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Serious meditation upon the crucifixion of Christ can only lead to speechless wonder. While the bewildered intellect strives to grasp the meaning of this fathomless mystery, faith lays hold upon it, and the door of hope opens to the believing sinner. He enters to learn that "Christ Jesus, . . . of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

At Calvary the devout are given the clearest insight to the nature of God. He is seen as a God of majestic holiness unto whom no

"They Crucified Him"

General Superintendent Williamson

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

I Pet. 1:18-19

man can approach. He is known to be a God of justice whose condemnation of sin is unmitigated. But He is also revealed as the God who "so loved the world," that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And now He is "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

At Calvary, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, . . . For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." His righteousness is imputed unto us. This initiative on God's part enables the sinner to see his sinfulness in the light of God's righteousness. He is thereby led to repentance. Whereupon he is "justified by faith" and has "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

This is all my hope and peace—

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my righteousness—

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

This "new man, . . . after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." By faith the righteousness of God is imparted to the sanctified believer, for he is made partaker of the divine nature. He does now experience inward holiness and express outward righteousness.

The purchase of Calvary provides present salvation from sin's guilt and stain. All who know Christ shall have eternal life, of which salvation is a foretaste. The whole creation that *has known* the blight of the curse *shall know* the fullness of redemption.

LATE NEWS

"Mrs. Lottie Ward, wife of the late Rev. Joseph A. Ward, died triumphant in the faith on October 16. Mr. Ward was superintendent of the Washington-Philadelphia and New York districts, and a pastor, for many years. Funeral services were held in West Englewood, New Jersey, on October 19." —Bruce T. Taylor, Pastor, Paterson, New Jersey.

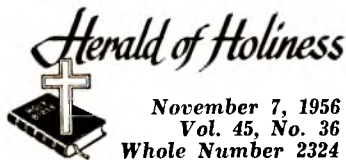
On Sunday, November 25, at Nashville, Illinois, Revs. Theodore and Minnie Ludwig will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Evangelist Douglas F. Roach sends word that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarene in Orange, Texas.

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, sends word that on September 30 he dedicated the Grace Church of the Nazarene in Chevenne, Wyoming, and on October 7 dedicated First Church of the Nazarene in Kalispell, Montana. Rev. A. L. McQuay, district superintendent, was present to assist in both services.

Rev. Erwin A. Self has resigned as pastor at Perry, to accept the pastorate of the church in Grand Ledge, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Hutcheson of Santa Fe, Tennessee, now in their eightieth year of life, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on November 5. He has been a Sunday-school superintendent for more than fifty years; forty-five years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school of Fly Chapel Church of the Nazarene, near Santa Fe. He has done evangelistic singing all these years—began in the work singing for the late Rev. J. O. McClurkan. His ministry in song has grown richer across the years, and he still sings with much blessing. One of their daughters is Mrs. L. B. Mathews, a commissioned song evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene.



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Rev. Calvin C. Privett has resigned as pastor at Winchester, Tennessee, to accept the pastorate of Central Church in Meridian, Mississippi.

"They shall bring forth fruit in old age' (Ps. 92:14). You can have a highly blessed retirement if you will have a God-centered retirement instead of a self-centered one."—W. J. Werning in "Investing Your Life."

GOD'S RICHES

By **NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER**

*All rich and royal things of earth
Combined cannot compare
With the riches of His love for me
And all men everywhere:*

*The riches of His sacrifice,
Beyond all dreams in worth;
The riches of His pardoning grace,
Which brings our glad new birth:*

*The riches of His comfort sure
In sorrow's darkest night;
The riches of His keeping power
Against satanic might:*

*The riches of His wisdom deep
To guide our whole lives through;
Of the wondrous things He has prepared
For all who love Him true.*

"QUICKIE" PRAYERS!

By **Christine White**
Lawndale, California

Before two world wars unbelief was so prevalent among the people that many had forgotten how to pray. But fears for loved ones at the front, plus desire for victory, roused all hearts. As a nation, we had ceased to walk and talk with God; our lips moved and we listened to prayers, while hearts remained cold and unmoved.

But we could work. Women left their homes and took jobs in offices and factories. Thoughts of the boys in the danger zone awakened long-dormant memories of early religious fervor, and many learned through the swift and silent prayer, the quick uplifting of the heart to God in the midst of the turmoil of shop or factory.

This was like a flash of light between the soul and God. How eager He was to hear and answer these petitions: "Lord, protect my boy; save my girl; give us victory"! Swifter than a rocket, such prayers from sincere hearts sped on their way to the throne of God, and soon the sender found his heart alive and vibrating. He was in communication with the all-knowing, all-powerful Creator.

The child learns to pray in short, halting phrases; so the war-worker found the sentence prayer the easy and natural way to keep the line open. His next step was to seek the society of the church and other Christians.

So are revivals born—in the hearts of the people! Now that the emergency seems less urgent (or is it?), we should continue the habit of the "quickie" prayer, contacting God daily, even hourly. Prayer-rockets sent up in the name of Jesus will never fall to earth unnoticed; our Heavenly Father will surely hear and answer them.

When He Is Come

III. CARNALITY MUST GO

The greatest element in holiness is, and always will be, the incoming of the Holy Spirit in His fullness. But is it safe, or wise, to emphasize this, rather than the cleansing of the heart from all sin? How can those who are not convinced that there is such a thing as sanctification be expected to seek and find it unless we emphasize that, instead of the Spirit's fullness?

As to its safety or wisdom there is but one answer. Jesus always puts the emphasis on the Holy Spirit rather than on any of His gifts. All through the Book of Acts the same emphasis was given by the Church. I wonder if some modern holiness teachers had been given the task of writing up the revival at Samaria if they would not have written: "They sent unto them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might be sanctified." Yes, that is what happened. But the Bible did not put the emphasis there. It says: "that they might receive the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8:15). We are always safe in putting the emphasis where the Bible puts it.

And we must remember that the cleansing of the heart from sin does not depend upon our early teaching or former opinion—it is the incoming of the Holy Spirit that brings it. Anyone who receives the Holy Spirit in His fullness is sanctified right then, even though he may not understand the terms we use in describing it. Years ago, near Adrian, Michigan, there lived a godly blacksmith. One Sunday, reading his Bible, he found in Eph. 3:19 these words: "That ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Said he: "That is something I do not have, and want." He went to his blacksmith shop, locked himself in, and kneeling by his anvil, consecrated his all through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and received a wonderful blessing.

Two years later a holiness group pitched a tent and held a meeting in a town near him. The pastor of the church this man attended warned his congregation that these people were "holy rollers" and told them it was dangerous to attend. The blacksmith kept dutifully away. But souls began to be saved there, some of them people for whom he had been praying. On the second Sunday of the meeting he made up his mind to attend and

see for himself. That afternoon the evangelist preached on holiness, told what it was, and called for seekers. Right in the middle of the sermon the blacksmith left his seat at the back and sat on the front seat. He watched during the altar service, and at its close asked permission to speak. He told them of the wonderful experience at the anvil, and said: "I have never known what to call it, except that I received all the fullness of God. Today I have found its Bible name—it is holiness."

A great Baptist preacher of England, Dr. F. B. Meyer, had a similar experience. In his early ministry there came to him a vision. Christ seemed to come to him and demand the keys to his life. Each part of his life seemed to him as a locked drawer, one for his plans and so on. One by one he gave to Christ the key to each drawer. But there was one key he hoped Christ would not ask for; that drawer contained the dearest secret of his life. But Christ did ask it, and when Meyer gave Him that key he knew that he was all the Lord's, that Christ possessed him completely. Meyer never did adopt all our terms about holiness; yet he wrote: "When the Holy Spirit dwells in His blessed fullness within the surrendered heart, He sets it free from the law of sin and death . . . Be not content to have the Holy Spirit within thee; see that He fills thee . . . We must bring our weary hearts to the Heart-Physician asking Him to cleanse them by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, disentwining the clinging evil of self, and filling us with His own sweet and perfect love" (From his book *Christian Living*). Surely Dr. Meyer had all that we claim in the second blessing.

Just one more instance. A young man whom God had called to preach had been under the teaching that we are not sanctified by a second work of grace, but are sanctified when we are converted. So every time he felt the stirrings of carnality within he thought he must be backslidden, and asked God to forgive. He came in contact with holiness people, but rejected their teaching. But God was in their services, and he became hungry. He had a book that was filled with arguments against the second blessing. But in one place in that book it said, "We should urge young converts to

seek for more power." So he began to pray for power, but got nowhere. A visiting holiness evangelist won the confidence of the young man and to him the young man opened his heart.

The evangelist was wise, and instead of trying to argue with him, said: "You want power. The Bible says, 'Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.' Why not seek for the incoming of the Holy Ghost that will bring power?" This seemed reasonable to the young man, and he began to pray for the Holy Spirit. Then one Sunday afternoon, alone in his room on his knees, the Spirit met him and led him to consecrate everything to God. One of the things to which he had to say yes was this: "Suppose that after the Holy Ghost comes in you find out that the holiness people are right and you are sanctified wholly. What will you do about it?" And his answer was, "Lord, Thou knowest that I do not believe in what these people teach. But I am so hungry for Thee that I will welcome all that Thou dost bring with Thee."

It was but a step more and the young man knew that the Holy Spirit had come. But that very day he began to sense that the old carnality he had struggled with was gone. A day or two later, a severe test came into his life, but God gave perfect victory—then the young man realized he had been sanctified, and told the church so. From that time on, that young man has been a constant preacher of second-blessing holiness. You ask, "Do you know that this really happened to that young man?" I ought to— for I was that young man!

Impelling Emotions

The claims of God, Country, Church, Home, and World missions are upon me.

