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It was always a part of our Christmas. He never failed. On that happy morning the telephone would ring, and when answered, the voice of an uncle who lived on an adjacent farm would sound over the wire, "Christmas Gift!" He took great pride in being the first to give this greeting to our household.

The origin of this Christmas greeting is unknown to me, but I suspect it goes back into "Merrie England," whence my mother's family came. But in thinking of it, I feel that it speaks the deep meaning of

## CHRISTMAS GIFT

*General Superintendent Benner*

Christmas, and finds its scriptural counterpart in Paul's exultant utterance, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

At this season we rejoice in the original revelation of God's Gift—the Nativity, with its shining glory, its song of praise, its angel-message, and its worshiping shepherds. But the practical essence of this Gift is found, not in one distant day when Christ came to earth, but in the glorious fact of His continuous incarnation in redeemed human hearts: "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

Here is a reality that cannot be compassed by one day of special observance. This abiding presence of Christ carries the blessed truth of Christmas into every day of the year. It is this which inseparably links Christmas to Pentecost, for the Holy Spirit comes in His fullness, not just to reveal himself, but in the deeper sense, to reveal Jesus Christ to the sanctified heart. Thus it is that Paul prays, "that Christ may dwell [make His home] in your hearts by faith."

Glorious reality! Christ living "in our hearts" day after day! David Alexander MacLennan writes of this: "Is not the only way in which a person can really dwell with us through residence 'in our hearts'? . . . A person may live in the same house with us . . . and yet emotionally and spiritually live miles removed from us. Conversely, a person may live thousands of miles from us . . . for months, even years, and yet live with us."\*

Thus, while we cannot see Christ physically, we can know His presence "in our hearts," and every morning can be an appropriate time to say, "Christmas Gift!"

\*In "Joyous Adventure," Harper & Brothers, N.Y.



# LATE NEWS

## Telegram

Louisville, Kentucky—*Broadway Church concludes successful eight weeks' Sunday-school crusade with 1,006 attendants on Rally Day. The Broadway Church is surging ahead under the aggressive leadership of Rev. Dennis E. Wyrick, pastor.—D. D. Lewis, Superintendent of Kentucky District.*

Evangelist Noble E. Berryhill sends word that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of Brentwood Church in Portland, Oregon.

Pastor Murray J. Pallett sends word from Billings, Montana: "Partially completed educational building for First Church, at new location, completely destroyed by fire, Wednesday morning, November 21; caused by explosion of temporary heater. Loss of \$20,000.00 fully covered by insurance. Loss keenly felt by members who donated labor. Present plans are to rebuild immediately."

Pastor Ralph Ahlemann sends word from Orlando, Florida: "Central Church makes both goals Sunday, November 18: 347 in Sunday school, \$2,057.00 in Thanksgiving Offering. Great altar service in evening."

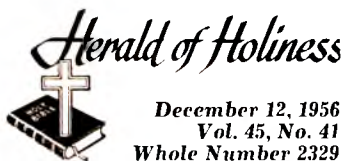
Pastor J. D. Poole sends word that First Church, Youngstown, Ohio, raised more than \$2,600.00 in their Thanksgiving Offering for missions, without any special pressure.

Pastor James C. Hester sends word from Chicago, Illinois: "Austin Church breaks record with 331 in attendance on November 18, and \$2,120.00 in the Thanksgiving Offering. God continues to bless this great church."

Rev. Wendell Richie has resigned as pastor of the church at Howard to accept the pastorate of the church in Eureka, Kansas.

Pastor Ellwood W. Munger sends word from Los Angeles, California: "Glassel Park Church of the Nazarene just closed our effort in the *Christian Life* magazine Sunday-school contest. Against a 256 average last year, we averaged 869 during the six-Sunday contest and closed with 1,417 present and 22 busfuls. Nothing spectacular, just the people all out at work. They made 36,000 visitation contacts. We give God the glory."

