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A Christ-centered Life

General Superintendent Williamson

A CIRCLE is a closed curve which has *one* central focus. An ellipse is a closed oval curve which has *two* foci. The life of a sanctified Christian is like the circle. It has *one center*, which is Christ. It is a life of symmetry and balance; therefore it is beautiful in its unselfishness. It is strong because it is united to a single purpose, namely, to do the will of God.

The carnal, immature Christian is like the ellipse. His life is lopsided because there are two conflicting centers of interest. There is self, making demands for consideration in every decision that is reached. At the same time there is the Spirit of Christ, calling for a life of service to God and man.

This off-balance Christian displays the fact that he is an opportunist. He takes advantage of circumstances

to promote his own interest regardless of principles. When two paths lie before him, he makes his choice on the basis of personal gain or loss. Duty or moral obligation has little weight with him. He can leave an unfinished task without compunction of conscience if a more attractive offer is made. Long-range vision is blurred by values that can be grasped immediately.

The great and glorious experience of entire sanctification unites a personality around Christ as the center of life. All decisions are made with an eye single to His glory. Paul's testimony is that of all who die to self-interest. He said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." The ego center moves over to the Christ center. The ellipse becomes a circle. Christ is all and in all!

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8)

TELEGRAMS

Santa Cruz, California—Northern California young people enthusiastically pledge \$19,341.00 for home missions. Rev. Wilson Lanpher re-elected district president. Rev. Norman Oke greatly used as convention speaker. —STEPHEN BENNETT, Reporter.

Kansas City, Missouri—Twenty-ninth assembly, Kansas City District, now in session (Sept. 10). General Superintendent Powers presiding; Dr. Jarrette Aycock re-elected superintendent, receiving 271 votes out of 273 ballots cast; five new churches organized; substantial gains in all departments.—S. T. LUDWIG, Reporter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. H. H. Marvin, pastor of Arlington Street Church in Akron, Ohio, and his twenty-year-old daughter, Earline Ruth, were killed in an automobile accident on August 23, at Westerville, Ohio, en route home from attending the wedding of their son and brother, Earl, in Columbus, Ohio.

After pastoring the church at Port Angeles for five years, Rev. William E. Anderson has resigned to accept the call to the church in Enumclaw, Washington.

Evangelist L. J. Scherrer is leaving the field to accept the call to pastor the church in Archdale, North Carolina.

Rev. Raymond Westmark has resigned as pastor of the church in Monett, Missouri, to accept a call to pastor the church in Valley City, North Dakota.

After thirteen years as pastor, Rev. Guthrie Hughes is resigning the work of First Church in Sioux City, Iowa, to enter full-time evangelistic work.

Rev. Jay B. Budd has resigned as pastor of the church in Lebanon to accept the call to the church in Celina, Ohio.

Sunday, September 6, marked the opening of the beautiful new High Street Church of the Nazarene in Springfield, Ohio, with special services in the afternoon and evening, Rev. Holland B. London of St. Louis, Missouri, as the guest speaker. Rev. Walter Vastbinder is the pastor.

The Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many (Matt. 20:28).

Walking in Light

By T. T. Liddell

WE LIVE in a world of positives and negatives, and these are always related. Nature has provided that this plan be carried out. In winter, when death in nature is evident everywhere, and the shroud of snow covers it with its whiteness, we always have the corresponding darkened skies and gloomy days. The one is to compensate for the other. Thus, in the darkest nights in winter, one can walk in the white snow and find his pathway clearly outlined.

The change comes with the spring, but the rule carries on. The brightness of the sun sends its warming rays, dispelling the gloom of winter. And now instead of the white snow we have the carpet of green, and many beautifully colored flowers to absorb the light, to soften the effect of its rays, and to respond to its warmth by the production of life in nature.

So it is with the Christian. They who walk in the night, at best, have little more than a cold, light-reflecting shroud of self-righteousness. There is no production; there is no life; there is no joy. But if we walk in the light of the Sun of Righteousness, we shall find our souls absorbing the life-giving rays and warmth; and always there will be the green of testimony, the brilliant colors of flowering praise, and the fruit of accomplishment. Thus, let us "walk in the light," even "as he is in the light."

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak (Matt. 26:41).

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GLEANINGS

From the Office Editor's Desk

"May I express my continuing and growing appreciation for the splendid work being done in the editing of the official organ of the church. It has been, and continues to be, a source of blessing and inspiration to me and the people of my church. Because of home conditions, one young married woman whom we helped to pray through in her home has almost no other source of holiness teaching or preaching. How much she appreciates the HERALD is almost impossible to tell."—*Nazarene Pastor in California.*

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"Please send me a copy of August 5 [HERALD OF HOLINESS]. I found the front cover very stimulating."—*Layman in Illinois.*

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"I am happy that you feel my work worthy of our good paper, for it is mine. I read it from cover to cover and send it in bundles of ten to our jail."—*A Contributor in Texas.*

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"... I want to tell you that I enjoy it [HERALD OF HOLINESS] very much. It is one of the very few periodicals that I take home with me from the office, in order that I may more leisurely and more thoroughly review it and read selected articles. I appreciate it very much."—*Editor of a Methodist publication.*

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"... we are enjoying the HERALD to the fullest these days. Think I am giving 'quotes' from your editorials and other contributions more than at any time I can remember."—*Pastor in Tennessee.*

SECRET WEAPON

By Mary Alice Holden

I know a secret weapon

That we can use to fight

The devil's mighty battle

And win for God and right.

You cannot buy this weapon

Were you a millionaire,

Yet all of us may have it—

We call it secret prayer.

Its secret is not given

To any but God's own,

Yet atom bombs are powerless

And kings are overthrown

When we touch God's power

Behind a closet door,

Where love will win the conflict

And faith go on before.

Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley*

X. The Emergence Of a New Humanity in Christ

HAVING warned his readers of the danger of drifting away from the great salvation, the writer again takes up the subject of angels, but this time, not to set forth the majesty of the Son, but as a transition to the doctrine of man. "For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come," but has given this dominion or lordship to man. He then proceeds to draw a parallel between man in his original state and Christ, the New Man.

Man in his original state. Four things are mentioned of man in his original state, which later has placed in parallel to it a similar statement concerning Christ.

- (1) Man was made a little lower than the angels.
- (2) He was crowned with glory and honor.
- (3) He was set as lord over the works of creation.
- (4) Nothing is left that was not put under him.

Here we have man in his royal supremacy, as God created him. He was God's vicegerent on earth. All things were put under him. He ruled as a king in a palace and his dominion extended over all the earth. The sun lighted his days, and the moon and stars his nights. The lower orders were obedient to his will, and in the garden of God there were fruits and flowers to nourish his body and please his every taste. He was crowned with the glory and honor of universal dominion and dwelt in the presence of God, his Maker.

We see not yet all things put under him. This brief sentence marks man's sad lapse into sin, and the succeeding ages witness the appalling effects of this disobedience. No longer is he crowned with glory, and no longer is he the universal sovereign. The Divine Presence is withdrawn. His crown is in the dust, his honor stained with sin, and his universal authority disputed by all the lower orders. The earth is cursed for his sake, and yields its nourishment only as the fruit of incessant toil. Anarchy and rebellion have laid waste man's regnancy.

But we see Jesus. Here is the ray of hope; here is the dawn of redemption. It is not completed in us, but it has been brought to its full realization in Jesus. Here begins the second parallel.

- (1) He was made a little lower than the angels.
- (2) For the suffering of death.
- (3) He was crowned with glory and honor.
- (4) That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

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An older writer says that "He took on him, at the very instant when the angels were adoring Him as the Only-Begotten of the Father, the form of a servant, and came to be despised and rejected, to hear taunts and blasphemies, instead of hosannas and hallelujahs. He exchanged heaven's diadem for Judaea's thorns; He forsook the place where He was sovereign for the judgment hall where He was bound and buffeted, scourged and condemned. He was the Prince of Life, but He tasted death for every man."

The emergence of a new humanity. We use the term emergence guardedly. Christ was not created separate and distinct from Adam's race, but was a new creation, resulting from the incarnation of the Word. He did not evolve from this present human race—He was a "root out of a dry ground," and came onto the plane of human history through the race but not from it. And as man conjoined in himself the physical and the spiritual, so Christ conjoined in himself the human and the divine. St. Paul makes this distinction when he speaks of Adam as a "living soul" but of Christ as a "quickening spirit." On the one side He is one with the Father in majesty and power; on the other He has lifted humanity to a higher plane, and, having quickened it into life, makes man holy and again brings him into spiritual communion with the Father. Christ was the God-Man—fully divine and fully human.

True Faith Expects Much

By Ralph E. Perry*

ABRAHAM was a shining example of faith. Phillips' translation of Rom. 4:18-22 reads, "Abraham, when hope was dead within him, went on hoping in faith, believing that he would become 'the father of many nations.' He relied on the word of God which definitely referred to 'thy seed.' With undaunted faith he looked at the facts—his own impotence (he was practically a hundred years old at the time) and his wife Sarah's apparent barrenness. Yet he refused to allow any distrust of a definite pronouncement of God to make him waver. He drew strength from his faith, and, while giving the glory to God, remained absolutely convinced that God was able to implement His own promise. This was the 'faith' which was 'counted unto him for righteousness.'"

True faith is not afraid to face the facts. With Abraham and Sarah the hope of having a child had long passed, but he went on hoping in faith, relying on the promise of God. The facts are discouraging at times unless our faith reaches beyond the facts and believes God. Elisha and his servant at Dothan were surrounded by the army of Syria (II Kings 6), ten thousand men

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with arms set against two without arms. No prospect could be more unpromising and gloomy. The servant cried, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" (v. 15.)

How foolish is despondency and despair on the part of God's people! Elisha was not afraid to face the facts. He could see the unseen. His faith and confidence rose to the occasion, and he stood up on the omnipotence of his faith. The mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha—"If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31.)

Many Christian people are mentally ill, frustrated, and defeated because they refuse to face the facts. The circumstances of life serve as a continual threat to them. They need what Elisha's servant needed—eyes open to the spiritual help that is available in Christ. God's power is ready for immediate use. Elisha demonstrated this truth.

Jesus is the perfect Example of true faith. In prayer He could say to God, "I knew that thou hearest me always" (John 11:42). Even though He lived a short life on earth and limited it to Palestine, and made himself of no reputation, He expected His kingdom to be world-wide and everlasting. He expected much of His followers also. They were instructed to tarry for the promise of the Father, and then they were to go and preach in Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. They were to preach the gospel to the whole creation. They were to make disciples of all nations. Jesus expected much of them.

True faith will enable Nazarene leaders to expect much from God and from our people, and get it. Many of our Nazarene churches could do much more toward world evangelism if our people had the undaunted faith of Abraham. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:20-21). Let us face our generation with undaunted faith, and stand up to the promises of God. We must not stagger away from the promises of God as a drunken man, but stand up to and believe them. If so, God will help us to do a work which will bring glory to Him and result in the salvation of multitudes of souls.

I SEE HIS FACE

By Dolores S. Douglas

*I see His face in every cloud
That slides across the sky; each
Feathery wisp which occupies a space
In the heavenly heavens beyond my reach
Reveals the lines of my Saviour's face.*

*I see His face in every cloud;
My eyes are drawn to look on high,
To search the familiar, heavenly span,
And I see my Saviour standing by
With gentle, outstretched hand.*

Think on These Things

By F. Lincicome*

SUCCESS never comes anywhere of its own accord. It has to be fetched, and usually it has to be brought in by the nape of the neck. Life is a cafeteria—there are no waiters to bring you success; you have to help yourself. So if you decide to wait for success, I would advise you to sit down while you wait. But who ever heard of one leaving his footprints on the sands of time while sitting down? It is all right for us to take our hats off to the past, but we will have to take our coats off to the future. Someone has said, "The time to strike is while the iron is hot." But that is not my philosophy. My philosophy is to make the iron hot by striking it.

