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## The Disillusionment

General Superintendent Young

SOME years ago I heard a saintly mother whisper, "Lord, save him at any price." She was praying for her youngest son, headstrong, careless, and grown indifferent to things of God. This young man of cheerful countenance and resolute step was now on his own. He scorned the restraints of the church and the disciplines of his early home. A long sleep on a Sunday morning after a hard week and a frivolous Saturday night was more appealing than the minister's droning moralities or the church's second-rate music.

As for Mother, she seemed quaint, even archaic. She belonged to another age. He was at ease in society now. His "set" was a bit fast at times, but entertaining and so gay.

Then comes the disillusionment. Gradually his moral strength begins to slip. His indulgences grow out of hand. His home itself begins to quake. Those beautiful vows, "till death us do part," taken at the church's altar, have lost their meaning and glow. The mother of his children—sweetheart of his tender years and queen of his dream home—has betrayed him. Divorce seems the only way out. But what of the children?

He feels utterly helpless, frustrated. In desperation he falls on his knees and sobs articulately. A prayer springs to his lips. Though the sentences are broken, his petition is fervent. No empty, psychological formula now. He struggles against the despair of suicide. He must keep faith with the One who gave him breath. Surely God does make a difference in men's lives. He will try Him again, this time in earnest and with abandon.

The fountain of his deep is broken up; his poverty of spirit is real now. He confesses, "I have sinned." No longer is he blaming someone else. A nearby Christian joins him in prayer. The serenity of this humble saint reassures him. Then he points to that ancient Cross as the source of deliverance. It dawns on the trembling one that this is the price, this is the way. He believes, receives. The load lifts. Peace has come. A new day dawns. Life begins anew.

*At the Cross, at the Cross, where I  
first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled  
away,  
It was there by faith I received my  
sight,  
And now I am happy all the day!*

**"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; . . ." (Matt. 6:33).**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

"Eastern Michigan District forward with Superintendent W. M. McGuire—lovely, wooded, 65-acre lake front purchased for district center; and three new churches by assembly."—Sam Smith, Reporter.

Rev. William Willis has resigned as pastor at Lexington to accept the work of the church at Cozad, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Smith will celebrate their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary on July 8, at their home in East Rockaway, New York. They have been faithful members of the East Rockaway Church of the Nazarene since it was founded by them and others on May 7, 1913. They are loved and appreciated by their children, and many friends of the church and the community. Their address: 45 Ryder, Lynbrook, L.I., New York.

Rev. Bob Fitzgerald, mid-term graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, is now pastoring the church at Valentine, Nebraska.

Pastor D. D. Palmer sends word from Canton, Ohio: "A revival spirit was present from the first service in a thirteen-day meeting held at First Church. Rev. Leila Dell Miller preached with unction—conviction was manifest in every service—many found peace—the church was revived and blessed. Miss Miller has been called for a third meeting."

Rev. Donald Lowry has resigned as pastor at Albion to accept the work of the church in Hemingford, Nebraska.

Rev. Alvin Maule has resigned as pastor of the Crown Heights Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to accept the work of the Central Church in Omaha, Nebraska.

Rev. Norvil S. Nelson has resigned as pastor of the church in Cozad, Nebraska, to accept a call to pastor the church in Prescott, Arizona.

Rev. Sherman Taylor, a graduate of Bethany Nazarene College, has accepted a call to pastor the church in Albion, Nebraska.

Feeling it was the will of the Lord, Rev. George L. Fitch has resigned as pastor of the church in Larimore, North Dakota, and moved to Ellensburg, Washington, to accept the call to pastor the church there.

Rev. Robert E. Hollis has resigned as pastor of the church at Center, Texas, to accept a call to the church at Chandler, Oklahoma.

Rev. Tommy Korb, of Kirwin, Kansas, has accepted the call to pastor the church at Norfolk, Nebraska.

Rev. Norman Lowry, of the Idaho-Oregon District, has accepted a call to pastor the church at St. Edwards, Nebraska.

## WHO

### Will Take Dr. Chalfant's Place?

WHO WILL take Dr. E. O. Chalfant's place—as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene? No, there are younger men to fill in this gap, to deliver the Word of God from the 4,200 Nazarene pulpits.

Who will take Dr. Chalfant's place—as a leader in the denomination? No, there are others who can fill his vacancy as a district superintendent and as a member of various boards. The Church of the Nazarene will miss him in these capacities but there are others to take his place.

Who will take Dr. Chalfant's place in praying each day for the general superintendents as they travel the forty-eight states and the twenty-six mission fields?

Who will take Dr. Chalfant's place in praying every day for each member of the families of our five general superintendents?

Who will take Dr. Chalfant's place in praying daily for the widows of our past general superintendents?

Who will take Dr. Chalfant's place?—R. QUANSTROM, Pastor, Westerville, Ohio.

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## SICK CHICKENS

By Pauline E. Spray\*

WHEN we were first married, we lived with my husband's parents for a time. They raised chickens. This was an enjoyable vocation as long as everything was going well. However, sickness sometimes struck the flock and caused much anxiety and distress. One chicken and then another would become ill, until the proper medication was given and the disease brought under control. Severe loss was often suffered. Contagious diseases can be very destructive.

Have you ever seen Christians who reminded you of "sick chickens"? I have. And I may as well confess I have felt condemned for going around with my own "head down" and my own "feathers drooping."

Have you known those who felt as if they were without hope, that all was futile, and they were about to die in despair?

Shame on us if we succumb to despondency. How grieved our Heavenly Father must be with His children who fail to trust Him completely! Why should we ever allow ourselves to become "blue" or discouraged, when we have access to every promise in God's Word?

If we are weary, we can claim: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

If our strength is waning, we can rest assured in His promise: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: . . . I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

Let us search the Scriptures. There is abundant help for every need if we will only take God's promises for our very own and believe them implicitly. With this medication, there should be no "sick chickens."

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## YOUR JOB

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin

*The only way to do that job  
Is just to stop and do it.  
If you keep on with other things,  
You'll surely come to rue it.*

*Perhaps it's visiting a friend,  
Or writing a cheery letter.  
Again, perhaps you ought to read,  
Or pray to make you better.*

*Whate'er it is, if it must be done,  
Do it now, my sister, brother;  
For no one else can do your job.  
It's yours, and not another's!*

# The Aftermath in Britain

General Superintendent Young

I HAVE had a good opportunity for the past two weeks in Britain to observe the aftermath to the Billy Graham revival meetings in this country. The sum total of the reports received has been good. Nearly all of our churches have received some benefit, both specific and general.

One young pastor in the North District reported concerning the Glasgow campaign that he had received twenty-one cards of converts out of the meeting and that, of these, twenty are still going on. This pastor was especially wise and aggressive in giving out the admission tickets to his people. He pointed out that the meeting was not simply for the saints but especially for the sinners. He hired a bus several times to make the journey and out of the first three trips made, carrying a total of ninety-nine passengers, some seventy-five were unsaved and unchurched.

Our Nazarenes in Britain are getting "On the Knocker"—the Crusade for Souls now is catching fire. The Billy Graham meetings have helped us.

The assemblies in both South and North districts were hindered some by the railway strike—especially the attendance of visitors during the week end. But a spirit of unity, devotion, and optimism prevailed. District Superintendent J. B. MacLagan received an enthusiastic vote in London, and Dr. George Frame was not a bit behind in the Glasgow vote. Both of them obtained a healthy margin above the required two-thirds vote.

I also witnessed the aftermath to the union with the International Holiness Mission, which was consummated in 1952. I was persuaded that these brethren and the Church of the Nazarene are indeed one. Missionaries from both groups were there, including Dr. and Mrs. David Hynd and Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Bedwell from Africa. I could scarcely identify the historic background of the various pastors; all are working together harmoniously. There has been a healthy exchange of pastors between the North and South districts. All are convinced that the union of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene is of God.

A new merger is now before us; this time with the Calvary Holiness church. The consummation is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, at Manchester, England. I will write about this next week.

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## The Ever-present Help

*When I am ill at ease, I talk to God,  
Just as I would to any loving friend.  
And if I have a problem in my heart,  
I tell it from beginning to the end;  
And frequently, before I'm halfway through  
New ways to meet the problem come to view.*

—A. M. BARR

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Ps. 119:105).*

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## Holiness: Spiritual Health

By Sylvester A. Smith\*

WE ALL want to be well. Good health is the one priceless physical blessing. Thousands of sufferers look back to well days and gladly offer everything they possess in exchange for such times once again.

This is a fact equally true in the spiritual realm. If one could really know what spiritual wholeness is, he would find within himself a natural craving for it. It is too bad that thousands who were once spiritually well are now spiritually ill. The memory of those wonderful days in the past rises up to haunt them by night and day.

Many with physical ills have no substantial hope of ever being well again. Money has been spent, physicians have been consulted, and time has passed without remedy. Slowly but surely the awareness of their hopelessness dawns on them. At times the struggle that such persons put up in order to live is a demonstration of the finest courage possible. Hope for health having been given up, they set themselves to making the best of what is left.

Those with spiritual illness sometimes feel that their sickness is hopeless too. Either no one has ever told them, or they haven't been able to bring themselves to the place where they can believe, that *there are no hopeless spiritual maladies*. But really, anyone who is sick with the disease of sin may be made whole again.

One in the scriptural record asked the questions: "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?" Those questions might well come from the heart of every backslider who has ever attempted either self or social recovery, and failed. Such a person needs to be told that God has appointed Jesus Christ from heaven to diagnose spiritual sickness and to prescribe its remedy. He's a Physician with plenty of experience, for He has been in the business ever since spiritual disease afflicted the souls of men. He cannot cure those who refuse His directions; but with those who have given co-operation to Him, He has never lost a case.

Thousands with their sense of hopelessness have applied to Him. He has taken them without money and without price; and while many physicians prescribe huge numbers of treatments, Jesus does His work in two. He touched a blind man twice. The first time, the man could see men as trees walking; the second, his sight was perfectly restored. Christ *saves* the spiritually sick in the first work of grace; He *sanctifies* him in the second. Thus the spiritually sick are made perfectly whole. Holiness is spiritual health. "Wilt thou be made whole?"

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## The Conversion and

# Sanctification of St. Paul

By E. E. Wordsworth\*

IT IS conceded by Christians everywhere that the conversion of the Apostle Paul to the Christian faith was the greatest conversion of the Christian era. Other notable and eminent saints have made a mighty impact on the world, it is true, but none equals the life, character, and influence of the great apostle. He stands out like a giant above his fellows, or a Mt. Rainier above the surrounding lesser peaks. But what wrought the mighty change in the heart and life of this man that affected the centuries? How was he converted and sanctified? Let us first take a good look at his conversion.

*It was a wholly unexpected conversion.* "And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, . . . that . . . he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem" (Acts 9:1-2). He was violently angry, filled with agitated, cruel emotions, and intent on brutal murder and punishment. Many a person has gone to a revival, camp meeting, or regular church service with no intention of getting saved, and there met the Saviour.

His conversion involved a change of creed. Before the Damascus road experience he was a strict Pharisee, a legalist, but also a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a hater of "the way." After the light broke into his soul he became a true believer in Christ, a devout worshiper of the Man of Galilee and the middle cross, and his former Jewish creed was changed to genuine saving faith and he became a Nazarene (Acts 24:5). He now believed in the deity of Christ, and preached "that he is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20).

*Paul's conversion also wrought in him a change of moral nature and purpose.* From being a persecutor of Christ, he became a missionary to the world. It was near Damascus, perhaps only a mile away as some think, where this mighty moral and spiritual change took place. Anyway, from a

fiery volcano breathing out destruction, to a humble saint and disciple of Christ, reveals a radical change.

*His was an instantaneous conversion.* "And suddenly" (Acts 9:3). It was not by a process of evolution but by revelation. The light appeared; the voice spoke to him; Christ made himself known and Saul of Tarsus knew it was none other than Jesus, the Nazarene (Acts 22:8). A professor said: "It was just a sunstroke that Paul had in that hot climate." No, he was struck with the Sun of Righteousness and he never got over it!

*His conversion wrought a change of allegiance, spirit, prayer life, and fellowship.* From doing what he thought within himself he ought to do he was transformed into doing the will of Christ. "What shall I do, Lord?" From being exceedingly mad against the disciples to a devoted servant of Christ, a proclaimer of love, patience, and long-suffering. From a formal, legalistic type of prayer life to one of consecrated worship of Christ. "Behold, he prayeth." From intimate fellowship with high priests and sacerdotalism to comradeship with humble fishermen and craftsmen.

*It was a permanent change, a lasting conversion.* From the ancient road in Damascus to Nero's dungeon and place of execution, he never wavered. His brave soul carried on until his life's work was finished. And his life and ministry affected the Roman Empire, the whole world, and the oncoming centuries; yea, all eternity!

But not only was Saul of Tarsus converted; he was also *blessedly sanctified*, and that as a *definite second work of grace*. In the house of Judas on the street called Straight in the city of Damascus the praying Saul is filled with the Holy Ghost just three days following his miraculous conversion. Ananias, a devout servant of Christ, is sent to him and given a specific mission, "that he might receive his sight, . . . and be filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 9:12-17). The Holy Ghost never sends a man "on a wild goose chase." The fullness of the Spirit means being sanctified. It is said of the 120 in the Upper Room, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost"; and of Stephen, "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost." And this language is employed by the Spirit repeatedly, designating the obtainment and possession of entire sanctification.

