

# Herald of Holiness

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## Marginal Obedience

General Superintendent Young

**T**O DISAVOW the paths of sin and turn to the highway of holiness as the true way of life does not in itself insure final security. The path of the just does shine more and more unto the perfect day, but only for him who daily faces the implications of a great commitment made in faith. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

The temptation to be marginal in our obedience or to take byways on our moral journey is ever before us. When God called Israel in an ancient day through His servant Moses to take a three days' journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices, Pharaoh countered with four alternate propositions calculated to thwart this divine plan. These in order were: (1) Why not sacrifice in the land? (2) Don't go very far away; (3) Let the men go, but the women and children must tarry behind; (4) All of you may go,

but let your flocks and your herds stay here. To each of these entreaties, Moses answered an emphatic "No," and concluded with, "There shall not an hoof be left behind." Obedience, Moses knew, must be wholehearted.

Likewise, the New Testament records the strange case of Ananias and Sapphira. They had sold a piece of property for the common treasury of the Early Church, but they kept back part of the price. Their sin lay, not in withholding some of the proceeds of their sale, but in pretending that they had given their all. Their peril was found within the religious life itself, for they had tinged their devotion with deceit and spiritual mockery, and death ensued. Their total judgment followed—terrible, swift, and final.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21).

**"This is the will of God, even your sanctification" (I Thess. 4:3).**

# Districts Promote the "Herald of Holiness"

## Honorable Mention to Eight Who Nearly Make Quota

**M**ANY districts did outstanding work in their promotion of the HERALD OF HOLINESS last year, as is shown by the annual tabulation of subscription files as of January 1, 1954.

The winners of the year's promotional awards and the eleven districts which exceeded their quotas of a subscription list equal to 60 per cent of their membership were given last week. A complete tabulation of the districts and the subscriptions credited to each is given below.

Honorable mention should be made and special recognition given to eight districts who so nearly made their quotas. No doubt this year they will join that "over the top" group. They are:

Kansas, quota 3,088, subscriptions 3,022; Oregon Pacific, quota 2,695, subscriptions 2,541; Northwestern Illinois, quota 1,498, subscriptions 1,321; Pittsburgh, quota 3,480, subscriptions 3,047; Akron, quota 5,146, subscriptions 4,820; Alabama, quota 2,814, subscriptions 2,301; Northeast Oklahoma, quota 1,430, subscriptions 1,106; Wisconsin, quota 940, subscriptions, 711.

## The Complete Count As of January 1, 1954

(1953 Campaign Results—by Districts)

Abilene	1,662
Akron	4,820
Alabama	2,301
Alaska	44
Albany	1,559
Arizona	1,572
Australia	32
British Isles	192
Canada Central	962
Canada West	955
Central Ohio	5,263
Chicago Central	1,079
Colorado	1,504
Dallas	2,572
Eastern Kentucky	987
Eastern Michigan	1,568
East Tennessee	916
Florida	1,770
Georgia	442
Hawaii	27
Houston	923
Idaho-Oregon	910
Illinois	1,248
Indianapolis	1,578
Iowa	1,580
Kansas	3,022
Kansas City	2,387

Kentucky	826	Western Ohio	5,390
Los Angeles	1,851	West Virginia	2,594
Louisiana	559	Wisconsin	711
Maritime	534	Foreign	247
Michigan	1,591	U.S. Possessions	43
Minnesota	514	Subtotal	93,937
Mississippi	579	Soldiers	5,508
Missouri	935		
Nebraska	1,132	GRAND TOTAL	99,445
Nevada-Utah	118		
New England	1,980		
New Mexico	518		
New York	959		
North American Indians	6		
North Arkansas	726		
North Carolina	746		
North Dakota	762		
Northeastern Indiana	2,344		
Northeast Oklahoma	1,106		
Northern California	1,853		
Northwest	1,309		
Northwestern Illinois	1,321		
Northwest Indiana	883		
Northwest Oklahoma	1,168		
Oregon Pacific	2,541		
Pittsburgh	3,047		
Rocky Mountain	433		
San Antonio	503		
South Arkansas	316		
South Carolina	253		
South Dakota	401		
Southeast Oklahoma	1,018		
Southern California	1,798		
Southwest Indiana	1,570		
Southwest Mexican			
Southwest Oklahoma	1,634		
Tennessee	1,705		
Texas-Mexican			
Virginia	724		
Washington Pacific	775		
Washington-Philadelphia	2,039		

## TELEGRAMS

*Lexington, Kentucky*—Rev. C. F. Wright, evangelist of Kentucky District, died today (February 6) at Maple Hill Hospital, Albany, Kentucky; had heart attack. Funeral, Cherryville, North Carolina, February 9.—L. T. WELLS, Superintendent of Kentucky District.

*McAlester, Oklahoma*—Closed successful Sunday-school tour January 29, with Dr. B. V. Seals, superintendent of Washington Pacific District. Great crowds, wonderful preaching. Sunday schools on Southeast Oklahoma District march on.—JOHN ELLIS, Chairman of Church School Board.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. C. Warren Jones writes: "Here we are in Guatemala [February 1]. This is our fourth visit. The first time was in 1917; then we were here in 1941 and again in 1944. Great capital, Guatemala City, where 300,000 people live. Yesterday morning had the privilege of preaching to 275 Kekchi Indians, with 17 in the altar. We now have 14 missionaries on the field. The Ingrams are on furlough. Plan to be in the States in a few days."

After four years at Kingston, New York, Rev. Fred F. Fike has resigned as pastor to accept a call to pastor Trinity Church in Dallas, Texas.

Rev. W. T. (Thurman) White has resigned as pastor in Kellogg, Idaho, to enter full time into evangelistic work, as of March 1.

After two happy years in the pastorate at Ropesville, Texas, Rev. Joseph Gray writes that he is resigning in May to re-enter the field of full-time evangelism.

*Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow (Isa. 1:18).*

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# Here in India

## General Superintendent Powers

### I

WE ARRIVED in Bombay, the gateway to India, on schedule and I was met by Council Chairman Earl Lee and Treasurer Willis Anderson. How delighted I was to see them! They successfully steered me through customs and immigrations, where I found the Indian authorities polite and helpful. We then proceeded into the city to our hotel, where we spent the rest of the night. On my arrival at the hotel a smiling Indian house-boy, whose Indian name I could not pronounce, reported for duty. I named him "Napoleon" because of his small stature and smart military salute.

I was bone-tired from the long journey, and asked to be allowed to sleep undisturbed the next morning until breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Napoleon responded to my request by showing white teeth in a broad grin, saluted smartly, and assured me my every wish would be granted.

It seemed to me I had hardly fallen asleep when there was a loud banging at my door. I awakened in a daze and when I opened the door there stood smiling Napoleon with tea and a banana. He explained that he arose regularly at 4:00 a.m. and made his round of the rooms and that he thought, in view of the fact that I was not to be disturbed until 8:00 a.m., I should have some tea and a banana to refresh me. I claimed the promise of I Cor. 10:13 and thanked him.

We left Bombay that evening for an overnight train ride to Akola, which is the nearest railroad point to our mission at Basim, which was to be our first stop. That train ride was an interesting experience. We occupied a second-class compartment with a Parsee man, his wife, a grown daughter, and two sons. Each one furnished his own bedroll and we slept fully clothed on the springless shelves called berths. It was bitterly cold, and no heat, and with Indian train operations being what they are, plus the fact of a flat wheel directly under my berth, I arrived with a kindred feeling for the man who spent the night in an operating cement mixer.

### II

Mrs. Mary Anderson met our train at Malkapur, Brother Anderson left us there, and District Superintendent Bhujbal came aboard. On arrival at Basim we were given a heart-warming welcome by both our nationals and the missionaries. There followed busy days of inspection of properties, village preaching, conferences, and times of prayer and fellowship with this noble band of missionaries.

We had several closed sessions with the missionaries, in which I tried to challenge them with the thought that "doing our best" is always taking our burdens and problems to the Master. What

prayer meetings we had! Our glorious Lord drew very near as we bared our souls and sought His renewed blessing upon our own hearts and the work in India. Three times one night I announced the service dismissed, only to have it break out spontaneously in testimony or prayer and the service continued until about 1:00 a.m.

Our council chairman, Rev. Earl Lee, is a choice young man, responding in a wonderful way to the challenge of the missionary task in India. I found him setting the example in prayer, humility, and spiritual emphasis. He is fortunate in having the hearty support of such consecrated and unselfish missionaries as Rev. and Mrs. Willis Anderson, Dr. Orpha Speicher, and a fine band of sanctified younger missionaries. I will not soon forget the wonderful times of spiritual fellowship with them.

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*And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. . . . What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them (Mark 11:22-24).*

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## Studies in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

By H. Orton Wiley\*

### XXI. The Warning Against Slothfulness

HAVING outlined the scope of Christian experience, the writer proceeds to warn his readers against slothfulness, which will lead finally to apostasy. He tells them that Christ is the only Way of salvation, and that there is no way of renewing those who fall away while they are still crucifying the Son of God afresh and putting Him to an open shame. It is as if one were stranded on an island and one means only of escape provided; if that be rejected, no further means exists. Since Christ is the only Way, those who reject Him cannot be saved while they retain that attitude. The writer follows with an illustration, an exhortation, and a warning.

*The Illustration (6:7-8).* A plot of ground drinks in the rain from heaven. Two things are possible—it may bear fruit and so receive blessing from God; or it may bring forth only thorns and briars, and so be regarded as worthless. Likewise man also may, by the grace of God, bring forth fruit; or he may receive the grace of God in vain and bring forth only thorns. It is one or the other, crops or thorns, and God judges accordingly.

*The Exhortation (6:9-11).* "But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation . . . For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love." The writer points to their past, calling to their minds how they had received Christ's mes-

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sengers with joy, and had borne their reproach, even to the spoiling of their goods. God, as a kind Father, does not forget the love and sacrifices of His people. He treasures even the thoughts of their hearts when centered in Christ and spiritual things. Nor should we be quick to judge others. Man may look upon the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart.

*The Warning* (6:12). "That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises." This is the fifth warning we have noted, and is directed against those who have been slothful in pressing on to the Christian perfection mentioned in the beginning of the chapter. The work of entire sanctification should closely follow that of regeneration. Two things only are necessary—sufficient light to reveal the carnal heart, and the knowledge of a remedy through faith in Christ, whose blood cleanses from all sin.

It may be well at this time to review carefully the warnings of the Epistle, and to point out the deepening seriousness of their nature. (1) When discussing the majesty of the Son of God, the writer speaks of the "great salvation" and warns against neglect or mere "drifting along." (2) When dealing with the humanity of Christ, he treats of sanctification and warns against hardening the heart. (3) When speaking of Christ as an Apostle, he tells us of the "rest of faith" to which He leads, and warns against unbelief. (4) When considering Christ as High Priest, he treats of an "uttermost salvation," and warns against indifference, which later deepens into slothfulness. (5) When Christ is considered in relation to the "better promises," the writer introduces the subject of Christian perfection, and warns against slothfulness in pressing on to the fullness of the blessing of Christ. There are two more warnings to follow: (6) Christ and the sanctuary, where the "holiest of all" is opened through the veil and by the shed blood of Christ—here the warning is against sinning "wilfully," for it involves a rejection of the atoning Blood. (7) Christ is lastly considered in relation to the "inheritance." Here we approach finality—either an entering in or a falling away. Hence the warning against apostasy.

Let the reader note carefully, first, the various terms in which the work of holiness is expressed: (1) a great salvation, (2) sanctification, (3) the rest of faith, (4) an uttermost salvation, (5) Christian perfection, (6) entrance into the holiest of all, and (7) the supreme purpose—holiness of heart and life. Second, note the seriousness of the steps in decline: (1) neglect or mere "drifting," (2) hardening the heart, (3) unbelief, (4) indifference, (5) slothfulness, and (after the blood of Christ is mentioned) (6) sinning wilfully, and (7) total apostasy. Let us heed the warnings and not be slothful in pressing on into this rich experience.