It is an unfailing law that a full price must be paid for supreme achievements. There has never been a harvest of results in this world without a heavy sowing of sweat and labor somewhere. In the long run, the magnitude of the harvest will depend on the liberality of our sowing. You cannot sow sparingly and reap bountifully. Everything preaches to me of the sheer impossibility of getting something for nothing. The desire to get something for nothing is fundamentally wrong. It belongs to the psychology of crime.

The difference in quality and quantity of success is largely one of determination. Men succeed in proportion to their invincibility. If you find a man's quitting point, the place where he gives up, you can easily take his measure. Nothing can keep a determined man from success. Put stumbling blocks in his way, and he will make them steppingstones to lift himself higher. Take away his eyesight, and he will give to the world hundreds of the most beautiful songs it ever sang. Put him in a Bedford jail for twelve years, and he will write the immortal *Pilgrim's Progress* on the pieces of paper that cork up the milk bottles. Put him in a log cabin, and he will split rails all the way to the White House.

It takes determination to stay on the job. Anybody can start something. Good beginnings are easy. Some people's lives are made up of beginnings. They never finish anything that they start. Their lives are made up of fits and starts. Life is chuck-full of half-done things, foundations laid with nothing put on them. Some are always beginning something and never finishing it. They ought to go to the postage stamp and consider its worth. It is always ready for service, it goes where it is sent, it does not give up when "it is licked," and it sticks to one thing until it gets there.

There is no way to eliminate hard work from success. Every winner has been a worker. The best qualification for work is a disposition to work. Some have failed, not because they were deficient in gray matter, but because they were

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deficient in a disposition to get down to hard work. Edison said, "Genius consists in the disposition and capacity to work." It consists of 2 per cent inspiration and 98 per cent perspiration.

Easter Sunrise Behind the Clouds

By a Layman

BEING in Nampa, Idaho, last Easter Sunday, I decided I would attend Easter sunrise service on Lizard Butte, near Marsing, Idaho, which is about fourteen miles from Nampa.

Getting up at 5:00 a.m. Sunday, I dressed, and then opened the door to look out. The rain was pouring down, and I was tempted to crawl back into a warm bed, for I did not think they would have a service out on a bare, rocky mountain-side in the rain; but finally I decided that I would go in spite of the weather.

Two of my grandsons went with me, and we were surprised to find quite a number of people on the mountainside when we arrived. They continued to come until there were about one thousand people there. The rain settled down to a fine drizzle.

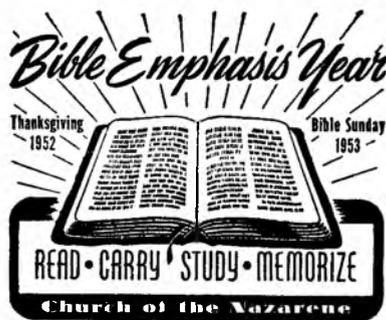
I had an Indian blanket in my car, which I brought along up the mountain. I picked out a spot close in front of the speaker's stand, laid down my blanket, sat down on it, and then we pulled it up over our backs and heads, so that we were quite comfortable. The program lasted for an hour. It was very good. Dr. Thomas E. Mangum, Sr., of Nampa, was the speaker and delivered a wonderful message.

While sitting there I had some thoughts of my own, or maybe they were prompted by the Holy Spirit. While it was very cloudy, and not a sign of a sunrise in the eastern sky, yet I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that there was a sunrise behind the clouds, for God's Word tells us that as long as this world stands the sun shall never cease to rise and set. Likewise, His Word tells us that Jesus rose from the grave on the first Easter morning. Praise His precious name forever! And just as sure as He rose from the grave, someday He is coming back.

I am wondering if He won't come on just such a morning—only, unlike the sun behind the clouds, He will burst through the clouds in all His glory, and "the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up . . . to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4: 16-17).

Brother, sister, are you saved? Has your heart been cleansed of inbred sin? That is what it will take to be ready for His coming. The day nor the hour no man can know but, according to the signs that are being fulfilled, surely He is coming soon.

I am glad to testify that I am ready and looking forward to His coming.



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By Katherine Bevis*

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David, who even in his weakness was so tender that he could soothe the king's wrath, as he charmed the court with beautiful tones of his harp. David, the great musician of all ages, who later established a culture and created a legend which is still alive.

The national unity found in the ritual laws in the Book of Leviticus; and the greatest novel ever written, the Book of Ruth.

That day knew its commentators also, for the major and minor prophets interpreted for the people concerning social, economic, and political events, and their dependence upon their God as a nation.

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*Houston, Texas

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"HE LIVED

Within Two Hundred Yards of Your Church"

By L. I. Weaver*

I WAS in the process of "catching up" after a good week at camp meeting. The mortician had just called, stating that a man whose father had passed away was going to call on me in a few minutes. He entered my study and I asked him to be seated. I didn't know the visitor, and was having difficulty in placing the departed father, and then he said those words, "He lived within two hundred yards of your church." They seemed to point accusingly at me. I searched my mind for recognition of the departed father. Then I remembered that he was at the altar one Sunday morning and seemed to pray through. I had not been to see him for several weeks. There had been the assembly, post-assembly organization, various district work, the camp meeting, etc.

I seemed to have justified reasons why I hadn't seen him, but had I done my best? I preach his funeral tomorrow, and can I look into the casket feeling I had been faithful in pointing him to eternal rest? Have I let him slip through my fingers? Have I been too busy?

"Within two hundred yards of your church"—I have just counted several people who need God who also live within a short distance of the church. Are we (my church and I) doing our best to reach them? I find a certain amount of consolation in the fact that we are trying hard to cover a block-by-block check on church attendance. Our Thursday night visitation group works faithfully, but are we doing our best?

May we stir ourselves so that the words "He lived within two hundred yards of your church" will not face us throughout eternity.

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And Jesus . . . saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, . . . (Matt. 14:14).

BEWARE—

Creeping Paralysis

By Oscar Hudson*

I HAD a friend who died of creeping paralysis. He was an outstanding citizen, of superior intelligence, controlled considerable property, and was a government mine inspector. At first, those about him scarcely perceived that there was anything wrong with him. And, as the disease made progress, the change was fully realized only as his present activity was compared with that of years before. His only discomfort was this slowing up of activity.

Creeping spiritual paralysis attacks the church members in particular. A change comes over them, but it is so slow that no one perceives it unless he compares the condition in which we find them today with that of former years. Ministers who once preached with unction and power are cold and formal today, depending on logic and oratory. Worshipers who once responded with shouts of praise are quiet and indifferent today. Sanctuaries that once rang with loud hosannas are as quiet as a funeral now.

The early Christians arrested the attention of the populace who pronounced them drunken, as they viewed their peculiar actions. Three hundred years later, all of this had disappeared and was replaced by contention over rank and lucrative position. In the beginning, the Church was led by men who forsook their business of fishing, tax-gathering, the practice of medicine, and ecclesiastical opportunity, and went out with no place to lay their head. But after creeping paralysis did its deadly work, leaders were willing to jeopardize the unity and purity of the Church for position and honor.

The authority that could say: "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6), and, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out" (Acts 5:9), was replaced by weakness and shameful bickering. Where they once gathered together and were of one accord, there were now criticism, suspicion, and strife. Where sweeping revivals, with sinners regenerated by the hundreds and by the thousands, were witnessed, there was now an evident desire and effort to build and maintain a stately ecclesiasticism.

There was here and there a humble, devoted soul who discovered this change taking place before the days of the Emperor Constantine. Others might have discovered it if they had looked carefully at developments. It attacked all the nerves, sinews, muscles, etc. of the body. Men once brought their possessions and "laid them down at the apostles' feet," but this spirit of sacrifice had

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MINISTERING ANGEL

By Maggie Culver Fry

*Last night I bowed in the shadows
Of old Gethsemane,
And cried, like Jesus, long ago:
"Let this cup pass from me!"
Teardrops were slowly falling
As blood from a wound inside,
When softly an angel touched me—
And strength grew deep and wide.*

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*He took away the agony
And filled my cup with grace,
And, oh! you should have witnessed
The glory of His face!*

succumbed to selfishness that dreamed of and maneuvered for greater remuneration. A mental giant, crowned with culture, who was willing to make tents for means to live on while preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ, was conspicuous for its absence, and in its stead were seen those who labored to feather a nest and provide security against want. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19) was forgotten in the universal scramble for material things.

In the early days of the present holiness revival, there were those who were willing to, and often did, sleep on the "soft side" of a bench or in the straw that carpeted the floor about the mourners' bench, and lived on nuts gathered from the woods, or stale cheese and crackers, until the Spirit of the living God came upon the community and swept souls into the Kingdom by the scores and by the hundreds. Beware lest this spirit be chilled by the desire for ease and earthly reward! May we be clothed with the mantle of John the Baptist, whose raiment was of camel's hair, fastened by a leathern girdle, and who was willing to live on locusts and wild honey!

Creeping paralysis is deceptive and deadly. Sensations do not register and its arrest is next to impossible. In the absence of pain and violent fits, one may be led to believe there is nothing much the matter and there is no immediate danger; but if such a change is in evidence, there is cause for alarm. An attempt to allay fear by claiming that the afflicted one is all right is as foolish as the ostrich that runs its head into the sand and thinks that its entire body is hidden from the foe. Denying the existence of disease may aid the Christian Science practitioner to pursue his work, but it will not correct spiritual decline and moral decay.

There is a remedy, safe and sure, pointed out in God's Word: "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" (Rev. 2:5).

Stewardship of Possibilities

By K. R. Hunt*

INABILITY to see in complete detail the shore line across the waters does not deter the ship's company from proceeding along a course previously charted and proved. The urgency of the occasion intensifies all expendable ability to the end that success may follow. No greater challenge ever has faced the Christian Church than today's call of urgent need. In the face of aftermath of world wars, political upheaval, and prognostications of coming disaster, no bright hope appears. Nevertheless, the Church accepts and meets the challenge of the times.

Similar to the expectation that individual Christians will progress from a *stewardship of things* to a *stewardship of all of life* is the hope that the Church will accept the challenge of full stewardship of all her possibilities. Since all things are possible with God a fair conclusion indicates that limitations are human, and that they are greatest when individuals have not tarried until empowered. This is not a time for the Christian Church to fail in providing multiple and bountiful channels through which the Holy Spirit can work. Channels directed towards home interests need to be intensely supplemented by those which will extend increased capacity to needs of home and foreign missions. The call is urgent for a quick, powerful response that will do this before opportunity passes, before open doors close.

This is a time for REVALUATION such as will move into background "things that be Caesar's" and supremely emphasize attention on "things that be God's." Self-preservation of individual liberties rests upon a mighty offensive of evangelism, of missions, and of prayer—and that right now.

This is a time for REVISUALIZATION of the task, the opportunities, the cost, and the wonderful possibilities of victory. Today, as never before, the need is for inspired and courageous vision, both of the lurking perils and of the promised victory possible to the church because of the great resources available from above.

Above all, this is a time for REVALORIZATION: to be imbued with spiritual vision and valor akin to that which permeated the purpose of Crusaders who sacrificed all for the working out of the ideal to which they were pledged—an inner spiritual valor, a strong Christian courage, an indomitable faith, such as the early Christian Church exhibited even in the face of martyrdom. Having revaluated material things, revisualized opportunities, and possessing a revalorized united purpose, the Crusade for Souls, *now* and *world-wide*, is possible to a church dedicated to the stewardship of possibilities. Let our Thanks Offering, October 11 (for Canadians), be eloquent witness to our love for Christ.

*Member Advisory Board, Canada West District

The army is prepared to meet adequately
the requests of those who ask worthily, and

Isn't God as Good as the Army?

By Chester O. Mulder*

THE ARMY regulations don't say anything about prayer, as far as I know, but there is no law against using them to teach a fellow some lessons concerning prayer. Here's what I mean. These regulations can be interpreted to mean that if we ask anything according to the will of the army, we know that the army hears us (pays attention to that request); and we know that if they pay attention to that request, we have the petitions for which we ask.