Redeeming grace has come to me and mine through Christ and the Church. My citizenship in a great nation brings restful assurance of Protection. A comfortable home and trusted loved ones are mine to enjoy. My ever increasing debt to them drives me to try to do something special. I know my life is too short, my service is too faulty, and my gifts too meager, to ever be able to pay all of my debt to either of them.

Over three hundred commissioned missionaries and over a thousand National workers as well as many of the dying millions among whom they labor are depending upon us. I dare not betray this trust.

My Thanksgiving offering for World Evangelism will afford a tangible way for me to give thanks to God, to my Country and to my church and the same time give expression to my Impelling Emotion concerning the lost of Earth. They look in my direction! I must not fail them!

I am debtor.

D. J. Vanderpool

EPWORTH, ENGLAND

By Evangelist Robert Emsley



John and Charles Wesley's birthplace is but forty miles or so from where I was born. It is situated amidst the finest of England's agricultural land, in the county of Lincolnshire. Even today Epworth still retains many things that were known to the Wesleys, and is reputed to have changed but little—in the last two hundred fifty years.

The old home of the Wesley family was, of course, partially destroyed by fire when John Wesley was six years of age. When rebuilt, the rectory was reconstructed so that the window from which John was rescued no longer existed. In fact, today a blank wall is shown to those who inquire. Incidentally the rector (Anglican minister) of Ep-

worth lived in the old rectory until recently, but in 1955 it was sold to Methodism, thus perpetuating this structure as a "Wesleyana" relic.

Epworth's ancient parish church, where Rev. Samuel Wesley had such a turbulent ministry, still stands and is still in use by the Anglicans of the community. It has an "air" of age and solidarity, and the thick stone walls will probably—if Jesus taries—stand for many more centuries. Some of the inside support pillars, however, are now very much out of line.

In the adjoining graveyard can be seen the well-preserved gravestone, which marks the burial place

of Rev. Samuel Wesley. History records that John Wesley stood upon this horizontal stone and preached from it, when denied access to the pulpit (where his father used to preach) in the church.

The market place at Epworth still retains the ancient stone cross built on a mound of age-worn stones. From this place John Wesley also preached—sometimes to great crowds, even at 4:00 a.m.!

No visit to the town is complete without viewing the beautiful Wesley Memorial Methodist Church, which is kept in splendid condition. Internally the church is designed in the Anglican tradition without a central pulpit. The altar is nevertheless quite attractive; and the fine pipe organ and stained-glass windows, along with the tasteful decorations, all blend together to make the building a worthy memorial to Epworth's most illustrious family.

HE WAS THERE

C. H. Strickland
District Superintendent, European South Africa

Harmon Schmelenbach, the founder of our Nazarene mission in South Africa, possessed a vision which extended far beyond his day for the work of our church in southern Africa. Although his life was devoted to the black people of Swaziland, he seemed to realize that the day would come when the church would extend her borders beyond that British protectorate and even beyond the missionary task into the cities where European populations were increasing. It would seem that the Holy Spirit was definitely leading him when he made a trip to Pretoria, the capital of South Africa, and registered the Church of the Nazarene as a branch of the mother church in the U.S.A. The registration included any future work which would be done among the white people as well as the black.

What this vision and foresight have meant to the development of our European church cannot be lightly appraised. In 1948 when the work was opened, it was virtually impossible to register the church except as a foreign corporation, which would have brought it into the status of a business corporation. Failure to gain registration would have prevented the purchase of property in European areas, the recognition of our ministers as marriage officers, and would have rendered the situation practically hopeless.

But He was there! May God today give us vision and foresight to give and plan for a greater tomorrow in our beloved Zion through our giving to the Thanksgiving Offering.

The glory of giving to God's cause is reflected in the faces of those who have been redeemed because the church was faithful in her ministry of evangelism. Your Thanksgiving offering helps to extend God's work around the world.

So Great SALVATION!

By A. R. Higgs

This great salvation is the most important thing that can engage the attention of any soul. It is great because it cost the shed blood of our Lord to purchase it for us. It is also great because it can save the wicked from their sins and make them new creatures in Christ Jesus. Moreover, it is great because it can purify the heart and make it a fit dwelling place for the Holy Ghost. This great salvation must not be treated as if it were something of little importance. God must have first place in the heart life, or He will have none. Our Lord has a right to demand our first love because He has done more for us than parents could have done.

As our Lord neared the closing days of His life, He began to tell His disciples how He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. But Peter said to Him, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." Evidently Peter had in mind that he was doing the Lord a favor in saving His life. But Jesus said to him, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me." It is certain that Jesus loved Peter, but He hated the carnal thing in him that would detour Him from the way that led to the Cross.

No doubt the disciples were very much disappointed when their Lord was crucified and laid away in a rich man's tomb. They had expected their Messiah would deliver the Jews from the Roman yoke and restore again the kingdom to Israel. After Jesus rose from the dead, they asked Him, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" But our Lord had something better for them than a restored kingdom, which was the gift of the Holy Ghost. After Jesus ascended to heaven, there assembled 120 of His followers in the Upper Room waiting for the gift of another Comforter. They had already been commissioned to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. This was a tremendous charge, and to put it into effect against the powers of darkness would require brave soldiers dedicated to God to the last drop of blood flowing through

their veins, and filled with the power of the Holy Ghost. It is certain that those in the Upper Room were so dedicated. When the Holy Ghost purified their hearts (Acts 15:8-9), and filled them with His presence, they were an army terrible with banners. All the forces of darkness were not able to halt them in their onward march, nor could they close their mouths with their threatenings.

A clear distinction should be made between the birth of the Spirit and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The birth of the Spirit is very essential as a foundation for this great salvation. This first work of grace will put new converts out of the sinning business, for whosoever is born of God does not commit sin, but overcomes the world. The carnal mind remains in the hearts of the regenerated, but it does not reign against light. However, it does at times manifest itself through ignorance. When James and John wanted to call down fire and burn up the Samaritans, our Lord said to them, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." This desire to retaliate came from the carnal mind yet remaining in them. After this experience of the new birth takes place, those newly saved are urged to go on to perfection (Heb. 6:1).

Carnality remaining in the hearts of the regenerated has a weakening effect on the soul life. Man has not his normal strength while carnality remains in the heart life. This was the case with the disciples before Pentecost although they were called children of the Kingdom (John 21:5), and branches in the Vine (John 15:5). Before Pentecost they forsook the Lord and fled for their lives. They had carnal fear because they were not yet made perfect in love. "Perfect love casteth out fear." Neither were they yet perfected in holiness because there were carnal desires in them for chief places (II Cor. 7:1); nor were they perfected in faith (I Thess. 3:10). They were given to doubts, and Jesus upbraided them for their unbelief (Mark 16:14).

After the disciples were baptized with the Holy Ghost, we observe a marvelous change had taken place. All carnal fear was burned out with holy fire and they were as bold as lions. Having been perfected in holiness, there was no more place-seeking among them. Like Stephen, they were full of faith and the Holy Ghost (Acts 6:5). To be delivered from the carnal mind remaining in the hearts of newborn babes is a part of this great salvation God has provided for those who love His appearing.

TRAVEL LIGHT!



By Neta Walker

When planning for a journey, friends will often advise us to take as few articles as possible—only those things which are absolutely necessary. Often we take some things which are never used while we are away.

It is most interesting to look forward to seeing places and things which we have never before beheld. Most people are thrilled with the thought of travel.

We are all on a journey, traveling to a distant place. Each day takes us nearer to our destination.

When we embark for this journey we are very happy to have a traveling Companion or Guide who knows the way and is so helpful at all times and knows how to avoid the difficult places. We say, "You take the lead and I'll follow." But we look around and see some things which we think we might need and begin to add to our luggage and soon may be overburdened. In Heb. 12:1 we read, "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

So having enlisted, we again bow before our Guide and earnestly implore Him to eradicate all unnecessary luggage, and by faith we receive the cleansing by the Holy Spirit. Now we are ready to go forward bearing only the burden for lost souls. He said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." When it is a burden of love and our Companion bears the heavy side of the yoke, it is easy indeed.

Truly, burdens of love are not heavy. A lady saw a small girl carrying a big, fat baby and said to her, "That child is too heavy for you to carry." The little girl replied, "Oh, no, he isn't heavy. He is my brother."

Lord, help us to love our neighbor as ourselves and pray until he too knows and loves our Saviour. May we say with Paul, "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Men who expend their energies on sources of happiness outside of Christ are doomed to disappointment. He alone can bring true peace of mind and soul. Men have sought eternal

happiness in faraway places, in peculiar cults, and by reckless abandonment; but only those who seek life in Christ have found satisfactory results.
—Leslie Parrott.

Thank You for

The Privilege of Helping

By Elizabeth W. Sudlow, Miami, Florida

Some time ago a minister remarked, "What is the matter with my Christianity, that when I am called upon to serve, instead of being glad to do what I can and sorry I can't do more, I am irritated at being called upon to add to my already overcrowded schedule?" If a minister of the gospel will so express himself, what about the layman? Do you consider a call to service as something that is a *privilege* or are you annoyed that you are being asked to do something more? This annoyed feeling seems to be widespread among Christian people in general. And yet it is a privilege to be permitted to serve in the Lord's work, even though it is a humble or small task we are asked to perform. The call to serve should be something of a challenge—an effort to spur us on to do our best because we are being asked to become co-workers with God in furthering the work of the Kingdom.

I can recall several instances where people were most gracious in their response to an appeal for help, both in a financial way and in other terms of service. I have been turned down many times when I approached people and asked for their help in furthering some phase of the Lord's work, making these few exceptions so outstanding as to be remembered.

Once, years ago, I approached a young woman, asking for a donation for a most worthy cause but one in which she was not particularly interested. She responded generously and graciously and with these words: "Thank you so much for giving me the *privilege* of helping."