Dr. C. Warren Jones reports: "On November 18 we closed the longest and one of the best tours in twenty years, covering seven weeks and eight Sundays, through the Midwest, the East, and across Virginia and Tennessee on my way home. Am convinced that we have



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a great people and that God is with us. We are sure of a great thank offering which will give us a fine start on the quadrennium in our Crusade for Souls."

Zone President Harold E. Platter sends a report: "Wonderful Dayton [Ohio] Zone Youth Rally, November 18, with missionary emphasis. Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt preached with compassion and persuasion; fifty-six young people presented themselves to God and His call, around the altar. Fears of blessed consecration and raised hands of devotion told all the congregation of the spiritual depth of our Nazarene youth. Dayton First Church and Donald E. Snow, pastor, were gracious hosts; eighteen churches co-operated in this endeavor."

## NOT FAR AWAY!

By LYLE PRESCOTT

An easy thing it is to talk  
Of Bethlehem far away,  
Of Jesus' birth and ministry  
In so remote a day,  
Until the wondrous, vital fact  
That Jesus still is real  
Is not in truth believed today—  
For who can Jesus feel?

Ah, this is where I speak my heart,  
And speak whereof I know:  
That Jesus, born in Bethlehem,  
Walks still where'er I go:  
For He who came to seek the lost  
Has come to reign in me.  
The lost is found, the dead is raised—  
Christ lives eternally!

## Homespun Meditations:

### None to Spare

By PAULINE E. SPRAY  
Sparta, Michigan

There were seven of us children at home. Mom really had her heart and hands full. But if anyone asked her which of us she would part with, she would always answer, "I haven't a one to spare."

She loved each of us, individually. We were all different and she needed each of our personalities. The absence of any one of us would have left the family unit incomplete.

Our Heavenly Parent has need of each of us, too. We have a definite place in His kingdom to fill. He needs those with great talent; He needs those with financial security; He needs the highly cultured and well-educated; He needs the poorest of us, and the seemingly untalented, as well. He needs our smiles and friendly handshakes. Perhaps there is not more than the "widow's mite," but He has need of that too.

Jesus, when entering Jerusalem, gave instructions to the disciples to bring the untrained colt to Him. He gave the disciples a reason for His desire of the humble creature's services. He said, "The Lord hath need of him."

No matter how insignificant we may feel, the Lord has a place in His heart and service for every individual. He cannot do without a one of us. He has "none to spare."

## The Christmas Glow

In Bethlehem the Child was born,  
The angels sang it long ago;  
Now bells proclaim it Christmas morn,  
And hearts are like the star,  
aglow—  
The Saviour lives to keep them so!  
—Nellie Amos

# *Good News for Bad Times!*

**By Evangelist Bernie Smith  
Harrisburg, Illinois**

The days were dark.  
The times were terrible.  
The people were perplexed.

The tottering throne of Ahaz afforded little comfort to a nation wrapped in fear. Facts are stubborn. And the factual truth was that the king was weak and wicked, steeped in idolatry, and had refused to harken unto God's prophet or the prophet's God. The people knew what it was to live with the daily dread of defeat and downfall, invasion and conquest. Each moment they were spared was a monument of mercy. Isaiah came to Ahaz and urged him to depend upon God and not to seek foreign aid, but the king thought collusion was the answer—but collusion led to collision!

So the people knew what it meant to fear the coming of an enemy. Many times they had feared that the enemy would sweep down upon them like the flaming flight of a comet, shedding terror from its fiery train. As merciless as a madman and as pitiless as poison, he would suddenly strike. The people knew what it was to fear that at any moment they might see the flashing of a thousand swords and hear the rumblings of the chariots of war and the crushing cries of the enemy—then the blood would flow and death would have a feast. Continual appointment with disappointment seemed inevitable. The times were bad, but good news was coming! The living, limitless, loving God was still on His throne, and was about to speak through His prophet.

God told His secrets to the prophet! With his heart aflame, the prophet stood as a tower of power as truth triumphant fell from his tongue:

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this (Isa. 9:6-7).*

Thus spoke the prophet of the Davidic descent and royal reign of the coming King and Conqueror. So spoke the prophet with good news for bad times.