Here's an example: It's the will of the army for its chaplain to have adequate transportation; usually this entitles him to a ¼-ton truck—a jeep. When I'm assigned to an army unit as a chaplain, it is my responsibility to make out a "requisition slip" for the jeep. On it I not only state my request, but I also state the name of the regulation authorizing my request, its number, the paragraph and page, and the date of the publication. When I sign it I must indicate that I'm the chaplain. In due time I have a jeep. Why? Because I asked according to the will of the army. The army wants its chaplain to have this transportation; he can do a better job with it than he can do without it; it is thus for the good of the army that he is given it.

I

By this time you have thought of I John 5:14-15: "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." But have God's regulations specifically stated anything for which we can make requisition? Most assuredly. These regulations specifically declare that He wants us to be *born again*: "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). Also He assures us that the provision has been made, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). So what happens? We send in the request and get the answer: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1). There's no fretting or stewing to be done, for "this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (I John 5:14-15).

Is there any question but that a person can do a better job for the Lord if he has been born again? None whatsoever! Therefore, He's not only willing that this great transformation take

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place in our lives, but He earnestly *wants* it to happen. The army doesn't want the chaplain wasting hours walking to his men; he's to use the jeep. God doesn't want us wasting our time in sin; He wants us to have that spark of eternal life in our souls and to get busy for Him.

II

Is there anything else for which a person can ask God specifically and definitely expect an answer? Yes, there are many things mentioned in the Bible for which the Lord *wants* us to ask. Take as an example the statement in I Thess. 4:3, "For this is the will of God, even your *sanctification*." It is obvious why God wants a person sanctified. He knows that the sewage of sin in the soul of a Christian gives off an unsavory odor; it robs His servant of his effectiveness in service; it slows down the progress of the kingdom of God on earth; it's the poison that brings sure death to those who have been born again. Thus, this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask to be sanctified according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, when we ask to be sanctified, we know that we have the petition that we desired.

III

Another thing for which the Lord wants us to ask is that we might have the *windows of heaven opened* up so He can pour out a blessing upon us and can rebuke the devourer for our sakes and make us a blessing to others. Here's the way He states it: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 3:10-12).

Again the parallel fits. The army feels that it can afford to furnish its chaplains with the necessary transportation because of the additional benefits it realizes from the chaplain who is thus provided for; so God can afford to bestow these exceptional benefits on those who will thus prove Him, for His people are to be a victorious, triumphant people. He wants them to be a people who are demonstrating to the world that "the blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he add-

AUTUMN

By Clara S. Hoff

*The sumac's burning glow now tells of autumn,
The fallow fields lie waiting in the sun,
And seed pods nod their brittle heads and wait
To scatter all their seed for next year's growth.
So like the sumac may I glow within
And in my heart let God prepare me now
To scatter precious seed—His will to do!*

eth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22). And how do we know that He will really do this for us? This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we prove Him, after bringing in our tithes and offerings, according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the windows of heaven open and are receiving His blessings, and that He's making us a blessing.

IV

Now let's consider another petition the Lord wants us to make. Jesus told His disciples that the Father wants us to *look to Him for our food and clothes*—no small item these days! He said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:24-25, 33).

Obviously the Lord gets no glory out of the fellow who is fretting and worrying about his keep, and He fully understands that a fellow is limited to either God or mammon for these things; and so, inasmuch as He wants the whole of man's affection, He promises to supply everything. But does He do as good a job as mammon would do? Well, it would put Him in a rather poor light if He didn't, wouldn't it? The Lord's words seem to leave no justification to the thought that He will supply all our needs according to a starvation ration. Paul declared confidently that "my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). When a person receives what God can do "according to his riches in glory" and what He can do "by Christ Jesus," he's not about to be flirting with mammon.

V

Here is another lesson from army regulations which can enrich our faith. When the requisition slip is sent through the proper channels, it is supposed to have the *name and designation of the one making the request*, and also the signature of the supply officer or other designated authority. In other words, the request goes through best when "two . . . agree . . . as touching any thing that they shall ask." Thus, if there isn't agreement that the request is a legitimate request, he ought not ask. He will not receive.

Our relationship with the Lord is covered by a similar regulation. Jesus declared to His disciples, "That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:19-20).

Sometimes it seems like a fellow's prayers and requisitions have been tossed into the wastepaper basket, and it doesn't seem that he can be heard for his much asking. Usually it's a matter of the Lord's knowing that we don't have need of those

things for which we were asking. We must have the proper "cosigners" in order to get our requisitions recognized; but whenever "two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them." But having been properly countersigned by our all-wise and generous "Supply Officer," who is ever with us, we may come into the presence of our Lord with boldness. There we may present His abounding invitation, "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

VI

A concluding lesson to be drawn from these army regulations is that when one has asked and received that for which he has petitioned then he becomes an "*accountable agent*." The care of the jeep, for example, is then the chaplain's responsibility. It must be kept clean and in good running order at all times. Although ample provision has been made for this care, it is the chaplain's duty to see that the work is properly done. A dirty, broken-down jeep is a reproach to the army. And anyone who handles God's gifts carelessly brings reproach upon God and upon himself. Paul said, "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:12).

Yes, the Lord has made great provisions for His people. He wants us to request them, use them, and be prepared to give a good account of our stewardship.

Lofty Loneliness

The Son of God was not immune to loneliness. How lonely was His unique place in the world! None other like Him could drink and sip of the cup of passion, pain, and sorrow. The winepress of life He trod alone, and when He came to die His piercing heart cry to the Father was, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46.) So having felt the bitterness and devastation of the lonely hour, He knows how to succor, strengthen, and secure those who pass through their lonely hours. But His loneliness was the lofty kind. He stands like a Mont Blanc above everyone of all the earth. With hoary head, girded waist, and brazen feet He stands the lofty Conqueror over death, hell, and the grave. His burning eyes, the two-edged sword from His mouth, the radiance of His person forever give the lie to sin, defeat to wickedness and wrong. And yet His lofty loneliness is so gentle that He can touch every fearful, timid soul and say, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen" (Rev. 1:17-18).—GEREN C. ROBERTS, *Pastor, First Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.*

A Day in Norway (VII)

By Haldor Lillenas*

THE Alta Fjord lay like molten silver under the light of the midnight sun. Towards the west scattered mountain peaks appeared powder blue and purple. On the shores of the fjord, in the sprawling village of Bossekop, in west Finmarken, Norway, the pale green buildings of the Alma Halsa old people's and children's home were prominently in evidence.

On board "Fredsbudet" ("The Peace Message"), a home missionary boat operated by one of our sister denominations, I heard her remarkable story: "About two years ago I began receiving from an unknown lady in Nebraska some of the most beautifully embroidered baby clothes I have ever seen. There were several shipments of these. Someone suggested that, inasmuch as I had no intention of taking care of small infants nor any equipment for such activities, I should give these layettes to such as might be in need of them. But I thought that, inasmuch as they were being sent to me without any solicitation, it might be possible that God wanted me to take care of small children. Accordingly, I stored these supplies in a convenient place.

"A few months later I noticed in our waiting room a Lapp woman and her six-month-old baby in its little, wooden carrying case used by such women. I did not speak to her. Next day she came back. I finally asked her what might be her desire, to which she replied that she had heard that the lady who operated the children's home might be willing to take care of motherless babies, but she knew Mrs. Halsa was very busy and she feared it would be impossible to get to see her. I said I thought I could arrange to take her to the superintendent of the home, and so she followed me into my office. I said, 'I am Mrs. Halsa,' at which she became quite confused, but finally managed to say that she no longer could take care of her baby and would I take it into the home? I had no equipment other than the baby clothes, but we fixed up some boxes and lined them with cloth to make a little bed, and with the help of friends other furnishings were added; and so we adopted the first baby. A few days later a physician telephoned saying that he had twins that were homeless and we must do something about it. Now I knew why I had been receiving the beautiful baby clothes."

We saw the little Lapp baby (now two years old), a lovely blond baby soundly sleeping in his little, brightly decorated (with pictures of angels) bed. Truly God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform. The layettes and other supplies had been sent by a woman in Nebraska who operates a small children's home. She had been receiving more of these supplies than she could use and, having heard of the far north home in Bossekop, she had been sending

the surplus items there. The home is being operated as a faith project, is under the care of a very capable woman, and is doing a very good work. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring" (John 10:16).



What Is Sanctification?

By E. E. Wordsworth*

SANCTIFICATION is defined as: "The act of being made holy; the act of God's grace by which the affections of men are purified or alienated from sin and the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God." Thus says Webster, but what saith the Word?

It is God's will for you. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (I Thess. 5:23). "This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3). "That ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). Let God's will be your will today.

It is God's choice. "According as he hath chosen us . . . that we should be holy" (Eph. 1:4). "God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (II Thess. 2:13). God must regard it highly or He would not have chosen it for you. Accept His gracious choice.

It is God's call. "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness" (I Thess. 4:7). Holiness is the very opposite of impurity, moral uncleanness, depravity within.

It is God's command. "Be ye holy; for I am holy" (I Pet. 1:16). "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). "Be filled with the Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). Be holy, be perfect, be filled! This is requirement; it is not optional.

It is God's purpose to make us holy. "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God" (I Thess. 3:13; see also 5:23). Note the striking words: established, unblameable, wholly, whole, preserved, blameless—all setting forth God's loving purpose for us.

It is God's provision for us. Saved to the uttermost (Heb. 7:25). Perfect cleansing from sin (I John 1:7). "Filled with all the fulness of God" (Eph. 3:19). Such language cannot mean less than complete cleansing, uttermost salvation, and spiritual fullness provided.

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A Riverside Prayer Meeting

By R. A. Kerby*

THE RIVERS of Babylon had witnessed many strange sights during the long and checkered history of that great city, but none stranger than the one which now presented itself to the eye of the strolling Babylonian. All up and down the riverbanks sat the captive Hebrews weeping with great bitterness while overhead in the willows the vagrant breezes faintly stirred the strings of their tuneless harps. The mocking demand for one of the songs of Zion but augmented their grief as before their mind's eye flashed the beautiful sight of Salem's snowy pinnacles piercing the blue Judean sky. How could they sing one of the happy songs of Zion while so far removed from its holy precincts?

God looked down upon this sad scene and declared, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart" (Jer. 29:11-13).

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This riverside prayer meeting now becomes very solemn as each searches his own heart in deep repentance and bewails the sins which caused a holy God to "cast them far off among the heathen." God endorses the sincerity of their repentance and sets in motion forces which bring to them a happy deliverance at the appointed time. Sighs are now turned to songs, groans to shouts, and lamentations to laughter. God now turns their captivity as the streams in the south and they have such a harp-tuning, hymn-singing time that the heathen are moved to say, "The Lord hath done great things for them" (Ps. 126:2).

The lesson in this for us is that those prayer meetings which begin in tears and continue in heart-searching will be very likely to break up in such singing and shouting that the neighbors will say, "Those holiness folk certainly have good prayer meetings. Let's go next Wednesday night."

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world (James 1:27).