On another occasion I was visiting in the home of a busy mother when the phone rang. Her pastor was on the line and asked her to do a rather trying

bit of church work. She agreed to do it and then, after hanging up, exclaimed, "There, I forgot to thank Dr. Black for the *privilege* of working on that project. I must call him back and thank him."

Sometimes as parents we are glad to give to others the responsibility of teaching our own children the great Bible stories and truths. Let the Sunday-school teacher or the minister do it, we say. How different was the attitude of a young Jewess whom I contacted one time when our church was preparing to open a vacation Bible school! The Jewish family lived in the church neighborhood and there was a young lad who was of the age to attend. I called at the home to ask if he might be permitted to attend and, knowing the difference in our religious beliefs, hastened to explain that in his age group the boys would be studying about the Old Testament heroes, and that nothing would be said or done that could offend a Jew. The young mother looked at me and, after listening most courteously to my explanation, said, "And why should I, his mother, give to some other woman the *privilege* of telling my son about these men? It is my right and privilege." I could not but contrast this reply to many others I had heard during my neighborhood visitation, from mothers who were glad to get rid of the children for a few hours daily.

An elderly woman, widow of a minister, remarked, "I am so happy that there are so many opportunities for poor folk like me to contribute small sums to so many causes. My dollar bills fly hither and yon, and it gives me an interest in so many different projects. I am so grateful for the *privilege* of contributing my mite."

A young businesswoman confided, "I guess someone feels that I am an easy mark because I am constantly receiving seals for this cause or that. But I am glad for the *privilege* of helping out in this small way in so many different fields. I never do have money enough to make a large contribution, but I like to feel that my dollars contributed for seals help a little bit."

How do you answer requests for money or service? Is it with a complaint and a scowling remark that "someone is always wanting something"? How much easier it would make the task of those who are responsible, or who may have assumed the responsibility for planning the advancement of the Kingdom, if we all would accept the invitation to do our part with a hearty "Thank you for the *privilege* of helping!"

A Place of Stillness

By GRACE CLYDE ANDREWS

*There is a core of stillness in the storm,
However strong the hurricane may blow.
When life's great, swirling tempests 'round us form,
There is a place of refuge we may know—
A place where Jesus whispers, "Peace, be still!"
Deep in the center of God's holy will.*

TO THE WORK!

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work (Neh. 4:6).

By Edgar K. Zook, Fairbury, Illinois

Nehemiah, in spite of his zeal, his diligence, his trust in God, and his unswerving devotion to a God-inspired project, never could have rebuilt the walls of stricken Jerusalem with fainthearted, shiftless collaborators. He had to inoculate them with his own enthusiasm. So successful was he that "the people had a mind to work," and finished the walls in two years and four months.



Numerous difficulties hampered, but did not stall, the building activities. There were the bellicose threats of the Ammonites, the Moabites, and the Samaritans, plus the guile of the crafty enemy leaders, Sanballat and Tobiah. Workers did their job, armed for surprise attack. Occasionally there was labor trouble, as in the case of the Tekoite nobles who "put not their necks to the work of their Lord."

God's enterprise advanced in spite of all opposition. According to Josephus, in his *Antiquities of the Jews*, "None of these things could deter Nehemiah from being diligent about the work. He only set a number of men about him as a guard to his body, and so unweariedly persevered therein, and was insensible of any trouble, out of his desire to perfect the work."

Why was Nehemiah, who had been only a lowly cupbearer to old King Xerxes, of the Persians, able to complete this Gargantuan task? Because just as Elijah cast his mantle on Elisha, so did Nehemiah cast on his people, the Jews, the mantle of his character. Trust in God, undying love for the city of "his fathers' sepulchres," the spirit of co-operation, fearlessness in the face of enemy opposition, and unswerving determination—these were the qualities of successful endeavor that Nehemiah passed on

to his fellow laborers. Small wonder, then, that "the people had a mind to work."

What an outstanding example Nehemiah set for Nazarenes as they reach out for the goals of the new quadrennium! Fourteen million dollars for world evangelism, 25,000 new N.Y.P.S. members, 50,000 new N.F.M.S. members, Sunday-school enrollment of 1,000,000 and 500 new branch Sunday schools, 150,000 members for the church on profession of faith, and 1,000 new churches. Can this task be any more difficult than the one Nehemiah and the Jews faced as they gazed upon the rubble of Jerusalem's walls and gates?

Trust in a God who minimizes impossibilities, fervent love for the Church of the Nazarene and its program, courage in confronting attacks by "the powers of darkness," and determination to triumph—these attributes, impregnating the hearts and minds of Nazarene laymen, will cause a people, who always have had a mind to work, to work even harder.

"Jerusalem came to be fuller of people than it was before," after the walls were completed, according to Josephus. God's kingdom will be enriched more than it was before when the quadrennial goals have been successfully attained.

Quotations on Stewardship

Selected by Earl C. Wolf

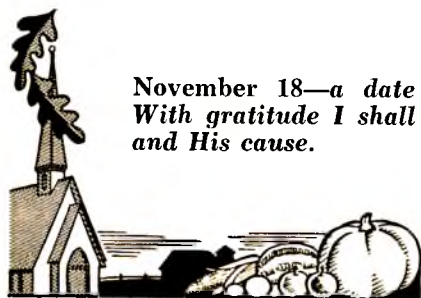
We cannot escape the spiritual conception of our stewardship whether we like it or not. How we use our money reveals what we believe in.—ALBERT A. CHAMBERS.

The man who really believes in his religion will believe in it enough to pay for its propagation.—ROY L. SMITH.

Give the *whole tithe* to the *whole program*. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10).

(1) To give my tithe through my church is *spiritual*.

(2) To give my tithe through my church is *simple*. It simplifies my problems of giving.



November 18—a date to remember!
With gratitude I shall give to Christ and His cause.

(3) To give my tithe through my church is *sensible*. No citizen would think of designating his taxes to one particular department.

(4) To give my tithe through my church is *serviceable*. There it covers every phase of human need—physical, mental, spiritual.

(5) To give my tithe through my church is *sufficient*. If all would do this there would be no lack.

(6) To give my tithe through my church is *successful*. All causes share proportionately out of this common church treasury.

(7) To give my tithe through my church is *sublime*. It glorifies God.—M. E. DODD.

The kingdom of God can never be established by raising money, but it can never be extended without raising money.—F. B. MEYER.

The distinguishing mark of the great Christian is a certain prodigality and extravagance in self-giving.—ROBERT JAMES McCRACKEN.

What he [the Christian] does with his time, his treasure, his talent is a fair test of his devotion to God, simply because he has the utmost liberty to invest these as his heart dictates.—CARL F. H. HENRY.

One dollar spent for lunch lasts five hours.
One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.
One dollar spent for a cap lasts five months.
One dollar spent for water power or a railroad grade lasts five generations.
One dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.—ROGER W. BABSON.

Economics says of *things*: These must satisfy *man*. But stewardship says of *things*: These must glorify God.—JOHN M. VERSTEEG.

I am twenty-five cents.
I am not on speaking terms with the butcher.
I am too small to buy a quart of ice cream.
I am not large enough to purchase a box of candy.
I am too small to buy a ticket to a movie.
I am hardly fit for a tip, but—believe me, when I go to church on Sunday I am considered *some money*.—MORA M. MORRIS.

The unused ability of the church is the exultation of hell, the surprise of heaven, the loss of man, and the grief of God.—W. B. HINSON.

If the Church of the living God were sacrificial she would thrill the world.—UNKNOWN.

When a Christian begins to make money, God gains a fortune or loses a man.—UNKNOWN.

Star on My Doorstep

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*November night, and the lonely road
Is a gleam with falling rain,
As porch lamps march along the street
In a glowing, golden chain.*

*Now drifting homeward through the mist,
I hear no voice, no car.
Is this my gate? Yes, on my step
There shines a lovely star!*

*Lord, when the night is long and dark,
And my way but a shrouded lane,
Let love and faith plant lights of hope,
Like porch lamps in the rain.*

Billy Graham's Answer

Recently a woman wrote Billy Graham a letter saying that, though she desired to teach her children the dangers of drinking alcohol, yet she and her husband had to attend parties, where for business reasons they found it necessary to take a sip or two of liquor so as not to offend the hostess. Then she asked, "What shall we do?"

Billy answered by saying:

"Why ask me? By your own admission you consider the feelings of your hostess more important than setting an example for your children. Never forget this: You cannot fool your children with pious phrases if they see inconsistencies in your life. There are many people in the world who, 'for business reasons,' have compromised their convictions. Such compromises hurt the individuals and they hurt those they love. Years ago a man left his home, walking in the snow, to go to a place of ill-repute. As he left this place he met his son, taking giant strides through the snow. When asked what he was doing, the little fellow said, 'I am walking in your steps, Daddy.' If you want your children to grow to be good men and women, surely you must set them such an example in your own home."—West Virginia Issue, the *Union Signal*.

EDITORIALS

By Stephen S. White, Editor

Are YOU Praying For the Thanksgiving Offering?

Are you praying for the Thanksgiving Offering? Some Nazarenes can answer, "Yes," to this question. They are honestly and sincerely praying for the Thanksgiving Offering. However, not all of us are praying for it. We are not specifically mentioning it to God day by day. Someone may ask, "Why pray for it?"

First, because *it is a part of the work of God*. God is for the Thanksgiving Offering. He is interested in the various activities for which that money is to be used. He is especially concerned about carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth; and a large per cent of the money which will come in through the Thanksgiving Offering will go for this purpose.

Second, if *God is interested* in the Thanksgiving Offering, we ought to be. If He believes in it, we ought to believe in it. If He is concerned about it, we ought to be concerned about it. If He thinks it is worth while, we ought to think it is worth while. And if we are interested and believe in it, are concerned about it and think it worth-while, we ought to pray for it.