Paul, after praying three days with fasting and weeping, was completely subdued and ready for the infilling of the Spirit. Dr. J. B. Chapman was sanctified the day following his conversion. The time element is not very important. It was only eleven days' journey from Horeb to Kadesh, the southwestern extremity of the Land of Canaan, and God planned for Israel to hasten into the Land of Promise. There is no virtue in delay. Notice some facts about Paul's sanctification.

*It was three days after his conversion.* Saul had been praying during this period and there was revealed unto him his life's work and the ministry of his sufferings for Christ. "The natural man

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## I Do Not Ask an Easy Road

By Anna M. Gilleland

*The burden of my daily prayer  
Is for humility,  
And grace to do the Father's will  
Whatever that may be.  
I do not ask an easy road  
Or deliverance from pain,  
But for the Spirit as my Guide,  
That I labor not in vain,  
But help the lost and erring ones  
To know the peace of God,  
And walk the straight and narrow way  
That saints before have trod.*

receiveth not the things of the Spirit" (I Cor. 2:14).

*It was at another place.* Converted on the Damascus road, sanctified in the city of Damascus in a home on Straight Street. Regenerated on the highway, the place of travel, and sanctified in the quietness of the home. They were "sitting" when the first Pentecost came (Acts 2:2).

*It was attended by a physical miracle.* "And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized" (Acts 9:18). Paul had been blinded for three days since his conversion, but now the scales are suddenly taken off and vision is restored. Sanctification is good for the body and the soul.

*God used human instrumentality in the case of his sanctification.* Ananias was definitely sent and commissioned. Peter and John went to Samaria to help in Philip's revival. Peter went to the house of Cornelius and they received the Holy Ghost. And Ananias went to this home in order that this apostle might be filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. From this day on, Paul became the great proclaimer of what is now often called Christian perfection, entire sanctification, the baptism with the Spirit, perfect love, and Christian holiness. "Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

## Outer Decay—Inner Renewal

By H. H. Smith\*

**WE** SHOULD thank God for the Apostle Paul and his ministry at Corinth. What a wealth of scripture we have in First and Second Corinthians! In First Corinthians, chapter 13, we have that wonderful poem on love, and in the fifteenth chapter we have that profound discourse on the resurrection. In Second Corinthians, Paul is driven to defend his apostleship, and this leads him to speak of the glory, the comfort, and the inspiration of the ministry. And in this connection he seems to be speaking a word of comfort to himself, but this word of comfort is a spiritual truth that applies to every follower of the Lord Jesus Christ; and Christians today may rejoice and thank God for it. Says the Apostle: "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day" (II Cor. 4:16, R.S.V.).

### MORE THAN CONQUEROR

A Christian lady, on the threshold of life and looking forward to a promising career, found herself an invalid, helpless and confined to her bed with an incurable spinal trouble. It was a great trial, but through the guidance of an understanding pastor she fully committed herself to God and found joy and peace such as she had never experienced before. So radiant was her

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spirit that all who came in contact with her received spiritual uplift.

She longed for others to share her spiritual joy, especially those living in non-Christian lands. This led her to become deeply interested in foreign missions. Though confined to her bed, she was enabled, through her courageous spirit, to make a fine, silk bed quilt and also make silk book-marks, with scripture verses printed on them, which she sold and used the proceeds to carry on mission work in foreign lands. Thousands of dollars was raised and several missionaries sent out. When people heard of her sacrificial efforts they gladly supported her work, and the result was that thousands were brought to Christ through her bedside ministry.

When she reached middle age, God called her home. Her going away was nothing less than triumphant. To her loved ones at her bedside she said, "Do not weep. It is sweet to die and go home." One who knew her well said of her: "Her consecration, her spiritual victories, and her continued service of love in long-continued suffering sent forth an educational and inspirational influence to the ends of the earth."

The life of Lizzie Johnson—for that was her name—is a fine example of Paul's teaching about the "outer nature . . . wasting away," and the "inner nature . . . being renewed day by day." This renewing of the inner nature, while the body is wasting away, is a most heartening thought, as the Christian looks forward to the life beyond the grave. The true life of the Christian is revealed in those soul qualities which Paul calls the fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal. 5:22, R.S.V.). The body, with its weaknesses, is numbered among transient (temporal) things; but the inner nature, the true Christian character, manifested by love, joy, goodness, etc., is eternal—abides forever.

The Christian should take heart and joyfully repeat with Paul: "Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient but the things that are unseen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:16-18, R.S.V.).

# I AM Changing My Place of Residence

By R. A. Wilkinson\*

I HAVE had the opportunity to travel some of late years. I have been in forty-six states, in Canada, and in ten countries of Latin America; and wherever I have been, I have wondered if I should like to live there. Some of the places were very beautiful and had many attractions and advantages. In some countries one can live very inexpensively. Many of the peoples are kind and friendly.

But in every place I have been, there was something that didn't suit me. In one locality the summers are too warm; in another there are tornadoes. Some places have too many mosquitoes and other pests. Some are too flat to be interesting, some too mountainous, some too swampy, some too cold or wet or dry. Some lack good roads and modern conveniences; in short, no place exactly suited me.

Maybe I'm too particular. However, I don't feel that I want to make my permanent residence anywhere I've been. Even in southern California, which many people who live here or who have visited think the finest place in which to live, almost an Eden—even it has its earthquakes, its smog, its storms and frosts. No, I don't think I should like to live here always.

I have a Friend who came from a far country. He didn't stay long, but soon went back home, for He said it was far better where He came from. He recommended the place to me. It seems that the climate there is perfect; the inhabitants likewise are perfect. The place is very healthful; there is no sickness there, no tragedy, no poverty, no weeping nor sighing. Everyone lives to a grand old age. In fact, there are no cemeteries—none are needed; and the scenery is beyond compare.

My Friend, whom I have grown to love very much and who loves me dearly, as He has proved more than once, left me a map of the road to that country; and He told me that if I would take that road and come to His country, He would have a place ready for me—a mansion, in fact. And He said I might become a citizen of His land and live there permanently. He gave me a very pressing invitation, for He wants me to live close to Him.

After reading His description of the place and its inhabitants, and considering His past kindness to me and His great love for me, I decided that that was the very place I wanted to live always. And so I have given up my citizenship here, sold off my goods, and set out for that far country.

My Friend tells me to leave all baggage and other possessions behind, as He will furnish everything I need over there, and it will all be much better than I now have. My money, however, and a few other things He advises me to send on

ahead. He says He can use them to beautify my mansion and grounds, and as I can't take them with me, I'm following His advice. He says I won't need money over there, for everything is provided.

I find that the way is very narrow. That is the reason one cannot take baggage along. Some of the people who are contemplating going there—for my Friend has invited others, many others besides me—say that the road is too narrow and too rough, and they think they can find an easier way. I doubt whether the wider, smoother road there are following will get them there, but they say, "All roads lead to Rome." However, I'm not going to Rome. And my Friend wrote on the map, "This is the way, walk ye in it." So I think I'll be on the safe side and follow His instructions. He traveled this road when He went back home, so I'm sure it will take me where I want to go.

I had a few possessions that I had accumulated at considerable cost, and I didn't like to give them up. But I'm glad now that I did. I find that I get along better without them. And I had some friends that I didn't like to leave. To be sure, there were things on which we didn't agree. They got on my nerves at times with their frivolity and lack of purpose. But they were jolly good fellows and I hesitated to give them up. They thought I was crazy to take such a long journey to an uncertain place.

I'm glad now that I left them and started for the new country; for do you know, I've found many pilgrims along the road that are more congenial than my former friends? This is natural, I suppose, for we all have the same purpose and determination and the same goal. So we go along singing and talking of our future home and our mutual Friend, and we help one another over the rough spots and rejoice with one another when someone finds some special cause for happiness. In fact, we are all like brothers and sisters. There is not a mean nor a wicked person to be found anywhere on this road. How I do like to travel with such a noble company of pilgrims!

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## LITTLE TASKS

By Clara M. Morrison

*Thank You, God, for the little tasks,  
The things that fit our need,  
Yet somehow lift another's load,  
Because of some small deed.*

*Thank You, God, for the little tasks  
That teach us of Thy grace,  
That weave a melody in life  
Through glimpses of Thy face.*

*Thank You, God for the little tasks  
That impregnate each need;  
For oftentimes the little tasks  
Are scattered bits of holy seed.*

\*Nazarene Layman, Brawley, Calif.

I have been on this road for some time now, and I don't find the way too narrow. It is rough at times; but I have learned that, by reading the instructions that my Friend and some of His companions left behind, I can overcome all difficulties. And my fellow travelers help, for we have been told to bear one another's burdens.

The way is beginning to get brighter as we get nearer to our destination. Far in the distance on the horizon there seems to be a glow in the sky like the halo reflected from the lights of a great city. It is said to be caused by the radiance of our future home, the New Jerusalem. The nearer we come, the brighter it grows and the plainer the way. And some of the pilgrims are so anxious to get there that they quicken their pace and break forth in songs and shouts, and some weep for joy. And once in a while the breeze brings us a bit of celestial harmony, the sound of golden harps, and a snatch of song from angel voices. And at times we detect the perfume of wonderful flowers as yet unknown to us.

You ask me if I'm glad I'm on this road? If I'm ever tempted to turn back? How can you ask such a foolish question? Certainly not! This is the most wonderful thing that has ever come into my life. I have only one regret: that I have been able to induce so few of my former friends and acquaintances to accompany me on this journey to my future "Home, Sweet Home."

## "COME, SEE"

(A Meditation on John 4:28)

By Jessie Whiteside Finks\*

**T**H**ERE** is a birdbath within view of my window. My feathered friends enjoy it, so I like to watch it. They come and go and seem to tell their friends, for others come; and then all chirp their thanks for cleansing and for drink. From their antics you would think they knew that I was watching.

They are so plainly disappointed when I perchance neglect my duty that I reproach myself and hasten out with broom and basin to wash and to refill. Then to my easy chair I go and sit quite still while they splash around until most of the water is on the ground and I must needs return and fill. Their happiness, however, amply repays for all the trouble that they cause.

Then it is that I think on the Fountain ever flowing and which washes whiter than snow. I wonder if I tell my friends that I have knowledge of this Fountain. Do I sing about it happily and work lovingly to bring others? Christ at the well in Sychar said to the woman there, "If thou knewest"—so I know that it is all-important.

Oh, help me, Lord, to search my heart! Perhaps then I shall leave earth's waterpots and go tell others of this Fountain and lovingly bid them, "Come, see," as did my sister in Samaria.

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The need is not smaller waves—

## But "Bigger Men"

By Milo L. Arnold\*

*O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?* (Matt. 14:31.)

**W**HAT a sharp rebuke for the Lord to give to the half-drowned disciple who had dared to try walking the waves at His command and had failed! The Master stilled the tempest, calmed the sea, and then rebuked the bewildered and frightened disciple. Why should He rebuke him thus?

Could it be that Jesus had hoped that the disciples would have sufficient faith that in obedience to His call they would walk those waves? Could it be that He had permitted that storm in order to teach them a big lesson in life? Could He be trying to teach them to walk on storms and lose their fear? He worked a great miracle when He stilled the waves, and Christians of every generation have rejoiced in it. Our faith is stimulated by it, but how much more would the disciples and the world have been inspired if the disciples had stepped out in fearless faith and ridden the storm!

It was to God's glory that He could still the storm, but it would have been more to His glory to have made His disciples masters of the storm. His first plan was to make the men big enough for the storm, but He settled for a second choice of making the storm small enough for the men.

God will not suffer us to be tempted above what we are able, and He will still the tempest when He sees that we can bear no more, but our ability to bear the temptation enables Him to enlarge our souls. It would have been a great miracle if God had removed the thorn in the flesh for Paul, but it was a bigger miracle when He made Paul big enough to live with that thorn. Great souls are not made by stilling tempests but by enabling men to walk on them.

It would have been a great miracle for God to have heard prayer and given Fanny Crosby her eyes, but it would have been less a miracle than He performed by making her able to live with her affliction. It is a small thing with God to still a storm, but it is a big thing to build a man. Stormy seas have never been a problem to God, but small men have always been a problem.

I wonder if we are not often guilty of demanding of God that He give us His second choice rather than His first. We often feel we have won a victory of faith when the problem is removed, the tempest is stilled. But really the biggest victory would have been to walk ahead with the wind in our faces, the breakers roaring about us, the waves surging beneath us, and our hearts confident because we had discovered that God's grace was sufficient and He would see us through, even in the midst of the storm!

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## What Killed the Snake?

WHAT killed the snake? A rock, a hoe, a shovel? No, something very small—a cigarette.

At the New York District boys' camp, ninety-five boys and workers watched a snake die by being fed the nicotine from a cigarette. Everyone knows it is hard to kill a snake; he will wiggle and squirm for a long time, but this snake died in a matter of minutes.

When the boys were asked by the leader if they were going to smoke cigarettes, they yelled in a loud voice, "No." We trust they never will and also all the boys and girls reading these few words, "How did the snake die?"—Mrs. R. J. KIRKLAND, *Beacon, New York*.