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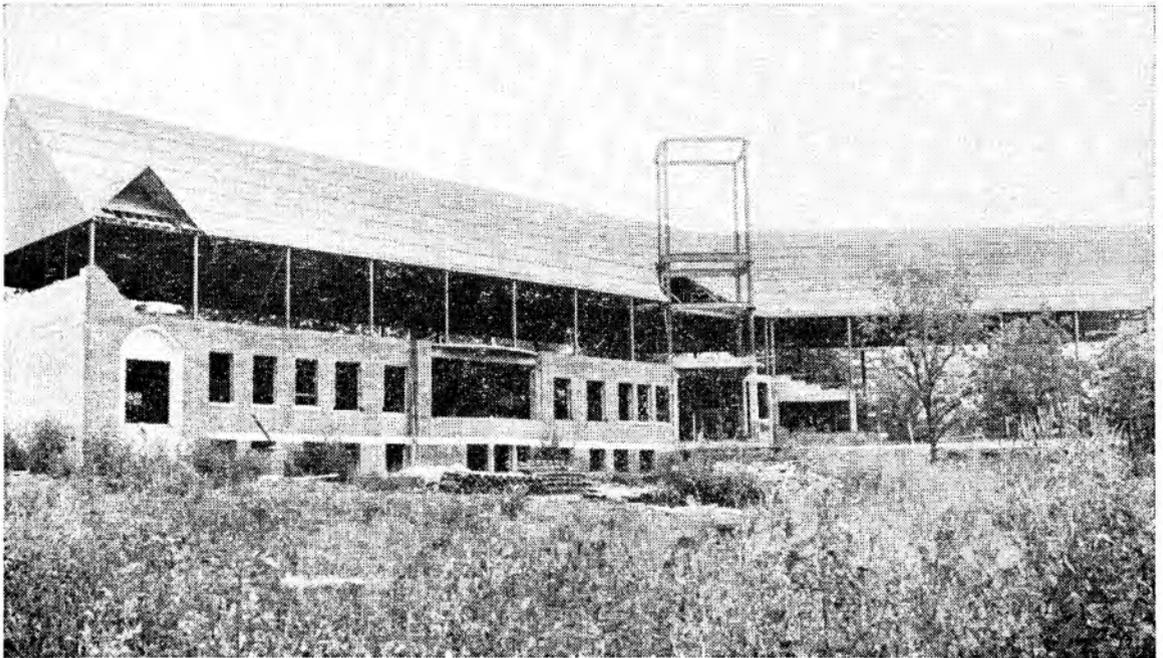


Photo by Paul M. Unterkircher

Progress on the new building has been quite rapid since the strike was settled. The strike lasted twelve weeks and with other delays the building is four months behind schedule. The picture shows the construction as of August 15. It is quite certain that the Seminary will be able to move in not later than the second semester.

The renewed interest in the Building Fund Campaign for the Seminary is most encouraging. Several more districts have paid in full and others are approaching the completion of their allotment. The delay in construction gives all districts and churches who have not paid in full the opportunity to make another effort to get all of their money in by January 1, 1954.

L. T. CORLETT, *President*

"Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled"

THAVE just looked over the headlines of the latest issue of a weekly news magazine, and almost all the news had to do with some difficulty facing our nation or other nations. We are living in troublous times. We were on the verge of getting a truce in Korea, and then 25,000 North Korean prisoners were freed. This brought to our country and the countries connected with the United Nations one of their biggest headaches, as someone has said. In spite of this, however, a truce was finally signed, but it is shaky, and we are not shouting much about it. Also, there is the trouble in East Germany, which is taking a prominent place in the headlines. We are not so distressed about this, for it was one of those things we have hoped would take place; nevertheless, it indicates the fact that we are in a world of trouble. Not only is there this situation of unrest and turmoil and struggle in East Germany, but also in many of the other countries behind the iron curtain.

Further, there is a wave of anti-Americanism that is sweeping over many countries today. Of course, the United States has made her mistakes, but certainly she has done much for the rest of the world. In spite of this fact, there seems to be hatred for the United States in many lands—another sign of the fact that we are living in a troubled world. Even among the nations of the North Atlantic Pact and those in the UN that have been looked upon as close friends there is much disagreement and misunderstanding. The world, I say again, is in a turmoil.

Added to all of these difficulties and problems are the three hundred or more tornadoes which swept across our own land during the spring months, bringing death and destruction in so many places. Nature is on a rampage. Not only are there tornadoes, but there has been too much rain in certain sections of the country, and much too little in other sections. Drought, floods, and high temperatures have tormented us.

The small businessman is facing his problems; the farmers are facing their problems; the big business corporations are facing their difficulties; and along with these, all of us are facing taxes. There were three years of war in Korea; 1¼ million of our youth have been drafted; 135,000 have been shot up; and one-eighth of everything produced in the United States in the 36 months has been used up by war or for rehabilitation caused by war. Tax payments have doubled in these three years and armed costs have risen to \$67,000,000,000. The picture before us is not a bright one. I've said enough to prove that, and I have not told the whole story; there are other things which could be mentioned.

But John says: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare

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a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3). The Christian has almost always faced a troubled world; many times the situation has been worse than it is today. If we were to stop at present and count our blessings, we'd have a lot of blessings we could count; everything certainly isn't bad today.

Then what are we to do? Give up, surrender, cease to fight? No. There is but one thing for the Christian to do, whatever the situation may be; and the true Christian always has done that—that is, keep in the battle line for God, keep the upward look, keep faith with God. The Apostle Paul lived in a troubled world, but he didn't give up. He believed in God; we believe in God, and we will not fail Him. Even now the battle cry is, "Forward march." "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."

SINCERITY (Matthew Six)

I AM READING the Book of Matthew with you. I am trying to get a bird's eye view of each chapter, and the sixth chapter is before me now, the second chapter in the Sermon on the Mount. Its emphasis all the way through is on *sincerity*.

What do we think of when we think of sincerity? We think of honesty, genuineness, freedom from hypocrisy. There are few qualities of character which are superior to sincerity, and especially is this true as to the Christian. Above everything else, the Christian must be sincere.

The fifth chapter of Matthew closed with the thought of being perfect, even as our "Father which is in heaven is perfect." This teaching not only looks backward, but it also looks forward; it is not only a summary of what has gone before in the fifth chapter, but it is also a summary of what is set forth in the sixth chapter. Sincerity of heart, for the Christian, means holiness of heart. One of the definitions which the dictionary gives for sincerity is "honesty of mind or intention." When we have been made perfect in love, or sanctified wholly, we then have honesty of mind, or purpose. In other words, we are pure in heart. Chapter six in Matthew, then, holds up a high standard for every Christian, the standard of Christian perfection, of sincerity from the heart.

THE FIRST four verses of Matthew six tell us that our alms should not be done that we may have glory of men; we must give our alms from a sincere motive, with only the thought of honoring God. We must never bestow them be-

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cause of the approbation and acclaim we feel we are going to get from men. We should be holy in our almsgiving, in other words.

Verses five through fifteen have to do with our praying. It should always be sincere, and not as the hypocrites are, for "they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men" (v. 5). Also vain repetitions should be left out. There must be absolute sincerity in our praying. At the close of this section, Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer (the disciples' prayer). How simple and sublime it is! Not only is it simple and sublime, but it is brief. We are not to be heard for our "much speaking." Sincerity in almsgiving must be matched by sincerity in praying.

When Jesus finished giving us the Lord's Prayer, He gave us these words, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (vv. 14-15). He who asks God for forgiveness without having a forgiving spirit himself will not get anywhere with his praying. He who sincerely wants forgiveness will be willing to forgive those who have wronged him.

The same principle of sincerity is set forth in connection with fasting. He who does everything he can to let the public know he is fasting, when he fasts, is acting well the part of the hypocrite. Fasting should be for God's glory, and not for the glory of man. This truth is brought to us in verses sixteen through eighteen.

NEXT, in verses nineteen through twenty-three, singleness of heart is emphasized: "The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine

Singleness of Heart— One Master

eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" These words follow Jesus' teaching as to riches, that we are not to lay up for ourselves treasures on the earth, but rather lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven. Duplicity is dangerous. We are to go "all out" for God; we are not to keep one eye on the treasures of this world, while we try to keep the other on heaven. We are not to hold on to this world with one hand, and then do our best to hold on to God with the other. Singleness of heart, purity of heart, holiness of heart, sincerity of motive, is the teaching of these verses.

The truth of this chapter is approached in the same way in the concluding section, verses twenty-four through thirty-four. This section

begins with these words: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." James said, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (1:8). That is the great reason why we need to go on to perfection, to oneness within, to cleansing from the carnal nature. Then we serve but one Master—God, and make no place for mammon. Then we have but one nature within, and that's the nature of Christ. We need not fear to go "all out" for God, for He will see to it that we are taken care of. He cares for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, and He will do the same for us, if only we are sincere and have but one purpose.

This chapter then, which emphasizes in connection with almsgiving, praying, fasting, and treasure seeking that Jesus' disciples should be sincere and not hypocrites, people with but one aim in life, closes with these fitting words: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" (vv. 33-34).

Thank God for This Preacher!

A YOUNG man who is pastoring in a southwestern state in one of our smaller churches received a phone call from a district superintendent in another state. The young man is not getting a very large salary now. He was offered a larger church in this other state, with twice his present salary, and a furnished parsonage. In talking with the district superintendent over the phone, he said he must have some time to pray about it.

The next night the young pastor called the district superintendent and told him that he could not accept the call. Among other reasons he gave were these: He had farmers in the membership of his church who had had three years of drought and crop failure; they were discouraged, and he said, "I can't leave them now." He felt he must stay with them and do his best to keep up their spirit and courage. Also, he said three new families who had recently been saved were coming into his church. He knew they needed help, the godly care of their pastor, and he felt that he should not leave them so soon after they had been saved and joined the church. He wasn't sure who might follow him, and he didn't want to take any risk of leaving his people under these circumstances.

I thank God for this young preacher and pastor. May his spirit inspire you and me to greater sacrificial living for the Master!

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matt. 5:16).

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Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

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ARIZONA	Oct. 2-4
NEVADA-UTAH	Oct. 6-7
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CANADA WEST	Oct. 9-11
Calgary First	
CANADA WEST	Oct. 13-14
Vancouver First	
WASHINGTON PACIFIC	Oct. 16-18
Vancouver Hillcrest	
OREGON PACIFIC	Oct. 20-21
Salem First	
NORTHWEST	Oct. 23-25
Spokane First	Oct. 23
Walla Walla First	Oct. 24
Yakima First	Oct. 25

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THREE MISSIONARIES

ONE GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

(If schedule permits)

ONE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION

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Africa

We recently closed our two district yearly meetings here in Gaza and God was with us in an unusual way. Our Southern District Annual Meeting closed with a great testimony service, and even when we had dismissed no one wanted to move from his place. Another song was sung and two folk came to the altar, a man and a woman. The young man prayed very earnestly and then arose to say that the messages of this meeting had showed him the difference between light and darkness, and for the first time in his life, although he was a professing Christian, he had really found that great joy that comes with sins forgiven.

He said: "I was ill in Lourenco Marques while working there and I bought a cloth and had it doctored by the witch doctors and gave it to my mother to be used in worshipping the demons for me. Today God brought that cloth before me, and now I give it up. When I get home I'll take it and give it to the preacher to be burned."

Our revivals over the district have been unusual, and we do praise God, from whom all blessings flow.—MARY M. COOPER.

And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord? (I Chon. 29:5.)

God has set up no draft board in order to secure soldiers for His cause; they are all volunteers.—E. F. WILDE.

CRUSADE FOR SOULS

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Christian Education Week

"For All Children, Faith in God" is the theme of Christian Education Week this year, September 27 to October 4. We have already written (September 9 issue) of the importance of children in the Crusade for Souls. Now this is the story of what one district has done in attempting to reach children for Christ.

Last spring the Tennessee District had a "Children's Crusade." Statistics were gathered, plans laid, and every church alerted to try to secure the evangelization of children already in contact with the church and Sunday school. As an example, it was found out that there were 1,140 young people between the ages of nine and fourteen on the district who were members of our Sunday schools but not members of the church. This represents an area for evangelism on the part of pastors, Sunday-school teachers, and everyone in the church.

Church Schools Achievement Program

Our Sunday-school aims are definitely linked with the Crusade for Souls Now during the present year. Points 1, *Win Them to Christ*, and 3, *Reach the Unreached*, provide for the evangelization of those we already have and reaching out for new ones through the Home Department. Every Sunday school can join in the Crusade for Souls through these goals. This will not only help the Sunday school to fulfill the achievement program, but we will be working to reach those about us who need God. The Crusade for Souls is not one certain plan of visitation evangelism, but it is first of all a passion and burden for the salvation of others.

A Visitation Plan

Excellent plans for visitation are laid out in the visitation manual, *First Steps in Visitation Evangelism*. These

plans can be used effectively as they are, but many find it advisable to make some adaptations for the local situation. Recently we received the plan used by Washington, D.C., First Church. In the past few years this church has moved across town to an entirely new community, worshiping for about a year in a leased church building while its own building was under construction. During all of this time, they have maintained a regular visitation program that has no doubt contributed to the splendid progress they have made.

