jr.

Good-by, Aline! We shall meet again. We were looking forward to having you with us during the Christmas season, but God had other plans for you. We know you will be looking for the parents and loved ones. It won’t be long; it may be soon.

When You See with the Master’s Eye

By L. M. Hearn

*Once I fancied my neighbors unneighborly cold,
With souls that were dwarfish and dry;
As beauty and honor bowed low to gold,
The world seemed a market where all things were
sold—*

Till the Master of love passed by!

*Now I know that my neighbors are often kind,
Far bigger of soul than I!
I see life’s blessings to which I was blind,
And beauty and honor I always find,
Whenever I hold them high.*

*What a difference comes to the soul made new!
What a change in the world nearby!
For the true will ever discover the true,
And love will return more love to you—
When you see with the Master’s eye!*

"Look Under the Tub"

By W. Raymond McClung*

"Look under the tub." These were the words that the Spirit seemed to say to a desperate mother in an hour of anxiety. It was not strange that the Lord could speak to Mrs. Garland James, who is now the teacher of our Friendly Bible Class of North Little Rock First Church. She was on intimate terms with Him and had often heard His voice.

She had written to her brother saying that she would arrive at the country railroad station at a certain hour of the night. Evidently, the letter had gone astray. When the porter had assisted Mrs. James and her four small children from the train, there was no one to meet her. As the train pulled away, Mrs. James cast an apprehensive glance toward the lonely station. To her consternation she saw that there was only one occupant, a burly colored man who was probably some drifter planning to spend the night in the waiting room. No agent or attendant was on duty at that late hour.

Mrs. James remembered that the only people in the community that she knew were friends who lived a mile down the country road. She knew that she could never walk that long mile, as she would have to carry her smallest child and lead the other three. Breathing a prayer for guidance, she approached the large colored man and bargained with him to carry the child, who was too young to walk the distance.

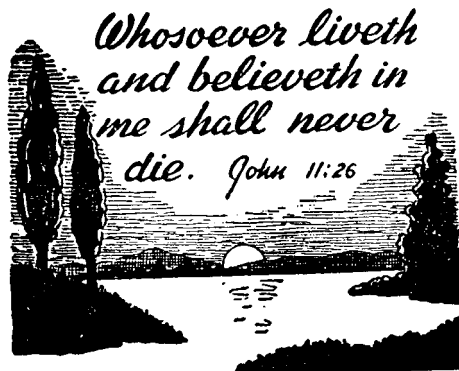
The little company set out into the darkness of the night and, after a trip of what seemed like hours to the distraught mother, they arrived at the friends' lonely, isolated home. Repeated knocks at both the front door and back door brought no answer. Surely someone was home! But no, continued knocking and calling brought only echoes in the terrifying night.

What to do now? As she came into the yard, Mrs. James had noticed by the dim light of the stars that a quilt hung on the clothesline. She spread the quilt on the porch and laid her exhausted, sleepy children down for some much-needed rest. Then, paying the man who had carried the child, she thanked him for his assistance and watched him as he slowly shuffled off into the gloom of the night.

"Please, Lord, You must help me now. The man knows that I am here unprotected and helpless with my four small children. The devil could easily put it into his mind to return to harm and molest us. The house is securely locked and my friends may not even return during the night. Oh, if only I could get into the house!"

Quick as a flash the answer came! "Look under the tub." Now she remembered. As she came into the yard she had seen a tub turned upside down near one side of the house. Quickly going to the tub, she lifted it and hurriedly felt every

inch of the ground that the tub covered. And then her fingers touched it! The key to the front door was in her hand! Within a moment she had the key in the lock and then the door flung wide open. Soon a lighted lamp was sending its friendly rays through the house, and four little children and a mother who knew how to pray were sleeping peacefully. The owners of the home did not return until the following day and could hardly believe that Mrs. James had found the hidden key in the blackness of the night. When she assured them that in answer to prayer it was the voice of the Lord that said, "Look under the tub," they were prompt to agree.



Along Life's Road

By V. H. Lewis*

THE MUSIC of any generation becomes the expression of its emotions and feelings, in relation to its underlying passions and dominant themes of its thought life. In this light I have been thinking about the music of our day. It is but the reflection of the disintegration of a nation that has strayed far from the pure Christian ethics as prescribed by Jesus. The theme of the modern songs are monotonously similar and contain little of the high meaning of human existence. For the most part they reveal the acceptance of a far lower than Christian standard of human relationship, and assign the birthplace of human emotion to physical and biological urges. The white light of greatness and the clear flame of beautiful, uplifting music flicker dimly in this age.

Standing out in the darkness is the ageless music of Christianity. It expresses time's most magnificent truth in music's language of harmony. It comes as the mighty uplift in the clamor of unrest and discord sounding from a seething, frustrated mass of humanity—the humanity of this day, who have well-nigh lost the ability to make great music. It tells the timeless story of Christ in symphonic splendor. Thank God for the music of His Church!

I come to the conclusion afresh that only within the area of Christian religion does man retain the virtues and graces so essential to express himself on the high plane of constructive art.

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DEEP ROOTS

By Eva V. Beets*

TREES have always held a great attraction for me. There are some trees, evergreens, that are constantly shedding the older leaves and replacing them with a gay, fresh beauty the whole year 'round—always reminding one of the staunch Christian, whose life radiates glory morning, noon, and night. The deciduous trees, with their broad leaves, lose their foliage once a year, usually at the approach of the cold season. From these trees mankind may learn a great lesson.

We learn what Jesus meant when He said: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house on a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it" (Matt. 7:24-27).

I thought of these sayings one afternoon in the early spring while watching the swaying, during a wild storm, of the magnificent trees that grew in my front yard. One of the most gallant trees came down with a sudden crash, its roots throwing the sandy loam into the air and its tops sprawling over mother earth. Curious to know the reason for such a catastrophe, I went out to examine it after the storm, finding that its roots had been buried only a little beneath the loose soil. It was only a miracle that it had stood long enough to meet the troubled wind that had downed it.

Then, there was another tree, a staunch oak that had grown in grace and character, weathering many a storm. It battled with all its might against a raging wind that swayed and bent its branches, but finally gave over as the hurricane twisted its beautiful body, leaving ugly, jagged points about twelve feet from the bottom as it was hurled to the ground. Its roots had held because they were deeply founded in the solid earth about its great trunk.

In my grief I thought that it had not been much better off than the tree that had no foundation, and so I went out and planted a honeysuckle vine by its bruised and battered body, thinking that in time it would cover its shame. The vine grew so that the day came when it needed to be thinned out. And what did I see when I lifted the heavy tendrils back to start clipping? The trunk of that tree was covered with long, green shoots all its own! It hadn't needed any caressing vines to cover its shame; all it needed was time to heal from the dreadful wound it had received. The

staunchness of its roots gave new life, a more beautiful life than ever before, with greener and more clustery branches.

Again I thought of the human beings whose lives have been shattered, hearts torn with grief almost to the depths of despair. I thought of the storms in my own life when my heart was torn almost into shreds. I had looked about for some hiding place, some vine I could wrap about myself and shut my wounds away from the penetrating eyes about me; and then I had remembered that my roots were still there where I had buried them in the solid faith, with life still in them. I knelt and prayed; the sap began to flow, and joy once again filled my heart. A new life was founded—a stronger, more beautiful one that can brave another storm, and wait on the Lord to send new tendrils of love that can reach into the hearts of those about me, tendrils of faith that can show people how to bury their roots.

GIVE ME FAITH . . .

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*Lord, give me faith to know that dawn
Will always break, and night be gone.*

*Oh, give me strength through gain or loss,
To walk erect beneath the cross.*

*The cross, perhaps, I could lay down.
But would I then deserve my crown?*

THE GOSPEL:

Death and Life

By L. W. Godfrey*

The savour of death unto death; and . . . the savour of life unto life (II Cor. 2:16).

SHE HAD been using her lovely new electric stove for just a few weeks. What a time-saver and how much easier to prepare a meal with this one than with the old worn-out range! She was thankful over and over that her husband, who worked long and hard hours for Central Power, had surprised her with such a wonderful gift on the tenth anniversary of their marriage.

And then, tragedy struck! While he was working on a high line following a storm, something went wrong. No one will ever know just how it happened, but John was found limp and lifeless by his co-worker. A surge of electric current had literally burned its way through his body, causing instant death.

After recovering somewhat from the shock, the grief-stricken wife began to utter these words, "The same thing, the same thing! Oh, the irony of it all!" Later she explained: "My new stove

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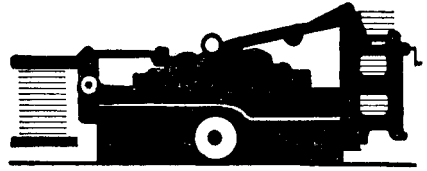
is beautiful and serves me so well. Electricity is a marvelous servant and a great blessing; but the same current, misdirected, has taken the life of the one dearest to me on earth."