Third, it deserves our prayers because *it is a task which our general church has set for itself*. As loyal Nazarenes we should co-operate with our general church in the realization of its goals. One way to do it is to pray definitely for the success of this part of its program.

Another reason we should pray for the Thanksgiving Offering is that in praying for it *we'll become more interested* in it. More than that, we'll be more open to the voice of God and more ready to give what we should to this offering. If we pray about anything that has to do with the work of God, it is likely to make us more willing to sacrifice time and money in its behalf. No person can pray earnestly for the Thanksgiving Offering and be indifferent as to what he puts into it.

Are you praying, day by day, for the Thanksgiving Offering?

Confessing Christ Before All Men

In Matthew's Gospel we have these words: "Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven" (10:32-33). This is one of the most serious passages in the Bible. If we fail the Master

at this point, He cannot stand between us and judgment over there. Confession is profession; it is witnessing. In relation to Christ it means that we are testifying to the fact that we are His followers. When we stand up in a service and give a testimony, we are confessing. When the preacher brings a message, if he truly preaches—speaks out of his own experience—he is confessing. Confession is standing on the inside and telling people what we know from experience; from there—every time we do this—we are inviting them to join us. One of the best ways in the world to persuade people to become Christians is by confession.

Confession is usually connected with what we say, but it also enters somewhat into all we do. Every move we make for Christ, if done sincerely, is done as a participant and not an onlooker. It is a form of confession and is most effective in getting people to come to Jesus Christ.

I am not surprised, then, that Jesus says, "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Confession stands at the very heart of Christianity. A person can't be a Christian without confession; and nothing else that he can do is more influential in forwarding the kingdom of God. "Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven."

Confession is public, and not private. Not only must it be something that is genuine and comes from the heart, but also it must be something that is out in the open, something that is before men, that people can see. The key verse of the Acts of the Apostles, where we read of the inauguration of the Church and the first wave of its forward movement, is given to us in these words: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). There is a very true sense in which confession must be before all men.

Someone may say, "I can't confess before all men in person." No, not directly, not by means of your own physical presence; nevertheless, you can confess to all men either by your own physical selfhood or through that of another. In that lies the significance of home and foreign missions. Our confession must belt the globe; and it can do this, not directly altogether, but by both the direct and

the indirect method. We can and must confess to some men and send others to confess to the rest of men. The Thanksgiving Offering helps make this possible. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Had it ever occurred to you that if we do less than our best in confessing to the whole world we are thereby denying our Lord, or failing to confess Him before all men? Insofar as we do this, we forfeit our right to His confession before the Father. In other words, by not confessing Him to all the world we are denying Him, and, because of that, He will deny us before the Father. God forbid that any Nazarene should be guilty of denying his Lord, his Saviour, by not giving as he should to the Thanksgiving Offering! God is blessing us with plenty—let's share this plenty with Him! Let's bring in all that we should and lay it upon His altars, that we may be able to "confess" Him before all men.

Are You a "Pump" Or a "Closed Faucet"?

Especially for Sunday-School Teachers

On October 7, I taught the first lesson in the new Sunday-school series on holiness. As I studied the *Bible School Journal*, the scriptures, and the lesson as a whole, I was impressed with the unusual piece of work which Dr. Albert F. Harper, editor in chief, and his assistants have done in preparing these lessons. No teacher ought to want for suggestions and material for presenting them. They are A-1 and have a wealth of material in them which is worth keeping in one's library. Teachers, by all means, should file their *Bible School Journals* and refer to them often.

But it is one thing to have good lesson material, while it is quite another for the teacher to be a channel through which it can reach those who are taught. May God make every teacher a "pump," and not a "closed faucet." May he pray so much in preparation for teaching these lessons that he can pass them on in their fullness. This is a tremendous responsibility which our teachers have to present the gospel of holiness during this quarter. We teach not only by our lips, but also by our lives and by the spirit with which we pass on the truth which has been given to us. After all, Dr. Harper and those who work with him haven't prepared these lessons just for you to enjoy them yourself, just for you to be a "closed faucet," but that you may be a "pump" and pass them on to others.

A pastor, in speaking of these lessons, said: "If only our teachers will prayerfully present them, it will have a multiplying effect on our denomination." I firmly believe this is true. There is no

way to estimate how much good can come out of these lessons on holiness if they are presented as they can and should be. I believe that they can generate in our midst a revival such as the Church of the Nazarene has never had before. God bless our teachers! We are grateful for them, and we want them in this high period of their activity to realize all of the possibilities within their reach.

Judge a Man's Beliefs by His Beliefs

A man's beliefs should be judged by his beliefs. If you want to know what his theology is, find out what his theology is. Don't let anything else about him pass for his theology. He might be good-looking, he might know how to dress well, speak eloquently, be affable and pleasant in company, devotional in spirit when he prays or speaks, and yet not be correct in his thinking as to the Bible and Christ, or in other phases of his theology.

Sometimes we may read a person's book and think the author is an unusual man because of the thoughts expressed in that book; but the book may not tell us anything about his view of Christ, the atonement, or the Bible. The same is true when we hear a person speak. He may have an unusual gift of language, and be especially attractive as a public speaker, and we may be taken in by him. We "fall for him," as we say; but there may not have been anything in what he said which would indicate what he believes as to the great fundamentals of the Christian faith. Of course, if we think it doesn't make any difference what a man believes, we can substitute these things which have been mentioned for his beliefs. If these are just as important, or more important, than a man's ideology, his fundamental thinking or beliefs, then what I have suggested is of little value. But I still believe that I am right in emphasizing the truth that beliefs do matter, and we can judge a man's beliefs only by his beliefs.

If we want to know what a man's view of Christ is, we must find out what his view of Christ is; we can't judge it from anything else. We might even go further and say that it isn't enough for a man to use Christian terminology—I want to know how he defines those words which he uses. Do they signify the same that they do when Christian theologians have used them? Sometimes there are those who have a wonderful vocabulary, from the standpoint of their ability to use Christian terms; but when you find out what they mean, you are disappointed. If a man claims to be a theologian and has written much in that field, you can usually discover where he stands in his beliefs, even though it may not appear readily on the surface. What he means by his words will finally come out on him, and you can tell what his position is. You can judge a man's beliefs by what he believes and by nothing else.

OUR PROGRAM



Your Thanksgiving Offering - November

WORLD MISSIONS



Supports Evangelism Around the World

The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER
GALLOWAY



Topic for
November 18:

"Purifying Their Hearts By Faith"

SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:9-10, 13; Acts 26:16-18; 1:4-5; 2:1-4; 15:8-9; Heb. 11:6 (Printed: Luke 11:9-10, 13; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4; 15:8-9; Heb. 11:6)

GOLDEN TEXT: *But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him* (Heb. 11:6).

Those who are in the fresh glow of a newborn experience of divine grace usually have little difficulty believing God for the experience of sanctification when they have made a complete consecration of their all to Him. However those who have had the light on holiness for a long time and have not walked in it, those who have repeatedly sought the experience without ever having reached a place of real victory, and especially those who have unrealistic and unscriptural ideas of what the experience means, frequently have a struggle to believe.

Dr. A. F. Harper says, "Faith is the one condition that is never absent when the blessing comes, and the one condition that can never be met without the blessing following."

Evangelical faith is what differentiates true scriptural holiness from pietism, asceticism, monasticism, or any other man-made attempt to be holy. "All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). Just as there must be a step of pure faith at the end of our repenting if we are to have peace with God, so there must be also a step of faith at the end of our consecration if we are to be sanctified. It may come so normally and so readily that we are scarcely aware of it, but everyone must believe to be cleansed, just as everyone must believe to be forgiven.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, who was led to seek holiness while a student at Asbury College as a result of having read *The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*, said after he had prayed and done all he knew to meet the conditions, he paced

the floor in his room. He found himself pushing with both his hands trying to push the doubts away, so as to believe God and receive the assurance.

My doorbell rang one morning and when I answered, an elderly man—a stranger—was standing there. He said, "God sent me to you to get sanctified." He said he had been trying to get sanctified for years, but I recognized at once that he was in bondage to a fanatical idea, for he said he felt he would have to fast and die out to the flesh for two weeks or more. He had gone on several fasts but each time had given in "too soon."

He had come a hundred miles and he seemed so in earnest that we let him stay at our house and we started in to do our best in prayer and faith

to help him. The two weeks ended on Sunday and I asked ten of our good church people to join me in fasting and praying with him that day. At about four o'clock in the afternoon God broke in on the scene and this dear old man, almost in spite of himself, began to rejoice and praise God. He testified that God had really met his heart and sanctified him. He was so happy and seemed so assured that I thought it was settled. The folk went home and this old man, at the suggestion of my wife, took a little nourishment. However it was only an hour until he said to me, "I broke over just a little too soon. If I had only held on in fasting a little bit longer I know I would have got the blessing." The next day I put him on the train to Denver. He had started another fast.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

Evangelism is the spearhead of attack against the forces of evil in the world. It leads the way in the conquest of the Church as it endeavors to rescue the lost and turn the deluded victims of Satan from darkness to light.

Evangelism is beneficial to the church that practices it. It kindles and rekindles the fires of compassion in the hearts of Christians. It oils the machinery of the organization. It inspires the church officials to labor more earnestly, for through its fruit they see the results of their toil. It adds new faces to the fellowship of the church. It replaces God and brings His blessings to the people.

Without it we would drift into cold formalism and ritualism, which breathes the breath of stalemated and death into church life.

Evangelism is the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ to all men, bringing them to a godly sorrow over their sins (conviction) and leading them into repentance before God. It is directing them by the leadings of the Holy Spirit into the second definite experience of heart purity by the complete consecration of themselves to God, and includes instructions in the life lived for God.