Each person co-operating in the visitation agrees to spend at least two hours a week in personal visitation. Each worker may choose between one or more of five different visitation groups: community, divisional, absentees, Cradle Roll, and Home Department. Community workers meet together on Monday evening at the church for assignments, returning reports by Wednesday night. Divisional workers receive assignments Sunday evening. Absentee callers receive assignments at the close of the Sunday-school class session, reporting back on Wednesday evening as to the results. Cradle Roll and Home Depart-

ment callers receive their assignments on Sunday morning.

This is an excellent plan and brings results for this church. It may not fit your situation, but whatever plan works best for your church, use it.

Crusade Advertisements

The new Crusade for Souls Now stickers and decals are available from the Nazarene Publishing House. The gummed stickers, about the size of a postage stamp, are 4 sheets (96 stamps) for 25c, or 40 sheets (960 stamps) for \$2.00. The Crusade decals have a variety of uses. They are 10c each, 3 for 25c, and 100 for \$6.50. Mats and cuts of the Crusade emblem can be secured in ¾-inch and 2-inch sizes, at \$2.00 and \$2.50 respectively.

A Crusading WAC

A full-page write-up in a recent issue of the *Pacific Stars and Stripes* tells of the one-woman crusade of SFC Viola A. Roberts of the Women's Army Corps, serving overseas in the Army's Ryukyus Command. Viola was raised in Gary, Indiana, and early felt a call to be a missionary to Japan. She received a degree in theology at Olivet Nazarene College, and then World War II came along. With mission fields closed, she joined the Women's Army Corps, and after the war took graduate work at Eastern Nazarene College and Boston University. Her missionary application was on file when she was recalled to duty during the Korean war. She did not get to Japan, but she has devoted most of her off-duty time on Okinawa bringing the gospel to the children of the island. Each week she teaches three Sunday-school classes with a total of 300 young Oriental Christians. Saturday classes are held in a little church built for the village of Takahara by the men of the 29th Regimental Combat Team and Sunday classes in the Naha Stone chapel at Mawashi-son.

SFC Roberts' teaching must be done through an interpreter, and this means many extra hours in preparation so that the stories can be easily understood. Her interpreter is a young student at the University of the Ryukyus who plans to study in the United States and return as a minister to his own people.

The writer of the article says: "During her two years on Okinawa, SFC Viola A. Roberts in so selflessly giving of herself and her time has not only planted a love of Christ in the hearts of the children of this non-Christian land, but has made many true friends for America among the Okinawans."

We are glad that a term of service with the armed forces does not mean an end of their service for Christ for

many of our Nazarene youth. They are proving their loyalty by entering into a Crusade for Souls wherever they may be stationed. Let us all re-

member them in prayer that God will help them to hold steady, be true, and live for their Saviour in every situation.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Does the devil answer prayer?

A. The Christian prays to God, and not to the devil. This I am sure of, and I certainly never thought of the devil as answering prayer. Further, I can't think of any reason why any follower of Christ—or anyone else for that matter—would declare outright or imply that the devil answers prayer unless he meant that the devil would do all that he could to see that we got what we prayed for if he thought it would be harmful to us. Thinking of it from this standpoint, someone might say, "You'd better be careful what you pray for; the devil might answer your prayer." However, I am afraid it would be misleading to make such a statement.

Q. If you have grieved the Lord out of your heart, is it possible to get Him back? What if you have been brought into bondage by your sin?

A. You can get God back if you really want Him back and are willing to pay the price. Further, God can free you from the bondage into which your sin has brought you. God never turns a sinner down who really comes to Him. I've about come to the conclusion that there are some people who get a certain type of satisfaction out of trying to make themselves believe that God won't take them back. This makes it possible for them not to pay the price and really come back to God and live for Him, and at the same time blame God and not themselves for this failure. Besides, they thereby get the attention and pity of the people, which they want. I do not mean by this to accuse you of being in this class. And I must say again in closing that God will deliver you from the bondage of your sin and take you back. Look up and take hope, and do it right now!

Q. Can you be lost, once you are saved? For example, here's a man who led a Christian life for years and then, due to unnamed circumstances, he went slowly or quickly back into sin. Would this man go to heaven or to hell, from the standpoint of the Bible teaching? I would appreciate it if you would answer this question as thoroughly and plainly as possible.

A. First, I would say that the Bible is full of exhortations to the Christian to hold on until the end of life. It also has many promises for those who are faithful unto death. Why all of this concern about men in this world lest they fail to follow God until this life comes to an end if there is no chance for them to fall by the way and be lost in hell forever? Why doesn't the Bible spend its time wholly on getting sinners to repent and be saved if that inevitably guarantees to them that they will go to heaven regardless of what they do after they are born again? Second, I give you six scriptures which read apart from or within their context prove to any fair-minded person that a Christian can backslide and be finally lost. These are: John 15:6; Heb. 3:12; 6:4-6; 10:26-27; II Pet. 2:20-21; I Cor. 9:26-27. The best of these, I believe, is Heb. 6:4-6. I quote it, and trust you to look up the others and read them: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Those who claim that a Christian cannot backslide and finally be lost usually avoid dealing with these verses, and when they do have the audacity to attempt to explain them in harmony with their teaching, they fail to say anything convincing.

I should add that this scripture teaches so unmistakably that a follower of God may backslide and finally be lost that some think it implies that such a person could not come back to God even if he wanted to. If this were the case, then it would contradict my answer to the preceding question. However, I do not believe that this is the implication of the passage. The last clause makes this impossible. It says, "Seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." The person who does this is deliberately sinning and does not want to come back to Christ.

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

ARCHAEOLOGICAL discoveries in Palestine have been coming in rapid succession for some time. On August 31, an American archaeologist, Dr. Nelson Glueck, of Cincinnati and New York, president of Hebrew Union College and the Jewish Institute of Religion, made a discovery of what he believes is a very ancient city. It is located some forty miles from Beer-sheba in the south part of the Negev Desert. Irrigation canals, dams, terraces, and signs of a village believed to have been inhabited about 4000 B.C. were found. This would place it several hundred years before the time of Abraham.

Some time ago we mentioned the discovery of the site of ancient Dothan by Dr. Joseph Free, professor of archaeology at Wheaton College. Dr. Free is now setting up the Eighth Wheaton College Bible Lands Cruise to begin in February, 1954. Archaeology has done much in the past century to confirm and corroborate the Bible story and to correct false speculations about Bible history. It appears that there is much still to be learned about the inhabitants of ancient Palestine.

Christians in Scotland have a much keener conscience about observing the Sabbath than most of those in America. Recently delegates to the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland criticized the Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth, for playing the game of polo on Sunday. One minister, the Reverend A. Small of Orkney, spoke his conviction that "it is time the Church made known the Duke of Edinburgh's continued practice of disregarding the sanctity of the Lord's day by playing polo." While Christians in America have convictions about the Sabbath, they speak out very weakly or not at all against unnecessary activities on the Lord's day.

In late spring the government released huge quantities of dry milk to church agencies for distribution to needy persons overseas. In August, President Eisenhower also released 50,000,000 pounds of government-purchased butter for relief distribution to foreign peoples. The first group to claim any of this to distribute was the War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare Conference, which was allotted 10,800,000 pounds. The government obtains these foods by

buying from the farmers under its price support program. Large amounts of some foods have been furnished to public schools for the school lunch program, and some have been used in the military services. As little as the general public may like to be taxed for something which yields no financial or material return, all can rejoice that the country has arrived at something better than destroying animals and plowing under corn, as we did in the thirties.

The *National Voice* reports the marketing of a new beer brewed especially for children. It is made at Munich, Germany. Less alcoholic than beer usually is, it is also slightly sweet. It is made with barley, hops, yeast, and

water. The brewer claims that children who have been introduced to his beer will ask for it in preference to lollipops. He is endeavoring to find agents in America to sell it. The kind brewer—he loves the children so very much!

After all these years (from the beginning) without a chapel, it seems almost certain that the United States Capitol will have one. Unanimous approval to a bill to establish an intercreedal chapel was given by the House of Representatives, and the Senate is quite likely to follow. Architect David S. Lynn has indicated that a twenty-foot square room adjoining the rotunda directly below the Capitol dome will be used.

Within twenty-four hours after the disastrous earthquakes had hit the Ionian Islands off the coast of Greece, Church World Service was distributing emergency supplies to the victims.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

Continued Growth Is Necessary

ONE DAY when our first child was nine months of age, my husband and I decided to go for a ride. It was in the early wintertime and as we put the child into the car she started crying. We thought nothing of it for a few minutes, for she was so fond of riding that we felt she would stop crying once the car started moving. But instead, the child continued crying. I brought her up to the front seat with us and began to look at her. Suddenly I noticed that she held her left arm limp at her side.

My husband and I were frightened. "Let us go back home and get her ready to take to the doctor," I said excitedly.

When we reached the house, I tried to ease off the light little sleeves of the coat she was wearing. When I reached one point in the process, the child gave one loud scream and then stopped whimpering or crying at all. The arm was perfectly normal again and it was unnecessary to make a trip to the doctor.

During the next two years, that same little arm now and then gave the little girl trouble. Most of the time, it happened when someone was playing with her—a little too roughly perhaps, or when she was lifted from her bed or from the car.

I was making a routine call on the doctor about that time, and incidentally mentioned our little girl's

trouble. The kind old doctor looked at me seriously. He took the little girl's hand and said, "Come with me." He led us to his back examination room, opened a door, and there before us was a skeleton. The doctor then lifted the left arm of the skeleton and worked the bones back and forth. He pointed to one little bone.

"Now, that is the bone which has been coming out of place. If it continues to come out, the growth of the whole arm will be affected. Finally, the arm will cease to grow and it will begin to wither. It is important," and he took the troubled arm of my little girl in his hand, fondly caressing it, "that this little arm never again come out of place until the child is ten years of age. Do you think you could watch her a little more carefully?"

"Oh, I will watch her," I anxiously promised.

Then the kind old doctor turned to the quiet little girl. "You must watch, too. Don't let anybody swing you by your arms. Don't let any of the children pull your arms. Keep away from anyone who tries to grab you."

The little girl did not take her eyes from the doctor's face.

Needless to say, the arm never came out of place again. *We all watched.*

Not only is it necessary for parts of the physical body to stay in place, but it is also necessary for the spiritual

body to be steady. Oh, we all know that the Lord will take us back if we call upon Him; but spiritual growth is hindered greatly each time one of God's children slips out of the fold. The growth can be so hindered that eventually the soul will seem withered and will lose its joy and happiness.

If each of us realized the damage done his soul and spirit every time he "lost out," I believe we would watch more carefully. It is amazing the results when one keeps a watch over all he does and says. Continued growth is so necessary in the life of every follower of the Lord!

Keep Out of Bad Company

It is hard for boys and girls to understand why it is best not to be in the company of bad boys and girls. Sometimes they will say, "But I will not be bad. It won't hurt for me to be with bad fellows, for I will always be good."

Once there was a pack of dogs that were in the habit of going into a farmer's sheep-herd and killing the sheep. The farmer didn't like this one bit, so he set a large trap for the dogs.

One night the pack of dogs came up to a little dog which had never done anyone any harm. "Come with us," they said. "We are going to have a good time and you will not want to miss out." At first the little dog did not accept the invitation. He knew the pack was made up of bad dogs, but it all sounded so interesting and after all he was a good little dog.

The little dog gave in and set out with the pack. They reached the farmer's sheep-herd and most of them jumped right into the middle of the sheep.

There was one pet lamb in the herd which when it became frightened always ran toward the house. This time the lamb followed the usual procedure. Off toward the house the little lamb went. When the dogs saw the tender little animal running alone toward the farmhouse, they started after it, for they felt they would have a nice, tender meal.

They soon came to where the trap was set. The pet lamb knew all about the trap, so just ran around it. The dogs thought they would head off the lamb by taking a short cut. The short cut led them right into the trap and the dogs were caught.

The farmer awakened. He took his gun and went to see about the matter. He noticed the little dog right away. The little dog turned pleading eyes toward the man and started making excuses.