Yes, it is ironical. The same electric current which helps us so much in our homes, if misused and misdirected, snuffs out life. The same kind of gas which warms us in frigid weather may cause the death of a loved one. The water which slakes our thirst in summer may come down a river valley as a raging torrent, sweeping those in its path into a watery grave.

Paul said, "To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life" (II Cor. 2:16). He realized that many would hear his message and some would turn away as did the rich young ruler, sorrowful. To Herod the gospel was a savor of death unto death. Judas could have accepted eternal life, offered to all alike by his Lord. But these chose willfully to reject the offer, causing the thing of supreme blessing to become an eternal tragedy.

Friend, think of God's great love to you; accept the wonderful grace and pardon so freely offered. Receive the Light of the World, drink of the Water of Life, and taste of the Living Bread, that eternal life might begin at this moment to spring up forever in your soul. Then will His great salvation be to you "a savour of life unto life" and you can say with the Apostle, "For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved" (II Cor. 2:15).

Your



Publishing House

A Minister from Iowa writes—

"This is just a note to let you know how we appreciate our publishing house, and the fine staff of workers you have there.

"Last week I mailed an order for some of the new hymnals and in less than three days from the time I dropped the letter off at the post office the parcel post man was delivering the books at my door. I was amazed at the quickness of the service.

"We wanted these as extras for our revival which is now in progress with Rev. G. W. Henriksen. All that I asked was that they would send the books posthaste. Needless to say, this is the best mail-order service I have ever had. We got the books before the revival started, when we didn't have any idea it could be done when we sent the order."

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

From Guatemala

IT IS my sincere belief that our work with our loud-speakers, covering as it does an entire town with the gospel message, is opening up a great opportunity among the dialect-speaking Indians of the Kekchi, Pocomchi, and Rabinalachi languages. To appreciate what we mean one must witness the swarming out of a market place, as the Indians—men, women, old, and young—rush upon the car as they hear recordings and preaching in their own beloved tongue. Their interest is shown by the way they stand and nod and give assent and stay by under broiling sun and pelting rain until the message is finished. Hunger and concern are reflected in their faces and they crowd about like women at a fire sale to get Gospel portions and pay for them. We have distributed about seventy-five New Testaments and about one thousand Gospel portions by sale, gifts, and through workers.

The medical work by Mrs. Birchard has been a strong influence in breaking down prejudice among the people. People have walked as much as thirty

miles looking for the nurse, seeking medical help for themselves or one of their family. Whenever a patient comes, he is given a tract or a scripture portion, or both and, when the Spirit leads, the nurse takes time to talk directly to them about their souls.—RUSSELL W. BIRCHARD, Guatemala.

Camp Meeting

We have just closed our camp meeting on the Southern Gaza District and tomorrow the camp meeting begins here at Tavane. Rev. Elmer Schmelzenbach is our special worker. There were around eight hundred present at the other camp; seventy-eight baptized and received into the church; also another fifteen young men baptized and received into the church in Lourenco Marques, making ninety-three for the Southern District. More than one hundred people sought the Lord at an altar of prayer. The blessings of the Lord were many, in messages, testimony, and so forth.

Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Jenkins were

also a great blessing in the meeting.—MARY COOPER, Africa.

Hundreds of Miles Of Nazarene Missions

It was my happy privilege this summer to spend six weeks in Mexico, visiting the North, Central, and South districts. I assisted in three preachers' conventions, and preached fifty-four times in twenty-eight different churches. Practically every service concluded with a victorious altar service. It would take a book to tell the stories of tears and triumph, persecution and progress, that we heard during those weeks.

Under the aggressive, spiritual leadership of Revs. Enrique Rosales, David Sol, and Carlos Stopani, the Church of the Nazarene is on the march in Mexico. My life has been greatly enriched by fellowship with our Mexican superintendents, pastors, colporteurs, and faithful members, a number of whom have actually hazarded their lives for the sake of the gospel. More than ever we feel that our five Mexican districts, with 25,500 inhabitants in Mexico and other millions along the border, represent one of the greatest missionary challenges of today.—EDWARD WYMAN, Spanish Bible Institute.

SOME WEEKS ago I saw three boys and a girl walking on stilts. I remembered then that I had my day of walking on stilts, too. Why do boys and girls like to walk on stilts? Stilts are cumbersome, they are anything but efficient, and often you have to fall out of them in order to get off them. This means that they are dangerous also. Again I ask, Why do boys and girls like to walk on stilts? Well, there are several reasons:

First, the stilts satisfy their demand for novelty. Human beings at any age like novelty, and especially is that true of boys and girls. Walking on stilts is different.

Then there is the element of risk and adventure, and the younger we are the more we seem to like risk and adventure. When I was pastor I used to take teen-age boys on hikes, and they seemed to like to do the things that were most risky on those trips—walk along the edge of the precipice, climb the highest trees, or go swimming in the river in the swift, deep waters. I enjoyed my trips with these boys, but I was always glad when I got them back home. Fortunately, none of them ever was killed or even crippled on one of these outings, but some of them had some very narrow escapes. Nevertheless, they wouldn't have enjoyed those trips if they couldn't have taken some risks; they lived, to some extent, by adventure—and walking on stilts helps to satisfy this demand in the hearts of boys and girls.

Boys and girls usually want to grow up, they want to be bigger, and walking on stilts helps them to feel that they are older, and more grown-up. Closely allied to this is the fact that it satisfies, to some extent, their desire to be superior.

All of this has made me wonder. Is this desire to walk on stilts akin to that something which causes men to seek jobs they are not big enough for, and honors they really do not deserve? Are they just walking on stilts, figuratively speaking, when they want to pass for more than they are? Is it a roundabout way of satisfying their ego, of making them feel superior? Now, I have already said too much, and must stop this way of thinking. I would suggest in conclusion that David refused to wear somebody else's armor—Saul's armor; he refused to walk on stilts. I think sometimes it wouldn't hurt some of us to refuse to walk on stilts, seek to be more than we are, or magnify our worth beyond its reality.

A Recipe for

Obtaining Entire Sanctification

MY MOTHER and father were reared on farms in north Georgia where they had plenty of butter and cream; they liked rich pastries. My father didn't care much about fancy cakes, with all sorts of "gooey" fillings. He was especially fond of the old-fashioned pound cake. If my

mother wanted to do something that would especially please him from the standpoint of food, she made a pound cake: one pound of butter, one pound of flour, one pound of sugar, one cup of milk, one dozen eggs. These were at least the chief ingredients. When my mother made this cake she followed the recipe. Today we can buy cakes which are called "pound cakes," but they are not made by this recipe, and very few home-made cakes in our day have these ingredients. The pound cake, as my mother made it, was a high-quality cake.

A recipe is the fruit of practical experience, and has been defined as "a formula for making a dish in cookery." Another and wider definition of recipe is "a means prescribed for producing a desired result." This leads me to the thought of a recipe for obtaining entire sanctification, a means which I am going to prescribe that will produce a certain desired result—that is, the obtaining of the blessing, or experience, of entire sanctification. Like the recipe for the pound cake, it will have five ingredients, or elements.

First, *regeneration*. No person can hope to get the blessing of entire sanctification, however much he may seek it, if he has not first been regenerated. Regeneration, then, is the first factor in this prescription, or recipe. If you are still a sinner and you see someone who has the blessing of entire sanctification, and you are impressed by his life—so impressed that you would like to have this experience yourself—first of all you must realize that your sins are forgiven; you must come to God and repent, and believe that He does now save you.

The second ingredient in this recipe is *conviction*. If you are really going to get this blessing, you must feel your need of it; and if you are saved, you will not be willing to meet the other requirements to get this blessing if you do not have a definite consciousness of your need of this experience. In other words, you must be convicted for holiness. You must realize that even after you have been saved there is still within your heart something that is foreign to the Christ-spirit, and that, above everything else, you need to get rid of that something. You must become convinced of the fact that you cannot be all that you would like to be for God unless you have been cleansed from all sin. Just as a person must be convicted for salvation from his sins, he must be convicted for salvation from his sin, or the sinful nature within.

Next, I would mention *consecration*. You have to be regenerated, and feel your need; then you must also consecrate your all to God—put everything on the altar for time and eternity. You must place your money, your time, your loved ones,

Stephen S. White

your friends, your ambitions, your future, your all in the hands of God. You must turn them over completely to Him. This isn't easy to do. I have seen people who were saved, and who felt their need of the second blessing, struggle and struggle before they were willing to take their hands off everything—all that they possessed and all that they were—and turn everything over to God. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12:1). This exhortation from the lips of the great Apostle Paul, as the Holy Ghost inspired him, is one of the greatest texts in the Bible, and it is addressed to "brethren," Christians; and it tells them what they must do in the way of dedicating themselves and their possessions to God. This very thing you must do, my Christian friend, if you would be sanctified wholly.