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And now let us move from the past to the present. How shall we describe it? What kind of pictures does this world present?

The days are dark—times are terrible—people are perplexed! Uncertainty, pressure, and fear characterize much of the thinking of modern man. Man has not learned how to “build Rome in a day,” but he has learned how to wreck the world in an hour. Ghastly weapons of war, unthinkable wholesale death, and fantastic methods of destruction—“these awful secrets we have wrested from nature” (Churchill)—have caused man to reflect that he is here today and may be gone today.

And these are dark days for world economy. How long can nations continue at their present economic pace? Some observers say that we are walking an economic gangplank. They warn the worshipers of wealth that we are on a dead-end street, saying that the economic framework of nations cannot continue under the present burden. But even the best economists disagree about it all. The answer is elusive, and leaves a dark picture.

And it is true these are terrible times. Sin is commonplace and even fashionable. A sin-crazed world has not stopped to consider that it was sin that destroyed the liberties of early Greece; it was sin that crumbled the Roman Empire, and today whole nations are living witnesses to the evil effects of sin.

Many are having the fling of the flesh without recalling the Biblical exhibitions of sin and its certain consequences. They hope to “have their cake and eat it too.” They seemingly forget that sin is a bubble that is brightest just before it bursts.

Sin! How terrible it is as it “hates and hardens and hisses and hurts and hampers and hurls down to a heartless hell!”

Sin! How terrible it is as it scars and sears and saddens and smites and scorns and stains and stagnates and scoffs and strangles and sours and sullies its slaves.



Sin! How terrible it is as it sneers while it makes a shambles of a life, shipwrecks the heart, separates from God, and sends the screaming soul to the scaffold.

Sin is the shroud of Sodom.

Sin is a satanic saber.

Sin means sunset without a sunrise.

For sin is not sweet—it is sulphuric!

And in these dark days and terrible times, the people are perplexed. But there is good news for bad times! As the prophet foretold the birth of a Saviour, he was unfolding a part of “the eternal purpose of God” to rescue and redeem man.

How sweet the prophecy sounds to us, for we live on this side of its fulfillment! It is good news to know that *He came* as was prophesied, He walked among men, He was moved with compassion, He submitted to Calvary, arose from the tomb, and sits at the right hand of God the Father making intercession for us!

It is good news to know that *Christ is the answer* a perplexed world seeks. Neither nation nor man has any problems that is insoluble on the divine level!

When a wondering world asks, “What must I do to be saved?” Christ still answers, “Ye must be born again!” For there is mercy at the Cross! Grace and pardon are freely offered—the fountain is open—the arms of the Saviour are waiting to receive you!

THANK GOD FOR SUCH GOOD NEWS IN SUCH BAD TIMES!

As one called of God to preach the gospel, I ask God to save me from platinum-plated platitudes for the pulpit. This is not a day for preaching that swims on the surface. It is a day that calls for digging to the depths of hearts and reminding men that it costs something to follow Christ, but it costs a whole lot more not to follow Him. These are times that call for preaching that will confirm faith and confound unbelief and exalt Christ! This is the time to remind the Church that the less Christians conform to the world, the more the world will conform to them. This is not a day for cheapening spiritual values, but a day to stir men and win them to Christ!

This is our day—our opportunity—our challenge! For we have good news to bear to every nation!

Up! This is our day!

## *The Gift with a Purpose*

By Evangelist Howard W. Sweeten, Ashley, Illinois

*She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins* (Matt. 1:21).

This is the first reference in the New Testament to the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, and it has to do with the prophecy and purpose of His mission. At this season when we are majoring in the giving of gifts to our loved ones, it would be no less than a tragedy to overlook the greatest Gift and the greatest Giver ever known to humanity: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Here indeed is a Gift with a purpose. In speaking of this Gift, John amplifies the purpose when he says: “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy [or ‘loose you’—the Greek word translated destroy is *luo*, which means ‘loose’] the works of the devil” (or “loose you from the works of the devil”)—I John 3:8. What a glorious prophecy, what a glorious promise, and what a glorious purpose!