"I have done no harm. I only came along for the fun of it," he said.

The farmer looked at him sternly

and replied, "You are among these bad dogs and you will be punished the same as they."

Although the story could hardly be

true, yet it shows what often happens when a boy or a girl gets into wrong company. Often one is punished because of the company he keeps.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Wickes, Arkansas—Sunday, August 30, marked the close of the greatest revival campaign in the forty-three year history of our church. Our fine evangelist, Rev. R. F. Lindley, was used of God in a marvelous way. Several souls sought and found God in regeneration or sanctification, and the crowds were the largest in the church from the time of organization in 1903. Brother Lindley upholds the standards of the church and preaches the old-fashioned gospel. He is faithful in standing by the pastor and carries a burden for the church. He urges believers to unite with our church and boosts the district and general interests. He has been invited to return for a future meeting. Finances came easily, and a nice love offering was taken for our good pastors, Rev. and Mrs. William J. James; also our pastor was given a \$10.00 per week raise. We thank God for him and his family. Our all-time high Sunday-school record of 114 was broken, and our church is going forward for God.—Mrs. Christine Watkins, Reporter.

Evangelist W. F. Miller writes: "Owing to a cancellation, I have an open date, October 20 to November 1. I'd like to slate this time in Ohio, Pennsylvania, or West Virginia. Write me, 521 Victoria Avenue, Williamstown, West Virginia."

The second annual camp meeting was held at the Seneca Indian Mission, Church of the Nazarene, Red House, New York, August 6 through 16. From the first prayer meeting until the closing of the final evening service, God's presence was felt as the Holy Spirit used the messages to

feed the souls of all those present. Many gained definite victory at the altar. The principal speakers were Rev. M. V. Bass, Cherokee Indian evangelist; Rev. L. J. Dunham, pastor and evangelist; and Mrs. Bass, song leader and children's worker. Special numbers in song and music were offered by many of the visitors. God gave a gracious time of Christian fellowship with friends from many of the different states and Canada attending. On Sunday morning members of the following tribes were noted to be present: Seneca, Chickasaw, Cayuga, Cherokee, Chippewa, Black Foot, Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Potawatomi, Tuscarora, and Sycamore.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Timmer and son Richard will be missed by the people of this mission as they take up their new station at Twin Butte, Gallup, New Mexico. May the Lord continue to bless Brother Timmer and reward him with better health. Rev. and Mrs. S. Mackety and son Rusty will be with us to continue in the work here at Red House. Brother Sammy is known and loved for his spirit of service in the Lord's work, and Sister Mackety is a song evangelist. Again a vote of appreciation to the New York Indian Holiness Association for the use of their tent and benches. It was a glorious camp; souls were saved and others sanctified.—Reporter.

Roswell, New Mexico—Bethel Church recently enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Bill Burch, a student at Bethany-Peniel College. The services were well attended, and we witnessed some good victories around the altar. Brother Burch is an excellent speaker, and a devout preacher of the gospel.—L. J. Crenshaw, Pastor.

THE BIBLE

By Violet Neidlinger

*Some people say it is such a dry Book;
I'm sure that they give it just barely a
look.*

*The truth of the matter, 'tis full as
can be*

*With springs everlasting for you and
for me.*

*Like drilling for water, the deeper
you go*

*More water will enter to make it
o'erflow.*

*So study your Bible, dig deep in
the Word—*

*I know it will draw you up close to
the Lord.*

Brownfield, Texas—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. and Mrs. Alden Grim as special workers. They are some of our finest; she works with the children, plays and sings, and gives readings, along with carrying a burden for the revival. Brother Grim is one of the most able preachers of the Word we have; he has a message that will benefit any of our churches.

We had a number to bow at an altar and find definite help from God, and Sunday afternoon we had a beautiful baptismal service with six being baptized by immersion, and one sprinkled. Finances came easily, with the folks giving the pastor a nice love offering. We appreciate the Grims.—Howard Smith, Pastor.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself (Matt. 22:37-39).

Evangelist H. H. Hooker writes: "I have two open dates next winter that I would like to slate in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, or California. One of these dates is in January and the other in February. If interested, write me, Box 181, Gardendale, Alabama."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor Neufeld of Alva, Oklahoma, saw a gain of seventy-four in attendance in his Sunday school over the previous Sunday in our eight-day convention. Personal visitation made the difference. The pastor averages around one thousand calls a year. It was a pleasure to work with the pastor and people. They were kind, cooperative, appreciative, and made our work a delight. Pastor Noble Hathaway, of our new church in Oklahoma City, has a beautiful new building erected by Rev. Paul Ridings. The Hathaways are good people, devout and aggressive, with vision, courage, grit, and religion. It was a joy to assist them in this baby church. New classes are to be started. To build your school, keep on widening your organization."

Durango, Colorado—We have recently closed one of the best revivals that this church has enjoyed in several years. God mightily used the ministry of Evangelist L. D. Sharp and Singer John F. Whisler. Attendance and interest ran high, finances came easily, seekers were at the altar in nearly every service, and eight members were added to the church at the close of the meeting. We do thank God for His many blessings to us in recent months. The Church of the Nazarene in Durango is unitedly going ahead, and looking forward to even greater days in the future.—Ralph E. Hess, Pastor.

Pastor Clive Williams reports from Costa Mesa, California: "Wife and I came to this home-mission church two years ago at assembly time. Now we have a good church in which to worship. God helped us to reach this goal during the first year, and last year we built a fine, three-bedroom parsonage. Dr. R. J. Plumb, our good district superintendent, and the home-mission board have stood by us. We have a fine class of folks here and the work is growing—no job too hard for the Lord. If you have friends near here, send us their names and addresses, and we'll be glad to contact them."

The Long Island Holiness Camp Meeting Association held its annual meeting at Freeport, New York, July 29 to August 9, with Rev. Morris E. Wilson and Dr. Claude A. Reis as the special speakers. Mrs. James Boughton led the singing, Mrs. Willard Ortlip did splendid work among the children, and her husband ably portrayed the gospel of full salvation through the medium of sacred art messages. Mrs. C. T. Matthews was supervisor of the youth, assisted by Mrs. Florence Cornell as recreational director. Six young men sought the Lord for the first time (from the immediate neighborhood) at the last Sunday evening service. With deep regret, the board of directors accepted the resignation of Dr. B. Joseph Martin, president for eight years, because of his added duties. Mr. Charles F. Bingler, former treasurer, was elected to serve as president.—Reporter.

Evangelist Lee L. Hamric reports: "Wife and I have been supplying for several of our churches in the Dallas area while the pastors were away on vacation. We were also in the New Home Church, Edgewood, Texas, for one week, and God gave some good victories. At this writing we are in a home-mission revival in Texarkana, Texas, with plans to organize a new church in the north part of the city. We have some open time for week-end revivals or holiness conventions. Write us, 221 N. Rosemont, Dallas, Texas."

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "We are now in our tenth year as full-time evangelists. At this writing we are in a meeting with Rev. J. R. Woodcook at Kane, Pennsylvania, and God is blessing with souls being saved and sanctified. From here we go to Union City, then to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, and on to New York. After the holidays we begin at Clearfield, Pennsylvania, on January 10. We have three open dates between now and our assembly: one in February, one in March, and one in April, closing on Easter Sunday. We carry the full program—preaching, singing, chalk artistry, and special music; will go anywhere God may lead. Write us, 307 S. Delaware Street, Mt. Gilcad, Ohio."

Evangelist D. D. Mackey writes: "Our party (preacher, singers, and musicians) give praise to God for His blessings upon our work. With our house trailer, our family, and eighteen musical instruments (including an electric organ) we have traveled in thirteen different districts during the past year, and have labored in twenty-six revival campaigns. It has been a delight to work in so many wonderful churches, and we praise God for the manifestation of His transforming power. Pastors and people have been most considerate of us. Because of the future consideration of our children's schooling, we

have decided to move our headquarters—after fifteen years in north-eastern Indiana—to Bethany, Oklahoma. We have a good slate in the Southwest. Write us, P.O. Box 113, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelist C. T. Corbett writes that because of a shift in meeting dates he has two dates open, October 14 to 25, and December 30 to January 10. If any pastor is interested in either of these dates, write him, Box 215, Kankakee, Illinois.

South Arkansas District Sunday-School Convention

The South Arkansas District Church School Convention was held in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, August 6 and 7, with Rev. Vernon Jones as host pastor. The district church school board, under the direction of Chairman J. F. Hamm, presented a program that was well planned and inspiring. The attendance throughout the convention was good and the spirit was refreshing.

Dr. A. F. Harper was the special worker for the gathering. His intensely interesting and practical messages were blessed and anointed of the Lord. As a result of his ministry, a renewed interest in the work of Sunday schools is permeating the entire district.

One of the high points of the convention was the special Sunday-school message brought by our district superintendent, Rev. W. L. French. The pastors and laymen were challenged by our district leader to move forward for God and souls on the South Arkansas District.

The reports of the Sunday-school superintendents reflected substantial gains both by way of average attendance and also by way of Sunday-school enrollment for the year.

W. RAYMOND McCLUNG, Reporter

Sorrow is one of the greatest facts of life. Whether I face up to it or fall before it depends on the inner resources which I may have at my disposal. I may be encompassed with clouds of sorrow; yet by and through those clouds I may know that God is near. "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee" (Josh. 1:5b). The cloud by day represented the presence of God; so may the cloud of sorrow that hovers over me signify the presence of One who cares and is interested in my crushed heart. Let us not seek for the sunshine, but may the cry of our hearts be, "Lord, though clouds may gather this day, grant Thou that I might realize the nearness of the Comforter, and in all things be overwhelmed by the goodness of my God."—MERLE S. DIMBATH,

South Dakota District Young People's Camp and Institute

The eleventh annual young people's camp and institute of the South Dakota District was held August 24 through 28 at Camp Bob Marshall, located in the Black Hills just east of Custer.

Under the direction of our good district superintendent, Rev. W. H. Davis, and the leadership of the N.Y.P.S. president, Rev. R. W. Manley, we had one of the best young people's camps and institutes we have been privileged to attend.

Rev. Jonathan Gasset, superintendent of the Northwest Oklahoma District, was our special worker. Under his Spirit-anointed messages and the timely exhortation of our district superintendent, souls wept their way to God and hearts were blessed. The high light of this gathering was the response of the young people to the call of God upon their souls.

It is the consensus of opinion that South Dakota is on the move for God and that the years ahead will be influenced by the many decisions at this camp.

H. LAVERN SMITH, Reporter

Southwest Oklahoma N.Y.P.S. Camp and Institute

The fifth annual camp and institute of the Southwest Oklahoma District was held July 20 to 24 at the new district campgrounds three and one-half miles west of Anadarko, Oklahoma. It was wonderful to note the progress on the campgrounds that were started this year. Rev. John Logan of London, England, certainly opened the Word of God to us from day to day as the special speaker of the camp.

Rev. H. C. Emmert, district president, did a fine job in supervising the camp and convention, and was re-elected on the first ballot to be president for another year. Other officers elected were: vice-president, Carl Dillard, Waurika; secretary and treasurer, Earl C. Darden, Duncan; high school supervisor, Bob Hollis, Chickasha; sponsor of boys' and girls' work, Charles Attaway, Oklahoma City; teen-age representatives, Talmae Johnson and Ronnie Orr.

Many of the young people sought and found help during the camp; some received calls for special service in the Lord's work. Everyone felt that the hard work in getting the grounds ready was well repaid in the wonderful spiritual victories. Especially do we appreciate the hard work and good leadership of our good district superintendent in providing this camp, which promises to be one of the best in the nation.

WILLIE W. VOIGT, Reporter

Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, . . . all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive (Matt. 21:21-22).

Are YOU Saved?