## Fear Is Failure

By Donald Metz\*

**T**HERE is a legend of a warrior dressed in black, with terrifying emblems painted on his black shield and helmet. He charged recklessly on a great black horse into the camp of the enemy. Overcome with fear, the enemy threw down their arms and surrendered. Imagine their embarrassment and chagrin when the black-robed warrior took off his helmet to reveal a young, fair-haired boy. The enemy was defeated by fear.

The Bible has many references to fear. In all cases, except the healthy fear of God, fear is condemned. Gideon bluntly said to his followers, "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart" (Judg. 7:3). Then there was the rebuke of Christ to the man who said, "I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent" (Matt. 25:25). And we recall the sad comment on certain people that "they were afraid" to confess Him. One of the outstanding examples of fear is adventurous, bold Peter sinking in the sea because he became afraid.

These examples point up the fact that a fearful man, a discouraged man, never accomplishes much in this world. Fear paralyzes ambition and robs strength. Fear saps vitality and weakens talents. Fear blinds the vision and dulls the hearing. Many persons with superior talents never fully develop their capabilities nor attain the heights within their reach because of fear.

There is the fear of people that haunts like a shadow. There is the fear of failure that pursues like a specter. There is the fear of the future that envelops like a shroud. There is the fear of the past that overshadows like a menacing cloud.

One of the great themes of the gospel is that "perfect love casteth out fear" (I John 4:18). When Christ forgives sins, the clouds of fear and guilt are dispelled. When the Holy Spirit lives within a person, the fear of the people vanishes—although a healthy respect remains. When God's will becomes paramount, a person is willing to be a failure for the glory of God.

In this day when the majority of men, from profound scholars to the unlearned laborers, are fearful, the gospel theme that banishes fear is needed. With fear stalking the earth, Christians should once again testify to the world that in God there is an experience that can make one not afraid. Like the Psalmist of old, we may declare: I will "not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day." Also, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust" (Ps. 91:5, 2).

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# God's Relief Office

By M. E. Moore\*

I went to the relief office. There I watched men and women come and go, each one presenting a special need to the relief officer. I watched them as they left. Some showed appreciation for what was being done for them, while others bore the attitude that society owed them more than they were receiving.

I went to church and watched men as they prayed. Some approached God as though He were a great relief officer and nothing more. Some expressed appreciation for the goodness of God; others felt they had been slighted by God and His blessings.

In many ways God is a great Relief Officer. He bids us come with our burdens. For our sin He offers salvation; for our fears He offers faith; for our trials He offers trust; for our anxiety He offers assurance; for our cowardice He offers confidence. Yes, from all the plagues of sin God offers relief. God is all this and much more. He forever is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He alone is worthy of man's worship. He is to be loved, honored, revered, and praised for His matchless love.

One of the glorious truths of the Bible is that we, though limited in all our ways, should have access through prayer to One who is all-wise, all-powerful, and eternal. Christ bids us come. The writer of Hebrews urges us to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

On a few different occasions while in naval training during World War II, I went before the commanding officer of our unit. He was a man with authority to grant or refuse my petition, yet one who would listen to my request. Although he was very busy, he had time for me. While he was of far higher rank than I, still he respected me for what I was. His personality made it easy to come boldly, with confidence, into his presence and bear to him the petition of my heart.

Some time later he was replaced by another commanding officer. I entered into his presence with the same confidence I had enjoyed previously, only to be met with a rebuff and attitude of indifference toward me and my request. I never entered boldly into his presence again.

Christ, to me, is like the first officer. Though busy, He has time for me; though far above me, He will respect me for what I am. While bearing full power to grant or refuse my petition, He will give me just consideration. Thus let us come boldly before God in prayer.

*Pray Alone:* "When thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door,

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## Never TOO BUSY TO PRAY



Away with work that hinders prayer,  
'Twere best to lay it down;  
For prayerless work, however good,  
Will fail to win the crown.

pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly" (Matt. 6:6).

*Pray in Small Prayer Bands:* "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

*Pray in Church Prayer Meetings:* In the twelfth chapter of Acts the power of a church prayer meeting is revealed in Peter's release from prison as a result of the power of Christian prayer.

*Pray Unitedly:* While the three preceding types of prayer are essential, the union of Christians in united prayer is a blessing of God that we too often minimize. There are times when Christians everywhere can and ought to unite in prayer with a common petition to God. Such is the occasion of our *World Day of Prayer*, March 5. May God grant a unity of prayer and faith as Christians of many churches join in prayer for God's direction upon us as a people, as a nation, and as God's children around the world.

*Remember Paul's admonition to prayer:* "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (I Tim. 2:1-2).

When Paul urged this prayer, Nero was governor. Today, we may go to church in freedom; the early Christians went in fear. We may worship in security; they worshiped in secrecy. By law, we are protected; by law, they were persecuted. If Paul could pray for the leaders of his day, cannot we? Good rulers have much power for good; evil leaders have much power for wrong. Let us pray that God would direct our leaders to exercise their authority for truth and right and that God would keep them from the evil intents of their hearts.

Let us not only pray for the leaders of our countries where freedom of worship is enjoyed, but remember also those Christians who are serving Christ in lands of religious intolerance.

Let us pray as did Paul that we may lead a quiet life—free from conflict without; live a peaceable life—free from conflict within.

## From the 1953 Statistics

The Church of the Nazarene now has a total membership of 258,125 persons. This represents 4,040 established churches in the United States, Canada, British Isles, and overseas home-mission areas. The membership on foreign fields (full and probationary) numbers an additional 36,979 persons.

—OFFICE OF THE  
GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY

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## Truth Is Wrapped in Snow

By Jean Leathers Phillips\*

*For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth (Job 37:6).*

**T**ODAY, in mid-December, the first deep, wintry snow has fallen around my high-perched, northern winter workshop. After five successive winters in the mild, non-wintry winter of the farthest Southwest, the desire to see another real winter came strongly in late summer, and my Father gave me His permission and blessing. There have been snow flurries in the late weeks, even a nice coating of snow on Thanksgiving, but warm atmosphere made it short-lived.

Two days ago this winter began in earnest. A forty-five-mile western gale swooped down upon us, driving powdered whiteness and white beads of pellicle, not feathery flakes nor yet crystals of icy sleet. It whirled down the pavements and across grassland and lake with demonic madness. It spiraled and eddied in cold devils—chilly first cousins to the dust and heat devils that zigzag across dusty plains in the hottest of midsummer—and found no rest anywhere.

Suddenly the fierce wester dropped to rest, the clouds thickened, and a smother of real snow poured in from the east. It is falling almost straight down and the town is fast becoming buried. Jeeps with short shovels before them are trying to keep sidewalks open, and the state highway department's huge snowplows are out on all the hard roads. Householders are waiting to see when it is going to stop before beginning to shovel themselves out. Autos stick on side streets and spin their wheels helplessly. Those oil barrels of sand that were set at intervals on

the parkings along all the more busy streets are getting a workout.

I ought to be thinking about the hazards the storm is producing—the zero-visibility for the planes that roar over, periodically; for freighters plying north and south on the Great Lakes and intermittently seeking the mouths of harbors; for passenger buses, freight trucks, and private cars; the possibility that hunters may be marooned deep in these north woods. But I am not—I am thinking of the healing love of the God of all grace.

Not far away is what we used to call a junk yard. Now it is the layout of a dealer in salvage and metals, and it's big business. The heterogeneous heaps of old iron and other stuff have been transformed to a zigzag pattern of white delight. That unsightly pile of gravel coagulated into blacktop asphalt that lay at a certain little-used corner is now a round-topped mound of pure white. The fireplug and the chimney tops wear dunce caps. Rock garden seats look like patient white sheep standing the storm out.

Every pine, balsam, fir, juniper, hemlock, arborvitae, and spruce tree in town is a ready-decorated Christmas tree, most of them musical with the cheep of sparrows and starlings. That ugly, long line of pilings with their heads only a short distance above the water where the river curves is now a chain of priceless pearls. The leafless trees are an intricate tracery of outdoor lace.

How like the grace of God falling on a life that is filled with ugliness and sordidness! How it blots out forever and conceals forever—not just for the duration of any certain temperature or assortment of circumstances—all those things that accumulate in a life of sin! How cool and fresh and clean that grace is when it first falls upon a seeking heart and a penitent soul, and how it is replenished day by day, supplying the bread and water of life and a cloak of pure righteousness! How it defies the enemy to tear it aside and make the soul ashamed again! "And my people shall never be ashamed" (Joel 2:26).

But there is a less beautiful truth concerning snow that is employed by David in his great repentance. Ps. 51:7 says, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." The most perfectly pure snow, when melted in a shallow basin, shows impurities it has brought down from the air or accumulated afterward—soot and dust, chiefly in the cities and about farmhouses; bits of bark, scales, leaves, and the defilement of animals and birds in the deep woods and uninhabited areas. There is the favorite pattern of holiness there: the first dip, the washing of regeneration, makes a cleanness to all external appearance, but defilement is still there, though hidden. The purging of the Holy Spirit in His baptism for complete salvation removes the uncleanness that has not been externally visible. Thank God for the beauty and the truth wrapped in deep winter snow!

\*Manistee, Michigan

Job or no job, she remained—

## TRUE BLUE

By Thelma Gray\*

TODAY as I backed the car out of the driveway my attention was caught by a tiny, vigorous plant, clinging firmly to the foundation of the house and blooming fearlessly amidst its dead and defeated kinsmen. Most of the showy, impressive flowers have succumbed to the ravages of frost and storm. True, some of them are still standing, dried and unattractive, waiting in dormancy for better circumstances in which to blossom—but the little forget-me-not by the wall is flourishing.

The hardy little flower reminded me that its blue is *true blue*—long a symbol of loyalty and steadfastness—the color chosen by the early Scottish Covenanters in the seventeenth century for their emblem.

All this made me remember last evening when a precious friend confided to us a problem and a victory that gave us added determination to be true. She has had a difficult few years, raising her small family alone since her husband's death, but she has been happy that her work has allowed her to live in her own home and that her income has been sufficient for the needs of herself and her family. She gave more than her original pledge to a recent building program, "for God has done so much for me," she said.

A situation arose, she told us, which convinced her that in order to keep her job—and to all appearances her means of livelihood—she would be forced to participate in a falsehood. Satan pictured a dark winter with no work—bills to

\*Moscow, Idaho

be paid, school expenses to be met—until her heavy heart and the worry about losing her position became more than she could bear. *She had been praying much.*

This time she came to God and told Him that, circumstance or no circumstance, job or no job, she purposed to be true to Him. She wouldn't tell an untruth to keep her job, but she would commit her children, her work—yes, life itself—into His keeping. *She could trust Him to direct her way.* The awful burden of fear and uncertainty lifted, and victory came.

We drove home, my husband and I, in the glow of her courageous testimony. She had found safe shelter in the Rock and she was clinging fearlessly to it. Circumstances might look threatening and dreary, but her protection was certain and her future secure. She had quit looking at the weather and had lifted her eyes to Him who commands wind and wave.

I wish I could finish this account by telling you that, because she stayed true to God and to her convictions, our friend's salary was raised, and that the president of the company learned of her integrity and gave her a much better position; but I don't know what the end will be. I do know this—her reward will be of much greater value and permanency than money or position, for she will be paid by "the Master of all good workmen"; she will be paid with a light heart and a knowledge of rightness with God, whom she loves and trusts and serves.

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As Christian workers, how prone we are to desire favorite positions of recognition in our various church tasks, without the willingness to shoulder the given responsibilities that go with such positions!—MARY SANDERS.

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## Pray for Me, My Friend!

*Please pray for me, my friend!  
I need your prayers,  
For there are burdens pressing hard,  
And many cares;  
Pray, too, that Christ will make of me  
The Christian that I ought to be.*

*Do pray for me, my friend,  
At morning hour,  
That I may not be overborne  
By Satan's pow'r;  
That, mid the whirl and maze of "things"  
My soul may drink of hidden springs.*

*And pray for me, my friend,  
When night comes on;  
God's stars look down upon us both,  
Apart—alone;*

*Will you, dear friend, before you sleep,  
Pray Him my soul, with yours, to keep?*

*Cease not to pray for me,  
Tho' sundered far.  
Come, meet me at the mercy seat  
From where you are;  
Nor time nor distance can divide  
Our hearts that in His love abide.*

*Thus praying each for each,  
That will come true  
Of which our Lord and Master spake—  
"If two of you"—  
No purer joy may friendship share  
Than in the fellowship of prayer.*

—T. O. CHISHOLM, in the *Good News*

# I Sat with the Book Committee

By William M. Greathouse\*

**I** SAT this year with the Book Committee. "No book or tract, except songbooks, shall be published with the sanction of the Church of the Nazarene" without the endorsement of this committee, declares our *Manual*.