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## Sin IS Deceiving!

By Don E. Conrad\*

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? (Jer. 17:9.)*

THIS VERSE is hid away like a nugget here in Jeremiah, in the midst of a long discourse on the moral and spiritual condition of Israel and Judah, God's own chosen people. They had left the old landmarks their fathers had given them, substituted for reality in religion a cheap, easy, modern, lifeless ecclesiastical form. "They have forsaken me the fountain of living water, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13). This condition, of course, brought a state of degeneration and loss of purity. "Thou hast played the harlot with many lovers" (Jer. 3:1). When the Church stoops in compromise to the world and tries to bring light and darkness together, the results are startling.

Let us take a look at the church of Laodicea in Revelation, which represents the Church in the last stage of history before Jesus comes. Their love was only lukewarm, not hot nor cold, but just at the stage where they nauseated God. They could boast only of their wealth, but when it came to spirituality they could not see the needs around them. They were poor in spirit; miserable because they were lean in soul and not fat; and naked because they had not on the robe of God's righteousness. Like Israel, this church had forgotten God for days without number. It is hard to fathom how a people who had loved God could stoop to such a state, but nevertheless it was true.

This all came about when they would not listen to the voice of God, but turned their selfish faces like a stone in opposition to His holiness. Oh, this thing called inbred sin, which has caused men across the centuries immense suffering and pain in their spiritual struggles, has brought many down in spiritual defeat and eternal death!

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May the Lord help many to find the old paths, walk in them, for they are the good way, and a haven of rest for the struggling soul.

Let us as a church in our day continue to proclaim this burning, flaming full-gospel message, which can be faithfully trusted as the only answer in defeating this deceitful wretch in the souls of men called *sin*.

## When the Lord Sanctified Me

By Mrs. Elmer G. Peterson\*

I AM writing about my experience of sanctification in the hope that it may help some who have been seeking heart purity but have not yet received it. I feel that we should be preparing for the Lord's return, which may be soon. The Scriptures teach that without holiness no man shall see the Lord.

On February 27, 1935, I was sanctified wholly—just twenty-five years and one month after that never-to-be-forgotten experience of conversion that I received when I was a girl of thirteen years.

About three years after I was converted, a holiness evangelist was secured through the Iowa Holiness Association to hold a two-week revival meeting in our little country church. This was the first time that I received light on holiness. I sought the experience but did not receive it because I was not sure of my justification. I never doubted my conversion because that was so real; but I had neglected reading my Bible and praying, and I had not always been truthful. I went through a period of darkness, as I did not know just where I stood. At times my heart was heavy. Jesus said, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" (Matt. 6:23.)

After graduating from high school I taught school for two years and then enrolled at Central Holiness University, University Park, Iowa. Here I thought I should get straightened out spiritually, so I was at the altar in the first revival meeting. I believe that the Lord did bless me but still I was not satisfied. In the winter revival I was determined to pray until the Lord heard me. However, at the end of the week, I was still downcast and unbelieving. In this state I attended an early morning prayer meeting that we girls held in the dormitory. My friend, Martha, one of the more spiritual girls, perceiving that I did not have the victory, spoke to me, "Are you sure you did not receive a blessing during the meeting in the fall? I thought you did." I told her I didn't know. But I went to my room, knelt by my cot, and cried, "O Lord, I wish I could believe that." Then as plainly as if someone had spoken to me I heard the words, "You can, My child. It's all right between us."

\*Corwith, Iowa



## SILENT PRAYER

By Ella McCandless White

*O Christian, be quiet in the house of God;  
Tread softly, for this is a holy place.  
We might unload our burden of care,  
We might meet our Saviour face to face,  
If we could but find it in our hearts to spend  
A little more time in silent prayer.*

*"Be still, and know that I am God."  
Repent; accept God's gift of grace.  
We might find a pearl of beauty rare,  
We might with His help win the race,  
If we could but find it in our hearts to know  
We give God best praise in silent prayer.*

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Now the doubts were settled and I was right with the Lord. I believe that if I had consecrated fully then, I would have come into the "fulness of the blessing" much sooner. But Satan deceived me and I thought that I was sanctified. Although there were times when I felt that I was scarcely measuring up to the standard as I saw it exemplified in the lives of God's holy people, I didn't want to admit that I needed anything more in the way of a work of grace.

I regret to think how I stumbled along for years, trying to keep the victory but being so often defeated. I do not know just when I recognized my need of a clean heart and began seeking it, but I do know that it seemed hard to get. Now I see some things that led up to my final decision to seek it and find it no matter what the cost might be.

I had been married six years and we were living in a lonesome country place in southwest Iowa. That fall I remember that I was reading in the Book of Revelation—a favorite study of mine. I was fascinated with the thought of "the things that are to come hereafter." But when I read about the holy city and that it said, "There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, . . . or maketh a lie" (Rev. 21:27), I realized that I was not prepared to enter there.

We had three children. I loved them and thought that I should never be angry with them—but sometimes I was. And once when I became angry with the boy and slapped and scolded him, I felt that it was "uncalled for" and admitted to myself that it was the carnal nature that caused me to do it. I could excuse it no longer. I must have a clean heart for my children's sake.

Still another thing that deepened my conviction was that at the beginning of the year I began reading the *Christian Witness*, for which we had subscribed as our Christmas present. I literally devoured that little paper, reading the articles on holiness, the experiences of others, and the obituaries of saints. Oh, how hungry I was! I said, "I must have it." One phrase stood out as a watchword, "You can walk with Christ along the River of Life if you will pay the price." After a talk with my husband in which I confessed my lack, I said to myself, There is only one remedy, and that is through prayer. *I will pray.*

It's true the devil tempted me at every turn, but Jesus was greater and He helped me. He is kind and good to those who seek.

The devil said, "How can you expect to get it now after so long a time, and after having had so much light?" I said, "I know I've wasted a lot of time, but so long as I feel conviction there is hope and I'm going to pray."

"It will take so long you'll become discouraged," he said. My answer was, "I'll pray for a year, if need be, but God never denies an earnest seeker."

"You professed it before—what are you going to do about that? You will have to confess to the folks back home and they will think you are losing your mind." That was a hard one, but the

thought came to me, Whatever the past has been, that doesn't matter now. I know I need a clean heart, and I'm going to pray for it.

The only time I had for praying without being disturbed was after the family had retired at night. Sometimes I was so sleepy I would have to retire myself. I continued praying daily and, after confessing all the sins I could think of (I wasn't going to leave a stone unturned), I felt the Lord had forgiven me and I was gaining ground. I felt depressed when I saw the sinfulness of my nature, but my heart seemed to be looking forward to something new and wonderful.

Then one evening after I had been seeking for scarcely three weeks I was planning to have my prayer hour as usual but was tired. So I finished my work, put the children to bed, and lay down for a nap. It was 9:45 p.m. when I awoke, and my husband had retired. I went out into the kitchen but the fire had gone out and the devil suggested, "You might as well get ready for bed now." But after feeding the baby I was quite wide awake, so I put on my warm coat and knelt by a chair in the kitchen to pray.

I was consecrating myself as best I could; my heart was full of longing. After a while the thought came to me, God is near. "Yes," I cried, "He isn't very far away," and then, "I am Thine, Lord, Thine, forevermore." And the blessing came. There I sat with the tears rolling down my cheeks as wave after wave of God's love poured into my soul, and my body seemed so frail I thought I could not hold it all. I could do nothing but repeat again and again, "I am Thine, forevermore"; and, oh, how I wanted to praise Him! Then the baby cried and after caring for her it was twelve o'clock, so I went to bed.

The next morning I awoke with a quiet peace in my heart, such as I had never known before. For days after that I was singing the praises of God. Instead of the carnal impatience, angry stirrings, self-will, and the like, there was a joyous submission to His will. Oh, how happy I was! Why didn't I find it before? How could I have been so blind? My great desire was to be true to

my Saviour. I was freed from the bondage of sin and the fear of death, and I could sing with new hope:

*Someday the silver chord will break,  
And I no more as now shall sing;  
But, oh, the joy when I shall wake  
Within the palace of the King!*

With an enlightened mind I now read the Scriptures, and delighted in following the wanderings of the children of Israel through the wilderness until they finally crossed over the Jordan into the Promised Land. It seemed to describe my experience, and now my desert wanderings were o'er, and I had entered into Canaan Land.

I found also that my prayer life was helped. I could get victory over my trials. With a burden I could pray for others, expecting God to answer, since I could pray in the Spirit.

Dear Christian friend, I pray that you, too, may let the Lord lead you into this wonderful experience, which grows better as the years go by.

*When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will,  
He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.*

## YOUR VICTORY—

### Just How Much Does It Matter?

By Mary E. Cove\*

NOT THOSE of you in strategic positions—not especially those who are leaders; but those who may be shut-ins, housewives, or routine workers, not much noticed—just the common, out-of-sight people. There are thousands of us like that—men and women, young and old. Does it matter much, after all, if you and I don't have victory, just for this hour? Hardly anyone will know; it doesn't seem at first thought as if anyone would be affected, one way or another.

But wait a minute. If you had listened, as our College Church in Wollaston, Massachusetts, listened, a while back, to the striking message by Dr. Roy Swim on "Power and Engineering," you would have done what I did later on—think about it.

So today, being now one of those "out-of-sight" people, I thought: For what purpose shall I hitch onto this great Power for today? I'm not going anywhere, nor doing anything important. What can I claim it for? How much will it matter if I offer the "sacrifice of praise" when I don't feel like it; or pray when I'm not especially inspired; or will to look up and trust when tempted to discouragement or fear or doubt? How much will it matter if I forget myself and try to help some-

body, even if that one doesn't seem to care; or if I am patient and kind instead of impatient and thoughtless? These little high points of victory, when nobody knows—how much, how much do they matter?

Well, in the light of Paul's words about available power, it looks as if my little unseen victory mattered enough to *reach around the world!* Figure it out this way: There is a world-wide battle going on against a mighty enemy, "the prince of the power of the air," Satan, with his countless hosts. Some of his accomplices are fighting at strategic points, such as revival centers, or places where he has produced great church problems, and even national and political crises. There the powers of darkness make a desperate attempt to break down the forces for God and righteousness. Holy men and women fight bravely at these important battle centers. But *supplies* must flow in fast and without letup to these embattled warriors—not only men and money but wave after wave of mighty power, driving back, hour by hour, the attacking hosts of Satan.

In some places so grave is the contest that only an hour's cessation of those incoming storms of attack by the "chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof"—and the battle might be lost, with dreadful consequences.

But where do you and I come in, we who are the "hidden-away-ones"? Just here—you put to flight every tempting enemy where you are; clear the air and win the victory this hour. I'll win out where I live—this hour. Hundreds of thousands of unseen, common folks, at the same time, beat back the forces of Satan, each in his own little area. Don't you see what happens? The forces of light and power, in points all over the world, are freed to rise against the world-wide forces of darkness and put them to flight. My

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## CRUSADING FOR SOULS

By Marvin S. Cooper

*"Crusading for Souls" is the theme;  
Yea, more, it's our solemn task—  
For if we fail to win them now,  
Their doom will come at last.*

*'Tis not enough to pray and give.  
"Go ye," was Christ's command—  
Until His glorious gospel truth  
Is heard in every land.*

*The hour is late. 'Tis even now;  
The time we dare not waste—  
The desperate calls from perishing souls  
More than demand our haste.*

*We must gird quickly for the task,  
That scores be brought into the fold,  
This is not a dress parade—  
We are "crusading now" for souls.*

\*Wollaston, Mass.

little victory here, plus yours, and yours, and yours, will produce by the mighty Spirit of God a total power that will reach to the beleaguered workers far and near, and bring help and relief and victory just in the nick of time.

As you and I fail, in this hour, to link onto His grace and defeat the enemy, just so much might it matter in the total success of the world-wide kingdom of God. Let us not leave the battle to our leaders, but in the home, the office, on the street, in the workshop, let us persist in keeping perfect victory. As we do, it will be like that great power plant at the immense dam in the West. As individuals here and there touch switches and make connection, unbelievable streams of electric power and light pour out over hundreds of miles. If all of us will keep making connection with God, out over the world will pour streams of light and life. Yes, it *matters much* if you and I win the victory, just now.

## NOTICE

**FREE—YES, Absolutely Free**, to all ministers of the Church of the Nazarene, regardless of age and earnings, who qualify for and participate in the Social Security program:

\$1,000.00 (reduced to \$500.00 at age sixty-five) group insurance policy with premium paid by the N.M.B.F.

A letter giving more detailed information on the matter and requesting necessary information for our office and the insurance companies has been mailed to you. If you have not received this letter by July 1, write us and we will mail you another copy.

Board of Pensions of the  
Church of the Nazarene  
T. W. WILLINGHAM  
Executive Secretary

# HOME MISSIONS and EVANGELISM

## Prayer Request

**R**EV. Charles H. Strickland, superintendent of the South Africa District (European), has been ordered by the doctor to take an immediate rest for at least two months due to a serious coronary condition and a blood deficiency. Brother Strickland is making plans to rest the months of July and August. Prayer is requested for his complete recovery.