We cannot give full expression here as to what is implied in this greatest of all gifts, but will endeavor to offer a striking suggestion as to the purpose of the Gift. It is obvious to the reader that the purpose of this Gift was to fill a paramount need; and He in whose Word it is recorded, “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus,” would not likely overlook our greatest of all needs—the emancipation of mankind from the bondage of and slavery to sin. These are days of many needs, but there is none greater than the need of deliverance from sin and its domination; for upon the proper solution of this question hinges our happiness, not only here, but also hereafter.

According to this prophecy He was to save His people from their sins rather than *in* them, or *with* them. Is the purpose of His coming possible? Can this really be accomplished, or has God made a blunder in sending His Son into the world to execute a purpose which He knew was physically and morally an impossibility? Has God sent His Son into the world to save us *from* sin and then made sin a necessity? Does He merely save us *from*



# STAR of Hope

By **KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK**

*The world in darkness waited,  
As it had waited long,  
Messiah's coming—as foretold  
By prophet messengers of old,  
In poetry and song.*

*Yet, only by the shepherds  
Who watched upon the hill  
Was heard the choir of seraphim  
Singing with joy His natal hymn  
Of "peace on earth—good will!"*

*And but a few with faith-lit eyes  
Beheld His gleaming star,  
And followed on across the sands  
To place their gifts within His hands  
From Eastern lands afar!*

*O Christ, who came to all the world  
Thy perfect peace to bring,  
How many centuries have flown  
Since angel choristers made known  
The advent of our King!*

*How many still are waiting,  
With hearts grown faint with tears,  
To hear the news of saving grace  
For every son of Adam's race,  
And hope for all the years?*

*Thou blessed Christ of Christmas,  
Where'er the faithful are,  
May we fulfill the sacred plan  
To lead our waiting fellow man  
To the shining of the star.*

*For still its radiance lights the sky,  
And beckons us to come  
From earth's dark night to heaven's day;  
Thou art the Truth—the only Way—  
Thy star will guide us home!*

the penalty of sin, without saving us from the practice of sin? Whatever our interpretation of this passage may be, one thing is definitely certain: Any interpretation of sin which makes it a necessity is out of harmony with the purpose of the mission of Christ's coming into the world; therefore any interpretation of sin which makes it a necessity is definitely unscriptural, and cannot be reconciled

or harmonized with the purpose of this Gift, whose purpose God has so clearly defined.

If one can be justified without the purpose of this mission being fulfilled, which is to save us "from" our sins, then one can be justified in sin. In such an event, sin ceases to be a factor in our redemption, and the entire purpose of Christ's mission into the world was unnecessary and only a heartless and cruel waste. If one can go to heaven sinning, then being saved from sin is unnecessary. This certainly is contrary to the whole purpose of the gift of God's Son, and out of harmony with the Pauline Epistle in which he states: "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 5:21).

Any religion, therefore, which offers security or assurance on any other ground than that of grace which reigns through righteousness is out of harmony with the purpose of this glorious and all-sufficient Gift as recorded in Matt. 1:21. Any

## STEWARDSHIP

*Quote . . . . .*

**"Someone said that if Columbus had turned back, no one would have blamed him; but no one would have remembered him."—W. J. Werning in "Investing Your Life."**

religion which does not take into consideration the obligation of right living fails to visualize the purpose of God's greatest Gift to man.

Thank God for His unspeakable Gift, for through this Gift we can say with Paul: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ

Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:1-2). Yes, the Gift is all that He promised, an efficient and a sufficient Saviour; One who can save us *from* our sins!

## The Story of



*By Katherine Bevis, Houston, Texas*

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:10-11).*

On December 25, the whole world will celebrate the anniversary of the Saviour's birth nearly two thousand years ago, in the little town of Bethlehem in Palestine. It is one of the most joyous occasions of the year, when cares are forgotten, hatreds buried, and love and good will fill the earth.