The work of this committee falls into three phases: (1) the planning of a publication program to meet the needs of our denomination; (2) the reviewing of manuscripts submitted, and (3) the reviewing of books from other publishers which may be recommended to our people.

An advisory committee composed of a general superintendent, the executive heads of all departments and commissions which publish books or tracts, and other persons from the various areas of the church meets at least twice during the quadrennium with the committee to counsel in planning the permanent literature of the church.

As a member of the advisory group I would like to record a few impressions from this year's meeting:

1. Here are a group of men who believe wholeheartedly in the doctrine, spirit, and mission of the Church of the Nazarene and who are deeply concerned at the point of keeping our church a distinctly holiness movement.

2. To this end they sense the need for more strong books on the scriptural and practical phases of our distinguishing doctrine of holiness.

3. They strongly urge our people to avail themselves of the excellent books now published by our house and look with favor upon every effort on the part of our pastors to encourage their people to read and study the Bible and Christian literature. They believe a reading people will be a spiritual people and a growing people.

4. Practically, the committee is engaged in an effort to discover the reading needs of our ministry and laity with a view to meeting those needs. Furthermore, it is planning books and booklets which will assist our pastors in their counseling ministry. Finally, it is carrying through a program of creating textbooks in the Bible for use in our colleges and seminary.

Pray for your Book Committee! They have your spiritual diet at heart. Here are the men on this committee: A. F. Harper, chairman; L. J. Du Bois, vice-chairman; Delbert R. Gish, S. T. Ludwig, M. S. Lunn, A. Milton Smith, Mendell Taylor.

The advisory committee is composed of the following: Dr. H. C. Benner, L. T. Corlett, Ralph Earle, W. M. Greathouse, E. E. Grosse, Norman Oke, Remiss Rehfeldt, John E. Riley, Mary L. Scott, Roy F. Smee, J. George Taylorson, S. S. White, and T. W. Willingham.

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# I Cannot Tell

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*I cannot tell why there must be  
So much of conflict here for me.  
But this one thing I surely know:  
My Father sees the way I go,  
And He will lead me safely on,  
Tho' clouds are black and landmarks gone . . .  
Through barren wastes and desert sand  
Until I reach that morning-land!*

*Sometimes both strength and courage fail,  
And like a boat without a sail  
I drift alone, the lighthouse lost,  
And know the fear of the tempest-tost.  
But God is good; when black clouds lift,  
His smile beams through a broken rift.  
I trust then love will light my way  
To that fair land of endless day!*

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Let us consider the  
elements that make up—

## SPIRITUALITY

By Fletcher Galloway\*

**S**PIRITUALITY is a keynote in the emphasis of the Church of the Nazarene, just as it is with every other holiness church and, for that matter, many other groups. However, spirituality is not easy to define. It is a composite. It is the sum total of many elements that go to make up a personality or an organization. It might well be called the color or the tone of the life or the organization which it describes.

After thirty-two years as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene, and having been a member of our beloved church almost from its beginning, and after having had considerable opportunity to observe, it is the humble judgment of the writer that an incomplete grasp of the meaning of spirituality has been a key problem in many instances. Good people have differed, fellowship has been broken, and many—particularly young people—have been lost to the church because we left out some part of the essential elements of true spirituality. "Spirituality" with something missing is actually worldliness.

This article cannot be exhaustive, but can give only the broad outlines. There are details which must be filled in. There are five words which to me name the essential elements of true spirituality. If any one is missing we lack in spirituality. You can no more determine a person's spirituality by one criterion than you can tell the color of his eyes with a yardstick.

### DEVOTION

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:  
and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all

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thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might" (Deut. 6:4-5). *Love for God is the foundation of all true spirituality.* This love must have some understanding of God, and must involve our commitment to God. We must be born of the Spirit, and as we walk in the light we will come to the place where we will make the surrender of ourselves to God and we will receive the Holy Spirit in sanctification. However, being saved and sanctified is only the beginning. You can no more become a spiritual Christian by going to the altar than you can grow beautiful flowers by merely planting seed. Of course it takes good seed to begin with, but there must follow a process of watering, weeding, cultivating, fertilizing, and pruning if your flowers are to be all you would like them to be. Jude says, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." It takes time to be holy. Prayer, Bible study, devotional reading, heart searching, and meditation enter in.

#### FAITHFULNESS

There is also accepting Christian responsibility—the responsibility of bearing the name of Jesus. "Ye are the light of the world." "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Ye are my witnesses." "A city that is set on a hill." Faithfulness as a Christian involves at least three things: *integrity, consistency, dependability.* One who bears the name of Jesus certainly should be honest, sincere, and truthful. Then he should seek to avoid conformity to the world in anything that would militate against the effectiveness of his testimony. Here we get into the realm where there can be differences of opinion, but the *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* gives some splendid guidance. Beyond this we need the spirit which will be discussed in the next division of this article.

Faithfulness also involves being reliable in the fulfillment of Christian duties. A spiritual Nazarene can be counted on by his church and his pastor. I believe a spiritual Nazarene will make it a rule of his life to be in his own church for at least four services every week unless there are unavoidable hindrances. He promised that he would be faithful when he took the vows of the church and surely he is as good as his word. Even the matter of being on time enters into the picture as a part of your spirituality. Rom. 12:11 says, "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." The people who habitually come dragging in late do not fit that verse very well. Read again the descriptions of the judgment which Jesus gave. Notice how the word "faithful" is the key to His commendation. If you are absent from prayer meeting, do the people begin to worry and wonder if you are sick?

#### CHARITY

I Corinthians 13 makes just one point as its major emphasis. Without charity, anything else is relatively meaningless. Jas. 3:17 adds, "The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteous-

ness is sown in peace of them that make peace." There is an "orthodoxy of spirit," as Dr. Samuel Young says, which is just as fundamental as orthodoxy of doctrine or orthodoxy of Christian standards. In I Corinthians 3 Paul says to the Corinthian church, "I, brethren, could not speak unto you as spiritual." And then he goes on to explain: They were not spiritual because they were not getting along very well with one another.

A man who is really spiritual will have that Christian grace which will manifest itself sometimes, when he finds himself in disagreement with other good people, in this reminder to himself: "Now it just could be that I am mistaken. The Bible seems clear to me on this point, but here is a good man who does not see it as I do. He must have a different viewpoint. Anyway, I would rather be right and be outvoted or even discredited than to allow any kind of rift in fellowship that would be sure to hurt somebody."

We must always remember that there are differences of our understanding of many things—sometimes very strong differences—but we must try to distinguish between the few things that we cannot compromise at any cost and the many things that can be covered with a cloak of charity. Even Jesus was accused of being worldly on five occasions. One of the Pharisees who

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## Prayer's Reward

By Lyle Prescott

*Prayer is a rewarding investment;  
Even before you begin,  
Or ever get on your knees,  
You know you're going to win.  
Usually you'll have to pay a price  
To pray a thing clear through;  
You'll have to make the sacrifice  
Of something you'd like to do.*

*You'll have to get alone with God  
And lie upon your face;  
There's nothing like the still night hours  
And a solitary place.  
Problems there are that never resolve  
Except through prayer and fasting;  
There lies a power in this combination  
With results both deep and lasting,*

*What a joy springs up in the pray-er's heart  
When God gives assurance and rest!  
But, oh, the thrill of answered prayer—  
How the heart leaps with vict'ry and zest!  
Prayer is a rewarding investment;  
Every victory o'er trouble and sin  
Inspires greater faith in our mighty God,  
And leads you to pray again.*

originally took sides against Him said that he thought to do God service.

#### STEWARDSHIP

By stewardship I mean stewardship of *money* and *material possessions*. What you do with your money is a criterion of your spirituality. Jesus had a great deal to say about money. The reason is that money is such a key matter in man's thinking. It relates itself to so much of what man thinks of as desirable that it must be involved in our spirituality. Malachi voiced God's call to Israel in these words, "Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? . . . Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3: 7-10). (The *Manual of the Church of the Nazarene* says, "That church to which the member belongs.") This stewardship should include not only tithing our current income but directing the disbursement of our life savings. I have known of two instances where money left by good, godly Nazarene people has been taken over by unscrupulous relatives after their decease and has become an "endowment for the damnation of the community." Taverns were built with money that good people had saved. They never would have consented to have it so, but they became a party to it by default.

#### CONCERN

The first word in our definition of spirituality gives our *relationship to God*. The second word gives our *relationship to Christian duty*. The third word gives our *relationship to our fellow Christians*. The fourth word gives our *relationship to money*. And now the last word deals with our *relationship to a lost world* for which Jesus died. A person's spirituality is determined by how completely he is identified with the purposes of Calvary. Last November it was my privilege to stand on that rugged, skull-like rock which many believe was the location of the cross where Jesus died. I did just what I believe you would have done. I fell on my knees to thank the One who died for me. And then I prayed, "O Lord, don't let me ever get far from this spot in my viewpoint. Help me always to see men as they looked to You when You were pouring out Your life for them."

Jesus gave His eternal, divine sanction to that unknown lawyer's brief statement of our obligation to God—loving God with all our hearts, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. And then He went on to tell us what He meant by the second part. It was the story of the Good Samaritan. There were three men in the story and they all saw the poor, beaten victim lying beside the road. One of them was spiritual; the other two were merely religious. No one can be spiritual and be indifferent to the Crusade for Souls Now. No one can be spiritual and have no burden of soul for the lost of his community and of the world.

## That Wise Portland Father

By Norman C. Schlichter\*

**I**F WE were Italians and had their veneration of art as a people, we would acclaim anew nationally Longfellow and Lowell, along with Washington and Lincoln, each February. Lowell's birthday was the same as Washington's, February 22, yet few are the Americans who know this; and Longfellow's was February 28.

No other of our poets have had so wide an influence for high ideals and high thinking as these two have. Their lofty influence goes right on, for their poems learned in our public schools are perhaps the best liked and remembered of all the poems studied there.

One reason for Lowell's being acclaimed with Washington is that he wrote what is thought by many competent critics to be the greatest of all tributes to the Father of Our Country. This poem, "Under the Old Elm," should be read aloud frequently in our homes on national holidays.

But it is Longfellow's father, Doctor Stephen Longfellow of Portland, Maine, that I want most to tell you about on the birthday of his world-famed son.

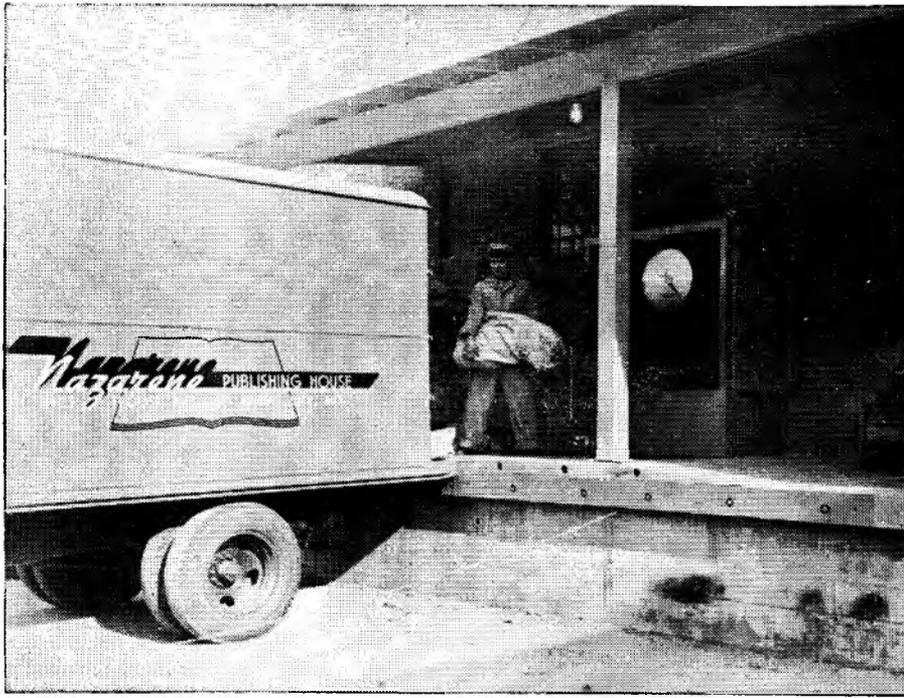
In December, 1824, the poet's senior year at Harvard, the young man wrote a letter to his father in regard to his future work, and in answer to this letter, among other things, the father wrote: "I am happy to observe that my ambition has never been to accumulate wealth for my children, but to cultivate their minds in the best possible manner, and to imbue them with correct moral, political, and religious principles, believing that a person so educated, with proper diligence, will be certain of attaining all the wealth which is necessary for happiness."