## New Church

District Superintendent W. D. McGraw, Jr., organized the Milwaukie church on June 6 in the Portland Moreland Church. Three other Portland churches gave members to this new church. An excellent property has been purchased by the district, with the aid of the \$2.00 Club, and a building will be erected soon through the district revolving fund. This is the fourteenth new church this quadrennium for the Oregon Pacific District.

## Gains in Alaska

On Easter Sunday, 1954, there were 862 people present in all our Alaskan Sunday schools. This year, a goal of 1,000 was set. There were 970 present in Sunday school and 1,051 for the morning worship service in our seven Alaska churches. They gave \$1,448.60 in the Easter offering for missions. Nineteen new members were received into these churches on that day.

These are glorious statistics when we stop to realize that just six years

ago, in 1949, we had only two churches in all of Alaska. Now there are seven churches in six cities, and Rev. and Mrs. S. Trueman Shelton, of Fullerton, California, are now on their way to open our work in another town, Sitka, in southern Alaska, appointed by General Superintendent G. B. Williamson. Plans have also been made for starting our second church in Anchorage this year. There are now 306 Nazarenes in Alaska, a remarkable gain of 52 during the assembly year.

Most of all, we would give praise to God for this growth in Alaska, but we would not overlook credit that is due our splendid pastors in our farthest north district, who have sacrificed and toiled for the establishing of the work, but have maintained a glorious vision for the future. And we would also mention the fine corps of Nazarene laymen who have made possible the gains by their co-operation, prayers, money, and faithfulness. God bless them every one!

## Home Missions Pays!

We know that our home-missions endeavor is one of the great chapters in the history of the Church of the Nazarene, and continues to be so today. Now and then it is well to remind ourselves of how much we owe to home missions for the progress of our church today. The following is quoted from the January, 1955, issue of the *Northwest Nazarene*, monthly paper of the Northwest District:

## ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

"In a little more than four years 20 new churches have been organized on Northwest District. In the first half of our present church year these new churches averaged 1,375 in attendance. On our mid-fall rally 2,013 were in these new churches. One of them had 304, another 286. Good-size congregations? Yes, indeed, and we are proud of them! Ten of the 20 had more than 100 on this rally day.

"These same 20 new churches gave more than \$2,000.00 in the Thanksgiving Offering for foreign missions. Nine of these churches now have or will soon be moving into their own church buildings; 17 of them own property of some sort, including parsonages and church locations. In these new churches we now have more than 700 members."

## LOCKED OUT

By Christine White

*If nothing seems worth all the effort  
it costs,  
And everything's trouble and strife;  
Maybe you're trying to "go it alone,"  
And lock the Lord out of your life.*

*If you are burdened with sorrow and  
pain,  
Comfort and peace He'll impart;  
But He cannot enter to bless and to  
heal  
If you lock the Lord out of your  
heart.*

### Initial Sanctification

**C**ONSECRATION is not vitally related to the first crisis in salvation. This crisis, which may be described in its totality by the word conversion, includes justification, regeneration, adoption, and what has been called partial, or initial, sanctification. The first three of these have already been discussed in their relation to holiness. But thus far we have said nothing about initial sanctification. Now it must be briefly explained. As part of the first crisis, or conversion, it cleanses the heart from the pollution which results from one's own sins, but has nothing to do with the cleansing away of inbred sin, or the Adamic nature. This definitely separates initial sanctification from the second crisis, entire sanctification, which frees the saved person from inbred sin. On the other hand, it clearly makes initial sanctification a part of the inner work of grace, or holiness in its broadest sense.

I am now ready to consider "The Relation of Holiness to Consecration." Consecration especially has to do with the crisis which is technically and correctly described as entire sanctification. It has no bearing on the first crisis experience, the work of grace through which a sinner is saved.

### Consecration—Human or Divine?

One question which is sometimes raised as to consecration is whether it is human or divine. In answer I would say that as it has generally been used by the holiness movement it is human, and not divine. Dr. H. Orton Wiley in his *Christian Theology* defines entire sanctification thus: "We believe that entire sanctification is that act of God subsequent to regeneration, by which believers are made free from original sin or depravity, and brought into a state of entire devotion to God and the holy obedience of love made perfect. It is wrought by the baptism with the Holy Spirit, and comprehends in one experience the cleansing of the heart from sin and the abiding indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit empowering the believer for life and service. Entire sanctification is provided by the blood of Jesus, is wrought instantaneously by faith, preceded by entire consecration, and to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness."

In this comprehensive definition I would especially call attention to the words "wrought instantaneously by faith, preceded by entire consecration." That is, consecration comes before faith, and faith precedes entire sanctification. Entire sanctification is the work of God; but before that work can be done, there must be two activities on the part of man—consecration and faith. They are human, while the actual work of entire sanctification is divine; God administers it.

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly" (I Thess. 5:23).

The Apostle Paul, it seems to me, clearly teaches that consecration is a human act. In Rom. 12:1, he says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." It is the "brethren," the Christians, who are to do the consecrating, and not God. This opens the way for the divine cleansing.

What I have just said does not in any way contradict Dr. Wiley's teaching that entire sanctification is a positive "devotement to God." He explains this thus: "The work of sanctification involves not only a separation from sin, but a separation to God. This positive devotement however is something more than the human consecration of the soul to God. It represents also the Holy Spirit's acceptance of the offering, and therefore a divine empowering or endowment. It is a divine possession, and the spring and energy of this spiritual devotement is holy love. The Spirit of God as the spirit of perfect consecration is able as the Sanctifier not only to fill the soul with love, but to awaken love in return." Please notice that Dr. Wiley declares that this positive devotement is more than the human consecration of the soul to God. Further, this positive devotement is a part of entire sanctification, which is preceded by consecration and faith.

### Consecration—Momentary or Continuous?

Next I present this question: Is this consecration, which is human and precedes entire sanctification, momentary or continuous? From one standpoint it is momentary and once-for-all, while from another it is continuous. It would be well to look at consecration from both of these angles. When we speak of consecration as being continuous, we do not mean that it has to be repeated from time to time. It is, as I have already said, once-for-all. I take little stock in the business of reconsecrating every little while. When we present our bodies a living sacrifice, that is, our total personalities—the body as a part standing for the whole—we do it as something that we do not plan to repeat tomorrow, next week, month, or year; it is final. It must be forever. I don't mean that we can't undo it by our wills, cease to be totally consecrated, and thus lose our entire sanctification; but I do mean that God doesn't accept piecemeal consecrations either from the standpoint of giving part or all, or from the standpoint of giving for one day or for all of life. When we come to Him as Christians to

consecrate our all, we have to consecrate our all, and we have to consecrate it for all time—though, let me say again, we may as free moral agents undo this consecration any time we so choose. That, however, does not in the least deny the fact that our consecration was total and once-for-all in the sense in which I have indicated.

Nevertheless, we might use the word continuous in connection with our consecration in the sense of thinking of it as something that will require, as Dr. Charles Ewing Brown says in *The Meaning of Sanctification*, “many moral decisions” in order for our first fundamental decision to be carried out, or realized. One who has consecrated his all to God and been sanctified wholly may later have to face the decision of going to India as a missionary, but it will not mean a reconsecration of himself to God. His decision then will be but a carrying out of his once-for-all consecration. Day by day new duties will face us, and there will be new opportunities for service. We’ll decide for them, and not against them, because we have already made the fundamental decision to go all the way with Christ. In other words, consecration, such as I am talking about, will take a lifetime for you and me to realize, or put into practice. Each day will bring choices in harmony with the great choice which already has been made.

### The Supreme Test

The last teaching I would mention in connection with consecration is that it has supreme significance for those who are seeking entire sanctification. It is the supreme test. People sometimes give various reasons at the altar for not “getting the blessing”; but in most instances, the cause, back of all other causes, is lack of consecration. A person can’t have faith and move on into sanctification, into the second blessing, because he has made some reservations in his consecration, or because he has attached a “rider” to his dedication to God. My Christian friend, you can’t get the blessing until you have consecrated everything, and you haven’t consecrated everything if you have any “riders” or reservations attached to your consecration. Even the future, the “unknown bundle,” must be unreservedly placed on the altar; all of your talents, your possessions, your life, yourself, your all must be deeded to God without any reservations if you would make the kind of consecration that I am talking about. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

ANY JUDGMENT in the field of literary work must necessarily have a subjective element in it. No amount of practice in or knowledge of journalism can fit a person for criticism which is completely objective. In spite of everything, a person’s likes and dislikes will depend somewhat on personal factors.

Only recently I heard a man who is most competent in the field of religious journalism declare that his criticism of the religious periodicals which had been sent to him for that purpose was purely subjective. He told of the improvements which had been made in the various church publications as a group during the past five years; but, as I said above, he insisted that his judgment was purely subjective. Nevertheless, too much must not be made of this claim. His evaluation was subjective, but it was made by a man whose experience in religious journalism has extended over a long period of time. He was no amateur as a writer or critic of writers. Thus, even though I emphasize the fact that there is an element of subjectivity in any individual’s criticism of writings—articles, poems, or other type of manuscripts—I must also admit that those evaluations are not mere guesses when made by people who have had experience in this field. Most of us who were present when this professor of journalism gave his report paid careful attention to it. Perhaps all of us disagreed with him on some points, but we had to admit that there was value in the conclusions of an expert of his caliber.

In other words, people who have given time to study and work in journalism know more about it than the average writer. They may not always be correct in their decisions, but they will come nearer reaching that goal than the person who has not had their training. Permit me to illustrate this truth in another way. Occasionally a book that has been turned down by one publisher will become a “best seller” when published by another. Both companies may be equally outstanding, yet one turned the manuscript down and the other accepted it, and it was a success. This emphasizes the element of subjectivity which I have been talking about. On the other hand, we must remember that this is the exception rather than the rule. Most publishers who have had experience in the business of selecting manuscripts are far more often right than wrong.

What, then, do I conclude as to this element of subjectivity? In the first place, it should keep those who have to make judgments as to articles, poems, or books humble. We should always realize that we are not infallible; we have to choose, and we will make some mistakes. We can only do our best with the knowledge and experience we have, and then trust those with whom we deal to bear with us. Also, we must

never be harsh and dogmatic as critics of literary products, since we can never reach the level of complete objectivity in our decisions. In fact, two of us might occasionally radically disagree on the same manuscript. On the other hand, those whose products are judged must remember that we always try to be fair and that, as a rule, we approach fairness.

In the second place, those who may feel inclined to write for the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**—and

we want everybody who has any inclination in that direction to feel free to do it—must remember that much more material is received than we can possibly use in the paper. This means that much of it has to be turned down; and if something they have written gets into that class, they should take it in a good spirit, and continue to do everything they can to help us as we strive to forward the work of our church and the kingdom of God.

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# THE QUESTION BOX

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Conducted by  
**STEPHEN S. WHITE**

*Q. In Gen. 9:6 we read, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Does this verse provide a basis for belief in capital punishment? If so, how is it to be harmonized with the command not to kill?*

A. Most commentaries which I have consulted would answer your first question in the affirmative. Further, they would see no contradiction between the teaching of Gen. 9:6 and the command not to kill. The latter takes from you and me the right as individuals to kill another individual, but it does not in any sense take from the properly constituted authority the right to punish the murderer by death. In fact, they claim that that is exactly what Gen. 9:6 refers to.

*Q. How could Paul have been filled with the Holy Ghost in the house of Judas (Acts 9:10-17) in the light of Acts 22:16 and many other verses which imply that water baptism precedes the baptism with the Holy Ghost?*

A. Usually water baptism does come before the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and we have no absolute proof that this was not the case with Paul. In Acts 9 nothing is said about water baptism. On the other hand, water baptism might come after a person has been saved and sanctified, and sometimes does where the two crises come somewhat close together. Actually, many Friends and members of the Salvation Army have been saved and baptized with the sanctifying Holy Ghost without ever being baptized with water. No doubt hundreds, if not thousands, from these two groups are already in heaven. The Bible nowhere says that water baptism always has to come before the baptism with the Holy Ghost, although usually it does. Moreover, there are those who hold that the Bible does not teach that the sacraments are essential for us today.

*Q. Several years ago a friend I knew was stricken with a terrible disease. She was a devoted Christian and a leader in our church. She prayed and later testified very definitely that God had healed her. She improved for a time, and then died from the disease. Will you please explain this to me? It has been a stumbling block to more than one person.*

A. It seems to me that there are only two possible answers to your question. This woman's faith may have faltered. However, this does not appear to have been the case from what you write. The only other answer that I know of is that the woman was mistaken about God's promise. God didn't say, as she thought, "I am going to heal you." She misunderstood God. None of us is infallible, and we may misunderstand God just as we misunderstand each other. I have had times in my own experience when God led me and I was not mistaken, but I remember one instance especially when I was sure that God had led me in a certain direction—at least I thought I was sure, but the events which followed proved that I was mistaken. That was when I was just a young man, and I believe that it has been a help to me across the years. It made me realize that a person can be mistaken about what God promises or as to His leadings.

*Q. What is meant in the Lord's Prayer by the words, "Lead us not into temptation" (Matt. 6:13)?*

A. This is one of the most difficult passages in the Lord's Prayer to interpret exactly. Some have said that it means, "Protect us from temptation." However, most authorities would say that this is putting too much into the statement. God doesn't promise to shield any of us from all temptation.