There are only two methods of evangelism taught in the Bible, namely, mass evangelism and personal evangelism. Every soul that has ever been won to Christ was reached through one or the other. Jesus himself used them both. He preached to the multitudes, but gave His attention just as carefully to the individual. We must use them both. One cannot succeed without the other.

Mass evangelism does more than bring the lost to Christ and direct them into sanctification. It revives God's people. Personal evangelism puts them to work, fulfilling the promises they made to God when He redeemed them.

The new Department of Evangelism is dedicated to the fostering of both mass and personal evangelism. It is in the interests of both that we are planning for a great Evangelistic Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, January 6, 7, and 8, 1958. This conference will be for everybody to attend and will start off our Golden Anniversary year. Even now let us start praying for that conference, that it might enjoy the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

To assist both our churches and our fine evangelists, the Department of Evangelism is starting a special service on January 1. Cancellations of revivals often come, due to unforeseen circumstances, and both the evangelist and a church are inconvenienced. So we are suggesting that our commissioned evangelists list their open dates for a ninety-day period with the department. We are also asking that pastors of churches who need an evangelist on short notice write to the department about their need. They will receive a list of evangelists who have filed open time for the desired date. Then the pastor and his church board may decide, as God shall direct them, and need not drop plans for the revival campaign, as has been done sometimes in the past. There is no stigma to either a cancellation or an open date, and by the service of this department more revivals can be carried out as scheduled and more souls can be won to Christ.



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

Prayer Request—Cuba

Mrs. John Hall had emergency surgery October 12. Please remember her in prayer.

Thank You

I thank the General Board, the district superintendents, and all the pastors and people for all they did for me. I may not be able to write to all personally, but I take this opportunity to thank them all. I was blessed by the great spiritual tone of the General Assembly and I saw the vision of the people. God has given us a great church and a great people. Praise His name! We in India will do our best for the kingdom of God, and to win souls for the Master. It is good to be back to the family, people, and work. Please pray for me as I assume the responsibilities in India again. I want God more than anything else. Praise His name!—SAMUEL J. BHUJBAL, *India*.

Prayer Request—Argentina

Mrs. Lester Johnston has recently suffered a nervous break and has been in the hospital for three weeks. She must give up all mission responsibilities for some time. Will you join us in prayer that God will again undertake for this good servant of His?

About a year ago Mrs. Johnston had a serious operation, and God wonderfully intervened at that time and restored her health and strength. He is able to do all that is needed now to enable Mrs. Johnston to remain in the work she loves.

Continue to Pray

There has been a wave of persecution against the work here in Guatemala, and this has served to unite our pastors and people and missionaries in closer bonds than ever before.

Mateo Mendonza, for whom prayer was requested in the *Other Sheep*, has again been threatened with danger. The same group that attacked him before, planned to kill him as he went to his church in San Gabriel, but Mateo did not go that particular night, and so escaped the attack. We are taking all precautions and every lawful means to stop these persecutions.

Another of our churches was surrounded in San Pedro Carcha, and an attempt was made on the life of the preacher who had come to us from Peru for special services.

We would appreciate your prayers for these who are in danger, and for all of us, that we will take a Christian

attitude toward those who persecute, and thus enable God to use the persecutions to be a blessing for His kingdom and His people.

Tuesday as we were returning with the family from a youth revival at San Jeronimo, our brakes completely failed us when we started down one of the mountains. But God did not fail. As I did my best to guide the car around the sharp curves Mrs. Hudson prayed aloud, "*Oh Dios Ayudanos!*" ("O God, help us!") When we finally came to a stop at the bottom of the mountain,

safe and sound, we had a good laugh at Lucille for praying in Spanish instead of English in a moment of stress. We must be becoming more identified with the people and the work here.

When we see God's protection in times of danger, then we are assured once more that people at home are praying.—JAMES HUDSON, *Guatemala*.

Good News At Low Mountain

The driller at Low Mountain struck an abundance of water at a depth of 491 feet. In a few minutes the water had risen 300 feet in the well casing. The water is soft and very clear.

The ladies at the mission have a wonderful revival going on. People pray through night and day, in hogans, in the the church, on the road, and this has gone on now for weeks.—D. SWARTZ, *American Indian District*.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>Percentage</i>
NORTHWEST ZONE			
Alaska	549	639	116
Minnesota	2,192	2,321	106
North Dakota	1,737	1,747	101
Oregon Pacific	7,253	7,139	98
Washington Pacific	5,094	4,717	93
Northwest	7,010	6,479	92
Rocky Mountain	2,163	2,269	92
<i>Districts not reporting: Nevada-Utah, Idaho-Oregon, South Dakota</i>			
CENTRAL ZONE			
Northwestern Illinois	4,998	5,613	112
Central Ohio	13,336	13,913	104
Michigan	8,347	8,580	103
Chicago Central	5,494	5,590	102
Wisconsin	2,328	2,346	101
Indianapolis	8,916	8,916	100
Western Ohio	14,380	14,160	98
Illinois	8,788	8,605	98
Northeastern Indiana	9,697	9,471	98
Southwest Indiana	9,359	9,013	96
Missouri	7,628	7,299	96
Iowa	6,437	6,148	96
<i>Districts not reporting: Eastern Michigan, Northwest Indiana</i>			
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
Florida	7,069	7,633	108
Georgia	5,596	5,870	105
East Tennessee	5,712	5,934	104
North Carolina	3,670	3,733	102
West Virginia	10,773	10,942	102
Virginia	3,144	3,163	101
Alabama	7,486	7,481	100
Tennessee	8,447	8,219	97
Mississippi	2,875	2,756	96
Eastern Kentucky	5,463	4,984	91
<i>Districts not reporting: Kentucky, South Carolina</i>			

*He saved others; himself he cannot save
(Mark 15:31).*

*It is quite impossible in saving others
to escape the result associated with such
a sacrifice.—E. F. WILDE.*

Servicemen's Corner



District	Last Year	September	Percentage
EASTERN ZONE			
Akron	11,366	11,502	102
Washington-Philadelphia	10,467	10,436	100
Pittsburgh	8,535	8,365	98
New England	6,975	6,797	97
Albany	3,369	3,265	97
<i>District not reporting: New York</i>			
CANADIAN ZONE			
Canada Pacific	1,055	1,099	104
Canada West	4,228	4,062	96
Maritime	1,087	1,032	95
<i>District not reporting: Canada Central</i>			
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Kansas City	9,258	9,540	103
San Antonio	3,679	3,715	101
Dallas	5,046	5,090	101
South Arkansas	3,948	3,944	100
Abilene	5,687	5,616	99
Kansas	7,962	7,839	98
Southeast Oklahoma	3,955	3,881	98
North Arkansas	3,656	3,561	97
Nebraska	2,728	2,628	96
Northeast Oklahoma	3,961	3,804	96
Southwest Oklahoma	6,277	5,568	89
Northwest Oklahoma	5,989	5,191	87
<i>Districts not reporting: Houston, Louisiana</i>			
SOUTHWEST ZONE			
Hawaii	519	667	129
New Mexico	3,126	3,125	100
Southern California	11,161	11,056	99
Arizona	3,683	3,624	98
Colorado	6,334	6,224	98
<i>Districts not reporting: Northern California, Los Angeles</i>			
MISCELLANEOUS			
Australia	494	723	146
North American Indian	1,018	1,145	112
<i>Estimated Average for September, 1956</i>		386,886	
<i>Decrease over last year's average</i>		2,645	
<i>Percentage of decrease</i>		.68	

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*

God Save Our Boys

*God save our soldier boys!
God save our sailor boys!
God save our boys!
Keep them from sin's black snare,
'Neath Thy protecting care;
Hear Thou our earnest prayer—
God save our boys!*

*God save our boys that fly
Beneath a foreign sky;
God save our boys!
May Thine almighty hand
Shield them in every land;
God bless their noble band—
All those who fly!*

*God give us victory
On land, in air, and sea;
God bless our boys!
When the last fight is won,
And the great work is done,
Bring them home every one—
God keep our boys!*

*God of the Nations, save
Each of the true and brave;
God bless our land!
Preserve our liberty,
Keep us forever free,
Our hope is all in Thee—
God bless our land!*

REV. M. V. MILLER
in the *Free Methodist*

NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION

Pender W. Gilliland DIRECTOR



Religious News & Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

Bible for Credit on TV

North Carolina University announces a credit course, this fall, on the origins and interpretation of the Bible over their station WUNC-TV. It will consist of thirty-six lectures given by Bernard Boyd, professor of Biblical literature. We would hope that the atmosphere and tone of the lectures would be that of evangelistic faith.

Quakers Urge Peace

Through the centuries the Quakers have borne testimony to their passion for peace. Again, so the *Christian Century* magazine reports, in looking over the Suez crisis, the Quakers "urge the abandonment of threats of force in times of crisis." In a letter which they sent out the Quakers link the Suez move, on the part of Egypt's ruler, with the

struggle of formerly dependent peoples, to the achievement of honorable national status. The "epistle" is quoted as saying: "We . . . believe that the Christian approach is the practical way to attain that friendship between our country and the Arab world which alone would secure the common interests of all the nations."

"Book of Life" Stamp

The United States Post Office Department issued a postage stamp commemorating Labor Day (1956) and labeled it "The Book of Life." The stamp was issued in Camden, New Jersey, and pictures the book portrayed in large mural at the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the A.F. of L.—C.I.O. Speak-

ing for this joint organization. President George Meany said, "To us the 'Book of Life' can mean nothing other than the Bible." (*Time*)

"Where Is It Going?"