Parents everywhere would do well to ponder this sentence over and over, and especially those who are now planning for their children's higher education. What a challenge to a purely materialistic view of life it is! What a wise, wise father this Portland physician was! He tried to give his children the satisfying wealth for their finer selves, the wealth eternal that is inherent in culture, courtesy, and character. Heaven's capital, I like to call this kind of wealth, that invested by the mind and spirit, will yield dividends of spiritual happiness.

How fortunate indeed are sons and daughters today who have parents like this father of a far-famed son—who try to endow their children, not with stocks and bonds, but with true learning, a true spirit of service for their fellow men, and faith in the things of good!

Since I first read that letter of Longfellow's father to that exceptionally promising son, his birthday never comes round on February 28 that I do not think of it and value its wisdom more and more.

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## Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

**P**ORK is becoming a problem in Israel. Kosher meat is narrowly rationed, and meats generally are high priced. Chicken, for example, is around two dollars a pound. Besides this, the average take-home pay of Israeli citizens is about \$150.00 per month. It is reported that only in the Nazareth area are hogs being raised, but pork sales in eating places and among liberal-minded Jews have been increasing. It is expected that the opposition of orthodox Jews to this state of things will require the action of the government to keep the peace.

Yale University's report on *Drinking in College*, recently released, dealt with 17,000 students. Of this number 74 per cent said that they use alcoholic beverages and regard such use as connected with questionable sexual behavior.

Harvard Divinity School, which was founded in 1816, is currently in a campaign to raise funds and become "revitalized." Recently John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave \$1,000,000.00 toward the goal of \$5,600,000.00.

Another unusual occurrence in Roman Catholic circles has been officially declared to be a miracle by church leaders in Sicily. In the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Guisto a statue of the Madonna began shedding tears last August 29, according to the report. Mrs. Guisto, ill in bed, noticed the tears and her cries brought neighbors in. They said that moisture on the statue's face was like tears, and a chemical analysis revealed a composition similar to tears. The "weeping" lasted until September 1. The bust was placed first on a street wall, and later in the main square of Syracuse, Sicily, and was viewed by many pilgrims, some of whom claimed to be cured of blindness and paralysis.

Reports that were circulated in Vienna and were mentioned by Vatican Radio broadcasts said that L. P. Beria, who had been head of the Soviet Secret Police since 1938, called for a Bible to read in his cell before his execution a few weeks ago. A secret trial which lasted six days condemned him to death on the charge of trying to restore capitalist rule in Russia, and he was executed by gunfire.

Three Texas physicians told the recent St. Louis Convention of the American Medical Association that people who have ulcers could be helped by making use of their religious faith. They said that doctors should urge their patients to do this.

Magnesium oxide can hardly do lasting good for peptic ulcers if a person is suffering from emotional distress or deep moral guilt and spiritual anxiety.

The government of Colombia, South America, has banned all Protestant activities in eighteen sections of that country which are designated as "Catholic Mission Territories." Protestants are forbidden to hold services, administer the sacraments, operate schools, and keep health centers open. In previous years forty-one Protestant missionaries and about twenty native pastors have been serving about one million people in that area.

Another evidence of the pressure of public opinion upon government officials is seen in the reversal of policy by the Defense Department concerning the sale of bottled liquor at military posts. Since the issuance of the new order, sale of liquor in bottles is not permitted at officers' messes in the United States. Liquor by the drink is still sold, as it has been for many years. A spokesman for the Defense Department said that inquiries from members of Congress "promoted" the new policy. It is believed that protests from concerned citizens and religious groups inspired the majority of the inquiries.

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth (Mark 9:23).*

**M**ARCH 5 is the World Day of Prayer. Let's all really make it a day of prayer. Let's pray in our homes—individually and together. Let's pray in our churches in groups. Let's pray with Christians of our own denomination. Let's pray with Christians of other denominations. Let's pray in secret. Let's pray in public. Let's pray for our own needs. Let's pray for the needs of others. Let's circle the globe with our prayers. Let's talk to God. Let's permit God to talk to us. Let's make March 5 a day of prayer.

If you want forgiveness, pray. If you want rest and peace, pray. If you want God in His fullness, pray. If you want victory, pray. If you want strength and security, pray. If you want God to become more real to you than feet or hands, pray. If you want to walk with God and have Him as a daily Companion, pray.

Real prayer is communion with God, a real Person who holds the destinies of men and nations in His hand. True prayer is the best remedy for worry and fear. It will quiet the mind, bring serenity to the soul, and relax the body. Let's make March 5 a day of prayer.

Pray in Jesus' name. Pray with the help of the Holy Spirit. Pray earnestly. Pray with perseverance. Pray—above everything else pray.

*There's a blessing in prayer, in believing prayer,  
When our Saviour's name to the throne we bear.  
Then a Father's love will receive us there;  
There is always a blessing, a blessing in prayer.*

O Lord, we cannot see the future but Thou canst. Thou knowest what will come out of this time of strife and turmoil. Dispel our worries and quiet our fears. Thou art our Heavenly Father. Help us to trust Thee fully. Direct our footsteps and keep us steady. Don't let us fail Thee. With Thy help, we can be victorious in spite of every difficulty. We will trust Thee whatever may betide! In His name. Amen.

## A Day's Journey with Jesus

(Matthew Eight)

**A**N EXCITED company of people came my way that day. Since I had no pressing task at hand, I fell in line and began to move with the crowd. I wanted to find out for myself where the people were going.

**A**MID the clamor and the noise, I caught the word, "Jesus," and then, "This Jesus."

I said, "Who is this Jesus?" No one seemed to know. He was just Someone **This Jesus** who had attracted to himself the crowd.

One man volunteered the information that the day before this Jesus had talked to a group of people from a hilltop, and that His words were such as they never had heard before. My in-

former declared there was something in this Person's bearing and the authority with which He spoke that gripped those who listened. There was little more that I learned from those about me. They seemed to be waiting for Him to do something else unusual.

**A**FTER a time I heard someone calling. Soon I learned that it was a man afflicted with the dread disease of leprosy. At last I saw him as

he forced his way to this Jesus, fell at His feet, and worshiped Him. Then the leper cried out, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Immediately this strange Man reached out and touched the diseased one, saying, "I will; be thou clean." And his leprosy disappeared at once, and we who followed this Jesus were astonished at what we heard and saw. Our minds were filled with these questions: What caused this man to worship this Jesus and call on Him to heal him? And by what power did this strange Person make the leper whole? Such a transformation had never come to a leper before. Surely this Jesus was no ordinary individual.

Next we entered Capernaum, where we were met by a centurion, a Roman military leader. Perhaps the news had reached him about the healing of the leper. Anyway, he rushed up to the Stranger and told Him that his servant was at home sick with the palsy and grievously tormented. Jesus immediately said, "I will come and heal him." That brought an unusual response from the centurion. He was a man of authority and dignity, a man of another nation, but as he came to Jesus he manifested a remarkable spirit of humility and faith. He called Jesus "Lord" and declared that he was not worthy to have Him come to his home, and then he added: "But speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it." This Jesus "marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven."

Then this Jesus said to the centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour."

Very soon after healing the centurion's servant, Jesus came to a house close by the way and

# Stephen S. White

went in, only to find a woman ill there with a fever. Without a word from anyone, Jesus "touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them." Someone by my side said that she was the mother of the wife of a certain Simon Peter.

What had been done was scattered abroad, and many were brought to this Jesus who "were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick." And someone in the crowd declared he did this that "it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses."

**T**HE CROWD that followed this Jesus increased until a veritable multitude surrounded Him. Pressed on every hand by people, "he gave commandment to depart unto the other side" of the Sea of Galilee.

**Discipleship Costly**  
While He waited for the ship, a "certain scribe came, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest." The only answer that Jesus gave was, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Then another disciple said unto him, "Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me: and let the dead bury their dead." Never before had I heard a leader make such demands as these. Nevertheless, He gave them with authority and without the least hesitation!

**H**OWEVER, this Jesus continued to manifest miraculous power. How could one do what He did and not be of God? That was the question that engaged my mind. By this time the ship had been brought up and Jesus

**Storms Within and Without Conquered**  
entered it, followed by a few of those in the crowd. By some strange good fortune, I managed to be among those who got into the ship. Then Jesus, weary with the tasks of the day and the many demands that had been made upon Him, fell asleep. But there arose a great storm and the ship was about to sink. Those who seemed to know Him best were frightened and awakened Him and cried for help. This Jesus was astonished and said, "Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." Once again, His closest friends were amazed and exclaimed: "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!"

After we had come to the other side of the sea in the country of the Gergesenes, there met us "two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce." Immediately the people with this Jesus began to scatter. Strange as it may seem, these two wild creatures called this Jesus the Son of God. They were frightened because they thought He had come to torment them before their time. There was a herd of swine feeding some distance away and the devils begged to be cast into them. This Jesus granted their request and I saw the hogs, possessed by these devils, run into the sea and perish. The keepers of the swine, having fled to the nearby city, told what had befallen the hogs.

Once again this Jesus was pressed by a crowd; "the whole city came out" to where He was, and they "besought him that he would depart out of their coasts."

**T**HE JOURNEY came to an end and I was weary with much walking. The happenings of the day were so unusual that it seemed as if I had been dreaming. As night came on, I closed my eyes, awaiting the moment of sleep, with these words ringing in my ears, "What manner of man is this," who healed the sick and calmed the winds and the sea? "What manner of man is this," who demanded of His followers that they place Him before everything else—even the closest loved ones? "What manner of man is this," who called on those that would follow Him to take the lonely way of suffering with Him? These questions robbed me of sleep. I tossed about on my bed without rest or peace until I confessed that this Jesus is truly the promised Messiah, the Son of Man, the Son of God.

## Congratulations Are in Order

**L**AST week, Rev. Thaine F. Sanford, sales manager for the Nazarene Publishing House, reported the district winners in the HERALD OF HOLINESS campaigns for 1953. This week the editor of the HERALD OF HOLINESS joins Mr. Sanford in congratulating these winners. They are the *Maritime* District in Zone 3 with subscriptions equal to 86 per cent of their membership, Rev. J. H. MacGregor, superintendent, Rev. H. Malcolm Burgess, campaign manager; *North Dakota* District in Zone 2, with subscriptions equal to 74 per cent of their membership, Rev. Harry Taplin, superintendent, Rev. Claire Kern, campaign manager; and *South Dakota* District in Zone 1, with subscriptions equal to 71 per cent of their membership, Rev. W. H. Davis, superintendent, and Rev. Vearl Fisher, campaign manager.

I also commend eight other districts who went beyond their quota—60 per cent of their membership. They are as follows:

Zone 1, *Dallas*, 66 per cent; Rev. Paul H. Garrett, superintendent; Rev. Harold O. Davis, campaign manager. *Nebraska*, 70 per cent; Rev. Whitcomb Harding, superintendent. Zone 2, *Central Ohio*, 61 per cent; Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent; Rev. Joseph Nielson, campaign manager. *Western Ohio*, 60 per cent; Dr. W. E. Albea, superintendent; Rev. Mark E. Moore, campaign manager. Zone 3, *Arizona*, 72 per cent; Rev. M. L. Mann, superintendent; Rev. J. E. Moore, campaign manager. *New York*, 68 per cent; Rev. Robert Goslaw, superintendent; Rev. George Teague, campaign manager. *Canada Central*, 67 per cent; Rev. T. E. Martin, superintendent; R. Bradley Harrison, campaign manager. *Albany*, 65 per cent; Rev. Renard D. Smith, super-

intendent; Rev. L. S. Boardman, campaign manager.