The fourth element in the recipe for obtaining the blessing of entire sanctification is *desperation*. Somebody has well said, "No soul ever will get sanctified wholly who has not arrived at desperation point." You must get to the place where you not only feel your need of this blessing, where you not only put everything on the altar, but also where you feel deep down in your heart that you must have the blessing or else you will die. It isn't easy to get sanctified wholly, and no half-hearted attempt will get you there. I believe that many people fail to get this wonderful blessing simply because they are not desperate enough in their seeking. Only when you seek God with all your heart, and seek Him with a consciousness that your life cannot go on without His fullness, can you expect to receive the blessing of entire sanctification. Have you reached desperation point yet? That's the question. Have you died out to everything to such an extent that you are ready to cry out from the depths of your soul, "Give me this blessing or I die. I must have it; I can't get along any longer without it"?

The fifth and last ingredient in this recipe for obtaining entire sanctification is *faith*. After all of the other conditions have been met, after all of the other ingredients are at hand, and have been put together, you will not be able to get the desired result—entire sanctification—unless you believe God, unless you look up into His face now and trust Him that He does the work immediately. And if you have met every other condition you have a right to look up into God's face and believe Him at once that He does the work. In Acts 15:8-9 we have these words: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." The cleansing, the purification, was brought about by

faith on the part of those who would be freed from sin within.

In closing, there is one other thought that I would present, that is, *it is God that sanctifies*. After you have put together all these five ingredients, and the recipe has been completed, you are ready then for the cake (if I might use the illustration again) to be cooked, to really be consummated. But it is God who must do this. Nothing that we can do will sanctify us; all that we can do is to get ready for God to do the work, and when we are ready He never fails. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thess. 5:23). This is followed by a verse which we often leave out. It is the promise which guarantees the answer to the prayer in the preceding verse—"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." This assures you that God will see that the objective is reached if you get together all of the ingredients in the recipe for obtaining entire sanctification.

I DOUBT IT!

AN AGNOSTIC is a person who refuses either to affirm or to deny that there is a God. Bertrand Russell, a famous English thinker who is an agnostic, was asked recently what evidence he would have to have in order to believe that there is a God. His answer was based on prophecy, or prophecy as that which foretells, or predicts events. He declared that if a voice from the sky should tell him what's going to happen within twenty-four hours, some of the things being rather improbable, then if they actually happened, he would be inclined to believe that God exists. At least he thought that evidence of that kind might convince him that God is a living reality.

I know something of Mr. Russell, and others who have been agnostics, and I doubt that such evidence would change their views, or cause them to believe that God exists. Through long years of study they have become convinced in their own minds of their position, and I don't believe that a voice from heaven would change them. They have become fixed in their belief, although they still claim to be very open-minded.

In Luke 16:19-31 we are told of the rich man and Lazarus. When the rich man failed to get the relief he cried for in hell, he then said: "I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (vv. 27-31). Abraham had no faith in the ability of a messenger from the dead to save the

rich man's five brethren, or turn them from their wicked way, their unbelief. They had Moses and the prophets, and Abraham said, since they had rejected them, a word from one who had come forth from the dead would not change them.

Mr. Russell has Moses and the prophets also, and I doubt that a voice from heaven, with all the predictions that he mentions verified, would convince him that there is a God. In fact, the prophecies themselves are from heaven. God has given them, and they foretell specific events

which have really taken place already. Bertrand Russell has the evidence he has asked for, and yet he doesn't believe there is a God. Already God has spoken through His prophets to all of us, and if we turn down this word from Him it isn't likely that another miraculous word from Him would convince us of the truth. Sin is terrible—it blinds the minds and hearts of men. The Bible is God's special revelation to mankind, and if we pass it by there is little hope that we ever shall find our way to Him.

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER has received the Nobel Peace Prize for 1952, belatedly awarded. The Alsatian-born missionary-doctor, who has been called "Man of the Century," is seventy-eight years old, and has been honored in various ways many times previously. For thirty-six years he has been engaged in missionary labors in Africa, and now operates a hospital at Lambarene in Equatorial French Africa. Prior to his decision to go into this lifework he had shown himself to be a gifted person in medicine, music, philosophy, and religious thought. In times when he needed money to carry on his hospital work he has given concerts and lectures in Europe to get it. The Nobel Prize amounts to \$33,200.00 and should be of some help in this connection. General George C. Marshall has been awarded the 1953 Prize.

Dr. Charles Allen, an Atlanta, Georgia, pastor and also a daily religious columnist for the *Atlanta Constitution*, declared recently that "there is an interest in religion today the like of which our country has never seen before." Consider this statement along with the facts of our current economic status. A report from the Department of Commerce says that the average American family income in 1950 before taxes and debt payments were deducted was \$4,450.00. Since that time there has been an increase in the total figures of about 55 billion dollars, which means that the average individual family income must be still higher today.

It has been a theory of some people that financial reverses and poverty are necessary to break human pride and cause men to turn to God. Yet our generation has seen one of the greatest periods of economic prosperity accompanied by a widespread interest in religion. This seems to mean that financial crisis is only one of the factors which turn our minds to religious faith. There are others,

and in the last few years the frequency of wars, the recurrent breakdowns in peace negotiations, the fear of communism and of the new means of war have caused us to be concerned for the things which stand sure. In any case, it is a mistake to oversimplify the causes of revivals of religion. God uses a variety of events, preachers, and circumstances in order to reach the hearts of humanity.

The earthquakes in August which rocked the Aegean Islands of Ithaca, Zante, and Cephalonia destroyed nearly one hundred churches and damaged many others. A bureau of the Athenian government gave an estimate of the replacement and repair costs of these churches (in American money) of three and one-third million dollars.

From France comes another corroboration of the fact that the costs of legal consumption of alcoholic

beverages outstrip the amount of revenue that accrues to the state. A French authority, Ernest Reynaud, states that hospital expenses, social insurance, accidents, loss of working time, and like costs due to alcohol use are more than double the amounts of liquor revenues. Annual revenues are about 55 billion francs and costs amount to 130 to 135 billion francs annually.

A study of human starvation by one of the departments of the American Geographical Society reports that two-thirds of the human race exists on insufficient food. Most persons in the following countries are able to enjoy adequate diets: Canada, the United States, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina, Russia, and all the European countries (except Portugal, Spain, Italy, and East Germany), along with Turkey and the Near East. A few spots in Asia also have sufficient diets, but the rest of the world is unable to maintain peak energy and protection against disease because of poor diet. America is most overfed, and most Americans are suffering from overeating and obesity rather than malnutrition.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Not long ago I heard a man say that Paul received all on the Damascus road (Acts 9:1-9), but I believe that he received something at Damascus (Acts 9:17-21). What was it that he received at Damascus?

A. I agree with you in that I believe Paul (Saul) did not receive all on the road to Damascus. I hold that he was saved there and then received the baptism with the Holy Spirit, which sanctifies wholly, at Damascus.

Q. If a steward or trustee resigns, has the church board the right to elect some member of the church to fill that place?

A. According to the way I understand the *Manual*, this would be il-

legal. In the 1952 *Manual*, page 70, paragraph 105, and page 71, paragraph 112, the method for filling such vacancies is given. According to these paragraphs, the vacancies are to be filled by the church, and not by the church board.

Q. Would it be possible for a newly converted, or born again, person to commit the unpardonable sin, or blaspheme against the Holy Ghost in thought, when he was trying hard to keep any unclean, or wrong, thought from ever entering his mind?

A. I do not believe that it would be possible. However, I would suggest that the best way to keep from thinking evil thoughts is to fill the

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Winning Souls in Australia

mind with good ones. Don't say, "I won't think this evil thought," but rather say, "I'll think this good thought." The best way to keep the evil thought out is to think the good one. Paul says: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

Q. Will you please define gossip?

A. The best definition of gossip I have ever heard or read is given in these words: "Gossip is talk about a person not present which tends to lower the status of the absent party." This definition has teeth in it—I'm afraid that it bites most of us. Let's all examine ourselves and see if we are guilty.

Q. I'm writing in regard to what our church "Manual" says about marriage and divorce on page 47, paragraph 38. There it says that adultery is the scriptural ground for divorce, but the Bible bases the right to remarry on fornication, and not adultery. They are not the same. Please explain.

A. This has been dealt with more than once in the "Question Box." If you will turn to Matt. 5:32 and 19:9, you will find that the passages clearly use the word fornication to include adultery and not in the narrower sense in which it is sometimes understood. Further, I have a late unabridged dictionary, and it says that the word fornication is sometimes used in the broader sense—especially in the Bible. Usage finally determines the meaning of a word.

Q. Do you think any church will have a revival until the people who make up the church get right with God and stop their bickering and gossiping?

A. Bickering and gossiping are terrible on the part of anyone, and especially is this true of church members. Nevertheless, I wouldn't want to limit God. There might be one true Christian in a church, and God might for the sake of that person's prayers and faith send a revival. It seems to me that I remember something about Abraham and Elijah which would indicate that the prayer of even one righteous person would have great value. Of course, bickering and gossiping among some or most of the members of a church would make it more difficult to have a revival in that church, but I would not want to limit God to the extent of insisting that a revival could never be had in such a church.