So much time and effort are given to preparing for the great feast that sometimes we forget exactly what we are celebrating.

It might be worthwhile, therefore, to take a few minutes away from the hurry and bustle of our modern life to review the story of Christmas and ponder its significance.

Witness a crisp, clear night late in December, nineteen wide centuries ago, when there was born in a lowly stable, amidst the odor of hay and the sound of cattle munching oats in their stalls, One who dedicated His entire life without the least alloy of self to the service of all.

No, this Man was not a king, an emperor, a statesman, or a warrior; neither was He known in the arts and sciences. There were no trumpets to proclaim His birth. He did not arrive in a fear-inspired blast of fire and thunder. On the contrary, this Son of a peasant woman was born and grew up in comparative obscurity in an obscure village where He lived and worked as a young Man in a carpenter shop until He was thirty.

An itinerant preacher who was regarded of no consequence, He had no credentials but himself. He never went to college, wrote a book, owned a home, held an office, or traveled more than two hundred miles from the place where He was born.

During His few short years upon earth, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. He was captured by His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial, was pronounced guilty, and nailed to a cross between two thieves, where He died an agonizing death at the hands of executioners who drew lots on His seamless coat. Through the kind pity of a friend, He was laid in this friend's tomb. Yet no army that ever marched, no parliament that ever sat, no king that ever reigned has affected the life of men upon this earth as that *one solitary life!*

For with that life, that birth in the humblest of shelters, was likewise born the philosophy of freedom, justice, fundamental right, peace and good will—to lighten the load of the weary, to bring hope to the wretched and hopeless; and, most of all, this holy Babe gave salvation to a lost world. We are far within our mark when we say His birth was the most important thing that ever happened.

The slow passing of time has not lessened the meaning of the song the angel sang that night, a message that by its very simplicity shines forth more brightly today than ever before, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11).

Let's make up our minds how much we believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world. Let's go to the church of our choice, then go out and show people we care, thus giving ourselves to Christ to build a better world. Let's stand together with stout hearts, alert minds, and unconquerable spirits—not only at this Christmas season—but every day in the year.



# A Baby Makes All the Difference in the World!

By Evangelist J. E. Williams

The world of mankind was shrouded in a veil of darkness that was exceeded only by despair itself. The favored were rich and rotten, while the poor were paupers in spirit as well as substance. The greed of a corrupt partisan leadership had risen to new heights of graft and pseudo-power, while the "commoner" was denied even the ordinary rights of citizenship. Taxation was oppressive and tax collectors waxed richer, while the taxed became poorer.



By GRACE NOLL CROWELL

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace," and the added word, "Good will to men"—

This was the cry that proclaimed the Christ child's birth,

And the same importunate cry rings out again Above a troubled world that has somehow lost

Its way through a labyrinth of avid greed;  
A world that has paid a mounting terrible cost  
Thro' hearing the call and failing to give heed.

Lord God, Thy glory is still a radiant light

Above the world of men, and the path to peace  
Can be found as clearly outlined for us tonight

As it was to those of old . . . Oh, bid strife cease;  
Bid clamor die that too long has dulled our ears.

May wars and the awful rumors of wars be past;  
Help us walk the earth as we should, unbowed  
by fears,

And may we find Thy blessed peace at last.

It was the day of the Caesars and the Herods, the day of the mailed fist, the sword, and the shield! Might was right, and truth and righteousness had been forced to abdicate. The voice of Jehovah had not been heard for nearly four hundred and fifty years, and no priest or prophet during that long epoch of silence had pointed to the way of civic righteousness or of hope. Despair reigned in the hearts of the "chosen people." It would seem that God had forgotten His people, and there was no longer "salt to preserve" faith, or to save society from moral degradation.

This was the world the Babe in Bethlehem's manger came to change! And *only that Babe* could make a difference in that world!

It was a lonely night for those humble shepherds watching over their flocks. But suddenly that loneliness was filled with rapture and glory as they listened to the angelic hosts, in such a chorale as mortal ears never had heard, singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Not only had a new star appeared, but the Sun of hope began to fill the Eastern sky and dispel the long shadows, reaching across the past five centuries.