Perhaps the best way to understand these words is to think of them as follows: Protect us from getting ourselves into places where we will be especially susceptible to temptation, or cause us not to be "drawn, or sucked" into temptation.

*Q. Please explain Jas. 5:12, which reads as follows: "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."*

A. This verse is a summary of Jesus' words in Matt. 5:33-37. It does not refer to the use of oaths in civil courts, for God himself used oaths somewhat after this fashion—He swore by himself. The people of Jesus' day indulged in many forms of swearing, and He said in effect, "Stop all kinds of swearing—swearing by anything, and let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay." In other words, let all of your talk be "stripped of all unreality and pretense."

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## Ten Million Years in Heaven

By F. W. Davis

*Ten million years in heaven  
Without one pain or tear,  
No broken hearts in glory,  
No enemy to fear!  
What blessed consolation,  
We'll live with Christ for aye!  
Ten million years with Jesus  
Will seem but for a day.*

*Ten million years in glory,  
And millions more beside—  
His saints shall dwell forever  
In heaven, glorified!  
Oh, precious Land of Beulah,  
Beyond the setting sun,  
Where years by millions vanish,  
And heaven's just begun.*

# FOREIGN MISSIONS

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

## Philippine Mission Assembly

During the week of May 23 to 30 it was a pleasure to attend the annual meeting of our workers in the Philippine Islands. The convention was held in Baguio City, on Luzon.

Seventeen pastors were present, representing thirty-one churches. Only seven years ago, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Pitts arrived in the Philippine Islands to begin the establishment of the Nazarene work. The Pattees, Copelins, and Miss Vine have assisted in the advance.

Located in beautiful La Trinidad valley just outside the resort city of Baguio, the Fitkin Memorial Bible Training School is rapidly developing. An administration building is in the process of construction at the present time. There are nine other buildings on the campus, including the chapel, dining hall, dormitories, and missionary homes. Thirty-six students are in training.

The pastors are accepting responsibility in an increasing manner and they show every evidence of having caught the vision of a large measure of self-support. Considerable time will be required to realize this goal, but they are enthusiastically on the way.

Fellowship with the missionaries was rich, and association with the Philippine pastors and people was inspiring indeed. May God bless our work in those islands. Tremendous opportunities abound on every hand for the spread of holiness evangelism.

## Bible School Progress

It looks as though we will have the largest enrollment ever in the Bible school. We are expecting fifty young people to enter next week.—  
HAROLD STANFIELD, *Nicaragua*.

## A Land of Contrast

Trinidad is a land of beauty, and it is also a land of many contrasts. It is a land of many religions and yet very little true religion. Here there are those who are extremely rich, and those who are extremely poor. There are homes with many rooms, and tiny one-room houses with many people living huddled together; homes of beautiful, ornate architecture, and homes with grass roofs and dirt floors.

Trinidad has its great cathedrals, and it has its heathen shrines. It is a land in great need of spiritual help. Many things are practiced in the

name of religion. The ancient superstitious rites of African Voodooism are followed faithfully in many small villages and country settlements. One young lady whom we were called to help was on the verge of hysteria. She had been forty-eight hours without sleep and could scarcely be held by her family. When we inquired as to the cause of her illness, the girl said that she had taken some money that did not belong to her and had blamed it on someone else. When the other person got into trouble over the false accusation, her mother vowed to get even with the real thief. She performed a voodoo curse over her. From then on, the culprit had been convinced that two men were beating her with sticks and she could not escape them. There was, of course, no one beating her, except her own guilty conscience. The missionary prayed for her, and that night she was able to rest.

This kind of heathen darkness abounds in Trinidad. Christ is the only answer. Please pray for this beautiful but desperately needy island.—HOWARD SAYES.

## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

### Topic for July 10: Trusting God in Dark Days

Scripture: Habakkuk (Printed: Hab. 1:1-6, 12-13; 2:1-4)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *The just shall live by his faith* (Hab. 2:4).

"My God, why?" has been voiced not only by the Psalmist and lifted in agony from the soul of our Lord on the cross, but it has been the cry of every earnest follower after truth. "Why did God allow my loved one to die so painfully and so young?" "Why did God allow a bullet to kill my son?" "Why does God not destroy the enemy?" Why? Why? Why? How

difficult it is for us to understand and justify the confusion of our day! Habakkuk was contemporary in asking why God would allow His people to suffer at the hands of ungodly criminals. Why does not God raise His hand and justify His cause?

Habakkuk witnessed the downfall of Assyria and the rise of a new world power when Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon routed the Egyptians and took over the known world. He saw that serious disasters were in the offing for his people in Jerusalem. There was a complete moral disintegration. Tyranny, strife, and lawless-

ness were prevalent in Judah. Men were living in open sin, worshipping idols, while oppressing the poor and the defenseless. He was heartsick and discouraged.

Very little is known of this prophet. He was an honest doubter. He asked the type of question that gives us "a pain in the mind." Out of the agony of his soul comes forth the greatest New Testament proclamation of faith. This was no sudden flash of unearned inspiration, but a divine revelation that was born of a mind in travail. "The just shall live by faith," as quoted by Paul, will forever

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identify Habakkuk with the immortals.

To Habakkuk, God seemed to be totally indifferent and then, to the horror of the prophet, actually engaged in using evil to sponsor His cause. How could a righteous God use the Chaldeans to punish His own people? In troubled sincerity he challenged God's course: "Thou who art of purer eyes than to behold evil and canst not look on wrong, why dost thou look on faithless men, and art silent when the wicked swallows up the man more righteous than he?" (1:13, R.S.V.)

The question is timeless. When the cruel forces of evil have pressed their merciless tyranny upon us, we have all asked the same question. Where should he go for the answer? Here the all-important decision is made while he climbs to the watchtower to await God's answer. The world lies in ruin, the hosts of Chaldea march on, but God's prophet is finding the answer. Jehovah reveals to His faithful servant that things are not as they seem to be. The wickedness of the Chaldeans He admits, but He points out that they have sowed within themselves the seeds of destruction and would perish by their own evil. In spite of all that is temporary, the divine purpose is moving gradually but surely to certain victory. The Cross is real—very real indeed! But cruelty, pride, and lust are being destroyed; righteousness must and will triumph. Easter is real too; very real.

In a crucial hour in World War II when the forces of Hitler were making what appeared to be astounding victories, Winston Churchill uttered one of his memorable statements: "Every victory of Hitler is a certain step toward ultimate defeat, while every present defeat of the Allies is a certain step to ultimate victory."

The Chaldeans may prosper in their wickedness for a season, and at times appear to triumph over righteousness, but they carry within themselves "the germs of certain ruin." With steady step the prophet descends from the watchtower to proclaim: "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, . . . he will make me to walk upon mine high places. . . ." (3:17-19).



## WHERE YOU ARE

### Monday:

"What is that in thine hand?" God asked Moses. Moses contributed his bare stick and God did the rest. David killed Goliath with one small stone. *Use what you have*, for God. (Exod. 4:2; I Sam. 17:40.)

### Tuesday:

The little servant girl in Naaman's house recommended her God and the five-star general was healed. Andrew testified to his brother and the big fisherman was won to Christ. *Tell what you know*, of Jesus. (II Kings 5:2-3; John 1:40-41.)

### Wednesday:

Naaman himself, desperately needy, took the one step he knew, foolish as it seemed, walked into the muddy Jordan and found help. The man

with the withered arm stretched it out—impossible!—and strength came. *Obey what you see*, to see more. (II Kings 5:13-14; Matt. 12:13.)

### Thursday:

The lad gave his crackers and fish; Paul gave his powerful mind and intense loyalty. *Give what you own*, into God's hands, for multiplication. (John 6:9, 11.)

### Friday:

Aaron and Hur lifted while Moses prayed. Paul prized the prayers of the humblest Christian. *Help all you can*, for the Kingdom. (Eph. 6:18-19.)

### Saturday:

The one-talent man who reckoned himself useless lost everything. *Invest what you have* and your little will grow. (Matt. 25:18, 28.)

### Sunday:

Martha found that the way she did her housework made a difference. *Give your days* cheerfully, lovingly, to Jesus' praise. (Luke 10:40-41.)

Paul urged everyone to discover the possibilities of his own place. The glory of Christianity is that it uses everybody and gives meaning to every life. (I Cor. 7:22.)

## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

North Charleston, South Carolina—The Lord has been blessing in a great way at the Port Park Church. The Sunday-school attendance has increased over last year, and we are making good progress on our new church. We are grateful for our pastor, Rev. J. L. Power, and his fine family. Under the pastor's leadership the people have responded in a splendid way to the building fund, and the basement of our church is almost completed. Recently we had a one-week revival with Rev. L. V. Davis, of Bath, as the evangelist. God blessed the messages and souls were helped at the altar of prayer.—Sarah Hatcher, Reporter.

Huntington, West Virginia—Since our coming to Walnut Hills Church in September of 1954, God has been very near and the church is moving upward in spirit and number. In these eight months God has given 20 new church members, and the Sunday-school record was broken Easter Sunday with 325 present. We received a unanimous recall for three years. We are now building a new church and Sunday-school annex to

take care of our growth in the near future. The church has given the pastor a ten-dollar-a-week raise and is composed of loyal Nazarenes. All budgets are paid in full. The church is broadcasting each Sunday over radio station WPLH, Huntington, from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m., 5000-watt station. We give God the praise and glory for all that has been done.—A. M. Hicks, Pastor.

Beverly, Massachusetts—The Lord has given our church a gracious and refreshing revival through the ministry of Evangelists Kenneth and Lily Wells. A goodly number of souls prayed through to definite victory, and visitors were won as friends to the church. The ministry of Brother and Sister Wells in sermon, song, and instrumental music was of fine quality. Brother Wells is being used of the Spirit in a rich double ministry of preaching and singing. Mrs. Wells also is a very effective gospel preacher, as well as a children's and young people's worker. The congregation was impressed by their tenderness of spirit, and by the anointing of the Holy Spirit on their services.—G. H. Keeler, Pastor.

Malvern, Arkansas—Recently we had a revival with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Patterson. They are good, humble, consecrated Christians. Several people were saved and some united with our church. Our church is not quite two years old yet, and we have recently moved into our new building. We are encouraged and new people are looking our way. If you have relatives or friends in Malvern, send us their names and addresses.—Mrs. Ethel Moore, Reporter.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon write: "Our three recent revivals have shown many real victories. At Muncie, Indiana, (Southside) with Pastor Donald Snow, we were song evangelists with Evangelist J. E. Williams. It was a thrill to come to church on the first Sunday morning of the revival and see the main auditorium and balcony completely filled and 730 in Sunday school. Our next revival was in Dawson, Minnesota, with the aggressive pastor, Rev. B. E. Longanecker. We saw a marked growth along every line since our last revival in this same church two years ago. We're now in a revival at Mitchell, Indiana, with pastor A. L. Emmert. Last Sunday we had 347 in Sunday school and are looking forward to a great closing-out rally. Our slate shows this year filled as well as most of next year and we're now booking for 1957. Evangelism is the center of God's will for us and it gets better every year."

Song Evangelists Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins report: "These past twenty-two months have been the most joyous of our lives! Singing for Jesus, praying with seeking souls, and conducting children's meetings are privileges to us. The marvelous messages of salvation and the urgency to seek God in His fullness by our Nazarene evangelists have continually stirred our own souls. We, together, praise the Lord for His presence with us and mercy to us. Only His hand has kept us safe as we have traveled, pulling our house-trailer both during daytime and at night."

Miami, Florida—After almost 12 years as pastors of Central Church, Rev. and Mrs. Earle W. Venum are going into the field as full-time evangelists. We are reluctant to lose them, but they feel it is the will of the Lord. During these years our church has made a steady, sound progress under their leadership. We appreciate Brother Venum's foresight which caused us to purchase surrounding lots, so that we now control all four corners of the intersection where the church is located. This provides much desirable land for parking and also for future building expansion. Last year we bought a spacious \$22,500.00 parsonage situated on an opposite corner. We built a fellowship pavilion, which is also used for Sunday-

school purposes. The main church building was completed, departmentalized, and redecorated. New equipment was added, such as pews, organ, sound system, and four Sunday-school buses. The cash contributions to property have amounted to \$80,000.00 under Brother Venum, plus an indebtedness of only \$20,000.00. The Sunday school has increased from an average attendance of 150 to 420 for last year, with our present attendance close to 500. On Easter we topped our record with 723. The educational and spiritual standards of our school are considered among the highest, based on extensive teacher training and close supervision. We owe immeasurable thanks for what God has enabled the Venums to accomplish with our Sunday school. Miami has a cosmopolitan population, much of which is transient and spread over a wide area. Therefore, it takes harder work and more prayer to see any results in the Lord's work here than in many other sections of the country. Brother and Sister Venum have given themselves unstintingly to the cause. In the last few months many parents of our Sunday-school children have been won. We praise God for entrusting these new souls in our care. The morale of the church is high, and we are in a better position financially, numerically, and spiritually than ever before. Rev. R. B. Kelly of Abilene, Texas, has been called as our new pastor. We are uniting ourselves to give him a strong support in the future work of the Kingdom here.—Mrs. Nono E. Owensby, Reporter.