WHEN backed by prayer and love, a little advertising can sometimes go a long way, as the following string of events will show.

Last April a small advertisement was inserted by a Northmead Nazarene in the newspaper of Parramatta, a city a few miles distant, announcing the Good Friday services at the Nazarene Bible College. Two maiden ladies saw the ad, and attended. A gospel team of students was sent to conduct a service in the old ladies' home where they worked (one of them as a matron) and thus the contact was cultivated. Later the matron influenced a young lay minister and his wife to attend our college dedication service. His prejudice was dissolved, and within a few weeks he was a full-time student preparing for the Nazarene ministry. They also influenced a woman to attend our Sunday evening service at the college, and she was converted. Now all five are members of the Birrong Church of the Nazarene. Not bad for a small advertisement! And the end is not yet, for further contacts are continuously developing through these five.

The experience of the young minister is a story in itself. He was a salesman who on week ends served a certain church a few miles from here. But he fell into disfavor with the church fathers because of his outspoken opposition to their church fetes and to his practice of preaching a gospel message on Sunday mornings when he felt led. The tension reached a climax one Sunday morning when in the midst of his sermon he was shouted down and ordered out of the pulpit by the wealthy church boss. He walked out, his trembling wife and two children with him.

When he attended his first Nazarene service he looked about anxiously, and saw the love which his heart had been hungry for. God began to deal with him about preparing for full-time ministry. He and his wife became willing, if need be, to sacrifice their home, car, and even furniture, to follow the call of God. About that time he was clearly sanctified in my office, and testified publicly that for years he had sensed a lack, and had hungered for a "fullness" which he now enjoyed.

But when he was willing to ask his firm to permit him to work only part time, in order that he might

enter school, the boss came to him, offering an advancement at greatly increased pay. It was a real test! But he refused, and instead asked for reduced time at half pay, explaining that he felt called to the Nazarene ministry.

His wife has encouraged him and backed him to the limit. In order to make ends meet, she comes to the college three half days a week to serve as our bookkeeper. But she has never been able to testify in public or pray aloud, even in family worship. Both her background and natural temperament served to keep her in bondage. We have been praying for her sanctification. Tuesday morning of this week she came to work obviously troubled. When I spoke to her she tearfully confessed at once a hungry heart. We had prayer in the office, but she did not get through clearly. But throughout that night God dealt with her, and about three o'clock in the morning she awoke her husband to tell him that God had sanctified her wholly and she knew it! And the greatest possible evidence was in chapel that day when she rose and testified clearly to the experience—the first public statement of any kind, religious or otherwise, in her life!

This young couple are worthy of the prayers of all our people. They have met bitter persecution and ostracism from relatives and friends since becoming Nazarenes. To get to school he must drive forty miles a day, in addition to the driving involved in his work. They make scarcely enough to get by financially. He finds studying difficult, as he is thirty-eight years of age, and has been out of school since he was fourteen. But God is holding them steady in spite of discouragements. We desire them to press on, as there is every evidence of future usefulness. He preaches with real anointing, and is adept at dealing with people. Pray for them!—DR. RICHARD S. TAYLOR, President, Nazarene Bible College, Sydney, Australia.

I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God (Luke 12:8-9).

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

A Doubled Christmas

(Rewritten from a story by Sydney Dayre published in *Over Land and Sea*)

"Hello, Billy!"

"Hel-lo!" answered Billy as he stooped and worked very hard to loosen something from the rough-frozen ground. It gave way at length with such a jerk as to cause him to sit down suddenly.

"What you doing, Billy?" asked Phil.

"I'm getting ready for Christmas," the small boy said as he turned his beaming face toward the questioner.

"I don't see much Christmas in grubbing away here in the cold. Look how red your hands are. Haven't you any mittens?"

Billy rubbed his hands, but the smile did not leave his face.

"I'm pickin' up these pine cones," he said, pointing to a small heap. "When it comes Christmas Eve and Christmas night, I put 'em on the fire. Haven't you ever seen pine cones on a fire—how they sizz and sputter and shine?"

"Yes."

"Well, me and Mother laugh and we pop corn, too."

"Is that the way you keep Christmas?"

"That isn't all of it. Mother tells me about what we'd do if Father hadn't died. They used to have turkey and mince pie and cranberries, and everybody said, 'Merry Christmas,' and laughed and—" Billy stopped, quite overcome with the thought of such fine doings.

"And the pine cones and the popcorn are all you're going to have?" asked Phil.

"Yes. Only last Christmas Mis' March sent a bag o' candy for the twins, and Mother gave me some of it."

As Phil stooped to help Billy find cones, he was silent, but Billy kept up his chatter about what his mother used to do and what they were going to do.

"Mother says the twins are big enough to sit up this year and see the cones burn, so we'll have the biggest kind of a time," was Billy's conclusion when Phil, at length, wished him good-by.

Phil thoughtfully walked toward his home. His home was an ideal one. Everything of which poor Billy had

talked so eagerly was found at the Christmas season. There was not much extra money for Phil to spend, and he realized that any attempt on his part to make the day brighter for anyone else must be at the expense of some coveted indulgence for himself. As he hurried along in the crisp December air, thoughts kept presenting themselves to him.

I could, I know, make a right up-and-down jolly Christmas for Billy—

If I'd give up those skates—

Mother'd let me bring him—

Wouldn't it pay to have two boys as glad as I always am on Christmas?

Finally Phil talked the problem over with his mother.

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Billy awoke with the sun on Christmas morning.

"Christmas! Hurrah, Mother! Merry Christmas!"

After a quick dressing he was down the narrow stairs. He hugged his mother and the three-year-old twin girls. But somehow Mother did not look cheery enough for the day.

"Why, Mother, aren't you glad it's Christmas?" Billy asked.

"Of course, I am, dear. I've got you, and that's enough to make anyone glad."

As the day grew older, Billy found it a little hard to keep up his Christmas spirit. The pine cones and the popcorn must wait until evening, and there was so little to go on until then. More especially was this true since Mother had not been able to get the pay for her last sewing, and there was nothing for dinner except a very small piece of pork and some potatoes, to which even Billy's courage seemed scarcely equal to giving Christmas flavor.

The twins lay down for a long nap early in the afternoon. Billy could not do that. How he did wish the day were over! Suddenly he heard footsteps on the porch. Quickly he glanced out the window.

"It's Phil Grant," he exclaimed, "and with a basket!" Eagerly he opened the door.

"Mrs. Martin," said Phil, bringing in the basket, "my mother would like for you to share our dinner with us. She would also like to have Billy come with us for dinner, if you can spare him. We'll try to make him have a good time—"

Since mothers usually choose good times for their boys, Mother readily gave her consent for Billy to visit Phil's home. Then she unpacked the basket and found turkey, mince pie,

cranberries, with many more things beside.

Upon reaching home that night, Billy recounted the happenings of the day.

"All Phil's folks were there—all his cousins, his aunts, his uncles, and all. When dinner came we all marched out two and two. The table was as long as across the road, and, O Mother, it wasn't one dinner, but it was four or five. Just as soon as we were all done eating turkey and cranberries and lots more things, we all sat still while they took away all the dishes. I thought we were through, but they set another dinner and then two or three more—puddings and pies and nice cut-up stuff and cake and nuts. It was dark when we were done eating. We marched again until we came to two doors that hadn't been open before and—Mother, you've seen a Christmas tree, haven't you?"

"Yes, Son, I have."

"The tree was beautiful! There were books and tops and balls and bats and kites and horses and dolls and everybody laughing and talking. Soon they began taking off the things. They gave me this cap with ear tabs; feel how warm they are—then mittens, a book, and these dolls and horns of candy for the twins. O Mother—" Billy's head was drooping with weariness from an excess of happiness. "Aren't you glad God made Christmas and such folks as Phil and his mother to go with it?"

Another boy was just as happy as was Billy. He was sober as he drove home alone. His mother was waiting for him.

"I've had it all—all the gladness of two Christmas times," he said as his mother laid her hand on his head.

"Yes," his mother responded, "all the gladness which comes from being a partaker with Him in the full spirit of self-sacrifice."

RAINBOW

By Verla U. Gorham

*Go, stand before your window;
Gaze out upon the sky;
Behold the bow of promise
And know that God is nigh!*

*"And I will look upon it."
He said, "and always then
I'll pause and think—remembering
My covenant with men."*

*So when you see the rainbow
Fling your heart open wide,
For God is looking at it too.
Just on the other side!*

*Go, stand before your window
And lift your heart in prayer;
For just beyond the rainbow,
He waits to meet you there!*

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for December 27: "Thy Kingdom Come"

Scripture: Matt. 6:9-10; 28:16-20; John 17:18-21; Acts 1:6-8; Rev. 11:15
(Printed, same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever* (Rev. 11:15).