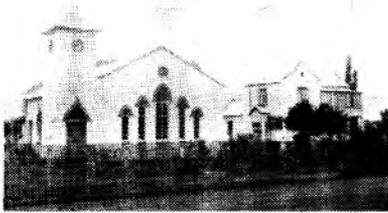
There are many other districts which I commend for the excellent work they did in their campaigns for the **HERALD OF HOLINESS** during 1953. On page 2 of this issue you will find Mr. Sanford gives a complete list of the districts with the number of their subscriptions.

I appreciate the effort which is being made on all of our districts to spread the gospel of holiness through the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**. A live and growing church must always be an informed church and one of the very best mediums for keeping our people informed is through the reading of our church paper.

## Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy F. Smee, Secretary

Nazarene Bible College of South Africa



Nazarene Bible College, Adjoining Potchefstroom Church

January 9, 1954, was a great milestone in the history of our European work in South Africa, for it marked the opening of the Nazarene Bible College of South Africa at Potchefstroom.

The door of the college building was opened officially by Mr. H. H. Holtzhausen, member of the town council of Potchefstroom and also a member of the Provincial Council of the Transvaal. The district superintendent prayed the prayer of dedication.

Words of greetings were read from missionaries and friends, and a number of religious leaders in the area brought greetings personally. Rev. H. R. Barrish, of the Dutch Reformed church, and Rev. S. Upton, of the Methodist church, brought special greetings and well wishes. Miss Leona Youngblood spoke for the Nazarene missionaries in South Africa. The district superintendent responded to these greetings and gave the purpose of the establishment of the college, also delivering the charge to the president-elect, Rev. Cyril J. Pass. There followed an impressive ceremony, at which time Rev. C. J. Pass was inducted into office as the first

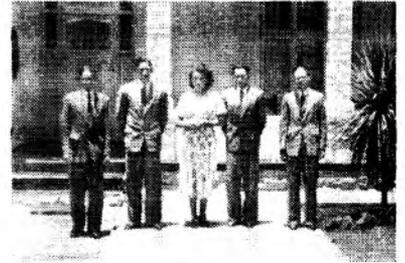
president of the Nazarene Bible College of South Africa. His response revealed his great desire to fill the responsibility given him by the church.

About two hundred people attended these opening ceremonies and deep appreciation was expressed to the general organization of the Nazarene Young People's Society for their wonderful spirit of sacrifice in providing special financial assistance for the purchase of the property of the college.

Seven students are enrolled in the first term. The faculty is composed of Rev. Cyril J. Pass, Rev. J. MacLachlan, Rev. J. J. Scheepers, and Rev. C. H. Strickland. The college is carrying a full load of studies, comprising seventeen hours of classwork



Rev. Cyril J. Pass, President



Five of the Students

per week and seventeen and one-half hours of private study and research. There is evidence of a wonderful spirit upon the students, and an eagerness to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Nash, who united with our church in its early beginnings in South Africa, have moved to the college to become caretaker and matron. These devoted Christians have come without a salary to make a contribution to the educational work of the Church of the Nazarene. They are greatly loved by all of our people, and have created a wonderfully home-like atmosphere at the college.

Working under a bilingual arrangement, the materials for study must be prepared in both English and Afrikaans. This has proved a large task, but God is helping us to meet the need along this line.

The contribution of the college to the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene in South Africa can be estimated only as we look across the years to the golden opportunities which our church has before her in this growing land.—CHARLES H. STRICKLAND, *District Superintendent*.

### New Bible College Slides

We have had a special set of beautiful full-color slides for use particularly by young people's societies on the N.Y.P.S. special project of purchasing property for Bible colleges in Australia and South Africa. The script has told about both the colleges, but until now we have had slides only of

our Australian school. We have just received some excellent slides of the South African school and a few new pictures from Australia. There are now thirty-one fine pictures in this set, in cardboard mounts. Your young people will be thrilled to see them, and of course, if your society has not

yet received the offering for this project, this is an excellent method of telling what the offering is for. The set may be rented from the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism for only one dollar. The new pictures and script will be available beginning about March 1.

tions. The Lord is blessing in the church work and there is much enthusiasm among the members, especially in doing evangelistic and personal work.

Mrs. Cochran is enjoying her work in the Bible school and has been holding revival services for women in the afternoon, giving a week at a time in each place, and bringing messages especially on holiness. God has answered prayer for these services, giving victory in salvation and holiness to those who sought Him.—JOHN A. COCHRAN.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**P**RAY for Mrs. Spurgeon Hendrix, of Argentina, who faces an operation soon for kidney stone, unless God touches her. The Hendrix family has had much illness recently. God is able to restore to health.

Pray for Mrs. Donald Ault. Brother Ault writes: "The strain of preparing for church Christmas programs took its toll of Mrs. Ault's health. Her condition seems to be worsening and I am afraid of a heart condition. Her doctor is in the States and the doctor to whom he turned his practice has left the colony. We are leaning wholly upon the Everlasting Arms." Prayer was answered for Mrs. Ault in November. Pray again, that God will fully restore to health and strength this faithful servant of His.—*British Guiana.*

"Please have special prayer for Mrs. Floyd Perkins, of Africa. She has had malaria several times and it has left her in a very weakened condition. She is now suffering another attack." God is able to give help to this child of His also.

"Please pray for us and the missionaries and the faithful Christians. It is our prayer that God will give us a mighty revival."—SAMUEL BHUJ-BAL, *India.*

"Please take Guatemala on your heart and pray. In the midst of critical times with increased pressure and persecution, there are signs that Guatemala is ripening for a real revival. God is working. Everywhere there are signs of increased spiritual hunger."—RUSSELL BIRCHARD.

### Cape Verde Islands

We are happy to be here in our own field of labor and feel content and satisfied, for we feel this is the will of God for us.

Last night was the momentous "full-moon night" and the four student pastors, Brother Mosteller, Brother Eades, and I enjoyed a wonderful

time of prayer and fellowship down by the seashore after the regular Sunday night service. The moon was so bright we could see clear across to the island of S. Nicolau and this helped our prayers, for the burden lay more heavily upon our hearts when we could see the dim outline of that island—one of three still untouched by the gospel.—J. ELTON WOOD, *Cape Verde Islands.* ("Full-moon night" in the Cape Verdes is observed as an all-night of prayer by all the pastors.—ED.)

### ARGENTINA

God has given us some very beautiful revival services where souls were saved and sanctified. We were able to take a national couple to Tucuman and work has been begun up there. On my second visit to Tucuman we were able to organize the first Church of the Nazarene in northern Argentina. There are two other congrega-

We have much to praise God for here on this mission station. We have had our discouragements and heartaches—have wept tears over some of God's prodigal sons and daughters—but we rejoice to see others going steadily on with God. Especially do we praise God for our enlarging Sunday school, for many heathen women coming into the services these days, and for the closing Sunday of the secondary school year at the end of November, when a number of the students sought the fullness of the blessing. The memory will long live with me of these young men and women on their knees with their right hands pointing up to heaven, singing their pledge to the Lord: "If the Lord calls me, I will go, for I have been freed! I solemnly promise God and the Lord Jesus, I will go" (a literal translation from Shangaan).—MIRIAM EVANS, *Africa.*

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

**Q.** *Can sanctified persons keep their experiences and watch on television those very same movies that kept me from becoming a Christian? This has disturbed me very much, and I would appreciate your view in the matter.*

**A.** There is much argument about television yet—not just by extremists either. Within the past few months I have read several articles written by very capable men after having made a thorough study of it, and they point out many dangers in connection with television. What these men say cannot be treated lightly. On the other hand, they have not ruled out television altogether. However, they strongly and sternly emphasize the fact that what comes over television today cannot be swallowed whole without imperiling one's religion and morals. There must be rigid selection or else dire conse-

quences will follow. These dangers are intensified in homes where there are young children or teen-agers. They are much more susceptible to the evils of television. Already there have been Nazarenes who have lost the keen edge of their Christian experiences, and in some instances their relation to God altogether, because of television. But during the same months some have backslidden over money, automobiles, failure to tithe, or neglecting to attend prayer meeting or Sunday night services. It takes plenty of will power expressed in the proper choices to live as a Christian should today with life as complex as it is. Besides, the writer of this question, as well as every other follower of Christ, must remember that he cannot make his detailed standard of right the absolute basis of judgment for every other person. We can agree on the general principles of

right and wrong as taught by the Bible, but we can never agree completely as to how they are worked out in practical, everyday living. God help us as we face this wicked and perverse age to keep Him and His work first, even in the use of television.

Q. How can a person's name be removed from the church roll?

A. I am much more interested in how to keep a person's name on the church roll than in how to take it off. I might also add that, while it is difficult to get into the Church of the Nazarene, it is also difficult to get out of it under certain circumstances, if the *Manual* is followed carefully. This is exactly the way it should be. It is the business of our pastors and local church leaders to keep people in the church by keeping them saved and thus not let them get out by backsliding. Paragraphs 51 and 52 on page 54 of the *Manual* for 1952 tell how the names of members may be removed from the church roll by the action of the church board, and only by such action. Further, even then they may not be removed until everything has been done which is reasonably possible to get them back to God. Let me say again, our big obligation is to keep people saved and in the church, and not to find a way to get them out. Woe to the pastor and people who look at their responsibility in any other way!

Q. Please explain Luke 12:47-48.

A. It certainly teaches that there will be degrees in future punishment for wrongdoing, and that they will be based on the individual's light.

Q. Will you please explain Rom. 2:11-16? Does this scripture refer to the heathen who have never heard the gospel? Will they be lost, and will their punishment be as great as those who have had the light?

A. The antithesis in these verses is between the Jew and the Gentile, or heathen, rather than between the Christian and the heathen. The Jew has had the law—more light than the heathen. The heathen has had only the light of nature, or conscience, while the Jew has had the light of the law. The former will be judged according to the level of his light, while the Jew will be judged according to the level of his light. Neither the Jew nor the Gentile, or heathen, will be judged according to the light of the gospel. All of this implies a distinction in future rewards and punishments, but it does not in any sense excuse those of us who are Christians from giving the higher

level of light which we have to the Jews and heathen. Millions will be lost unless we get the light of the gospel to them.

## THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

### Ready Acceptance

SOCIAL security has become a fixed aim in the lives of most of us. Because of this, it was somewhat a shock the other day when I heard of a young couple who were seeking to leave the comparative safety of the United States to go to an island where the inhabitants still look upon the white man as something to kill and perhaps eat (in secret, of course).

"Why were you surprised? All followers of Christ are willing to leave homeland and friends in order to carry the message of salvation to lost souls," you are no doubt saying.

I know! All who have given their hearts to Christ have pledged allegiance to God. But, you know, for a number of years I have heard so much talk which may begin with any of the following ways: "My pension plan—," "Our investments—," "The best old-age insurance plans—," "Accident and health care—," until security has become an accepted necessity. Yet, even when all the insurances are paid for, emergencies come and "we are unprepared." How smug we often become with our security plans!

A young man who had been raised carefully was suddenly, as is often the case, commanded to serve in the army of the United States. Until then he had followed planned courses. He went through grade school, four years of high school, and four years of college—all planned endeavors.

Since his becoming a member of the army there are two questions he cannot answer: "Where will you be next week?" and "What will you be doing this week end?"

"Why, my plans are sometimes changed with no more notice than it takes to say the words. I have to be prepared for anything," this young man said. He may at any time be placed on guard duty or K.P. or, on the other hand, he may have a day and a half off. He does just what he is told to do and does what he chooses to do only when he is given time off. Never can any of his own plans be depended upon. He has sworn allegiance to his country!

You and I joined the army of the Lord. We were not forced to join, but we did pledge allegiance when we joined.