Rev. H. W. Meadows writes: "After almost three years of ministry in Harrisonburg, Virginia, we have accepted the appointment to the pastorate of our church located in Kaila, Oahu, Hawaiian Islands. These three years of ministry on the Virginia District, under the superintendency of Rev. V. W. Littrell, were three of the richest and best of our lives. It was wonderful to enjoy the work of the ministry in being pastor to the fine group of people in Harrisonburg. We almost liquidated the indebtedness on the property, after erecting it, became a self-supporting church, inaugurated a radio ministry, and saw the work of God advance in every department. This was due to the wonderful group of praying folk there, the help of the Lord, and the faithful visitation program followed by the people. It was a joy to serve under District Superintendent Littrell, and we realize that God is helping him to do an outstanding work there. It was with a keen sense of regret that we resigned, during a unanimous three-year recall, yet keenly sensing that for this time in our lives, at least, this is the will of the Lord for us. If you have friends or servicemen located on this island, we will be most happy if you will write us and we will do our utmost to contact them. Our address, 456 Hinano Way, Lanikai, Oahu, T.H."

Evangelist Mackey J. Brown writes: "First Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, recently had a glorious outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a revival conducted by Evangelist Glenn Griffith. Prayer, fasting, and personal work preceded and continued through the campaign. Two all-night prayer meetings were conducted by the young people of the church. Prayer could be heard in the prayer room almost any time during the day. Herschel Irwin, musical director of the church, had charge of the singing and special music, which was furnished by local talent and Chattanooga churches who co-operated in the meetings. Large crowds attended, with capacity audiences on Sundays. The altar services were times of great blessing from the presence of the Lord. Rev. W. M. Tidwell, founder and forty-two years pastor of the church, and Mrs. Tidwell, when not in evangelistic work, still take an active interest in the church. Unity and God's perennial blessing are in First Church under the ministry of the much-loved pastor, Rev. A. Bettcher."

Brainerd, Minnesota—This church extended a call to us in July of 1952, and after we had served them for two years, they gave us an almost unanimous three-year recall. During the first two years of our ministry, the Sunday-school attendance grew from an average of 78 to 122. This year's average will show a substantial increase over last. We are grateful to God for a raise in the pastor's salary, as well as the financial increase in all departments. Recently we closed a revival with Evangelist Chester D. Plummer. His evangelistic, Bible messages stirred our people from the Sunday school throughout the entire church, and 72 seekers bowed at the altar. On Sunday-school night there was the largest revival attendance in the history of the church. The church board, including charter members, stated that this was the outstanding revival within the past ten years. A return call was extended to Brother Plummer. If you have friends vacationing in the Brainerd area, please tell them to attend our church, located on the corner of Fourth Avenue and "I" Street.—F. J. Duke, Pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "We had a good convention with Pastor Harrison in Claremore, Oklahoma. Pastors Edwards of Chelsea and Richey of Pryor co-operated beautifully. These pastors are good men, Sunday-school minded, and sacrificial in their efforts to build their schools. The convention brought vision, pledges to go forward, visitation, agitation, and salvation. It was a joy to be with these brethren and their people. A tour of the Kansas Conference of the Free Methodist church brought Nazarenes and Wesleyan Methodists into the conventions with a beautiful spirit of fellowship and co-operation."

# Sunday-School Attendance Report

Colton, California—Last June we came to pastor the church in this city of some sixteen thousand people. The first thing was the securing of a parsonage. After a long wait we finally got a loan through, and the beautiful, six-room house of stucco-frame construction was completed on May 9. The people have been most co-operative, donating some 1,700 hours of labor, so that the building, valued at \$15,000.00, was completed at a cost of around \$10,000.00. A wonderful spirit prevails, and these fine folks have given us an extended call of three years. We have had gains in all departments of the church, numerically, financially, and spiritually. We have had two two-Sunday revivals: last October with Professor Frank Powell, and more recently with Evangelist Ellis Lewis. Brother Lewis became ill and had to leave, but at the request of the people, the pastors continued the meeting, and the Lord honored in giving souls. Six fine people united with the church, making twenty-two during the year, giving us a net gain of eight members. —J. P. and Rosa L. Ingle, Pastors.

Evangelist Joel Danner reports: "God blessed in an unusual way in a ten-day revival with Rev. Charles Lambert in Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Brother Lambert is a hard worker. The first Sunday the Sunday-school record was broken, and the second Sunday a new record was made. He had the prospects out in large numbers and it was a beautiful sight to see them fill the altar. Several entire families were saved, and 10 members were received on profession of faith. This gives me a total of 545 new members since entering this type of work about 21 months ago. My address is 206 Ninth Street North, Columbus, Mississippi."

Evangelists C. W. and Florence Davis report: "The Lord gave a wonderful revival of power, salvation, and holiness in our Highlands Church in Denver, Colorado, with Pastor F. J. Cannon. Rev. and Mrs. R. H. McCart did a fine job with the music and singing. At Holyoke, with Pastor Frank Stinnette, the attendance was good, all Sunday-school attendance records were broken, the people rallied in prayer, and God gave a genuine, Holy Ghost revival. It has been a long time since we have seen more earnest and determined seekers for holiness than we saw in this blessed revival. In Decatur, Illinois, we enjoyed a fruitful revival with Pastor Leslie Wooton and his spiritual people. God gave some good victories. At Greeley, Colorado, with Rev. Franklin Moore, the attendance was excellent, the church was strengthened, and God gave a number of definite victories at the altar of prayer. Here Norman and Connie Franklin were the good song evangelists. These are good days to us; God and His people are kind to us, and we enjoy the good, old-fashioned holiness way."

| District  | Last Year | This Year | Percentage |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| <b>SOUTHWEST ZONE</b>   |           |           |            |
| Arizona   | 3,437     | 3,721     | 108        |
| Southern California   | 10,285    | 10,871    | 106        |
| New Mexico  | 3,104     | 3,254     | 105        |
| Northern California   | 14,317    | 14,661    | 103        |
| Colorado  | 6,355     | 6,273     | 100        |
| District not reporting: Los Angeles   |           |           |            |
| <b>NORTHWEST ZONE</b>   |           |           |            |
| North Dakota  | 1,656     | 1,861     | 112        |
| Minnesota   | 2,081     | 2,314     | 111        |
| Nevada-Utah   | 778       | 858       | 110        |
| Idaho-Oregon  | 5,865     | 6,361     | 108        |
| Northwest   | 6,536     | 6,940     | 106        |
| Oregon Pacific  | 6,939     | 7,241     | 104        |
| Districts not reporting: Washington Pacific, Rocky Mountain, South Dakota, Alaska                   |           |           |            |
| <b>CENTRAL ZONE</b>   |           |           |            |
| Central Ohio  | 12,612    | 14,152    | 112        |
| Western Ohio  | 13,753    | 14,874    | 108        |
| Eastern Michigan  | 8,117     | 8,748     | 108        |
| Northeastern Indiana  | 9,437     | 10,052    | 107        |
| Southwest Indiana   | 9,067     | 9,569     | 106        |
| Illinois  | 8,555     | 8,990     | 105        |
| Iowa  | 6,098     | 6,335     | 104        |
| Chicago Central   | 5,309     | 5,501     | 104        |
| Wisconsin   | 2,376     | 2,390     | 101        |
| Districts not reporting: Indianapolis, Michigan, Missouri, Northwest Indiana, Northwestern Illinois |           |           |            |
| <b>SOUTHEAST ZONE</b>   |           |           |            |
| Eastern Kentucky  | 4,903     | 5,755     | 117        |
| West Virginia   | 9,905     | 11,528    | 116        |
| Tennessee   | 7,725     | 8,894     | 115        |
| Florida   | 6,433     | 7,194     | 112        |
| Mississippi   | 2,651     | 2,942     | 111        |
| North Carolina  | 3,639     | 3,935     | 108        |
| Alabama   | 7,300     | 7,634     | 105        |
| Virginia  | 3,172     | 3,337     | 105        |
| East Tennessee  | 5,636     | 5,760     | 102        |
| Georgia   | 5,245     | 5,006     | 95         |
| Districts not reporting: Kentucky, South Carolina   |           |           |            |
| <b>EASTERN ZONE</b>   |           |           |            |
| Akron   | 10,177    | 12,005    | 118        |
| Washington-Philadelphia   | 9,458     | 10,897    | 115        |
| New England   | 6,504     | 7,412     | 114        |
| Pittsburgh  | 8,072     | 9,004     | 112        |
| Albany  | 3,190     | 3,476     | 109        |
| District not reporting: New York  |           |           |            |
| <b>BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE</b>  |           |           |            |
| Maritime  | 946       | 1,216     | 127        |
| Canada West   | 4,838     | 5,314     | 110        |
| Canada Central  | 1,986     | 1,985     | 100        |
| Districts not reporting: British Isles North, British Isles South, Australia                        |           |           |            |
| <b>SOUTHERN ZONE</b>  |           |           |            |
| Kansas City   | 8,777     | 9,961     | 113        |
| South Arkansas  | 3,639     | 4,085     | 112        |
| Houston   | 3,242     | 3,608     | 111        |
| Dallas  | 4,883     | 5,308     | 109        |
| San Antonio   | 3,527     | 3,761     | 107        |
| Southwest Oklahoma  | 6,004     | 6,390     | 106        |
| Abilene   | 5,481     | 5,797     | 106        |
| Kansas  | 7,686     | 8,034     | 105        |
| Northeast Oklahoma  | 3,998     | 4,143     | 104        |
| Southeast Oklahoma  | 3,973     | 4,142     | 104        |
| Louisiana   | 4,484     | 4,558     | 102        |
| North Arkansas  | 3,768     | 3,857     | 102        |
| Northwest Oklahoma  | 5,904     | 5,907     | 100        |
| District not reporting: Nebraska  |           |           |            |

Estimated Average for May, 1955:  
Gain over last year's average:  
Percentage gain over last year's average:

392,254  
16,142  
6%

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*

Curtisville, Pennsylvania—We recently closed a fine two-week revival with Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Baker as the evangelists. The Bakers present a fine program of vocal and instrumental music, featuring piano, accordion, and guitar. Their inspired gospel singing and the Spirit-anointed preaching of Brother Baker were used of God to bless the hearts of Christians and convict the hearts of the needy. We appreciated the old-fashioned, Bible preaching and ministry of the Bakers.—Richard E. Phelps, Pastor.

El Paso, Texas—Valley Church has made some gains which are lasting and worth while. We have had a good year, with all our commitments paid or overpaid. On April 23 we closed one of the best revivals we have had in years. Rev. C. D. Gadbow was the evangelist. His own teen-age children, Don, Joan, and Jean, brought inspiring numbers on the trombone, saxophone, and trumpet, and also sang special numbers. Their help in the meeting was marked. Brother Gadbow's kind and humble spirit was an inspiration; he preached dynamic messages night after night. There were seekers in every service with a total of about fifty, counting them as they came. We received a nice class of people into membership. Our people seem to be well united and we look forward to a greater year with the Lord's help.—P. L. Stanton, Pastor.

Millport, Alabama—Recently our church had a truly great week-end revival, Wednesday night through Sunday. Rev. Stuart McWhirter, of Cordova, was the special worker. He is a wonderful preacher of the gospel, and carries a burden for lost souls. God blessed his ministry with us, and sixteen young people prayed through to God for pardon and heart purity.—H. E. Benson, Pastor.

Lafayette, Colorado—Recently we enjoyed a most spiritual revival meeting with Rev. Miss Twyla Pittenger as the evangelist. She carries a deep concern for lost souls, also a burden for the work in every department of the church. Her messages in sermon and song were blessed of God, souls sought the Lord at the altar night after night, and new people are looking our way. God has blessed our church this past year since Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Blake came as pastors. Recently we purchased lots and plan to build a church soon. Our pastor has been given a unanimous call for another year.—Mary Dillon, Reporter.

Dawson, Minnesota—We had an unusual revival here with Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon as special workers. The Dixons have a full program of singing with the guitar and special music with the violin. Both George and Charlotte take turns preaching. They are unusual workers and the people enjoyed their friendly spirit very much. We had the largest crowds every night of this campaign. Six souls sought God at the altar, and we received one new member. The church and pastor appreciated the good work of these fine evangelists.—B. E. Longanecker, Pastor.

Evangelists E. G. Wright and wife report: "Since our entering the field of evangelism after last assembly year, God has been giving us some great revivals. We want to thank Him and praise Him for the many victories of souls praying through to salvation and believers being filled with God's Spirit. In this time God has opened doors in five districts of our denomination, and we have been kept busy. We have seen over five hundred seekers bowing at our altars, and many who were saved and sanctified for the first time in their lives. In one church there were five adults who came to the altar seeking God who had never been converted. In many of these services God has broken through and souls would fill the altar without any preaching. At the present time we are in the midst

of a revival at one of our new churches on the Virginia District, at Steinst Chapel in Winchester, Virginia. Thus far God has given us seekers every night."