We refer to your money. Money goes more readily than it stays. In fact, even dedicated money, at times, slips out into channels where it ends in a futile cause. The National Association of Evangelicals warns against indiscriminate giving even though the cause may seem to be worthy. This organization investigated the case of a very pious and seemingly spiritual man who had talked literally scores of churches and hundreds of Christians out of thousands of dollars of dedicated money for supposedly needy churches and a Bible school in a foreign land that in fact had never existed. Let us keep our hearts open to honest appeals and to genuinely worthy causes, but do so without giving blindly to the unworthy. There is no better nor safer way to give than through the regularly established channels of some good church. (*Nazarene Pastor*)

Candidate for the Ministry

According to *Presbyterian Life*, the presbytery of Crawfordsville (Indiana) received under its care, as a candidate for the ministry, Miss Ann Fisher, of the Frankfort, Indiana, Presbyterian church. She is now in school in preparation for the ministry on the mission field of India. Until lately Presbyterians have been slow to ordain women to the ministry.

Our Priceless Freedom

In an editorial in a recent number of the *Christian Herald*, attention is called to a phase of the religious institutional life in Russia. Religious freedom in that country is not all that could be hoped for. The few seminaries they allow are entirely in the hands of the Communist Party, so it is reported. Each seminary must have two party commissioners: one is an active "peace priest," the other a party ideologist. These men decide who may enter and who may be ordained after completing the work of the seminary. Their only Moslem seminary is under the same surveillance. We must cherish and guard that most priceless of our inheritances—religious freedom.

Tax on Church Schools

It seems that a group of California taxpayers are very unhappy over a law granting tax exemption to "nonprofit private elementary and high schools" because they feel that Roman Catholics are mainly the beneficiaries of the law. They have decided to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. The highest state court has upheld the law.

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Are all of the so-called sacred books inspired, to some extent, by the Holy Spirit? That is, are the Koran and the Book of Mormon inspired by the Holy Spirit to some extent?

I believe that such a claim is misleading. At best, all that it can possibly mean is that these books represent the hunger of the heart for the true God and the salvation which He alone can

give. But this is not in the same class with the inspiration of the Bible. It is inspired in a unique sense by the Holy Spirit, and, therefore, stands in a class by itself.

Did those who spoke in tongues, or different languages, on the Day of Pentecost, actually know what they were saying?

Some authorities would answer your question, "Yes," and others, "No." It seems to me that they must have known that they were delivering a specific message from God. At least Peter's ser-

mon implies this. On the other hand, it is doubtful that they knew the full significance of what they were saying, even if they did know the meaning of the words which came from their lips.

Does God the Father always communicate with man through the Holy Spirit, or does He communicate with man in other ways? What about the activity of angels in both the Old and New Testaments?

I believe that in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, God the Father's chief way of communicating with man is through the Holy Spirit. However, I would not want to say that He has always communicated with man only through the Holy Spirit or does always

so communicate with man. I would make a place for His communication with man through angels in all ages. Also, He has evidently communicated directly with man in the past and may do so today.

Do we always sense the Holy Spirit's dealings with us, or can He deal with us without our knowing it?

I believe that He deals with the sinner and the Christian sometimes with-

out their knowing that He is dealing with them.

Are all desires to be more like God prompted by the Holy Spirit, or can man willfully choose to be more like God without first having the Holy Spirit's promptings in that direction?

When the Arminian and Wesleyan teaching as to prevenient grace, which includes conscience as coming from grace, or the supernatural, is taken into consideration, we must attribute all good impulses to God. And usually

what God does for us is mediated to us by the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. Man was so depraved by sin that he cannot move toward God in any sense without grace, prevenient or otherwise.

Is all prayer due to the promptings of the Holy Spirit? What about selfish prayer? What about prayer offered to saints or idols?

Some leaders in the Christian Church would answer your question in the affirmative. However, I cannot agree with them. I do not believe that it is correct to say that all prayers which men pray are prompted by the Holy Spirit. I am sure that it could not be true except in the most general sense. By this is meant that all prayers are prompted by God or the Holy Spirit in that they

are the results of the activity of prevenient grace or conscience which has brought to the heart a sense of need for help from someone beyond themselves. Men everywhere have been found to have a conscience and some kind of belief in a power greater than they are. Only in this very general sense could one say that all prayer is prompted by God or the Holy Spirit.

What about prayer as a habit? Must not prayer be more than a habit? Habit results in doing something without carefully thinking what one is doing or how it is done. In prayer there must be thought content and desires expressed as well as that which may be or may become a habit. It seems that prayer is more than a habit, although it may be habitual to pray.

Your last statement helps me to answer your question—"although it may be habitual to pray." When some say that prayer is a habit and should be, they mean that prayer should become second nature. We should get to the

place where it is natural, or spontaneous, for us to turn to God under many and varied circumstances. By the habit of prayer, they do not mean that the prayer itself is to be formal and without thought.

the HOME CIRCLE



Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

The Devil's Gold—

When the New England states were being colonized, many legends sprang up. Some of these had real lessons for the people. These lessons are equally appropriate for us of today. One story, called "The Devil's Gold," reminds us to be careful upon what we place our values in life.

The legend goes something like this:

There was once a general who was known to be greedy for great riches. Every time he had a chance to increase his wealth, he took the opportunity, however risky or unjust it might be.

One night he was sitting visiting with some friends.

"I would be willing to sell my soul to the devil if I could have all the gold I wanted," he declared.

Suddenly there appeared to the general a man dressed in a black velvet suit. This man appeared to have come down through the huge chimney of the

house. He was in a gay mood, and turning to the general he asked, "Have you ever had a drink of burning rum?"

"Never," answered the general; whereupon the Man-of-the-velvet-suit picked up a burning coal from the fireplace and, placing this in a bowl of rum, he proceeded to drink the rum as it blazed away.

The general then knew that his visitor could be none other than the devil. He was a bit frightened, but as he talked with the devil, his fears were calmed. Soon the conversation drifted to gold and how to obtain it.

"I would give my soul for all the gold I want," the general exclaimed.

"You would, would you?" replied the devil. "I will buy your soul. Each month from now on, I will give you a boot full of gold if you will agree that your soul shall belong to me."

"But how would I know you would keep up your side of the bargain?" asked the general.

The devil then ran his hand through his hair and many gold coins dropped to the floor. The general saw the coins, and in his greed he quickly fell to the floor and started to gather them together. The first one he touched, he sprang back. It was red-hot! The devil laughed! A moment later, he said, "Pick up the coins now." They were cool. The general's eyes greedily bulged out. Here was a way for him to gain a fortune! Of what value was his soul when he could sell it for all the gold he wanted?

Soon an agreement was reached and the devil disappeared.

The general looked at his boots. They were much too small.

"I must go out and buy the largest boots I can find. My boots are too small to hold all the gold I want."

He bought a pair of boots which reached clear to his waist!

The first month, the second month, and the third month, the boots were filled to the brim with gold.

The general's greed did not leave him. The more he got, the more he wanted.

The next time the devil came back to fill the boots, try as he did, he could not get the boots full. This called for some investigation. He turned the boots upside down and discovered that the general had cut the soles off the boots,



by BERTHA MUNRO

Community Rules

Monday:

Evidently in Paul's day not all Christians became automatically Christlike in conduct. They had to be reminded. But with perfect love they found it natural, once their eyes were opened; or they found they needed perfect love. There is a "together" requirement which we will meet—if we remain Christian.

Tuesday:

The Holy Spirit, obeyed, will make us more desirable members of our community. One holiness college president said a sanctified college boy might trample carelessly on an expensive sheet of music—once. The second time the Holy Spirit would check him. A young woman said the greatest change she noticed in a friend after she was sanctified wholly was that she was less inquisitive about other people's business!

(Any social grouping in which we find ourselves may be defined as our "community": for neighborhood, office, school, or family the rules hold. Check them, give yourself a grade, then raise it!)

Wednesday:

1. *Tolerance.* "Judge not." You have a beam in your own eye.

2. *Consideration.* "If meat make my brother to offend." I will go on a vegetable diet. "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak" (Rom. 15:1).

Thursday:

3. *Unselfishness.* "In honour preferring one another." "Look not every man on his own things" only.

4. *Sympathy and understanding.*

(quiet time—and energy-consuming). "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15).

Friday:

5. *Democracy* (the genuine kind). "Mind not high things, but condescend to [really love to be with] men of low estate."

6. *Courtesy.* "Be pitiful, be courteous" (courtesy on the inside).

Saturday:

7. *Self-reliance.* "Provide things honest . . ." Do your share. "Not slothful in business; . . . serving the Lord" (in all that you do).

8. *Peacemaking.* "Live peaceably." "Recompense to no man evil." "Bless them that curse." "Overcome evil with good."

Sunday:

9. *Justice.* Be fair. "Render . . . to all their dues." "Be subject unto the higher powers" (those in authority). "Do all things without murmurings" and criticizing.

10. *Sincerity and love* in control. "Love . . . without dissimulation." No pretense and no truth-shading. Love "thinketh no evil." (See Romans 12.)

so that the gold could pile up under the floor of the room.

When the devil saw what the general had done, he laughed to himself.

"Aha," he said, "we will see about this!"

That night the house of the general burned to the ground. All the gold was burned and the general found himself again a poor man. He grieved and grieved over this. Then he remembered. "Gold does not burn up. All my gold must have melted together and must now be in a heap under the ashes of my house."

He began to dig. He dug and dug and dug. There was no gold lump anywhere. The gold had completely disappeared.

Not long after this, the general died. After he was buried, the townspeople began to remember what he had once said.

"Why, I heard him say, 'I would sell my soul to the devil for all the riches I could desire,'" said one old man.