Some years ago I read a book by quite a noted author, and this was the striking title *Thy Kingdom Come: but Not Now*. The thesis was simply this: Many people who frequently and glibly repeat this phrase in the Lord's Prayer do it with their fingers crossed; for they would be very embarrassed if Christ should come and set up His kingdom and catch them without warning. They are religious enough to hope that the kingdom of God will come, all right, but let it be done by the efforts of others; and really they secretly hope that the coming of the Kingdom will

be postponed a little longer, so they can operate their shady practices until a few more ill-gotten dollars are filched, a few more doubtful bargains are driven. If there must be yearning, intercessory prayer, if honesty must be transparent, if giving must be sacrificial, then they are willing to vote to postpone the coming of the Kingdom for a few months or years—*Thy Kingdom Come: but Not Now*.

You see, to earnestly pray, "Thy kingdom come," means that I must conduct my personal life with scrupulous honesty—whether it be real estate, used cars, eggs, or office work. There cannot be those silences which cover up flaws that cost the buyer dearly, nor that lack of mercy when the customer is driven to a corner and must sell and we can virtually

dictate the terms. It is so easy to rationalize and insist that we are exceptions; others should be as honest as Moses, with motives as pure as an angel. But to rationalize thus is really to pray, *Thy Kingdom Come: but Not Now*.

When we pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done," we really mean that we desire to be worthy of a place in that Kingdom, no matter at what startling moment we may be caught. If, for instance, God decides to have salesmen in heaven, then we will be the type of salesmen who could quickly transfer operations to the Kingdom at a moment's notice and not be embarrassed; similarly with the farmer, or the typist, or the minister, or the employer; with the baker, the painter, the machinist, the technician.

When we pray, "Thy kingdom come," how many of us do it with crossed fingers? Or do we actually pray, *Thy Kingdom Come: but Not Now?*

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

NEWS IN BRIEF

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revival campaign at Laurel, Delaware, church, with fine attendance and good altar services. Eighteen seekers at altar, and 259 in attendance at Sunday school, breaking a record of twenty years' standing on last day of revival, November 22."

Rev. Paul Mayfield has resigned as pastor of the Fuller Avenue Church in Grand Rapids, to accept the call to the church in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Denver, Colorado—Dr. Harold Gretzinger recently conducted a revival for Southside Church. In addition to the regular evening services, morning services were held which were a special blessing. Brother Gretzinger preached a rugged gospel with the spirit of Christ. Many people fasted and prayed, and the Holy Spirit fell upon some services in an unusual and powerful way; seekers found definite help and victory. The Holy Land services drew splendid crowds, at our church and at the Saturday night "Youth for Christ" at Phipps Auditorium. In one service Dr. Gretzinger sold a substantial amount of bonds for our building program; the addition to our church is nearing completion. God has wonderfully helped us and we desire your prayers for His continued help and blessing.
C. B. Mylander, Pastor.

Dr. Richard S. Taylor, principal of the Nazarene Bible College in Australia, sends a special prayer request for a revival campaign to be held in Melbourne in January. "The pastor has courageously undertaken a long meeting, engaging a downtown hall in an effort to attract the attention of the city. They realize they are helpless without the power of the Spirit in answer to the prayers of God's people everywhere. Surely the Lord has many people for us in this great city of over one million souls."

Vallejo, California—First Church recently concluded two weeks of revival effort in which much good was accomplished. Rev. T. Crichton Mitchell was the human instrument in the first week of meetings. His messages were rich, and his hymns of Charles Wesley thrilled our hearts. The second week we had Dr. Westlake Purkiser for a "Coming Home" meeting. This was his first time to preach here since his graduation from high school and his going away to Pasadena College. These two men were wonderfully used of God to bless the church and reach the community. The Lamplighter Gospel Team were a real blessing by their presence and music. We thank God for the devoted members and friends who loyally support and stand by the work of the church. It is a privilege to work with our much-loved district superintendent, Dr. George Coulter, and the pastors of this Northern California District.—A. G. Hamners, Pastor.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon write: "We recently closed two fine revivals on the Rocky Mountain District. At Cheyenne, Wyoming, with Pastor I. F. Rodeffer, God broke in on us in an old-fashioned way and forty-six seekers sought spiritual help. Then at Torrington, Wyoming, with Pastor William T. DeCoe, some real victories were won and a return revival call was extended us. Due to a change of dates we have an open date, January 15 to 24, en route from Kansas City, Missouri, to Nashville, Tennessee. Write us, 39 S. Prospect Avenue, Patchogue, New York."

Evangelist Arthur E. and Vada Lee Barkley report: "We will have December 30 to January 10 open. We preach, sing duets, and also feature chalk-talk work and song illustrations. We also have February 1 through 7, which we would like to fill in the area between Illinois and Ohio in Youth Week services. Write us, 305 N.W. Main Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelist C. M. Whitley reports: "Wife and I are happy to report from Hanford, California, in a meeting with Pastor Clarence Killion. Recently closed our second revival in Shafter. This is our fourth revival in California, and we are enjoying our work here. We return soon to Oklahoma, and have an open date, January 20 to 31, which we'd like to slate while in that part of the country. Also, we have an open date, March 17 to 28, which we'd like to slate in Arkansas or Louisiana. Write us, % our publishing house."

Evangelist J. T. Myers writes: "Due to a church remodeling program, I have had cancellation of a meeting scheduled for watch night through January 10. Since I plan to attend the Evangelists' Conference in Kansas City (beginning January 11) I would appreciate slating this time with some church within a reasonable distance. Write me, 502 Lafayette Street, Danville, Illinois."

Pastor J. W. Swearengen writes from Evansville, Indiana: "Bayard Park Church enjoyed one of the best revival campaigns, closing November 1, it has been my privilege to witness in these nearly seven years as pastor. Evangelist George P. Woodward was the human instrument used mightily by the Lord in the meetings. Brother Woodward, before entering the ministry, was a cartoonist, and now that talent is used to convey the truth of the gospel to the hearts and minds of people with *pictures that preach*. His illustrated hymn, given at the opening of each service, then presented to the one bringing the most new people the following night, is the finest we have ever seen. The unique part of his ministry is that he uses his chalk while he is preaching, drawing from two to four pictures which graphically illustrate his message. While his chalk is flying, the words of truth are pouring from his heart, making the great truths of the Word stand out clearly. There were souls at the altar every evening after the second night of the campaign. We had the largest attendance of any meeting this church has seen for many years and the financing of the meeting was the easiest ever. Brother Woodward's work for the Sunday school is a tremendous boost to attendance and interest. This church feels it was a wonderful uplift to have had him, and he is engaged to return. The victory and spirit of the meeting linger on. It has been a joy and delight to pastor this wonderful people."

Charleston, West Virginia—Southeast Church recently commemorated its twenty-fifth anniversary with a revival conducted by Rev. W. L. French, a former pastor. Rev. C. D. Taylor, pastor of the church for eleven years, and builder of the present church, was with us for the silver anniversary rally on Sunday, October 11. Dr. Edward C. Oney brought the rally message on Sunday afternoon. The Lacy Trio were the singers for the meeting. The largest crowds the church has had in years attended the meeting, with a full house night after night, and several overflow crowds. Twenty-five years ago the Southeast Church was organized, under an old district tent, with 23 charter members. With no property, and the smallest church in the Kanawha City area, those members began to work for God and the church. God has blessed their efforts and the church, until now the Sunday-school constituency numbers almost 1,000, with

a record attendance of 813. The church has 300 members and a property valued at \$150,000.00, which will increase to \$200,000.00 with our new Sunday-school addition. The church has grown from the smallest congregation to the largest in this fine residential section of the city of Charleston. We rejoice in the way the Lord has blessed the church, and are happy to report that He is still blessing it in an unusual way. Our growing Sunday school is running as high as it can until our new building is added to give us needed room and facilities. Twenty-one new members have been received into the church in the past few weeks; God is blessing in our regular services, with souls praying through almost every Sunday. We are happy serving our third year as pastor of this great church and wonderful people. Our possibilities here are unlimited, and we hope to do our best for God and souls, and to strengthen and enlarge this spiritual lighthouse and soul-saving center.—Hadley Hall, Pastor.

Evangelist Basil Miller writes, "After attending the evangelists' conference in Kansas City, early in January, I will be in an eight-day meeting, January 17 through 24, in East Point, Georgia. Following this I have open time for two meetings or conventions, and would like to slate this time in one of the Southern states. Write me, 86 E. Loma Alta Drive, Altadena, California."

Leavittsburg, Ohio—On November 15 District Superintendent C. D. Taylor dedicated the Meadowbrook Church. The sanctuary was filled to capacity with the local congregation, visiting ministers, and friends. It was a wonderful testimony to the faithful people who have labored and given of their means to erect a building fit for the worship of God. The dedication address was delivered by Rev. D. D. Palmer, sponsor of the organization. God has richly blessed the people and His Spirit has been upon the services; new people are being reached and we are expecting great victories at His hand. We recently closed a blessed revival with Evangelist L. W. Conway. On the last Sunday the Lord graciously came on the combined Sunday school and morning worship service, and thirty members of the Sunday school bowed at the altar at the close of an illustrated message on the "Rapture of the Church."—G. W. Gales, Pastor.