Toronto, Ontario, Canada—St. Clair Church recently concluded a revival meeting in which Rev. Blair Ward of Portland, Maine, was the guest speaker. The services were attended with God's blessings in a very marked way. Brother Ward's preaching was a direct help to many souls, with new people finding God. At the conclusion of this meeting, eighteen members were added to the church. The effects of this meeting are still being felt, and the people are moving ahead with a sense of the divine imperative upon their lives.—Wm. D. Eckel, Pastor.

Rochester, New York—Rev. George Woodward, chalk-artist evangelist, closed a great revival in our Lake Avenue Church on Sunday, May 22. There was not one barren altar service during the meeting, with over ninety seekers finding definite help in God. Brother Woodward uses most effectively the illustrated chalk pictures to present divine truth. Sixteen per cent of all the people invited attended the services. On the closing Sunday we had 307 in Sunday school. Last year our Sunday school averaged 234 weekly, and the church year closed with a total membership on May 1 of 177 members. This church is only ten years old and some of the finest people in the world constitute its membership, with a number of new people attending the services each week. Rochester has three Nazarene churches.—Morris E. Wilson, Pastor.

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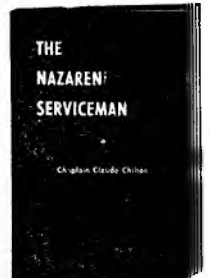
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Evangelist Andrew Johnson reports: "I have recently returned from Ontario, Canada, where I conducted two revival meetings. The town of Stayner voted 'dry' during our campaign there. I am now in the States for summer and fall campaigns, and have an open date for the latter part of July. Write me at my home address, Wilmore, Kentucky."

Rev. Franklin P. Butler reports: "We arrived in Elko, Nevada, on June 4, 1949, appointed to work in this home-mission project. We found a building in which we could hold services and live in the basement. One person in town had been praying for a Church of the Nazarene in Elko. God answered her prayers, and in one year we were able to organize a Church of the Nazarene, and have continued as pastor during these five years. While the growth has not been spectacular, there has been a definite advance each year. We are now leaving Elko to take up ministry at Hawthorne, Nevada, adjacent to the Naval Ammunition Depot there. If you have friends at the base, write us and we'll be glad to contact them."

Ponca City, Oklahoma—First Church is enjoying some far-reaching results of her Crusade for Souls activity. A well-organized program of visitation has resulted in an increase of more than 10 per cent in average attendance during this assembly year. Our Sunday-school average for the previous assembly year was 215, as compared with over 250 for the past six months. Our slogan and goal is "Two fifty-five in fifty-five" and to date in '55 we have averaged 259. We have given liberally to Bethany Nazarene College specials and to home missions, and are giving 10 per cent of our total receipts to foreign missions. A spirit of unity prevails among the people, as evidenced recently by their extending a unanimous call for renewal of pastoral relationship. Recently we purchased four lots and a dwelling adjacent to our church property; the dwelling is to be redecorated and used for a second Sunday-school annex, and the lots will be surfaced with asphalt and serve for parking facilities. We are now in the process of an improvement and expansion program which calls for complete remodeling of our church and present Sunday-school annex. The faith and loyalty of these wonderful people are a challenge as we endeavor to lead them in winning men to Christ. We give thanks to God for the wonderful men who labored here before us, and the evangelists who have assisted us during this year—Evangelists Thurman White, Dave Hall, and A. F. Balsmeier; each had a vital part in the progress of the work. We are also thankful for the counsel and help of our good district superintendent, Rev. J. T. Gasset, and the faithfulness of his family who are members of our church.—L. J. Minkler, Pastor.

Richmond, Kentucky—Rosemont Church recently closed the best revival in its history. In fact, many old-time Nazarenes said it was the best revival they had seen for years. The glory of the Lord came down on the first night's services, and remained on the people during the whole two-week meeting. Folk shouted and praised God; sinners were brought under old-time conviction and prayed through in the old-time way; over fifty seekers in all were at the altar. Our good workers were Brother and Sister Bartee, evangelists, and Charles and Virginia Terrill, song evangelists, of Richmond First Church. On the last Sunday, District Superintendent D. S. Somerville was with us, raised over \$1,600.00 on a new church building and received five fine members into the church. In the afternoon the pastor had the pleasure of administering baptism to a class of six. A good love offering was given the pastor and wife in the closing service.—J. B. Rice, Pastor.

Evangelist J. W. McGuffey reports: "Since our entering the evangelistic field on April 1, God has given us some good revivals on the Houston District. In our first meeting at Freeport with Pastor Watson, God blessed in the services and, by their own testimony, about forty-five people received spiritual help. At Vidor, with Pastor Paul Brown, God gave several seekers at the altar, and about twenty-five were saved, reclaimed, or sanctified wholly. We went next to El Campo, a home-mission church about seven months old. Here we found a group of faithful, loyal Nazarenes under the leadership of Rev. W. L. Baxter. On the closing Sunday, God came upon us in a wonderful way and gave a good altar service. New friends were made for the church, and the congregation plans on starting work on a new church building very soon. We enjoyed our work with all these good pastors and people. I have some open time for this fall and next spring, and will be glad to slate with any pastor or church. Write me, 1629 N. Central, Tyler, Texas."

Evangelist Hugh Slater writes: "I will be closing a revival meeting at our Eastside Church, Savannah, Georgia, on July 10; then have two open dates—July 13 to 24, and July 27 to August 7. Will be glad to slate this time with any church desiring my services. Write me, % our publishing house, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "We have two open dates for this year that we'd like to fill; they are August 18 to 28 and November 30 to December 11. If you need our services as preacher and singers, write us at our home address, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. Kenneth S. Rice, minister of Christian education at First Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has been elected as national director of Christian Service Training. He will assume his duties about July 1.

Mr. Rice is a graduate of Colorado State College of Education and holds a master's degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; he is now working toward his doctor's degree at the same institution. After spending four years in the army, he entered Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, and during this time was associated with the Sales Department of the Nazarene Publishing House.

Since 1948, Mr. Rice has been connected with Oklahoma City First Church. There, together with the pastor, Rev. R. T. Williams, Jr., he has been instrumental in enlisting and training an efficient staff of workers. The Sunday school has grown from an enrollment of 789 to 1,244, the departments from 2 to 17, and the staff from 66 to 130.

Mr. Rice served as a lay member of the District Advisory Board on the Southwest Oklahoma District 1948-49. He was ordained to the ministry in 1950. In 1948 he was elected as the chairman of the District Church Schools Board and has since served in that capacity continuously.

Christian Service Training is thus no new field to Mr. Rice. He is the author of a Christian Service Training textbook, *The Department Supervisor*. Part of his time each year will be devoted to field service: training classes, Sunday-school clinics, institutes, conventions, and tours.

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Evangelist C. T. Corbett reports: "In the last 22 weeks it has been my privilege to travel through 22 states, from California to Carolina, and Oklahoma to Ontario. I have labored in 11 revival campaigns, preaching 170 times, and saw 760 souls seek the Lord at an altar of prayer. Our Christ, His Church, and His clergymen have been very, very good to me. That's my report for the first 5 months of 1955."

### South African District Preachers' Conference and S.S. Convention

The South African District preachers' conference and Sunday-school convention was held at the Bible College, Potchefstroom, April 12 through 14, beginning on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon our hearts were saddened when the pastor of the Potchefstroom church and his wife,

Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Scheepers, buried their baby son. God gave them splendid victory and blessed hope, and it turned out that it was fitting for the conference to be held at this time.

Rev. W. C. Esselstyn, superintendent of the missionary work in South Africa, was the guest speaker. He spoke with sincerity and power and gave us four timely and practical messages. At the close of the last message a season of prayer was held around the altar. God was very near, and a "holiness vision" rested upon every heart.

The pastors presented helpful and interesting papers. One thought given was that the Church of the Nazarene has a challenging future in South Africa; the one condition to our success is that pastors and people keep faithful.

It was a happy stay with a wonderful fellowship at the Bible College; this combined to give us one of the best conferences we have had on the South African District.

J. L. STEYN, Reporter

#### 50th Anniversary Assembly Northern California District

The district missionary convention met on May 10 at Beulah Park, Santa Cruz. A challenging theme of "Reaping in the Harvest Fields" was followed throughout the convention, bringing home to each person present the pressing needs of active world evangelism. Mrs. F. Arthur Anderson was re-elected as the district N.F.M.S. president, with an overwhelming vote of confidence.

The fiftieth district assembly convened Wednesday morning, May 11, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding with dignity and grace. The preaching ministry and the presiding efficiency of General Superintendent Williamson gave inspiration and direction to every session of the assembly.

The night of May 11 featured a Golden Jubilee Anniversary Service commemorating fifty years of Nazarene history in Northern California. Dr. H. Orton Wiley was the special speaker for this service. In a Hallelujah March Offering over \$10,000.00 was raised to help to organize and build an anniversary church in San Mateo.

Dr. George Coulter, our beloved district superintendent, was re-elected by a great vote of confidence, receiving 359 out of 364 votes. In his seventh report to Northern California Nazarenes, Dr. Coulter reported that in the last seven years nearly every department of the district had made a 50 per cent increase, and giving to the General Budget had increased 300 per cent. Last assembly year showed the district giving \$85,913.00 to the General Budget, \$125,413.00 to all general interests, and \$1,340,837.00 raised for all purposes. Four new churches were organized during the year and the district membership now stands at 10,383.

Following the vote for our district superintendent, a love offering of over

\$1,700.00 was given to send the Coulters on a vacation trip to Hawaii. A spirit of unity prevails on our district and we are looking to God for further victories.

LAWRENCE H. BONE, Reporter

#### Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention New Mexico District

The New Mexico District N.Y.P.S. convention convened May 24 at Albuquerque. President Hugh Russell presided, and local presidents gave encouraging reports of the year's work.

As a district we had a good year with increases—for this we are thankful.

Rev. Hugh Russell was re-elected as president; Rev. Dudley Anderson was re-elected vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Culbertson was elected secretary; and Mr. Ronald Rodes was re-elected treasurer. With these capable leaders, and the blessings of God, we anticipate a wonderful year ahead.

E. KEITH WISEMAN, Reporter

#### Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention Washington Pacific District

The twelfth annual convention of the Washington Pacific District N.Y.P.S. convened at Vancouver Hillcrest Church on Monday, April 4.

Rev. Orval J. Nease, Jr., special speaker, won his way into our hearts with his unique and thrilling presentation of gospel truths. His messages were persuasive as well as practical, and a number of young people found definite spiritual victory.

Rev. Fred Vogt was re-elected president with a very fine vote on the first ballot.

One of the high points of the entire convention was the singing of the Crusader Choir from Northwest Nazarene College. The blessing of the Lord came upon the congregation time and time again as Professor Warnie Tippett and the choir gave thrilling interpretation of much-loved hymns and songs.

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an inspiring talk by Rev. Darrell Teare on "The New Look" in the N.Y.P.S., with information gleaned from the zone conference which was held in March at Spokane.

The banquet, held in the Evergreen Hotel on Wednesday, was a great success with plenty of good food, good music, the wit and humor of Rev. Fred Fowler as M.C., and another thought-provoking message by Rev. Orval Nease.

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### Florida District Assembly

The forty-first annual assembly of the Florida District met in Winter Haven, June 24 through 26. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided with wisdom, grace, and efficiency. His stirring messages brought great challenge to the entire group assembled. Pastor Don Newell of the host church had made every possible thoughtful preparation for the gathering. The assembly was held in the commodious, air-conditioned First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent, gave his tenth annual report to the delegates. It reflected a good year, with many significant advances. He was re-elected with a splendid vote and given a gracious love offering of over \$750.00. This year showed a net increase in church membership of 333, which gives the Florida District a membership of 4,888 Nazarenes. The Sunday-school enrollment is 9,665; while 1,950 make up the N.F.M.S., with 618 Juniors. Twenty-one new buildings of all categories were added to the district properties, and four new churches were organized during the year. Florida's growing population makes this state one of the most challenging home missionary fields in the denomination.

Included among the many visitors to the assembly were: Mr. Al Ramquist, representing the Nazarene Publishing House; Rev. Leon Chambers, superintendent of the Gulf Central District, who challenged the assembly with the task of evangelizing 10,000,000 colored in the South; and Rev. Clifford Keys, executive field secretary for Trevecca Nazarene College, who gave a splendid picture of the work being done by the fast-growing college of the Southeastern Educational Zone.

Pastors and churches ordered over 12,000 copies of the special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS for 1956. Other goals set include: \$37,000.00 for general giving, and \$18,000.00 for district budget and home missions, along with \$6,365.00 for Trevecca Nazarene College.

Professor Paul Qualls inspired the assembly with his anointed ministry in song. We were happy to have Mrs. D. I. Vanderpool present, and also Dr. and Mrs. Harry Jessop.

The closing service was highlighted by an impressive ordination service with Chester R. Seaney elected to elder's orders. The direction is forward in the "Crusade for Souls Now" on the Florida District.

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### Arizona District

#### Annual N.Y.P.S. Convention

The Arizona District N.Y.P.S. convention was held May 16 and 17 at Tucson First Church, with Rev. J. E. Moore, Jr., as host pastor. Rev. Harold Buckner, our efficient district president, and pastor at Peoria, presided.