Rumors began to fly here and there. Finally the townsmen, out of curiosity, went to the graveyard and dug up the coffin wherein the general had been

buried. The coffin was empty. Ever after that it was the belief that, when the general died, the devil came after him and claimed his soul as his own.

Sometimes it is not for gold that one sells his soul. *One can sell his soul for position, for power, for fame.*

What do we gain for keeps? This depends upon what one's aims are. Anything sought for with selfishness is lost. What one gains through selflessness cannot be destroyed by fire, by water, by man, or by the devil. *Selfless gains are eternal gains!*

NEWS of the Churches



Doctor and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Three thousand miles of travel in twelve days! A tour of the Wisconsin Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church with the conference secretary, Rev. Royal Bailie, was a time of inspiration, co-operation, vision, and resolution to make their Sunday schools bigger and better. These people are devout, sane, and true to the doctrine of their forefathers. The Wisconsin conference has twenty-three churches, with Rev. Loraine Peterson as president. It was a privilege to speak to the Christian Business Men's Association at a noonday luncheon in Milwaukee."

Evangelist M. J. Jones reports: "At this writing I am in a good meeting at the new church, North Side, Indianapolis, Indiana, and God is blessing. I have some open time in January and February of 1957; will go anywhere for free-will offerings and entertainment. Write me, 119 N. Colorado Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana."

Bridgeport, Indiana—Recently our church enjoyed a wonderful revival with Rev. Fred Bouse as evangelist, and Andy Gentry as special singer. On the closing night, Brother Bouse raised \$520.00 in cash and pledges to pay off the debt on the Sunday-school bus we recently purchased. On the closing Sunday of the meeting we had 146 in Sunday school, and the Sunday following we had 168 present. In our missionary service for September we opened our Alabaster Boxes and had an offering of \$175.00. We praise God for these fine people—they have a mind to work and a fine spirit of giving.—JAMES FORD, Pastor.

Mercer, Pennsylvania—On Sunday evening, September 30, our church concluded a very profitable revival meeting with Evangelist Wilma Jean Inghland. Sister Inghland is a good gospel preacher with a stirring message. God moved in our midst, with forty-five souls praying through to victory at the altar. We praise God we can still have revivals.—CLAIR WALKER, Pastor.

Coffeyville, Kansas—Central Church recently had a revival with Evangelist E. J. Miller as the special worker. His messages were soul-stirring and Biblical, and several young people prayed through to God. Mrs. Jean Gant was the able music director. The high light of the meeting was on Sunday afternoon, September 30, when our pastor, Rev. Ralph Jared, conducted a baptismal service with eighteen baptized.—MRS. ESTHER SECREST, Reporter.

Quincy, Ohio—Our church recently had a wonderful revival with Rev. D. A. Hough from Springfield as the evangelist. He preached with the anointing of God, and many souls were saved and sanctified, with the church helped spiritually. We appreciated the ministry of Brother Hough with us. A class of new members was added to the church.—ELI LIPPS, Pastor.

Evangelist Wilma Jean Inghland reports: "God has blessed my ministry during this past assembly year as I've conducted revival meetings in several states. Souls have sought God at the altar with many praying through to be saved, sanctified, and healed. Also, we have seen new members added to the church. I am glad God gives victory now. Already I'm slating meetings into 1958, and will be willing to go anywhere to preach the gospel. During the past years I have held youth rallies, holiness conventions, spoken at high school Bible clubs, etc., and thank God for the victories He has given. Write me, 322 Meadow Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania."

High Point, North Carolina—Calvary Church recently dedicated a lovely new parsonage with District Superintendent Byron bringing the message. The building is 30 x 61 feet, constructed of the best materials, with full basement, and automatic heating system. At the request of the building committee the pastor drew the plans, with a local carpenter employed to supervise, and much labor was donated by men of the church who worked faithfully. The lot is 100 x 150 feet, and cost \$2,100.00; the

building was erected at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00. The property is conservatively estimated at \$22,000.00, and we owe less than \$9,000.00 on it. God has been good to this church, and we have seen growth in all departments during the past five years. For the assembly year just closed we averaged 187 in Sunday school, and the membership stands at 100; for all purposes we raised just short of \$12,000.00. During 1953 we made major improvements on the church grounds; in 1954 we built a new block and concrete Sunday-school annex, 28 x 40 feet; in 1955 we started the parsonage, completing it early in '56. We give God praise for this loyal, co-operative people, and rejoice in spiritual victories.—A. H. JOHNSON, Pastor.

Evangelist J. W. Short reports: "We rejoice today that we have been privileged to labor another assembly year in the whitened harvest fields for our wonderful Lord and in our beloved church. We are now starting our forty-seventh assembly year as a full-time worker in the church where the Lord led us. Many rich blessings have been ours across the years. During the past assembly year we preached 217 times, conducted 10 holiness conventions, 9 revival meetings, some district tours, one preachers' meeting, and frequently have spoken at some rally or district gathering. God has given souls at the altar, for which we praise Him. We have traveled in sixteen states, with God's mercies and open doors. It is a privilege to have Mrs. Short with me and she frequently speaks in the interest of our missionary work, and also at the young people's services. We praise God for the open doors before us, and ask an interest in their prayers."

Rev. Neil Strait writes: "I am a commissioned evangelist, and now in my junior year at Olivet Nazarene College, giving my week ends in the field of evangelism. I have appreciated working with our good pastors and laymen. I have a spring date, April 14 to 21, 1957, which I'd like to slate. Write me, Box 112, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois."

Pastor H. C. Thomas reports: "We are happy to report four happy and fruitful years with our Central Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. During this time 108 new church members were received, an air-conditioning system installed, and the church property completely decorated and adequately furnished. God blessed with a rising spiritual momentum, with two good revivals during the past year, with Rev. D. K. Wachtel and Dr. Russell V. DeLong. Some of the finest laymen to be found are in this church and it was a joy to work with them and Dr. I. C. Mathis, the able and congenial district superintendent. Feeling led of the Lord we resigned to accept a call to our church in Newton, Kansas, and already God is blessing. We have here a fine church building, a property valued at \$200,000.00, and at this writing we are in a revival campaign with Evangelist John Logan."

Pastor Dean Baldwin reports from Springfield, Missouri: "For the past seven years God has blessed in a wonderful way in the work at First Church. We have received 211 into membership, 121 of them by profession of faith, and the Sunday school has grown from an average of 107 to 268 thus far this year. Two other churches have been organized out of First Church during this time, and we are helping now in the starting of a third church. A new building has been constructed and other properties bought next to the church, the total evaluation being \$110,000.00. The debt is about \$25,000.00 and is well financed. We have a good, spiritual people, who know how to pray, work, give liberally, and follow leadership. In August, Mrs. Eva Gardner gave us a week of revival with visitation emphasis, and we have a fine group who call each week. In September our three Nazarene churches (Pastor Wilson Baker and Scenic Drive, and Pastor Lloyd Brown and Central) united for a holiness convention with Mrs. Emma Irick as speaker. The Lord came upon both day and evening services with power, and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. On the closing Sunday evening, First Church was filled and forty people came forward—a wonderful altar service! Harmony prevails, and our main emphasis this year is visitation and General Budget giving."

San Benito, Texas—On September 23 we closed a most profitable revival campaign with Dr. Russell V. DeLong. Good crowds attended each service, with many people seeking the Lord for pardon and heart purity. The pre-service prayer meetings were times of spiritual blessing, and added inspiration to the services. In speaking before the civic groups of the city Dr. DeLong helped to establish good will for the church. Dr. DeLong's messages were dynamic, forceful, Biblical, and inspirational. A Saturday night youth service was climaxed with thirty-five young people pledging themselves to obey the Lord and follow His direction for their lives. We are grateful for the inspired ministry of Dr. DeLong. Music for the revival was furnished by the church choir under the direction of Gene Houghtling.—FLEMING PARMER, *Pastor*.

Stanley, North Carolina—Recently our church closed a good and profitable revival with Evangelist E. T. Harris. He came to us anointed of God, and with a burden for souls which helped to give us one of the best revivals in this church's history. Members and friends stood by in prayer and giving, and also brought new folks into the services. The revival was far-reaching, bringing many into contact with the Church of the Nazarene and holiness for the first time. Several souls prayed through to definite victory at the altar, and one new member was added to the church.—ROBERT F. TURNER, *Pastor*.

Northwest Indiana District Assembly

The fourteenth annual assembly of the Northwest Indiana District was held at the district campground, August 22 to 24, with Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding. His effective Bible preaching challenged our hearts and created a heart-warming atmosphere which was manifested throughout the entire assembly.

Rev. Arthur C. Morgan, district superintendent, was re-elected to a three-year term with an almost unanimous vote. Mrs. Morgan, who has so ably led our district N.F.M.S. for the past three years, was elected for the ensuing year.

Encouraging reports were given by the pastors, showing many gains and much earnest zeal in working for the salvation of souls. The Reverend Mr. Gibson addressed the Sunday-school session with a stirring message. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gould rendered many good special numbers in song, also had charge of the singing.

Olivet Nazarene College was represented by Rev. J. W. Swearingen, with Miss Helen Greenlee, accompanied by Martha Reed, giving us two inspiring messages in song.

Rev. Samuel Krikorian was the special missionary speaker, preceding the assembly; his messages were timely and enlightening. Rev. Harold Volk, camp-meeting evangelist, brought wonderful, soul-stirring messages. Many souls found God in saving and sanctifying power, and others were helped and encouraged to do more for God.

On the last Sunday of the camp we had a gracious afternoon service, and raised over five thousand dollars on liquidating the camp indebtedness. Northwest Indiana is on the march to become a "10 per cent" district. With a new district parsonage nearing completion, and several new churches, we are launching out in a great Crusade for Souls.