Monroe, Washington—Evangelists Laten E. and Laura Teare were with us October 21 to November 1 and gave excellent service. Brother Teare presented the Word in a clear and forcible manner which was honored of God. Their singing brought blessing into every service, and they were untiring altar workers. The meetings closed with a good altar service on the last night. It was a pleasure to have these people of God in our church and in our home.—W. M. Irwin, Pastor.

Evangelist Russel R. McCollom and wife write: "Since entering the evangelistic field in August we have had three wonderful revivals with Rev. J. W. Youngman of Eureka Gardens Church in Wichita, Kansas; Rev. Vernon Brewer of Norcatur; and Rev. C. A. Sturdevant, of Gaylord, Kansas. God helped us in a wonderful way and a number of souls found definite victory in saving and sanctifying power. We are filling our slate for 1954. If you desire our services, write us, 624 S. Knight, Wichita, Kansas."

Pastor William Willis writes from Nady, Arkansas: "We recently closed a very successful revival with Rev. R. F. Lindley. There were seekers at the altar every night, finances came easily, and the people stood by with prayer. Brother Lindley backs the full program of our church, both general and district. He has been extended an invitation to return for another meeting. We thank God for the privilege of pastoring such a fine people."

Pastor H. Floyd Dean writes from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: "We came to May Avenue Church two years ago last September, and found a fine group of people worshipping in an old building, but with a desire to build. With the help of the good people we have built a new church, 40 x 60 feet. God has wonderfully blessed. We recently closed a revival with Rev. Walter Patterson, evangelist, in which forty-five souls found victory and seven joined the church. Brother Patterson is a great preacher of the gospel and knows how to win souls."

Webb City, Missouri—A gracious outpouring of God's manifold blessings marked our fall revival, October 14 through 25. Under the dynamic preaching of Rev. Ray Geren, and inspirational, soul-lifting song service, headed by John Whisler, our church experienced a renovating revival. Many young people sought and found the establishing experience that comes from wholehearted consecration. We thank God for this fact, for "to save a young person is to save a life." Revival fires are still burning. Brother Geren is a most outstanding evangelist and soul winner, and we attribute a great portion of the success of this meeting to the challenging spirit and excellent song service of Brother Whisler.—Clyde Sumpter, Reporter.

Lewisburg, Tennessee—On November 15 we closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church, with the Holso Evangelistic Party. We had the best crowds throughout the meeting that have attended in years. A fine host of friends were won to the church. The Sunday school reached a goal of 174 in attendance. The Holso family was mightily used of God, and the revival closed in a blaze of glory, with two great altar services on Sunday evening.—T. E. Holcomb, Pastor.

Evangelist C. V. Holstein writes: "Since my uniting with the Church of the Nazarene last July, the brethren have been very kind to me. I have some open dates for meetings after Christmas. Write me, 432 W. Walnut, Kalamazoo, Michigan."

Evangelist Dominick Proserpi writes that after the first of the year he has open time for meetings, except for the month of April. He will be glad to go where the Lord may lead. Write him, Olivet College 302, Kankakee, Illinois.

Necedah, Wisconsin—On November 15 we closed a revival with Rev. and Mrs. Russell Bush, special workers. Many new faces were seen in the church. A number of children and young people sought and found God, and one older person was reclaimed and sanctified. We are looking forward to good days.—Willis T. Colestock, Pastor.

Hoquiam, Washington—We recently closed a series of services with Rev. Laten and Loura Teare, evangelist and singers. The whole church was blessed and greatly helped. Definite progress was made. Five precious souls sought and claimed Jesus as their personal Saviour. The Teares use the "sword of the Spirit" with the power of that Spirit behind the Word.—R. E. Lawrence, Pastor.

Evangelist A. K. Jones reports: "I have been busy since the assembly, working in Texas, Missouri, and Illinois. God has given me some good revivals with some of the best pastors and people in our great church. At this writing I am in a meeting with Rev. Leon Martin in Bonham, Texas. He has done outstanding work here. The church is in good condition, and we are off to a good start. I also worked with Revs. Grafton and Roma Smith of Coleman, Texas; Revs. Robert and Dorothy Reed of Danville, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Palmer of Ironton, Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Smith of Frankclay, Missouri; Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Bushey of Ridge Farm, Illinois. These pastors are all doing outstanding work for Christ and the church. Because of a change in my slate I have some time open in January and February; no place is too small and no meeting is too long. Write me at 519 Commercial Street, Danville, Illinois. I believe in the Nazarene program and boost all departments of our great church."

Hawthorn Pennsylvania—We enjoyed a good revival with Evangelist Thomas Fowler and family as special workers. The Fowler children were a great blessing in the meeting, bringing special music each night. Under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Fowler the Lord gave us a number of seekers; new people were at the altar, backsliders were reclaimed, and believers were sanctified. The church was encouraged to a more fervent life, an increased activity for

the salvation of souls, and a greater devotion to Christ. This is our third year at Hawthorn. We love the people and are looking forward to a great year.—George Emmitt, Pastor.

Song Evangelist Grant Stone writes: "Wife, Daughter, and I are again traveling alone after having traveled as the Bryant-Stone Evangelistic Party for some time. We are available for meetings anywhere our services are desired, and will be glad to care for the musical program, song leading, and special singing. We have some open dates. Address us at Route 1, Vanceburg, Kentucky."

Dr. Haldor Lillenas writes: "Mrs. Lillenas and I have recently returned from a tour of Europe, where we visited nine countries. Three months were spent in Norway, where we traveled more than six thousand miles, attending many churches and contacting a number of religious groups. The Lutheran state church easily dominates the religious picture in this far northern kingdom. The regular services of this church seem to be rather poorly attended and, as a rule, those who attend are the middle-aged or elderly people. Very few young people are in evidence. Within the church there is the Home Missionary Society, whose meetings are usually conducted in 'prayer houses,' and here is in evidence some spiritual life. Many lay preachers are permitted to preach in these places of worship and occasionally a real revival comes as the result of such preaching. It was our privilege to hold a series of meetings in these prayer houses; the attendance was excellent, and the presence of God manifest. There seems to be a deep heart hunger among many of the people; and if they had an opportunity to attend services where the old-fashioned gospel is preached, I believe there would be great revivals. Apparently the young people have lost interest in the formal and ritualistic services of the established church, but they attend in large numbers where there is spiritual life in evidence. Aside from the state church, the Methodists have possibly ten thousand members, the Baptists probably eight thousand, and the Pentecost Friends (much like the Assemblies of God) around thirty thousand. The Salvation Army is also quite active, and there are other minor groups including five thousand Catholics. For many years my heart has been burdened for this, my native land. I am in hopes that the Church of the Nazarene can soon begin work among the Scandinavian people. Insofar as I know, there is no definite holiness work being carried on in these countries. Pray that God may put a burden on the heart of some young, gifted man and his wife for this work. Such a person should, in my judgment, have a Lutheran background and should be able to speak the language. It would be necessary for the church to support such a venture for some years, but I believe it could be

done. We visited eight other countries and had several services with Brother Tink and his fine people in London, England. Brother and Sister Tink are doing a sacrificial and important work in that great metropolis. We greatly enjoyed our fellowship with them and their excellent people. During our visit in London I had the privilege of sitting in the chair where Charles Wesley wrote many of his immortal hymns; also I stood in John Wesley's pulpit, and visited the graves of Isaac Watts, the great hymn writer, and John Bunyan, the immortal dreamer. Leaving England, we visited briefly France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland. Our European tour was indeed an unforgettable experience, but we are glad to be home once again. With Henry Van Dyke we can say:

*"It's home again, and home again,
America for me,
I want a ship that's westward bound
to plough the rolling sea,
To the blessed land of Room Enough
beyond the ocean bars,
Where the air is full of sunlight and
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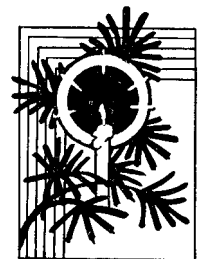


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Chase, Kansas—We closed a good revival on November 1, with Evangelist J. D. Stafford, who preached God's message and was blessed mightily by God's presence. He is a good evangelist, and works hard. We broke all Sunday-school records in this meeting—the third time since we've pastored here in less than two years, with 151 present. The church is in good spiritual condition, showing gains in every department.—Edward K. Donaho, Pastor.

Cleveland, Ohio—West Side Church purchased the Christian church building and cottage at 2085 West 58th Street on February 19, 1950, fully equipped with fine pews, pulpit, and all the appointments to seat 250, with a large young people's room and another classroom. It was dedicated by Rev. O. L. Benedum on April 16, 1950, with a full capacity attendance. About \$5,000.00 in remodeling, decorating, and installing gas heating equipment has been added with nearly 1,000 hours of donated labor, making possible a good church building and a nice cottage in the rear. The last payment has

been made, clearing it entirely of debt. The Lord is blessing bountifully financially with good increases in attendance in all services, a growing Sunday school, and souls praying through at the altar.—Howard Smith, Pastor.