Minnesota District Camp and Institute

The Minnesota District has just closed the best camp and institute in its history. This is the opinion of all who had the privilege of attending the services and program of the camp. For many years it has been a problem to know how to provide for the needs of the various age groups and still have the dynamic spiritual emphasis and atmosphere of the camp meeting. This need has been met, and we feel successfully, in the "Family Camp" plan. We meet together for a week at the Lake Koronis campgrounds and carry on the work of the boys' and girls' camp, young people's institute, and camp meeting simultaneously. God has been good to us and we feel that each year there is more interest and enthusiasm than before. Most of the credit for the success of this venture is to be attributed to the wise and godly leadership of our highly esteemed district superintendent, Rev. Arthur C. Morgan. God has blessed the labors of this faithful servant and under his leadership the district has moved forward in every department.

Our workers for our camp this year were unexcelled. It was our privilege to have Rev. Paul and Rev. Ted Martin as our speakers. Their messages and godly lives in our midst will long be an influence for God and holiness in the lives of all sitting under their ministry. God has given to our church no better workers or preachers than the Martin brothers. It was the unanimous opinion of the camp-meeting board to have them return at the earliest possible date. We were made to feel that they were a part of the great Minnesota District. We did not think of them as strangers that had come to preach "at" us for a week; rather they made us feel that they had long been in our midst and were as interested in the success of our work as were we. Their preaching was anointed of the Holy Spirit, and in service after service the altar was lined with young people, boys and girls, and mothers and dads seeking God for pardon and purity. We can never be the same after having them in our midst.

Others having a part in the success of our camp were from district personnel. Rev. Geren Roberts was the speaker in the afternoon services and his messages were appreciated by all attending from day to day. Rev. Owen Burke, district N.Y.P.S. president, was in charge of the work of

the institute and he was assisted by Rev. S. Frank Moss and Rev. Paul Wolstenholm, teaching classes in the Christian Service Training series. Rev. John Sapp was in charge of the recreational program.

Brother Paul Martin instituted the "Mr. and Miss Minnesota Nazarene" idea at the camp, and these honors went to Craig Hartberg of Buffalo Lake and Beverly Hanson of Canby. In charge of the boys' and girls' camp were Rev. and Mrs. David Sullivan. They were assisted by several counselors who gave of their time for the week to help the boys and girls have a good time and to receive spiritual guidance. We certainly do appreciate the help of these folks. Without their efforts we would not have been able to carry on.

Brother Henry Hughes was our camp manager and treasurer and, though the responsibilities were arduous and heavy, he carried on admirably. Taking care of the "cuts and bruises" department was our wonderful camp nurse, Mrs. Arthur Moses. Everyone did everything just right and we had a wonderful time.

The closing Sunday of camp was a great day and a time of victory. A baptismal service was held in the afternoon and several candidates were immersed by their pastors. God was graciously present at all times and we are looking forward to our "Family Camp" next year and will be expecting even greater things to take place than before. To God be all the glory.

J. M. ANDERSON, Reporter

North Carolina District Boys' and Girls' Camp

History was made on the North Carolina District, August 17 to 21, when a group of boys and girls, together with teachers, preachers, and counselors, met for the first district boys' and girls' camp at Camp Cherokee, near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

The camp was under the direct supervision of Rev. J. H. Eades, chairman of the district church school board. He did a wonderful job of directing this first camp.

Pastors and laymen rallied to provide the necessary staff of workers. Night evangelistic speakers included Dr. Lloyd Byron, district superintendent, Rev. Jesse Middendorf, and Rev. J. E. McKenzie. Night after night the altar was lined with youngsters weeping and praying. Rev. W. Lee Gann served as director of Bible teaching and also as chapel speaker; Rev. Dave Cox directed the singing and recreational program; and handcraft was under the supervision of Mrs. Richmond.

Fifty-seven boys and girls were registered for this initial camp, and we expect to have twice that number next year.

REPORTER

Colorado District N.Y.P.S. Institute

The Colorado District's annual youth institute was held at Pueblo Mountain Park near Beulah, Colorado, August 17 to 22. Rev. Marvin E. Powers, the district N.Y.P.S. president, was the camp director. Rev. T. Hermon served efficiently as the dean. The institute staff considered it another treat to have Professor Joseph Mayfield, of Pasadena College, on the teaching staff.

Records revealed a total of 151 registered. Everyone enjoyed plenty of good food, fun, and wholesome activity. However, the most outstanding phase of the institute was the chapel services. Time after time God met the hearts of the group with His presence. Rev. Wilbur Brannon was the evangelist and was mightily used of God. There were more than 130 seekers, and even the midnight hours found young people seeking God in the dorms. Brother Brannon's messages were fraught with deep sincerity and power. Every soul was stirred, it seemed, and even the staff left with a greater determination to serve God more effectively.

Colorado's young people will not soon forget the 1953 youth institute.

REPORTER

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. . . . Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh (Matt. 24:42-44).

Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention Northwestern Illinois District

The annual convention of the Northwestern Illinois District N.Y.P.S. was held at the Central Christian Church in Peoria, Illinois, on August 17. From the opening song to the closing prayer, a fine spirit of fellowship and blessing was evident.

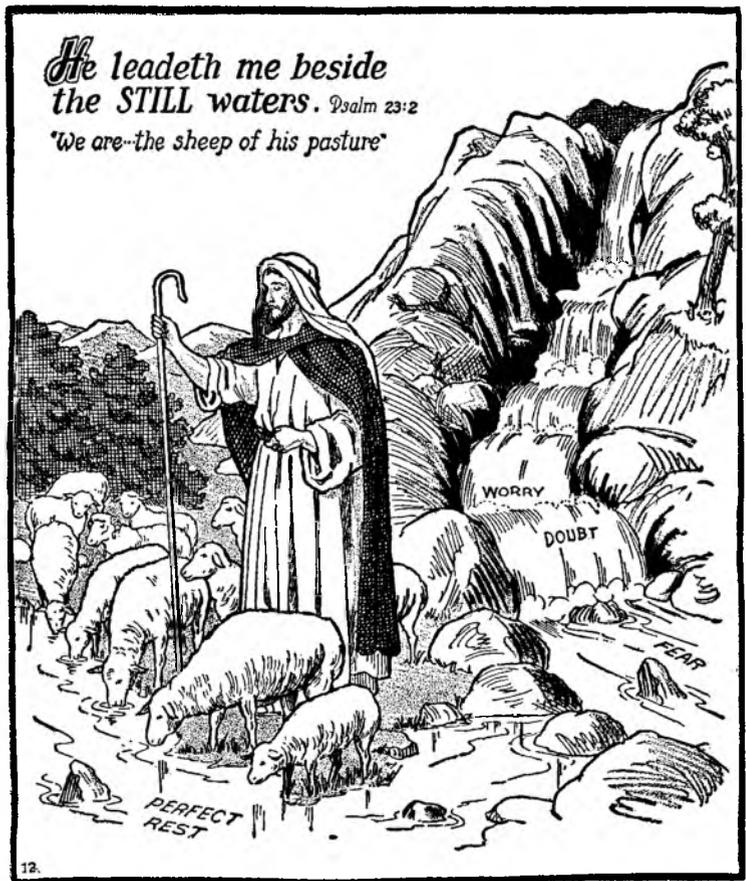
As the convention began, it seemed that God moved in with us and blessed as the delegates gave their reports. It was very evident that the societies over our Northwestern Illinois District had enjoyed a year of progress, and had a strong determination to go forward for God.

Rev. Harry C. Hatton was again elected district president. In his review of the past year's activities, Brother Hatton brought to our minds again the high lights and blessings of the year.

The special speaker for the convention was Rev. Guy Nees, pastor of the Olivet Nazarene College Church. Our young people greatly enjoyed and appreciated his messages.

We feel that with the support and leadership of President Hatton, our District Council, and our good district superintendent, Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, the youth of the Northwestern Illinois District can accomplish greater victories in the coming year.

ESTHER RILEY, Reporter



Indianapolis District Assembly

The twenty-eighth annual assembly of the Indianapolis District closed with reports of good progress. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presided with grace and ease. His messages, unctonized by the Holy Spirit and spiced with humor, caused us to draw close to God and lightened the load of assembly business. Dr. Powers is a great leader and a humble servant. We shall always love to have him with us.

A high point in the assembly was Wednesday night—a special service honoring the retiring district superintendent and wife, our beloved Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Short. District Superintendents Leo Davis, L. T. Wells, W. S. Purinton, and former Superintendent E. O. Chalfant brought tributes from all departments of the church. Dr. Grover Van Duyn prepared and read a splendid review of the life and work of Rev. and Mrs. Short. The review of "Forty-three Years a Nazarene" left no doubts in our minds concerning the tremendous place these servants of God have filled in the Church of the Nazarene.

Brother Short's thirty-third report as a district superintendent revealed a great year of progress. The General Budget of \$34,833.00 was overpaid by \$11,979.00, making a total of \$46,012.00. Total giving for the year amounted to \$691,319.00, an increase of \$176,944.00. The Sunday-school average was increased by 772, and there

was a net gain of 132 in membership. Two new churches were organized.

Rev. Luther Cantwell, pastor of New Castle First Church, was elected district superintendent, and the Spirit of God seemed to crown this action.

The Olivet College service was highlighted by President H. W. Reed reporting on the state of the school and the progress of the Memorial Library project. Brother and Sister Roberts represented our Rest Cottage at Pilot Point, and Rev. E. E. Hale our colored work. Rev. Walter Eichenberger proved efficient in representing the publishing house.

Two ministers, James B. Greene and Lloyd R. Dean, received their elder's orders and the orders of Joseph Youmans were recognized from a sister denomination in the Thursday night service.

The prospects are bright for the new year under the leadership of Rev. Luther Cantwell.

CALVIN C. WHEELDON, Reporter

We should be encouraged to be honest with ourselves and with God. If our hearts are sincere and our minds are open, we shall not be reprimanded when we ask for light and guidance. Jesus was never severe with an honest seeker after truth. To all such He speaks today: "I am the way, the truth, and the life."—MARK ELDER.

**Iowa District
N.Y.P.S. Convention**

A great crowd of young people from the state of Iowa gathered at the beautiful Des Moines campground on August 15 for the annual N.Y.P.S. convention. Rev. Glen Griffith was chosen as the keynote speaker and with the unction of the Lord upon his soul he challenged the Iowa young people to serve God and the church with all of their soul, mind, and body. The presence of the Lord was manifested during the message and the shouts of victory were heard in the camp.

Rev. Aleck G. Ulmet of Council Bluffs First Church was re-elected as president with an overwhelming vote of confidence for the eighth consecutive time. He presided over the convention with grace and efficiency, and at no time was he too busy to let the presence of the Holy Spirit take charge of the convention. The Iowa young people love and appreciate their district president for his spiritual leadership and his devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ.

The societies and zones provided some interesting reports of their progress during the past year and of their goals for the coming year. Special music was provided by the young people of the various churches, the Viking Quartet, and the Harmonaires of Olivet Nazarene College.

One of the outstanding high lights of the past year was the district

N.Y.P.S. tour with Rev. C. R. Thrasher, of Oklahoma City. During this tour \$1,500.00 was pledged for home-mission evangelism in the state of Iowa. Last year the church at Woodbine was organized as a direct result of the efforts of the Iowa young people.

Other elected officers were: Rev. Forrest Whitlatch, vice-president; Irene Greenlee, secretary; Rev. Donald O. Bell, treasurer; Mrs. Al Foster, teen-age supervisor; Mrs. H. E. Hegstrom, boys' and girls' work sponsor; Dorothy Stanley and Gene C. Phillips, teen-age representatives.

With the help of God the Iowa young people are moving forward. The challenge of a lost and dying world lies before them and with the help of the Lord the N.Y.P.S. in Iowa accepts the challenge.

CHARLES C. POWERS, Reporter

**Boys' and Girls' Camp
Northwestern Illinois District**

Pervaded with a camp-meeting atmosphere and lubricated with the presence of the Holy Spirit, the Northwestern Illinois District boys' and girls' camp was held August 3 through 7 at Lena, Illinois. There were 127 boys and girls, plus a staff of 27 to complete the campers' roll.

Rev. Oren Baker spoke with real passion and adapted his messages to the children's level. God blessed and most of the boys and girls prayed through to real, old-fashioned victory.