How many of us live contentedly with a spirit of ready acceptance? Do we rebel when "bad luck" comes our way? Do we do our best when extra work is placed upon our shoulders? Do we insist on working for the Master only when it is convenient for us? Do we keep our eyes open seeking to find places where we can be of service? Oh, to live ever ready to accept the Lord's commands!

### "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters"

IN THE eleventh chapter of Ecclesiastes there is a verse which promises a reward to any who will follow its rules of conduct. "Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."

It is always encouraging when one hears how the promises of God work for someone. The following story shows how one man was rewarded when he cast his "bread upon the waters."

The country near and around Albany, New York, was being settled by the people from the coast. There were Indians still living in that part of the world, although most of them had fled to the north country.

One day, a lone Indian came to the inn in Lichfield. In his broken English he spoke to the hostess of the establishment.

"I would like to have something to eat. I have no money. I am hungry, may I eat?" he asked.

"No money! No, you cannot eat here. Begone!" was the reply of the angry hostess. As she continued to heap reproachful words upon the Indian, a guest of the inn intervened.

"I will pay for the Indian's dinner. Give him all he can eat," he said.

The Indian thanked the white man. "I will repay you someday," he solemnly promised.

The guest of the inn thought no more of the matter. Several years later he was taken as a prisoner by a tribe of hostile Indians. He was carried from the United States into Canada.

This is my end, he thought helplessly.

One night after he had been held captive for some time, an Indian came

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# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. George Taylorson

Topic for March 7: Lord of Life and Death

Scripture: John 11:1-54 (Printed, John 11:32-46)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live* (John 11:25).

How wonderful it must have been to have had Jesus among one's closest friends! Lazarus and his sisters, Martha and Mary, enjoyed the privilege of entertaining our Lord in the days of His flesh, as House Guest. What moments of intimate fellowship existed! One cannot help but muse over the changes that no doubt took place in that house. How envious many must have been, especially after the city was buzzing with the report of a new miracle!

"Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus" (v. 5). The day of urgent need arrived. Lazarus, the friend of Jesus, was sick unto death

and, with full assurance of our Lord's concern, the family sent for Him. The need was desperate but they knew where to send for Jesus, and the knowledge that He would come stilled their hearts in peace. Everything would soon be righted. Now something took place which, at the first reading, appears to be entirely out of character with Jesus. Upon hearing the word, instead of turning immediately to answer, He deliberately delayed His going for two days. Lazarus grew gradually worse until the light flickered out and he was cold in death. Mary and Martha were crushed, not only because of their brother's death, but by Jesus' apparent indifference in such an hour. If only He had come! They sat in chilled bewilderment and doubt. God's children do not always

receive what they want and often feel they must have.

The answer lies in our timepiece. By our little clock, so inaccurate at times, God seems so slow, if not tardy. Wait, tarry, be still, know that He is God, for in His time He will come and it will not be too late. God's watch is never wrong. The miracle would be performed in His time and in His way. Did you ever consider what vital faith those loved ones had in removing the stone? O friend of Christ's, roll away the stones of doubt; look into the face of eternity as revealed in Jesus. He loves you, He cares for you, He will not be late. In due time His coming will be the miracle most needed. Who knows but that our timepiece may be wrong! "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Pastor Paul Mayfield reports: "We resigned Fuller Avenue Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in November and moved to First Church in Battle Creek. We had a week's meeting when we first came here, with thirty-nine seekers, and have had eight straight Sunday evenings with seekers at the altar and wonderful victory. We recently closed a wonderful Youth Week revival with Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, superintendent of the Northwestern Illinois District. There were many wonderful victories and we have received ten new members. We give to God all the glory."

Rev. Joseph Gray writes from Ropesville, Texas: "After two very happy years here, I shall be closing my pastorate on May 16. We have had several good revivals during this period. Evangelists Gilbert and Sylvia Anderson, Jack and Wilma Hamilton, and Leila Dell Miller have all rendered us splendid service and we appreciate them all. We have cleared the church of a small debt, and have added to the buildings in several ways, including a garage and storeroom for the parsonage. I expect to be in the evangelistic field after May 16 and am now making up a slate for summer and fall of 1954 and later. I would be happy to hear from any of my old friends or any other pastor who may desire a ministry with a special emphasis on holiness teaching. Write me, Box 233, Ropesville, Texas."

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of the *Manual*, the General Assembly Commission met in Kansas City, Missouri, to decide the location for the Fourteenth General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene to be held in 1956.

After due consideration of a number of invitations from widely scattered sections of the nation, the Commission unanimously voted to hold the General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri. The date for this quadrennial gathering has not definitely been set, but it will probably be the last ten days of June, 1956. Complete announcement will be made at a later date.

Inasmuch as the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce will take care of the hotel accommodations, they have requested that reservations not be made at this time, since hotel facilities will be greatly improved by the time of the assembly. In ample time complete information will be released through the pages of the *HERALD OF HOLINESS*

S. T. LUDWIG,  
General Church  
Secretary

Coshocton, Ohio—Our church recently closed a very profitable week of revival with Rev. George Schriber, who fulfilled a twofold purpose for our church while he was with us. He was the evangelist for our truly wonderful young people's revival, in which many young people were saved and sanctified, and a wonderful spirit prevailed. He also guided us in making plans for the enlargement of our church; before he left he had given us a drawing of our new church and a rough sketch of our plans. Our church has been raising a building fund for the last two years and, now that we have plans on hand, we believe it will not be too long until we will be able to enlarge our church to take care of our growing congregation.—W. E. Zimmerman, Pastor.

Song Evangelists Harry Fagan and wife write: "During the past four months we have assisted in some very good revivals, presenting the special singing and instrumental music, consisting of piano and accordion numbers. We were with our pastor friend, Rev. Roy Mumau, of Mason, Michigan, and Revs. Paul and Eva Hayman, of Galion, Ohio; also with our good friend, Rev. D. A. King, and church at Uniontown, Pennsylvania. We are now doing some singing and playing at Arona, Pennsylvania, in a Nazarene work not yet organized. This is a zone project. We have seen a goodly number of souls seek God for pardon and cleansing in all these revivals. We have some open dates in the immediate future. We also conduct vacation Bible schools during the summer. Write us at Box 84, R.D. 1, Carmichaels, Pennsylvania."

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma — The Lord gave us a good revival at Grand Boulevard Church with Evangelist Carl Prentice and wife. Of the 20 at the altar, a goodly number were those on Sister Prentice's special prayer list. The closing Sunday we had 183 in Sunday school, and on the following Sunday we received 4 new members, 2 of whom were saved and sanctified in the revival.—Charles A. Attaway, Pastor.

Warren, Ohio—It is with humble gratitude to God that we are permitted to work with such a fine people as those at First Church. They have been trained in loyalty to God and to their pastor by our predecessor, Rev. D. D. Palmer, their aggressive pastor for twenty-seven years. We are enjoying working in this part of God's vineyard greatly. Since coming here we have had several good revival services in the year and seven months of our pastorate. God came in power and great victory in our special meetings, and some of them proved to be real revivals. Sister Eva Gardner started us off in September, 1952, with a Sunday-school revival; then came Dr. T. W. Willingham in November with many earnest seekers finding God; Rev. Earl Scott for Youth Week; then Rev. H. G. Purkhiser and Leland Davis with another twelve days of spiritual blessing and victory. In November, 1953, a revival of far-reaching effect climaxed the year with Rev. George Woodward, chalk-artist. In a very wonderful way God inspires, blesses, and helps Brother Woodward to draw his sermons as he preaches. The Holy Spirit makes the truth more real and effective through the drawing. During the meeting 149 seekers were at the altar of prayer. Many who had been attending our services sought and found God in pardon and purity. A few weeks after the close of the revival we received 13 into church membership. First Church is steadily making progress spiritually, numerically, and financially. The Lord has given us many more seekers and happy finders under my ministry here than ever before—to Him be the praise. We rejoice in God's blessing upon us and His work.—Clarence J. Haas, Pastor.

He is a leader with a pioneer spirit, a real Christian gentleman, and a warm personal friend. The people of Broadway Church have received us royally. Rev. D. D. Lewis and Rev. Jerry McClain did outstanding work in this church, and they are much loved by the people. It will be a real pleasure to work with the great superintendent and spiritual leader, Dr. L. T. Wells."

Memphis, Tennessee—This has been a time of rejoicing for the Calvary Church; the Lord has blessed with some wonderful manifestations of His presence. In the past six months, the first half of the assembly year, some 230 have prayed through at the altar; there have been 33 new additions to the church; and the Sunday school has averaged 40 per Sunday more than during the same time last year. The finances have more than doubled; we have a systematic giving and paying. We recently experienced an unusual revival with Rev. Fred Thomas and Curtis R. Brown. The Lord wonderfully blessed with the altars being lined night after night, and the church is in the sweetest harmony one would find anywhere. These evangelists are really of God, and are an excellent preacher and singer. Last week the zone met with us in the Christian Service Training course, with Rev. D. K. Wachtel as the special worker. It turned into a regular camp-meeting atmosphere, with wonderful times about the altar. Brother Wachtel delivered a message each evening after the classes were dismissed. We thank God for the Church of the Nazarene, and the Calvary Church especially.—Carl M. Brown, Pastor.

Evangelist M. V. Bass writes: "Due to some changes I have some open dates this summer—June 29 to July 11, and August 3 to 15. Anyone desiring my services for either of these dates may contact me at 18616 River-view, Detroit 19, Michigan."

### "Cast Thy Bread upon the Waters"

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to his side. "Take this," the Indian said, "and follow me."

The white man accepted the musket and did as he was told. Few words were spoken, but day after day the white man followed the Indian. Then one afternoon the two came upon some beautiful fields of grain. Houses could be seen in the distance.

"Do you know where you are?" the Indian asked.

"Ah, yes," was the white man's joyous reply. "This is Lichfield. O my stranger friend, I thank you."

The Indian turned to the white man, "And I am the starving Indian for whom you purchased food here in this town," he said. "I have paid you for my supper. Go home, white man."

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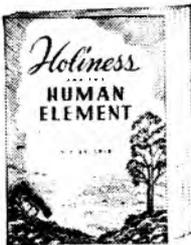
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Evangelist Walter Patterson writes: "I have a cancellation of a revival, April 2 to 11, and will be glad to go anywhere the Lord leads. Write me, R.R. 3, Waurika, Oklahoma."

Pastor Dennis E. Wyrick writes: "After seven wonderful years with the people of Davis Creek Church, Charleston, West Virginia, we concluded our ministry on January 31 to accept Broadway Church, Louisville, Kentucky. During these seven years 200 members were added to the church and the Sunday school increased nearly 200 per Sunday. The Sunday-school enrollment is now 800 with the average weekly attendance for the first eight months of this assembly year 482; \$100,000.00 in improvements were added to the church and parsonage, which brought property evaluation to \$200,000.00. There are no finer people, or more loyal Nazarenes, than the people of the Davis Creek Church. They presented the pastor with a \$500.00 love offering in addition to many personal gifts at our departure. It was a joy to be associated with Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent of West Virginia, for the past fourteen years.

Evangelist H. J. Hart reports: "The past year has been full of fruitful service with the blessing of the Lord upon our meetings. How I appreciate the open doors and response of the people to my ministry, as well as of the pastors who are faithfully serving the churches! I have some dates in October and November which I could give to churches in California and Oregon. My ministry is both singing and preaching. Write me at Route 1, Owasso, Oklahoma."

God has wrought miracles beyond belief. The struggles and heartaches of these thirteen or more home-mission churches in these past few years have been worth it because we knew that He was ever with us. God has given thousands of souls at our altars since He called us."

Congo, West Virginia—We closed a revival on January 31, with Rev. Carl S. Nutter as the evangelist. He preached each evening under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. His messages were evangelistic and touched the hearts of sinners and backsliders. It was truly a great revival in which sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. To the church, his messages were an inspiration, and as a whole we are going forward with a great vision. Twenty-nine seekers knelt at the altar, 15 of whom were adults. On the last Sunday night 21 people circled the altar and testified to definite victory during the meeting. Conviction so settled on the community that souls sought and found God even in the homes. Congo will not soon forget this revival. On January 31 we had 101 in Sunday school. We came to Congo in April, 1953, and are happy for the opportunity of working among this good people. We have a loyal group of Nazarenes and believe God has a great future in store for the church. Pray for us.—Russell D. Fetty, Pastor.