Curtisville, Pennsylvania—We recently closed one of the best two-week revival meetings we have had in recent years. Rev. Fred Drayer, evangelist, brought messages which were Spirit-inspired and Spirit-anointed. The attendance was good nearly every evening, with a number of good prospects among the visitors. A number of souls found the Lord in saving or sanctifying power. A high light in the campaign was the conversion of a seventy-two-year-old man who for years has been a heavy drinker and smoker. The church has been revived and is looking for greater days in the Lord. The closing Sunday morning the Sunday-school attendance reached 157, just seven under the all-time record. Brother Drayer is a young man with a burden for the lost, a zeal, and a message.—Richard E. Phelps, Pastor.

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Redding, California—We recently closed a Crusade for Souls Now revival, with Evangelist B. H. Wooten. It was the best revival in the history of First Church. There was a wonderful attendance, with 130 seekers. Our fall Sunday-school attendance record was broken with 234. A branch Sunday school has been organized at Central Valley, with 43 in Sunday school. The prospect is bright for the new church. In three years we have received more than 115 members at First Church. Pastor Bernard P. Hertel is greatly encouraged.—Eugene T. Gould, Reporter.

Atlanta, Texas—On October 25 we closed one of the greatest revivals in the history of the Bethel Church. Rev. H. E. Darnell, evangelist, was God's man for the hour. There were seekers at the altar for prayer in every service, and many happy finders. Brother Darnell was at his best, preaching the old-fashioned gospel truth with the anointing and power of the Holy Ghost. The church was blessed with a new vision for souls. There is unity and harmony here in the church. We gave our pastor, Rev. Thomas Huff, a nice love offering and we are off to a great start in the new year, with over 100 per cent gain in our Sunday-school average over last year.—Bob Pynes, Reporter.

Pastor Sam Stearman reports from Clearwater, Kansas: "Being the pastor of this church has been a wonderful experience since we came in June, 1951. We found a small but optimistic group of loyal Nazarenes, and God's blessings have been plentiful during these months. Our Sunday school has increased from a yearly average of 36 to 75; our church membership has increased from 25 to 44; our finances have increased from an annual giving of \$2,400.00 to \$7,100.00. We have had as high as 60 in the young married people's class. We have had a high of 123 in Sunday school, breaking all records since the church was organized in 1916. We have spent several thousand dollars redecorating the church and parsonage. Our people have been faithful to us, assuming all utilities and



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almost doubling our salary. They are all loyal in promoting the entire church program. We have had four splendid revivals with Bob Carroll, A. L. Car-gill, W. T. White, and Haley Messer as the evangelistic workers."

Collingdale, Pennsylvania — Our church honored Rev. F. D. Ketner at the beginning of his fourteenth year as our pastor, by presenting an anni-versary gift of \$100.00 and voting an increase in salary. The church is in the midst of a renovation and expansion program, which includes the construction of a three-story, modern Sunday-school unit, 50 x 100 feet. Recently we installed art-glass win-dows. The church sanctuary will be enlarged to accommodate the growing congregation. Our October average in Sunday school was 394. Rev. and Mrs. Ross Emrick conducted a successful revival campaign with us recently.—Reporter.

Watseka, Illinois—Our revival, Oc-tober 21 through November 1, with Rev. Irving Farnsworth, was the best we have ever had. Brother Farnsworth preached under the anointing of God, giving us outstanding messages that were doctrinally sound and Biblically grounded. We had 7 seekers, 4 of which were young people. One lady for whom we have been praying for a long time gave her heart to God at her bedside, and testified that God had reclaimed her. We received 2 into membership on the last Sunday of the meeting. Our nightly attendance was better than ever before, with an aver-age of 60. Sunday, November 1, we had a great rally with 109 in Sunday school.—Dale L. Sievers, Pastor.

Akron, Colorado—Peniel Church was recently blessed through the ser-vices of Dr. and Mrs. L. T. Edwards as evangelists in a revival campaign, and we appreciated their ministry to us. Some of the long-time members re-ported the best attendance ever ex-perienced in a revival. Some people attended almost regularly from as far as thirty-five miles away, and some drove several times seventy miles one way. We had some fifty-three precious souls to bow at an altar of prayer, and among the pews, to weep their way through to victory. Among these were a middle-aged couple who are the parents of fourteen living children; the prayers of these children were accred-ited with the victory. Also a sixty-five-year-old man was converted, and many youth. The exceptionally good offering for the evangelist came easily; also there was a \$100.00 love offering raised for the pastor. The illustrated messages of Dr. Edwards proved defi-nitely to be of God, and were compre-hended by young and old alike. He led our church into a good spiritual condition, and the shouts of victory still ring out. We arrived here, our first pastorate, the first of September, and found many good and bighearted people who love God and desire to worship Him in the beauty of holiness.—A. Alvin Keswater, Pastor.

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Northwest District is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary year. Over fifty years ago Rev. C. W. Ruth organized the first Church of the Nazarene in the Northwest at Spokane, Washing-ton. Fifty years ago Dr. P. F. Bressee, after holding meetings in this church, organized the Northwest District and appointed Rev. H. D. Brown as the first district superintendent. The dis-trict at that time included Washing-ton, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyom-ing, and North and South Dakota. God's signal blessing has been upon the work down through these first fifty years, and from time to time the area was subdivided until now there are seven districts in the original northwest Nazarene territory. That part which has retained the original name is the eastern half of the state of Washington, the north panhandle of Idaho, and four counties of Oregon that lie in geographical proximity to one of the heavily populated areas of Washington. In this area we now have sixty-six churches, with six of these organized since the General Assembly.

Two outstanding district meetings of the fiftieth anniversary celebration have left indelible spiritual effects upon our people. The first was the Crusade for Souls Conference with Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. Roy F. Smee, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, and Rev. Nicholas Hull. It was one of the largest attended meetings ever held on the district. Laymen as well as ministers were given new light and information on the spirit and tech-niques of the visitation program of the Crusade for Souls. There were times under the ministry of the excellent team of leaders that the Spirit of God broke in upon the sessions, and time was taken out to shout and praise God.

The wonderful results of this con-ference are best seen in the work be-ing done in the local churches. In a survey made last month every church on the district is operating a systemat-ic visitation program with many churches reporting more than a thou-sand calls per month. The most

heartening thing about this has been the thrilling reports of revival fires burning and seekers at the altars in regular services. The reason? New people being brought into the church through the visitation program! Net results? Seekers at the altar wherev-er it is being worked and new people joining the church! One church re-ports seekers every Sunday for the past six months, growing Sunday school, increased night crowds, and a growing prayer meeting.

The second outstanding district meeting of the fiftieth anniversary celebration was the preachers' con-vention. It seemed fitting to have Dr. H. Orton Wiley, who was with Dr. Bressee in the work in this area in the early days, as one of our anni-versary guests. His ministry was rich with blessing and his approach to the study of the Scriptures was keenly intellectual, deeply spiritual, and highly inspirational. His remin-iscences reports of the early days in this area were interesting and helpful, and encouraged our people with their common struggle to do a spiritual work.

Dr. E. O. Chalfant was his co-worker in this meeting, and his messages were full of the kind of in-struction that only a rich ministry of nearly half a century could bring about. His spirit and uniqueness of personality were a great blessing to us all. He instilled into the minds of the preachers the idea that it is a privilege to be in the ministry of Christ and the Church of the Nazarene, even if great sacrifice is necessary. These two men, great in spirit, keen of mind, humble in spirit, have made an invaluable contribution to our preachers of this generation in the North-west District.

There is a moving of the Spirit of God over the district. Some of the best revivals I have ever seen are in progress. New churches are being organized, new members are being received into the church, and our people move forward in a spirit of fervent prayer and earnest endeavor for the Lord.

E. E. ZACHARY,
District Superintendent

**Idaho-Oregon
District Crusade**

The Idaho-Oregon District recently closed a great Crusade for Souls Now convention. The sessions were held at the College Church in Nampa.

Idaho. Rev. Eugene Stowe and his wonderful people made the stay pleasant and comfortable.

The down-to-earth messages of General Superintendent Samuel Young, the spicy challenges of Dr. Roy Smee, and the informing facts

and figures presented by Dr. S. T. Ludwig were a great challenge to our people. Along with our beloved district superintendent, Rev. I. F. Younger, who so ably directed the services of the convention, these men and their messages inspired, challenged,



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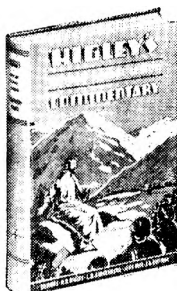
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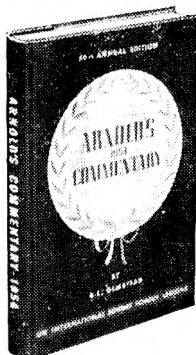
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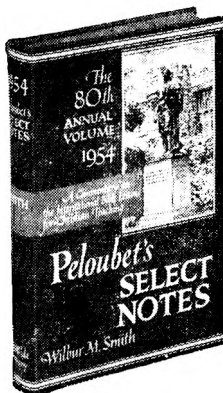
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and directed the pastors and people of this forward-moving district.