The assembly closed with a beautiful ordination service, blessed and inspired by the leadership of Dr. Williamson, in which the following young men received elder's orders: Roy H. Hendley, Don R. Padgett, Floyd Kirkpatrick, and Don Nelson.—KENNETH FOUST, *Reporter*.

College Park, Maryland—Our church recently closed the best revival in its three-year history. Rev. C. E. Shumake, superintendent of the Alabama District, was the evangelist, with Song Evangelist Leland Davis as his co-worker. Under the spiritual ministry of these fine brethren, the church was strengthened, prayers were answered, and many souls sought and found God. The attendance night after night was the best we have had, finances came easily, and God's Spirit was definitely manifest in the services. On the closing Sunday of the meeting all previous Sunday-school records were broken with 141 present. Although this church was organized only three years ago, we have erected a new building, and already have bought two additional lots for the purpose of constructing a new Sunday-school wing which is greatly needed. A spirit of unity characterizes the church, and God is leading.—KENNETH L. DODGE, *Pastor*.

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The Richardson Evangelistic Party report: "At this writing we have just closed a good meeting with Rev. G. C. Morgan at Logansport, Indiana, and are off to a good start here in Grafton, West Virginia, with Rev. Noah Sullivan and his good people. We have a good slate for this assembly year, but have two open dates we'd like to fill—November 28 to December 9 (1956), and March 13 to 24 (1957). We are also slating the fall and winter of '57 and '58. We carry the whole revival program, singing duets, playing the accordion and piano, and preaching and making Scene-o-Felt pictures. As we start our twelfth year in the evangelistic field we are glad that God still gives revivals. We thank God for the Church of the Nazarene, its doctrine, its leaders, its pastors and people. We will go wherever the Lord may lead for freewill offerings and entertainment. Write Harold S. Richardson, Route 4, Muncie, Indiana."

Kansas City District Assembly

The thirty-second annual assembly of the Kansas City District convened at Lakeview Park, district center, September 5 to 7.

Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer, gave some very outstanding messages, and challenged us all to increased devotion and service.

The evening speaker, Dr. L. Guy Nees, pastor of the church on the campus of Olivet Nazarene College, strengthened our faith with two outstanding messages.

The re-election of our beloved superintendent, Dr. Jarrette Aycock, for his fifteenth year, was a very high point in the assembly. A generous love offering was received for the Aycocks in appreciation of their service to the district. The assembly authorized the appointment of a commission to study the feasibility of dividing the district, to be reported at the next assembly.

The Nazarene Publishing House was ably represented by Mr. Donald Young, whose book presentations were thoughtful and inspiring.

Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, president of Bethany Nazarene College, gave a splendid report of our church college at Bethany, Oklahoma.

Rev. Geren Roberts, of Rest Cottage at Pilot Point, Texas, gave a good account of the stewardship of that institution to the church and a substantial offering was taken.

A fine class of six graduates were ordained to the Christian ministry by General Superintendent Young.—S. T. LUDWIG, *Reporter*.

North Carolina District Assembly

Dr. Samuel Young presided over the sixteenth annual assembly of the North Carolina District with sessions held in the Asheville church, September 19 and 20. Rev. Doyle C. Smith and his fine people entertained the assembly well in their lovely new sanctuary, recently completed. The presence of God's Spirit on the sessions, combined with the wonderful hospitality of the Asheville people, provided an ideal setting for an enjoyable assembly.

Dr. Young truly endeared himself to the North Carolina Nazarenes. His forceful scriptural messages, his efficiency as a presiding officer, his wit and humor, plus his love for God and souls, rendered his ministry a genuine blessing.

Responding to the challenge of their general superintendent, the pastors of North Carolina approved a 35 per cent increase in the General Budget apportionment for the new year, and underwrote a new high of \$5,800.00 for the home-mission budget.

A high point in the assembly was the report of the district superintendent, Dr. Lloyd B. Byron, and his re-election on the first ballot with a splendid ma-

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majority. After the vote a liberal love offering in cash and pledges was taken by Dr. Young for Dr. and Mrs. Byron.

The district superintendent's report revealed significant increases which denoted progress: a net gain of 159 church members, or a 7 per cent increase; the General Budget was overpaid by \$3,038.00; the total paid for all purposes by all departments was \$277,262.00, an increase over last year of \$21,720.00. The new church at Graham was a definite home-mission victory, and of the 408 members received during the year, 256 were new Nazarenes.

In the pre-assembly N.F.M.S. convention, Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, special speaker, challenged the group to greater sacrifice for the spread of the gospel. Mrs. Byron was re-elected president with only one negative vote.

Rev. Clifford E. Keys spoke on Wednesday afternoon in the interest of Trevecca Nazarene College; also took an offering to help liquidate the capital indebtedness of the school.

Mr. Elvin Hicks very efficiently represented the Nazarene Publishing House.

Rev. J. Harleston Eades was re-elected district church school chairman, Rev. W. Lee Gann was re-elected district treasurer, and Rev. Howard Wall was re-elected district secretary.

Dr. Young closed the assembly on Thursday night with a meaningful and inspiring ordination service in which James Ingalls, pastor at Graham, received his elder's orders.

Under the able leadership of Superintendent Lloyd B. Byron, and with the blessing of the Holy Ghost upon the pastors and laymen of this great virgin territory, we feel this is a new day for the North Carolina District.—BYRON E. LEJEUNE, *Reporter*.

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MRS. JOHN F. AIRHART, nee Anne Eby, was born in Kitchener, Ontario, in 1889, and died in a hospital in Red Deer, Alberta, on September 15, 1956. She was converted at an early age and united with the Mennonite Brethren in Christ (United Missionary Church). In 1912 she married Rev. John F. Airhart, who pastored in the Free Methodist church, and later transferred to the Church of the Nazarene, where he labored until his death in 1946. To this union were born four children, three of whom survive: Mrs. J. E. (Viola) Hallman; Dr. Arnold E. Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College; and Rev. Willard B. Airhart, pastor at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Mrs. Airhart was an active member of the church, an ardent Sunday-school worker, teaching a class for many years, and a faithful supporter of the missionary work. At the time of her death she was a member of College Church of the Nazarene in Red Deer. Funeral service was held at Red Deer First Church, with the college pastor, Rev. E. Drell Allen, officiating, assisted by Rev. Charles J. Muxworthy. Interment was in the family plot in the Red Deer cemetery with Dr. C. E. Thomson assisting.

JOHN ROY, three-day-old infant son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Grundy, died September 27. Graveside services were held in Bellwood Memorial Park, Temple, Texas, by Rev. W. H. Davis, district superintendent, assisted by Rev. Hearne Spruce, Rev. R. W. Kornegay, and Dr. W. D. McGraw, Sr.

HENRY GRANT PATE was born near Conway, March 23, 1876, and died at his home in Conway, Arkansas, September 2, 1956. He had made his home in Vilonia since 1913, until about a year ago. He had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene since its beginning, was a faithful servant of the Lord and true to God and the church. He loved and stood by the preachers, young and old; four of his immediate family and two nephews are Nazarene elders. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ella Pate; three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Jones, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, and Mrs. Erma Lee Morris; also three sons, Fay N., Aubrey G., and Chaplain (Captain) Conley D. Pate of the U.S. Army in Germany. Funeral service was conducted at the Vilonia church by his pastor, Rev. P. A. Lewis, assisted by District Superintendent J. W. Henrickson, Rev. Harold Latham, Rev. Harvey Rathbun, and Rev. Charles H. Smith. Interment was in the Vilonia cemetery.

MRS. MARGARETTE E. MORGAN MAGNESS was born March 23, 1877, a native of Alabama, spent most of her life in Oklahoma, and the last ten years in Colton, California. She died August 14, 1956, at her home in Colton. She was united in marriage to Richard A. Magness in 1905. To this union nine children were born, two sons preceding her in death. She was an active member of the Church of the Nazarene as long as her health would permit. She was a charter member of the Fargo Church of the Nazarene. She is survived by her husband; six daughters: Mrs. Roe Cline, Mrs. Roy Thomas, Mrs. Harold Holladay, Mrs. John Snider, Mrs. Everette Holladay, and Mrs. Rufus Hamill; one son, Reese; and four sisters. Funeral service was conducted at Fargo, Oklahoma, by Rev. A. L. Cargill, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. Jack Houts.

MRS. MARIE MAAS was born October 2, 1876, in Westerstedt, Germany, and died in Lebanon, Oregon, on September 27, 1956, lacking only five days of being eighty years of age. Funeral service was at Myrtle Point, with Rev. Carl Marble of the Church of the Nazarene in Coquille, officiating.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDDING BELLS—Miss Sandra LaBelle and Mr. David W. Drake, both of North Tonawanda, New York, were united in marriage on September 21, at First Church of the Nazarene in North Tonawanda, with Rev. Frank Heberle, pastor, officiating.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Don Jenkins of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, a son, Donald Lee, Jr., on October 8.

—to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lais of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, a son, Michael Edwin, on October 4.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Roy Norris, evangelists, of Ashtabula, Ohio, a daughter, Crystal Anne, on August 29.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Grundy of Temple, Texas, twin sons, John Roy and James Paul, on September 24.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a mother in Arkansas for help in prayer for a son and a daughter with a problem too big for them to handle, that God will draw them closer to Him; also for an unspoken request;

by a reader in Pennsylvania for a young man who grew up in the Nazarene Sunday school, and attended a Nazarene college, but now is in the hospital with a nervous breakdown, that God will undertake and give him a complete recovery;

by a reader in Ohio for a son to be healed and helped in his Christian problems, and also for a special unspoken request;

by a Nazarene lady in Texas who suffered a bad fall last January, but wants to live a while longer if it can be God's will;

by Nazarene parents in Ohio of a fine Christian boy, only fifteen years of age, that the Lord may heal him of cancer—doctors give them no hope.

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