Rev. Robert B. Fowler writes: "I was first saved in Annapolis, Maryland, in a Church of the Nazarene, but later let the things of this world creep back into my heart and for a while was in a backslidden condition. I had a good sanctified mother, and God forgave me, and a little later sanctified me wholly. God called me to preach and I started right in. While taking the course of study, I preached wherever God opened the door—on farms, on the street, in N.Y.P.S. services, and in other churches. At last a pastorate opened in New Jersey. I took the church, and while there God helped me to build a fine parsonage (though it cost me my home in Maryland). I continued to work on my course of study, helped to work on the parsonage, visited and prayed for a revival, and God answered. Then I felt led to go to Leesburg, New Jersey, and hold a tent revival; I was able to organize my first Church of the Nazarene. Then I was sent to Oakland, Maryland, where, under District Superintendent J. H. Parker, another church was organized. A while later I felt God called me to the Pittsburgh District. I was ordained on August 5, 1949, and left for Titusville, Pennsylvania. I was employed as a full-time district home-mission worker, and remained in Titusville for about nine months, seeing over 1,000 souls saved, over 100 join the church, and over 150 attend Sunday school. District Superintendent R. E. Heinlein then asked me to go to Beechview, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and God gave another church. I was able to purchase a parsonage there with local and district help. I held revivals and rallies on several districts and everywhere God gave precious souls. I moved to Brookfield, Pennsylvania, and later to McDonald, Mahoningtown, and Clearfield. Then at the General Assembly God gave me a definite call to the needy home-mission field of New England, and here God has allowed me to be tried in every way, but because of a fine district organization, under the leadership of Rev. J. C. Albright, I have enjoyed my ministry and have had a busy schedule. I have worked to get three new churches, have made two district home-mission tours, have preached in nearly every church on the district, and had a number of rallies and revivals. I enjoy the yearly privilege of speaking at the Eastern Nazarene College Church. I am at present in Millinocket, Maine, where

Evangelist Elmer E. Michael writes: "I have some open dates after April 18. Any church wishing my services may write me at 1406 Sixth Avenue, Jasper, Alabama."

Pastor William E. Willis reports from Van, Arkansas: "We recently closed a very successful revival with Evangelist R. F. Lindley. From the very first service the power of God came on the people, and there were seekers at the altar every night. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way; the needs are being supplied, and we are finishing the church interior. We also work half-time with the Nazarene congregation at Nady, Arkansas, forty miles from Van, where the parsonage and a church building are. Plans are well under way, and a fund has already been set aside, for a new church building at Nady. Last November we had a good revival at Nady with Brother Lindley. There were fifty seekers in one week's time. Brother Lindley is a forceful preacher of the Word, who preaches under the anointing of God and gets under the load with the pastor. In the two meetings that he has been with us, there has been plenty of old-fashioned shouting and the people have been well blessed. We intend, by the grace of God, to continue to do our best to help in the building of the Kingdom. This is our first pastorate since graduating from Olivet Nazarene College."



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Evangelist J. W. Short reports: "We praise God for His many blessings and the privilege we have had across the years to labor in the whitened harvest fields and the church of our choice. Last August at our Indianapolis campgrounds, we had our last district assembly as superintendent. We felt it was a blessed and glorious climax to thirty-three years of service on six different districts. We are very happy in our new field of labor. In these few months we have been on six districts and we rejoice to see the good work moving forward, and our superintendents, pastors, and churches with God in their midst. We are very thankful for the open doors that have come to us. We have six district tours, a holiness convention, a preachers' meeting, and some revivals slated for 1954. Mrs. Short and I have been separated so much that now she is traveling and working with me. Pray for us. We are very thankful for continued good health. Forty-four years ago at our first assembly Dr. Bresee told us to 'pray the glory down,' and I have found nothing better across the years. Today the Comforter abides, and the needs of humanity are calling us to show the way to heaven."

Elgin, Illinois—We recently closed a real revival with Rev. R. V. Jackson and family. An advertising program was launched so that a large number of people knew of the special campaign. The week-night attendance was good, nearly equaling the church membership. The effective singing and preaching of the Jacksons, backed up with the power of the Holy Spirit, brought the prayed-for results. Definite seeking brought definite answers to prayers for pardon, reclamation,

and sanctification. There were real "breaks" during the two full weeks, and on the last night the altar, plus added chairs, was lined with earnest seekers. The campaign did something very necessary for the church and all who attended; it has given us a fresh start and a new grip in the work of the Kingdom, and new families were reached. We came to this pastorate last September and found a co-operative church board and people who were willing to follow a forward plan. We followed Rev. I. M. Farnsworth and family, who had served three years and left much to show for their labors, especially in the physical setup of the church property. The auditorium with corner rooms and choir loft has been made attractive, and the basement divided into splendid Sunday-school rooms and an adequate auditorium. The facilities will now take care of a Sunday school of 200 to 250. In the parsonage a new oil burner heating system has been installed and the kitchen modernized. With the good working plant, a city of 45,000 population, and only one Church of the Nazarene, there is a wide-open field before us.—George J. Franklin, Pastor.

Nashville, Tennessee—Grace Church recently enjoyed an unusual spiritual impetus in a three-week prophetic revival conference with Dr. Adolph Mahler. An old-time holiness revivalist, converted Austrian Jew, Dr. Mahler drew large audiences to witness his portrayal of the Passover supper in the Jewish home, and used a large chart illustrating dispensational truths. By popular request the conference ran the third week, bringing many new friends to us and some victorious altar services.—Ralph Schurman, Pastor.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter report: "The year 1953 was one of the best in our ministry and in the field of evangelism. We traveled and worked in twenty-one states and conducted twenty-one revivals, with some of our best churches and pastors. We saw hundreds of people bow at the altar of prayer and receive definite help for their souls, and quite a number of people joined the church. At this writing we are in Sidney, Montana, with the good pastors, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Gilster, and their fine people. The Lord is blessing and souls are praying through in the old-time way. The spiritual atmosphere in this church is wonderful; the pastors and their people are untiring workers. In spite of below-zero weather the crowds are large. We go next to Cimarron, Kansas, with Pastor O. A. McGuire and his good church. We have some dates open in the summer and fall of 1954. Any church needing our services as preacher and singers, write us at 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Greensboro, Indiana—We had a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Geeding, whose talent and sweet spirit in sermon, song, music, and chalk work was a great blessing. We closed the revival with 142 in Sunday school and 10 at the altar on Sunday night. A fine love offering was given to the pastor, and the Geedings were given a call to return for a meeting next year. They preach the Word and carry a burden for souls.—James Ford, Reporter.

Midland, Michigan—We are happy to report a very successful revival in First Church. Under the leadership of Evangelist Wilbur Brannon, Singers Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins, and Pastor M. R. Fitch, we saw many battles fought and victories won. On Sunday morning, the third service in the campaign, the Holy Spirit's leading was so definite and forceful that several testified, and Brother Brannon didn't preach at all. On the following Thursday night, which had been announced as Youth Night, about 70 young people were present, 49 were at the altar, and not one went away without victory! Altogether we had at least 125 seekers, and we rejoice to know that many young people became more definitely established. Partly as a result of these meetings, we had 25 volunteers for calling on absentees and prospects one evening, and nearly 100 attended prayer meeting. Although we called this a youth revival, we all benefited greatly. Brother Brannon's preaching is rich and powerful, and he desires above all else to be led by the Spirit. Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins are very fine singers. Surely, after a revival such as this, our church can never be the same again.—Elvin Leckrone, Secretary.

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EASTER, APRIL 18—MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 9—CHILDREN'S DAY, JUNE 13 FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 20

Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "We recently closed our fifth revival in California. God gave us some of the finest meetings of the year, with many souls being saved or sanctified, and a number coming into the church, for which we are so thankful. This has been one of the greatest years of our evangelistic work. We will be in Peoria, Illinois, May 12 to 23, and have an open date following—May 26 to June 6—that we would like to give some church in Illinois, or nearby. Write us, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Bethany, Oklahoma—Resigning his pastorate in his sixth year at Ada, Oklahoma, Rev. and Mrs. Frank R. McConnell came to Williams Memorial Church on August 29, 1950, and moved into the old parsonage (now Fellowship Hall). On this our third anniversary, we humbly praise God for His manifest blessings upon us from October 8, 1950, the beginning date of our organization. By the district officials we were given the name of Peniel Church of the Nazarene, and in this service the church charter was opened for the foundation membership. On November 5 we changed the name to Williams Memorial Church, and closed the charter with 97 charter members. From the beginning of this organization a desire to honor God and to obey Him in all things has characterized the personnel of the church. We closed the first year with 101 members, the second with 133, and the third with 159. The church contributed for all purposes a total of \$8,647.00 in 1951; \$17,297.00 in 1952; \$21,159.00 in 1953. There has been approximately \$2,500.00 donated in labor on our buildings. The Sunday-school average weekly attendance was 146 in 1951, 203 in 1952, and 233 in 1953. The percentage giving annually of our church was as follows: in 1951, 6.5 per cent to general interests, and in 1953, 9.3 per cent; in 1951, 2.8 per cent to district interests, and in 1953 5 per cent; in 1951, 91.7 per cent to local interests, and in 1953, 85.7 per cent. There have been 14 people from our church baptized by immersion, 557 seekers to date in our altar, and we have enjoyed 6 fruitful revivals. All the organizations common to the Church of the Nazarene are represented in our church and very actively moving forward.—Arthur A. Miller, Reporter.

Alexandria, Louisiana—First Church recently completed a very successful revival with Rev. W. M. Tidwell. A number of souls sought and found personal victory, and the church was encouraged and blessed. Many older members of the church made expression that this was the most profitable revival the church has ever had. Brother Tidwell served as pastor for forty-two years. He is as active, and his ministry just as effective, as during the many years he served as pastor. The day services were especially helpful to the Christians, and

were well attended by a number of ministers from surrounding churches, as well as laymen. These messages were doctrinal, and impressed upon hearts great fundamental truths, which proved to be a blessing to all who attended. The evening messages were well seasoned with prayer, were delivered in a most tender way, and were honored of God. Coming to Alexandria in June, 1953, we found a group of Nazarenes who love God and His cause, and are lifting high the precious standards of holiness and the Church of the Nazarene.—Lewis E. Mason, Pastor.

Dixon, Illinois—Our church was honored with a gracious revival closing January 17, with Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Walker, special workers. Brother Walker is a real booster for every department of the church. Every message was unique; souls were stirred, with several seekers at the altar. In spite of cold weather (18 below zero), the Sunday school rose high above its previous record. The ministry of Brother Walker was a great blessing to all, and the church unanimously voted to have the Walkers return at a later date.—Kenneth Calvin, Pastor.

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Macon, Missouri—We recently closed one of the best revivals this church has had for some time. God mightily used Evangelist Joel Danner, whose ministry left the church in a sweeter and triumphant spiritual condition. The last Sunday of the revival we reached a high peak in the Sunday school. The church was thrilled when twenty-five young people marched into their class, many of them new ones. We also had an increase in membership. In love for their pastor the church purchased two new tires for his car. We appreciate the fine people we are serving. The outlook for a larger church in Macon is good. —Darrell St. Gemme, Pastor.

Evangelist Albert H. Lewis reports: "We acknowledge God's goodness and mercy to us as we carry on in the evangelistic field. We thank Him for being kept busy during 1953, and for the gracious manifestations of His presence in all the meetings held. The pastors and people on the various districts which we have served have been the best with whom to work. God has marvelously answered prayer in regard to our activities for 1954. While our slate is practically full for this year, we do have a few open dates and would appreciate any inquiries concerning a meeting. Write us at 578 Richmond Avenue, Buffalo, New York."

A personal word: I began my ministerial career with the Stringtown church thirty-five years ago. I know of no one who meant more to me as a young preacher than Dr. Van Duyn. His kind words, his loyalty and faith in me were ever abounding. I have in the past, and will always in the future, hold him as one of my warmest friends. —STEPHEN C. JOHNSON.