Mrs. Ilah Downs again directed the classwork—it is a real Bible program. A camp high light was the beautiful and solemn communion service on the last morning.

The success of the camp can be attributed to two outstanding factors: one is quite naturally that peculiar unction and blessing from above; but also we give God praise for an excellent staff which showed the highest degree of co-operation in the Spirit. Campers and counselors all departed with a keener sense of the Master's presence.

R. C. BOYNTON, Director

**Chicago Central
District Assembly**

The forty-ninth annual assembly of the Chicago Central District convened Wednesday morning, August 19, in Howe Chapel at Olivet Nazarene College. Dr. Samuel Young presided with his usual finesse and wit. His morning devotional messages were times of rich inspiration and blessing to all.

In addition to Dr. Young's ministry, the assembly was thrilled with the report of our district superintendent on Wednesday afternoon and the home-mission program which was presented Wednesday night. By their wonderful spiritual leadership Rev. and Mrs. Mark Moore have won the hearts of Chicago Central Nazarenes in their first year of service. Brother Moore was re-elected on the first ballot, receiving all but four votes. A love offering for Brother and Sister Moore was taken following the election.

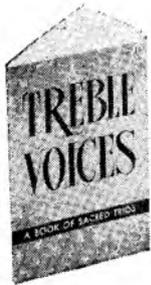
The home-mission program indicated a good deal of investigation, foresight, and faith. The district is enthusiastically behind Superintendent Moore, and under his leadership we expect to see the organization of several new churches this year.

Other high lights of the assembly included the raising of \$6,000.00 for the Olivet College library fund by Dr. Harold W. Reed, president; the announcement by Dr. C. B. Strang that Chicago First Church would be moving into the first units of their new church this fall; the report of Dr. E. O. Chalfant, retired district superintendent; and the ordination service on Thursday night, when Joseph Hoch and Lyle Jones received elder's orders.

Visitors to the assembly included Rev. and Mrs. John Roberts from Rest Cottage, Dr. E. E. Hale from Institute, West Virginia, and many nearby district superintendents, pastors, and evangelists.

The assembly was preceded by the N.Y.P.S., Church Schools, and N.F. M.S. conventions, at which services we were honored with the ministry of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, general foreign missions secretary, and Dr. Samuel Young, respectively.

Chicago Central District now enters its fiftieth year of existence. Many other districts have been organized out of that which originally was des-



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igned by this name. This Jubilee Year will be celebrated by conventions, tours, and special services of many types. We expect to come up to our fiftieth assembly well on our way toward a second half-century of outstanding achievement.

It is the opinion of those in authority that the day should not be too

far distant when we will have at least 200 Nazarene churches in this metropolitan area supported by 25,000 Nazarenes. To the beginning of such a worthy goal all of our pastors and people are dedicated in sacrifice and service during this next assembly year.

L. GUY NEES, Reporter

Rev. Raymond Browning, D.D.

Raymond Browning was born March 30, 1879, at Aspen Hill, Giles County, Tennessee. He died suddenly of a heart attack, on August 22, 1953, at his home in Bethany, Oklahoma. Over forty years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Mollie Sorrels; to this union were born five daughters and one son. At the age of fifteen he professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist church. He attended Trinity College (now Duke University), taught there two years, and was principal of a boys' school, Central Academy, for one year. At that time he felt a definite call to evangelistic work, and since that time has devoted his life to the ministry.

For twenty-two years he was a general evangelist for the Methodist Church South; in 1928 he joined the Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte, North Carolina. He served as pastor of First Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Ohio, for eleven years; here he continued his evangelistic efforts through writing, and also a radio program known as the "Nazarene Hour." In 1939 he returned to the Carolinas to serve for six years as superintendent of what was then known as the Southeast Atlantic District. From 1949 to 1952 he served as pastor of the church in Asheville, North Carolina, where he established a fine radio program, also served as vice-president of the ministerial association. He wrote a book of poems, one of which was about "Uncle Bud" Robinson; also wrote over fifty songs, two of which ("The Home-Coming Week" and "Such Is the Grace") were used at his funeral. "Healing Shadow" and "God's Melting Pot" are two of his best-known sermons, and they have been published. Leaving Asheville, the family moved to Bethany to make their home, while Brother Browning returned to the evangelistic field again—his "first love." In 1950 Trevecca Nazarene College bestowed the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him.

He was an ideal Southern gentleman, courteous, considerate, and friendly to all. To know him was to love him. Over a period of fifty-three years he preached over seventeen thousand sermons. While in Bethany he enjoyed the fellowship of many of the church leaders and the students at the college.

He is survived by his wife; five daughters: Mrs. Jack W. Moore of Evanston, Illinois; Mrs. M. H. Shirley of Johannesburg, South Africa; Mrs. Wm. K. Breeden of Dillon, South

Carolina; Mrs. Bill Carroll of Riverside, California; and Mrs. Francis D. Oakes of Houston, Texas; one son, Rev. David F. Browning, Nazarene missionary in British Honduras; also two sisters and two brothers, and eleven grandchildren.

Funeral service was held in Bethany Church of the Nazarene, with Dr. G. B. Williamson officiating. Dr. E. S. Phillips, Dr. Lloyd Byron, and Dr. A. S. London assisted Dr. Williamson in the service. Music was by a young men's quartet and Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Phillips. Burial was in a section known as the "Garden of Prayer" in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Bethany.

THE SON OF CONSOLATION

In the inspired record it is said of Barnabas: "He was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:24). It would be difficult to describe Dr. Raymond Browning more satisfactorily than to appropriate this characterization of that Son of Consolation of the Early Church.

For sheer goodness Brother Browning was unexcelled in any generation. It has been my privilege to see him quite often, hear him preach a goodly number of times, and to know many who cherished his friendship as I did. In more than twenty-five years of our acquaintance, I have never heard a

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SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN Charles Crouch writes from Okinawa: "Mrs. Crouch conducted a very successful vacation Bible school of two weeks' duration in June. More than 370 were enrolled and the average attendance was 275. Three hundred and sixty-five persons attended the closing program of our vacation Bible school. Of the 49 professions of faith, 21 were obtained in our Intermediate Department."

"I received your letter a few days ago in regard to the subscription for *HERALD OF HOLINESS*, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart*, which you so graciously sent me for the past year. They have offered me much encouragement and I find that *Come Ye Apart* offers a day-by-day inspiration to me and helps so much to establish a closer walk with Jesus.

"When I started receiving your periodicals, I was a very cold and indifferent Christian. I knew Christ and believed in Him, but just wasn't doing anything about it. Through the help of your periodicals and through the undying love of our Saviour, I have been drawn closer to Jesus and now have the opportunity to serve Him here in the Bay area.

DONALD R. HALL

"I received your letter and your papers and I enjoyed them very much. I want to thank you for sending them to me. I have enjoyed reading them, and I have passed them on to a buddy of mine."—DON ALLEN.

"It has been a pleasure to receive your letters and always a joy to know that every time a ship comes in there will be some papers and periodicals of the church. These publications have truly been a rich blessing on this island where spirituality is virtually nil. My appreciation is to the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission for the fine way in which you are backing the service personnel of the church.

"It has been good to find a number of Nazarenes here on Guam, one of whom I had known while attending Pasadena College. Surely God has been abundant with the many blessings extended unto me. To know that His ever protecting and guiding hand is over His children has been a wonderful source of blessing through these months."—DWANE C. PRESCOTT.

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hint of anything that would reflect upon his integrity as a gentleman, a Christian, and a minister of the gospel. No one ever intimated that he preached an exalted standard and lived beneath it. The greatest reinforcement to his message of Bible holiness was his own life of spotless purity.

The goodness of Raymond Browning was contagious. He was "full of the Holy Ghost and of faith." His countenance and his entire being seemed illuminated and radiant. To be associated with him was to be lifted into an atmosphere that was holy and heavenly. One could not leave his presence without feeling a boost in his spirit and a deepened desire to take time to be holy and speak often with the Lord. His spirit was aggressive, optimistic, fervent.

Dr. Browning's philosophy of life is summarized in his favorite passage of scripture: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8: 28). That supreme love of God and resignation to His will was the basis for his serene face, his engaging smile, and jubilant laughter. He preached to all who heard him that "the holy way is a happy way." To help all those with whom he had correspondence to achieve spiritual victory through Christ, he ended every card or letter with a reference to Rom. 8: 28.

"And much people was added unto the Lord." Dr. Browning preached the gospel for fifty-three years. During his earlier years as an evangelist in the Methodist church he witnessed great revivals in which thousands were saved and sanctified wholly. Undoubtedly there are hundreds now who are heralds of the gospel of Christ because they came under the influence of this man of God. His last message was preached at the Ithiel Falls Camp Meeting near Johnson, Vermont. There in fifteen days he preached twenty-eight sermons. The last message was on a solemn theme. Those who heard him said it was delivered with extraordinary anointing of the Spirit. The slain of the Lord were many.

"He being dead yet speaketh." He lives on in the lives of those he led to Christ. His messages that have been printed will continue to bless all who read them. Hundreds of thousands will sing his songs, such as "Such Is the Grace," "Deeper than the Stain," and "The Grand Home-Coming Week." Then, his son David will continue a valiant soldier of the Cross in British Honduras, and his daughter Jean will carry on in Africa. The other daughters and their husbands will do their work for God and the church with devotion. "His works do follow him."—G. B. WILLIAMSON, General Superintendent.

The Spirit said unto Philip, "Go" Acts 8:25



And Philip ran thither. Acts 8:30

- to Rev. and Mrs. Wayne E. Schwob of Elkhart, Indiana, a son, James Eugene, on August 19.
- to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Park of Columbus, Ohio, a son, Dale Earl, on August 17.
- to Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jarnagin of Piedmont, Missouri, a son, John Robert, Jr., on August 16.
- to Rev. and Mrs. Carl Greek of Angola, Indiana, a daughter, Brenda Lou, on August 14.
- to Mr. and Mrs. Myron J. Kersten of Carnegie, Oklahoma, a son, Phillip Dean, on August 13.
- to Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Scott, Jr., of Bradley, Illinois, a son, Duane, on August 13.
- to Revs. Grafton and Roma Joy Smith of Coleman, Texas, a daughter, Jedonne Gail, on August 12.
- to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Lubbock, Texas, a daughter, Jane Lynnette, on August 6.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Texas for teachers in the schools and colleges, and for a friend; by a lady in Kansas for complete healing and deliverance, and that God may use it to bring unsaved loved ones and friends to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE—Texas State-wide Crusade for Souls Now Conference, October 13 to 15, in First Church of the Nazarene, Dallas, Texas. Special workers: Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. Roy F. Smee, and Rev. Nicholas A. Hull. The conference is being sponsored by the Abilene, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio districts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

This is to recommend Rev. C. S. Nutter, who is entering the evangelistic field. He is an ordained elder on our district, and is a good evangelistic preacher. We trust that he will be kept busy in this needy field. Address him, P.O. Box 48, Parkersburg, West Virginia.—Edward C. Oney, Superintendent of West Virginia District.

I am glad to announce that Rev. Bob Rutherford, 906 23rd Street, Orlando, Florida, is available for evangelistic meetings. He is an ordained elder in good standing on our district. Brother Rutherford carries a burden for the lost, and is an excellent preacher of the old-time gospel. I hope our people will keep him busy.—John L. Knight, Superintendent of Florida District.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. James Leach of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Carol Ruth, on September 2.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Roland Stanford of Montreal, Canada, a son, Geoffrey Raymond, on August 24.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Braundmeier of Peoria, Illinois, a son, James Enoch, on August 24.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Johansen of Miltonvale, Kansas, a daughter, Lucinda Gay, on August 21.

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District Assembly Information

GEORGIA—Assembly, September 30 to October 1, at First Church of the Nazarene, 123 Moreland Avenue S.E., Atlanta, Georgia. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Wendell Wellman, 125 Moreland Ave. S.E., Atlanta. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

SOUTH CAROLINA—Assembly, September 30 to October 1, at Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Langley, South Carolina. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Harold M. Liner, P.O. Box 21, Langley. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

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