Brother Buckner's report showed some excellent gains had been made during the year in several areas. There was a gain of 57 in membership, making a total now of 1,025 members, which entitles us to 6 delegates to the General Convention next year. It was a thrill to give \$1,500.00 to a home-mission project during the year in northwest Phoenix. This new church, Phoenix Orangewood, reported 23 members in the N.Y.P.S. Our young people are making plans to aid another project on the district as soon as the "go" signal is received from the district advisory board. On Universal Bible Sunday \$237.00 was given to the American Bible Society.



Phoenix Eastside society led the district in the reading program, amassing 582,719 points, and Pauline Newman won the individual reading award. In the Honor-Rating program, Peoria received a Superior Award by making every point possible on the chart; Phoenix First also received a Superior Award; while Somerton, Yuma Grace, and Tucson North received Excellent Awards; Buckeye, Phoenix Eastside, Prescott, Tucson Catalina Vista, Tucson Palmdale, and Phoenix Sunnyslope received the Good Award.

Rev. Harold Buckner was re-elected as district president, receiving all but two votes; Charles Leppert was elected vice-president, the writer as secretary, and A. A. Rust, Jr., as treasurer. Mary Jo Welch will again sponsor the teen-age work, while Dorothy Hess will be the boys' and girls' representative on the council. Adonna Brooks and Paul Wesley MacLearn were elected teen-age delegates at large. The convention also elected Revs. Wayne Young, Don Arey, Don Cook, Marvin Pace, and Mr. Stanley McElrath as chairmen of their respective zones.

PAULINE NEWMAN, *District Secretary*

## DEATHS

### REV. JAMES K. DAVIDSON

James K. Davidson, Sr., retired Nazarene elder, died February 8, 1955, at Post, Texas. He was born in Scotland, January 27, 1883, and came to the United States in 1903. In 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Marion Reid, who had come to the U.S.A. that year from Scotland. The Davidsons moved to Henryetta, Oklahoma, where he became a Methodist preacher. In 1922 he entered the Nazarene ministry and served pastorates in Greenbrier, Mansfield, Fort Smith, and Mena, Arkansas; Mattson and Effingham, Illinois. Upon retiring from the ministry he moved from Effingham to Post, Texas. He was a man of much prayer and had memorized much scripture, which he quoted in doing personal work until his recent illness. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. J. C. Holman of Lubbock; three sons: David of Kankakee, Illinois; James K., Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Rev. John R. Davidson of Dallas; also two sisters and five brothers. Funeral service was conducted in the Post Church of the Nazarene with Rev. Cecil Stowe and Rev. Orville Jenkins officiating.

### REV. LESTER E. SHAW

Lester E. Shaw, retired Nazarene elder, died April 29, 1955, at his home in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, at the age of seventy years. He had served as pastor of Nazarene churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas for thirty years. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw had lived at Pawhuska since their retirement. Funeral service was conducted in the Pawhuska Church of the Nazarene with the district superintendent, Dr. I. C. Mathis, officiating, assisted by Rev. J. R. Blankenship, pastor of the local church. Honorary pallbearers were thirty ministers from churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas with whom Brother Shaw had been associated during his thirty years in the ministry. Interment was made in the city cemetery.

### REV. HOWARD W. HUMPHREY

Howard W. Humphrey was born May 25, 1883, at Hazelton, Indiana, and died of a heart attack on February 23, 1955, at his home in Ypsilanti, Michigan. On May 25, 1902, he was united in marriage to Hulda Lincoln. In his earlier life he did pastoral and evangelistic work. He was Sunday-school superintendent of the local church four years, and taught the young people's class. He supplied the pulpit for the pastor, and also for neighboring pastors as the calls came, besides doing many of the material jobs around the church; the tables and cabinets in the Sunday-school rooms all speak of his labors of love. He is survived by his wife, two sons, and two daughters; also two brothers and one sister. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. L. A. Wilson, assisted by Rev. T. J. Hopkins and Rev. R. Lester Hale, with interment in the local Highland Cemetery.



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—to Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Baird of Seattle, Washington, a son, Peter Michael, on May 27.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Marvin G. Gilley of Isabella, Oklahoma, a son, Sheldon Lance, on May 5.

**WEDDING BELLS**

Miss Brenda Hines and Mr. James E. Whitakers, both of Jacksonville, Florida, were united in marriage on June 4, in the Mallory Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Jacksonville, with the pastor, Rev. T. J. Giddens, officiating.

Rev. L. G. Milby of Springfield, Illinois, and Mrs. Ursula Hill of Hendersonville, North Carolina, were united in marriage on May 15, in the Hendersonville Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. W. H. Gentry, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Michigan for her family, also for her mother, who is in the hospital;

by a Nazarene mother in Arkansas for her son who has lost his job through drink—he has a wife and two children—now seems penitent, that God will save him and deliver him;

by a "Herald" reader in Pennsylvania for the salvation of one afflicted with the drink habit, once took a stand for Christ, also for a special unspoken request;

by a lady in Indiana for an unknown person requesting special prayer, also for herself, as she is sick and needs a fresh anointing for her soul;

by a lady in Texas that God will undertake in a difficult home situation, and help both her and her husband;

by a preacher in a home-mission work in South Carolina that God will help them to establish a Nazarene work in that place.

**Nazarene Camp Meetings**

July 3 to 10, New York District Camp, 27 Wilson Street, Beacon, New York. Special workers: Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, Dr. Stephen S. White, Rev. George Woodward, and Professor Paul Qualls. For further information write, Rev. Robert Goslaw, district superintendent, 27 Wilson St., Beacon, New York.

July 14 to 24, Oregon Pacific District Camp, at 12625 S.E. 82nd Avenue, Portland, Oregon. Special workers: Rev. Harold L. Volk and Rev. Howard Sweeten, evangelists; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Rushford, song evangelists; prayer and praise, Rev. T. H. Stanley; Rev. James E. Kratz, children's worker. For information and reservations, write to Rev. B. Martin Gale, Rt. 1, Box 425, Clackamas, Oregon. Rev. W. D. McGraw, Jr., district superintendent.

July 22 to 31, Central Ohio District Camp, at Columbus Campgrounds, Cleveland Avenue at Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio. Workers: Dr. Edward Lawlor, Rev. Charles H. Lipker, evangelists; Professor Wannie Tippett, song evangelist; Dr. John Cotner, youth worker; Rev. H. C. Little, prayer director; Mrs. H. C. Little, children's worker. For information write, Rev. C. D. Westhafer, 214 W. South St., Wooster, Ohio. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, district superintendent.

July 25 to 31, Florida District Camp, at old Suwannee Campgrounds, on U.S. Hi-way 41, three miles north of White Springs, Florida. Workers: Dr. I. C. Mathis, Dr. Ralph Earle, evangelists; Rev. and Mrs. Leon Cook, singers; Rev. C. R. Moore, youth director; and Mrs. Ben Marlin, children's worker. Dr. John L. Knight, district superintendent. For information, write Rev. Don Newell, camp manager, 235 Avenue "F" S.W., Winter Haven, Florida.

August 1 through 7, Minnesota Nazarene Camp, at the Mission Farms Campground, ten miles west of Minneapolis on Medicine Lake. Special workers: Dr. G. B. Williamson, Rev. J. E. Williams, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Bedwell, and Dr. Guy Nees, preachers; Gerald and Donna Lou Jenkins and Rev. Philip Johnson, musicians; Evelyn and Lucile Manus, children's workers. For information write Rev. Roy F. Stevens, district superintendent, 1401 Payne Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota.

August 5 to 14, Washington-Philadelphia annual district camp meeting, at North East, Maryland. Workers: Rev. Paul Martin, Rev. Ted Martin, evangelists; Rev. Kenneth Pearsall, youth speaker; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gould, singers; Mrs. Grace Bertolet, organist. For information and reservations write the camp manager, Rev. Boyd M. Long.

August 8 to 14, Iowa District Camp, District Campground, Route 1, West Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. G. B. Williamson and Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, evangelists; Professor Wannie Tippett and the Olivet Quartet, singers. Missionary convention, August 9, Dr. David Hynd, speaker. Children's workers, Misses Meadows and Reasoner. Rev. Gene E. Phillips, district superintendent.

August 12 through 19, Virginia District Camp, one mile west of Sprouses' Corner, or intersection of Hi-ways 15 and 60. Mail address, Dillwyn, Virginia. Special workers: Rev. E. C. Martin, preacher; Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Liddell, singers; Rev. C. Wm. Ellwanger, Rev. V. W. Archer, and others. For information regarding rooms, etc., write Rev. W. O. Holloway, 919 E. Elliot St., Charlottesville, Virginia. Rev. V. W. Littrell, district superintendent.

August 15 to 21, Eastern Kentucky District Camp, campgrounds, Winchester, Kentucky. Workers: Rev. J. A. McNatt and Rev. Asa Sparks, preachers; Douglas Slack, song evangelist. For further information write the district superintendent, Rev. D. S. Somerville, 2717 Iroquois Ave., Ashland, Kentucky.

*Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished. (Isa. 51:6).*

**District Assembly Information**

ALABAMA—Assembly, July 5 and 6, at the Nazarene Campgrounds, Millport, Alabama. (Rail and bus connections into Columbus, Mississippi. Camp located twenty miles from Columbus on Alabama State Hi-way 96.) Rev. H. E. Benson, Millport, will be the entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % him at Millport, Alabama. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

CANADA WEST—Assembly, July 6 to 8, at the College Church, Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Rev. Drell Allen and Rev. D. Geo. MacDonald will be the entertaining pastors. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. Drell Allen, Canadian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

WEST VIRGINIA—Assembly, July 7 to 9, at the Nazarene District Campgrounds, Summersville, West Virginia. (Come to Charleston, West Virginia, on C. & O. Railroad, then take bus to Summersville.) Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Nazarene Campground, Summersville, West Virginia. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

COLORADO—Assembly, July 13 and 14, at Lakewood Church of the Nazarene, 1755 Dover St., Lakewood, Colorado. Rev. George Greiner, 1755 Dover St., entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to assembly in care of Brother Greiner, 1755 Dover St., Lakewood, Colorado. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

MARITIME—Assembly, July 13 and 14, at the Church of the Nazarene, 156 Fitzroy St., Summerside, P.E.I. Rev. D. R. Morrison, entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to assembly to him, Box 455, Summerside, P.E.I. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 13 to 15, at the Indian Lake Campground, Vicksburg, Michigan (located five miles northeast of Vicksburg, situated

on the southeast side of Indian Lake). Rev. V. L. Ward, entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to assembly to him, Route 2, Vicksburg, Michigan. Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

CENTRAL OHIO—Assembly, July 20 to 22, at the District Campgrounds, Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio (may be reached by Greyhound bus to Morse Road). Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, 2657 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

EASTERN MICHIGAN—Assembly, July 20 to 22, at Flint First Church of the Nazarene, Lyon at West Wood St., Flint, Michigan. Rev. Leslie Parrott, the entertaining pastor; send mail and other items relating to the assembly % him, at 310 W. Wood St., Flint, Michigan. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

PITTSBURGH—Assembly, July 21 to 23, at the Alameda Campgrounds, P.O. Box 367, Butler, Pennsylvania (rail terminus is Butler, Pennsylvania). Rev. Wm. W. Filer, 201½ Fifth Avenue, Butler, is the entertaining pastor. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. R. F. Heinlein, P.O. Box 367, Butler, Pennsylvania. (Books or other supplies sent by rail should be delivered to the Alameda Camp, Alameda Park, Butler, Pennsylvania.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

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**Assembly Schedule**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Alabama            | July 5 and 6              |
| Eastern Michigan   | July 20 to 22             |
| Eastern Kentucky   | July 27 to 29             |
| Missouri           | August 3 to 5             |
| Northwest Indiana  | August 17 to 19           |
| Tennessee          | August 24 to 26           |
| Louisiana          | August 31 and September 1 |
| Georgia            | September 14 and 15       |
| Southeast Oklahoma | September 21 and 22       |

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Canada West        | July 6 to 8               |
| Western Ohio       | July 27 to 29             |
| Minnesota          | August 1 to 3             |
| Illinois           | August 4 to 6             |
| Iowa               | August 10 to 12           |
| Houston            | August 24 and 25          |
| Mississippi        | August 31 and September 1 |
| Kansas City        | September 7 to 9          |
| Northeast Oklahoma | September 28 and 29       |

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|-------------------|------------------|
| West Virginia     | July 7 to 9      |
| Michigan          | July 13 to 15    |
| Southwest Indiana | July 28 and 29   |
| Kansas            | August 3 to 5    |
| Wisconsin         | August 10 to 12  |
| Dallas            | August 17 and 18 |

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| Maritime           | July 13 and 14      |
| Pittsburgh         | July 21 to 23       |
| Northwest Oklahoma | July 28 and 29      |
| East Tennessee     | August 3 and 4      |
| Chicago Central    | August 10 to 12     |
| Southwest Oklahoma | September 14 to 16  |
| North Carolina     | September 21 and 22 |
| South Carolina     | September 28 and 29 |

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| Colorado              | July 13 and 14      |
| Central Ohio          | July 20 to 22       |
| Kentucky              | August 3 and 4      |
| Virginia              | August 10 and 11    |
| Northwestern Illinois | August 17 and 18    |
| Indianapolis          | August 24 to 26     |
| South Arkansas        | September 7 and 8   |
| North Arkansas        | September 14 and 15 |