## Memorial Service

The memorial service was conducted on Sunday afternoon, January 17, in the Bradley Methodist Church at Greenfield, Indiana.

Dr. Van Duyn's death was the result of an automobile accident on January 14 near Pittsfield, Illinois, while he was en route home from Kansas City, Missouri, where he had attended the meeting of the General Board, of which he was a member. This tragic accident also claimed the life of his pastor, Rev. Calvin Wheelton, and two other friends.

Rev. Luther Cantwell, superintendent of the Indianapolis District, was in charge of the entire service and brought a devotional meditation from a passage found in I Kings, dwelling on the words, "A holy man passed this way." He spoke feelingly concerning his relationship with Dr. Van Duyn, pointing out that indeed he was "a holy man." General Superintendent Hugh C. Benner, representing the Board of General Superintendents, used four characteristic words to describe and pay beautiful tribute to Dr. Van Duyn's Christian life. These words were: Christian simplicity, Christian integrity, Christian kindness, and Christian cleanliness. Dr. Harvey Galloway, president of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, spoke concerning the great contribution made by Dr. Van Duyn to the General Board through the departments which he served over a period of sixteen years. He also told of Dr. Van Duyn's administration at Olivet Nazarene College, where he served as president for four years. Many improvements were made during this time, the most important being the completion of a central heating plant and the beginning of construction on Williams Hall, women's residence building, which houses 220 girls. Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, read from I Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter, and led in prayer. The Viking Quartet from the college sang "Precious Name," "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." The closing song was sung by two close friends, Robert and

## Dr. Robert Grover Van Duyn

Robert Grover Van Duyn was born May 23, 1886, in Brown Township, Hancock County, Indiana. His parents were Mary (Shelly) and Phillip Van Duyn, both of whom gave much attention to his spiritual needs, which bore fruit throughout his life. He died January 14, 1954, at the age of sixty-seven years and seven months. Several one-room schools were the scenes of Dr. Van Duyn's basic training; high school, then only three years in length, was completed at Warrington, followed by two years' work at the Spiceland Academy. The first year of undergraduate work was taken at Central Normal College; then study at Butler University, where a bachelor of arts degree was awarded in 1924; and a master of arts degree from the same institution in 1926. Subsequently he enjoyed graduate study at Indiana University and the University of Chicago. In 1940 Olivet Nazarene College awarded him an honorary degree of doctor of laws.



He was united in marriage to Gladys Mitchell on March 6, 1909. To this union were born a son, Gerald, now of Battle Creek, Michigan, and a daughter, Mrs. Edith Meadows of Hancock County, Indiana. Throughout their life his devoted companion was a constant source of help to her husband. Their various homes have been well known to countless individuals who have enjoyed the gracious hospitality and inspiration of a truly Christian home.

Dr. Van Duyn was converted to Christ in early childhood, and united with the Zion Chapel Methodist Church. Later he was sanctified un-

der the ministry of Dr. E. O. Chalfant. In March of 1916 he united with the Church of the Nazarene, at the newly organized Stringtown church near Greenfield, Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Van Duyn gave the land on which the church was built. Although never ordained a minister, Dr. Van Duyn preached in Methodist churches in 1925 and '26. His devotion to the cause of Christ was a consuming passion; his was a world vision. Also, in his daily life, he observed the tremendous need for Christian interpretation at home and devoted much of his energy to this cause. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Taylor University, Upland; from 1928 to 1945 was a member of the board of trustees of Olivet Nazarene College; for many years served as a member of the advisory board of the Indianapolis District; and at the time of his death was returning from the annual meeting of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, on which he had served for sixteen years.

In all his professional life he was known as a Christian gentleman. He served two terms as county treasurer, nine years as county superintendent of public schools, also served as assistant state superintendent of public instruction, and business manager of Terre Haute State Normal College. Highly respected as a lay leader among the Nazarenes, he was invited to the presidency of Olivet Nazarene College in 1945, where he served four years. He and Mrs. Van Duyn endeared themselves to faculty and students alike.

The love and devotion to and for his wife, children, and grandchildren went unabated across the years and will always be a cherished memory. Besides the widow and two children, he is survived by two grandchildren, Betty Ann Van Duyn and Robert Meadows; also one sister, Mrs. Ella Chapman.

Stephen Johnson. Rev. Stephen Johnson read the obituary, in which he stated that Dr. Van Duyn's great and good life came to a close at the age of sixty-seven. His life had been full and rich, serving God, the church, and his fellow men.

In addition to the places of leadership and responsibility which have already been mentioned, he had served as assistant state superintendent of public instruction of Indiana, director of social relations of the Churchmembers Life Insurance Company, business manager of Terre Haute State Normal College, and county treasurer and superintendent of schools of the Hancock County.

To Mrs. Gladys Van Duyn he was a devoted husband; to Dr. Gerald Robert Van Duyn and Mrs. Edith Meadows he was a wise and loving father; to Betty Van Duyn and Robert Meadows he was a cherished grandfather. To all who knew him he was a wonderful friend.

At the close of the memorial service it took nearly an hour for all of the friends and relatives to pass by his flower-banked bier. The family has established a scholarship fund at Olivet Nazarene College with the memorial gifts that were given in addition to the floral tributes. It is to be a living tribute to Dr. Van Duyn to perpetuate his work. Truly a holy man has passed from us. May God bless his memory and sustain his loved ones.—**HAROLD W. REED, President, Olivet Nazarene College.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RECOMMENDATION**—Rev. James C. Holman, pastor of our church in Hillsboro, Texas, has announced his plans to enter the evangelistic field following our district assembly. Brother Holman is a gifted young man, both as preacher and singer. He and Mrs. Holman are both graduates of Olivet Nazarene College, and Brother Holman is also a graduate of our Nazarene Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates at Shenandoah, Iowa; Post and Hillsboro, Texas. Mrs. Holman is a gifted pianist and singer, and during the summer months will travel with him. I heartily recommend them to our churches.—**Orville W. Jenkins, Superintendent of Abilene District.**

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Copenhauer of Indiana, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Cheryl Joyce, on February 5.

—to Rev. and Mrs. J. R. McCatilla of Utica, Ohio, a son, Mark Eugene, on February 3.

—to Rev. and Mrs. James L. Honaker of Lakewood, Ohio, a son, Nathaniel Lee, on January 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Ivan A. Beals of Missouri Valley, Iowa, a daughter, Verna Jeanne, on December 22.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a lady in West Virginia "for my home, as the devil is trying to wreck it";

by a lady in Colorado, that God may help her in solving material and financial problems, that she may not be embarrassed; also for an unsaved boy, and for several unspoken requests;

by a lady in Illinois, "that my folks will see the light on sanctification, and will not be opposed to my attending holiness meetings";

by a friend in New Mexico, "that I can get a definite work of the Holy Spirit in my life; it seems I have been living on guesswork"; and also for healing of body;

by a lady in Louisiana, moved to a place where there is no Church of the Nazarene, and she needs soul food; also for the healing of her body—had a severe case of pneumonia and now has a weak heart;

by a lady in Ohio, a Nazarene, now living where she cannot attend the Nazarene services;

by a Nazarene brother in Pennsylvania, that God will help him to be a blessing to his people, that he may have real victory in the Holy Ghost, for the salvation of his people, and other unspoken requests.

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Florida	May	26-27
North American Indian	June	11
South Dakota	June	23-24
Canada West	July	6-9
Southwest Indiana	July	28-30
Kentucky	August	4-5
Wisconsin	August	11-13
Northwestern Illinois	August	18-19
Mississippi	September	1-3
Northeast Oklahoma	September	15-16
North Carolina	September	22-23
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North Dakota	June	23-24
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Maritime	July	14-15
Pittsburgh	July	21-23
Missouri	August	4-6
Virginia	August	11-12
Dallas	August	18-20
Indianapolis	August	25-27
Southeast Oklahoma	September	22-23

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Northern California	May	12-14
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New Mexico	May	26-28
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Alabama	June	30—July 1
Central Ohio	July	14-16
Minnesota	July	21-22
Eastern Kentucky	July	28-29
Illinois	August	4-6
Houston	August	25-27
South Arkansas	September	8-9
North Arkansas	September	15-16
Georgia	September	22-23

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Los Angeles	May	26-29
Nebraska	June	2-3
Rocky Mountain	June	10-11
West Virginia	July	2-3
Colorado	July	7-8
Eastern Michigan	July	21-23
Western Ohio	July	28-30
Kansas	August	4-6
Indiana	August	11-13
Louisiana	September	1-3

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#### Assembly Schedule

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North	June	2-6
South	June	9-13
New England	June	22-25
New York	July	2-3
Michigan	July	14-16
Northwest Oklahoma	July	28-30
East Tennessee	August	4-5
Chicago Central	August	11-12
Northwest Indiana	August	18-20
Tennessee	August	25-27
Kansas City	September	8-10
Southwest Oklahoma	September	15-17



## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"We are somewhere off the coast of Korea and as I was lying in my bunk trying to get some sleep before going on the early morning watch I couldn't keep from thinking how fortunate I am, and the Lord seemed to lay it upon my heart to write you.

"It has been a great help to me in the past two years to receive the literature that comes to me so faithfully from the publishing house. It has broadened my knowledge a great deal as to what our church teaches and some of the great people in our church from reading the **HERALD OF HOLINESS, the Other Sheep, Conquest, and Come Ye Apart.** The only way I could think of to repay you for your faithfulness is to write and thank you.

"The Lord put conviction upon my heart and in November, 1950, I gave up the pleasures of this old world and gave myself over fully to the Lord. I had just been graduated from high school and was very mixed up as to what I wanted in life. I knew I was going to have to go to the service, so I joined the navy in January, 1952. I was sent to California and found in attending two of our churches in San Diego and one in South Gate that the people had the same old-fashioned religion that I knew at my home church in Auburn, Indiana.

"When I finished my schooling in California, I was sent to a ship that has its home port in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. I thank the Lord for this, because it was here that He spoke to my heart and called me to be a minister of the gospel. Wanting the Lord's will above all things in my life, I gave in immediately to Him. I gained some precious experience in working in our newest church in the Islands, the Central Church in Honolulu. We have spent the last few months in the Japan area and, although I haven't been able to get into contact with any of our missionaries here, I have visited missionaries from other churches and have seen their wonderful work in gaining many converts from the Japanese young people."

—CLARENCE F. GILLESPIE

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## Christ, the Advocate

By C. E. Shumake\*

*We have an advocate with the Father (I John 2:1).*

**I**T IS gloriously possible, by the grace of God, to be saved from sin, and to be kept from sinning. What language could be more emphatic than these words, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7)? Then any attempt to evade this truth and to plead for a continuation of sin in this life is, to say the least, unscriptural; and, to be more emphatic, is minimizing the work of the atonement of Christ.

Yes, it is possible, by the grace of God, to be saved from sin and, by His power in our hearts and our obedience to His Word, to be kept from sinning. And this is true, notwithstanding the fact that we are human, and certainly remain human, even after the grace of God is shed abroad in our hearts. No attempt must ever be made to compromise this doctrine of salvation from all sin.

And God will supply the spiritual power to be kept in just such an experience of grace. And yet, at the same time, Christ is our Advocate with the Father, should sin be committed.

How wonderfully gracious is the plan of God for His children! For, although He does not look with any degree of favor upon sin, and He has

made it possible to be kept from sin, yet, in His mercy "he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust" (Ps. 103:14), and has provided an Advocate for us. God knows that we, being human, are subject to faulty and often weak judgments, and that we are exposed to the awful violence of the tempter. So God has graciously planned that, "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

Jesus maintains a continual presence before the throne of God for His believing children. He is there to support them in every time of need, and to petition for them who with sincerity and true repentance seek forgiveness and acceptance with God. Who could more adequately represent the believer before God's throne than Jesus? We read, "Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest" (Heb. 2:17). He is the believer's Advocate. When we come to God, Jesus pleads our cause and God, for Christ's sake and upon the merit of the Blood that was shed, reconciles the truly repentant unto himself. I shall not go into presumptuous sin; but, should I weaken and falter, I will flee to my Advocate for immediate reconciliation with God. Thank God for our great Advocate!

\*Superintendent of Alabama District