Dr. John E. Riley, and the faculty and student body of Northwest Nazarene College were a real blessing and inspiration to the convention by their attendance and special music.

The pastors and their people, fired with real enthusiasm, pledged themselves to go back to their labors, placing great emphasis on the Crusade for Souls Now.

HERBERT E. LILLY, Reporter

"This Is Our Day"

It was my privilege to be at the dedication of the First Church of the Nazarene in Chicago, November 8. It was a memorable day and marks a new advance for God and holiness in the Chicago area.

The pastor, Dr. C. B. Strang, was in charge of the three services of the day. They were well planned and brought to a fitting climax his months of toil and service in securing the new location and erecting the two units of a very fine building on a site unexcelled for its location and future expansion.

The present structure is simple and functional in design, eliminating waste space and making every part contribute to the ongoing program of the church. The present facilities are valued at \$375,000.00. The auditorium will seat 650, but when the modern-fold doors are opened, using the seating capacity of four classrooms, over 800 persons can be accommodated. Splendid facilities have been provided for all departments of the Sunday school. The main sanctuary will be built in the future as part of the expansion program.

The dedicatory message was preached by General Superintendent G. B. Williamson under the anointing of the Spirit. The scripture was effectively read by Mrs. G. B. Williamson, and District Superintendent Mark Moore gave the dedicatory prayer. The church choir, under the direction of Adolf Gross, inspired our hearts by singing "The Church's One Foundation." Dr. E. O. Chalfant pronounced the benediction. The auditorium was filled to capacity and some three hundred persons were accommodated in the overflow rooms of the church.

During the service Dr. Howard Hamlin, chairman of the building committee, introduced persons who had major responsibility in erecting the building, and Dr. Fay Whitsell read congratulatory messages. Dr. Strang announced that a freewill offering would be taken to apply on the building fund and the people gave joyfully over \$5,000.00 in cash as the offering plates were passed.

Chicago First Church was organized forty-nine years ago by Dr. P. F. Bresee amid shouts of rejoicing. On Sunday morning of November 8, I saw the pastor receive into church membership forty-eight individuals. Two came in at the evening service, making a total of fifty for the day. This was exactly one-half as many

as were received the day the church was first organized.

Amid the activities of this busy, blessed day, God was with us. Shouts of victory were in evidence and we were conscious that the best days for Chicago First Church lie ahead. The Sunday-school register numbered 551, about twice as many as were present in the old location.

The entire church rejoices with Dr. Strang, who has been God's man for this hour. His leadership and devotion plus the co-operation of a united people will make First Church a greater soul-saving station than ever before. Yes, this is our day!

S. T. LUDWIG,
General Church Secretary

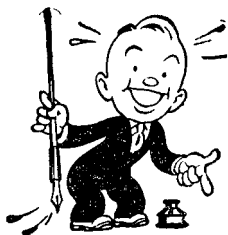
Trevecca Nazarene College

The executive committee of the board of trustees of Trevecca Nazarene College had a special meeting in Nashville, October 27. Report from Dr. A. B. Mackey, president, indicates the best school year ever; a 10 per cent increase in enrollment over last year, with a freshman class of 136. As a visitor, one senses a spiritual atmosphere and observes evidences of continued progress on campus, buildings, and equipment.

Reports from the college treasurer, A. W. McManus, and the field representative, Rev. Clifford Keys, are most encouraging. With 5 quartets, trios, etc., Brother Keys contacted some 500 churches last summer. Expansion fund receipts each month are evidence of the soundness of that work.

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CHAPLAIN Charles Crouch writes from Okinawa: "Dr. William Eckel conducted a four-day Christian Dedication Conference in our Camp Boone Chapel, 9-13 of September. The messages were kind, but challenging. Dr. Eckel is a strong spiritual leader. At the close of the conference the Okinawa Nazarenes gathered in our home for a period of fellowship with Dr. and Mrs. Eckel.

"The other day I gave two soldiers a lift—then I got inquisitive. One fellow's mother was a member of the Ashland First Church (Nazarene), Kentucky, and the other attended our Church in Jonesville, Michigan. Sunday night during the service I got a call from an air force man. His pastor asked him to look me up. My new organist last Sunday was escorted to church by a young lieutenant, a Nazarene from New York.

"Just the other day I was talking to one of the Nazarene fellows who has been here for almost a year. He has written to his pastor *three* times and has received *no* reply. Nor has anyone else in the church written to him. Just a church bulletin now and then from the home church means a lot to a man."

"I wish to inform you of my change of address so I may again receive the fine, wholesome reading material that I or any other Nazarene should read.

"I believe in holiness and that is the reason I joined the Nazarene church. I'm happy and also proud to be able to say that I know I'm saved and sanctified and on my way to heaven.

"On our voyage from Norfolk, Virginia, to our present port of San Diego, we were at sea three Sundays. As I am the appointed Protestant representative of our ship, I was asked by the executive officer if I would hold Protestant services. This was the opportunity that I had been praying for, so I immediately accepted. Aboard our ship were some five hundred marines besides ship's company. Each service showed an increase of attendance over the preceding Sunday, for which I give God all the credit. God made His presence felt in each and every service, so consequently each meeting was a spiritual success."

DONALD C. HELMER

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\$25,000.00 educational budget; last year the zone came through with 88 per cent of a \$38,000.00 educational budget; also our current budget has been increased considerably.

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OTTO STUCKI, *Secretary*

SERMON CONTEST AWARDS

One of the interesting features of the *Preacher's Magazine* for 1953 was the sermon contest conducted under its auspices. There were two phases to the contest: a series of four sermons suitable for Sunday evening evangelistic sermons, and a single sermon contest. The awards offered to the ministers who, in the opinion of the judges, had sent the best entries were subscriptions to the Nazarene Ministers' Book Club: for the sermon series, first prize was a full year's subscription, second prize a six months' subscription, third prize a three months' subscription; for the single sermon entries, first prize was a three months' subscription, and second prize a two months' subscription. The contest was open to any evangelical minister who desired to present entries.

The first award for the sermon series was given to Rev. J. Melton Thomas, of Juneau, Alaska; second award to Rev. Fletcher Spruce, of Texarkana, Texas; third prize to Rev. Edward L. Dowd, of Newport, Oregon. The first award in the single sermon entries went to Rev. Ralph E. Shafer of Plainville, Kansas; and the second award to Rev. Wilson R. Lanpher, of San Francisco, California.

The judges have suggested that a similar contest be conducted annually.

D. SHELBY CORLETT,
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Rev. Mrs. Alice T. Kirk has resigned as pastor of our Southside Church in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, and has entered the field of evangelism. She is a good preacher, a soul winner, and a servant of God. Sister Kirk has done splendid work as a pastor, and will do excellent work as an evangelist. I heartily recommend her to our people, and trust she will be kept busy. All through her ministry she has been loyal to the whole program of the church. Address her, 3425 Winchester Ave., Ashland, Kentucky. D. S. Somerville, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terrill have entered the field as full-time song evangelists. Mr. Terrill has for some time been minister of music in our Rich-

mond First Church. Mr. and Mrs. Terrill sing the songs that bless and inspire our hearts; they sing duets and either of them sings solos. They live godly lives, and get under the burden for the revival. They will make a wonderful contribution to the revival other than the excellent musical program they render. They are now touring the district with me in the interest of home missions. If you are in need of song evangelists, write them, 105 Robbins Court, Richmond, Kentucky.—D. S. Somerville, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.

WEDDING BELLS

Evangelist Charles Hastings Smith of Conway, Arkansas, and Myrtle Jeanette Barlow of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on November 22, in First Church of the Nazarene, Ontario, California, with Dr. Henry B. Wallin officiating, assisted by Rev. Orval J. Nease.

Rev. Mrs. Lydia Strickland of Elkview and Mr. J. T. Parris of Clendenin, West Virginia, were united in marriage on November 20, at Clendenin, with Rev. Robert Salsar officiating.

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and in deep debt; his unsaved family; for a person, once a Christian, now tempted by things of the world; for some folks in the church who are making it difficult for the weaker ones; an unsaved cousin in a I.B. hospital; that God may give him complete victory in his own life and especially help him to completely forgive someone who has mistreated him;

by a Christian mother in Tennessee, has ten children, that she may rear them for God, also especially for a son in the army that he may live for Christ.

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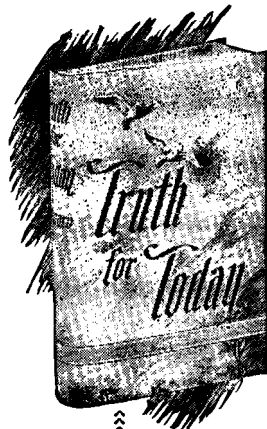
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