Soon the shepherds' feet were pressing the dusty road that led to the "Baby" who was destined to "make all the difference in the world."

That Babe came to test each life by its answer to the question first asked in the world's beginning: "Am I my brother's keeper?" His life was lived in answer to that question. 'Twas such a little span of years, and such a little mite of humanity, in such a far-off, lonely land, to accomplish so much!

The wise men came from the East and brought their gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and worshiped Him. They found Him—this Baby who was to "make all the difference in the world"—in a stable, warmed by the breath of the cattle of the fields. New-mown hay was the downy bed upon which He lay. Mark, the apostle, looked upon Him and called him a Servant; Luke saw in Him the Great Physician; Matthew said He looked like a King; but John dropped the curtain with an exclamation of reverence and cried: "He is the Son of God who 'was in the beginning with God,' and 'was God.'" That life which began in a stable, in an almost unknown village, so lowly that none need despair because of lowly birth, was to show each heart its

deepest need and change the face of the world morally.

For thirty years He grew and learned His simple trade, shaping the native wood to serve the wants of home and craft. Then for three years He wandered, teaching, shaping the native hearts to service of truth and love and co-operation, in making a "difference" in the world!

He held no earthly rank or office, wrote no book or song, painted no picture, builded no monument—yet, in childhood He startled a king, in boyhood He puzzled the doctors of divinity, and in manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the lame and the halt, made the lepers whole, and gave beauty for ashes. He broke up one funeral procession by raising the dead to life again; and, when He was late for another funeral, He called, "Lazarus, come forth," and the grave gave up its dead. There was never anyone like Him—and He is all we ever will need!

His own people turned against this Man who strangely taught that evil can be overcome only by good.

He was denied—deserted—betrayed—crucified!

One dark hour He knelt in the garden, His hour of crisis, of decision. He gave himself over to His enemies, betrayed by a disciple whom He called "Friend." Having loved him, He loved him to the end. He was tried and sentenced to death in a mock trial; spat upon, beaten, and nailed to a cross which was suspended between heaven and earth, and between two thieves. He died, pleading forgiveness for those who crucified Him.

He was laid in a borrowed tomb. The cross was all that He ever owned. He borrowed a boat to use for a pulpit; He borrowed a donkey to ride into Jerusalem, and offer himself as King. He borrowed an upper room to have a final repast with His disciples. Then He was laid in a borrowed tomb. We borrow only that which we shall need for a short while; He knew He was only a Transient. He could say more knowingly than any of us, "This world is not My home." He borrowed the above because He knew they were only for a day. But the cross was His; that was a permanent something.

Nearly two thousand years have gone by, and none has reigned or wrought, served or dreamed, touched or moulded human life, and "made all the difference in the world," as this Babe from Bethlehem's manger!

He sent a little band of unlettered, untrained followers out to tell the good news of a coming Kingdom when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." They went out without ecclesiastical authority or official calls, without hymnbooks or manuals, without Bibles or books of sermons—to save the world. This message fell across the life



## AMERICAN YOUTH IN TROUBLE

HENRY RISCHÉ (*Fleming H. Revell*, \$2.50)

From many sources we hear the wails of despair as the sad tale of juvenile delinquency is unfolded. But while many have been content to tell the tragic story of hoodlumism and immorality among modern teen-agers, here is a man who has given us a carefully written document dealing with the causes of the modern tide of juvenile delinquency.

Mr. Rische is a minister, journalist, and very splendid writer. He is thoroughly evangelical in his approach, and when he deals with the causes of delinquency, he is as hard-hitting as a pile driver. You will be thrilled to see how thoroughly he covers every facet of the delinquency problem from liquor on down to comics.

This book deserves to be read by parents of teen-agers. It should be in the libraries of our young people's societies and Sunday schools. Every factual statement is well documented and you may depend upon it as you read this material. It has come from a man who took time to check before he put it in print.

One of the best books in this field that it has been my pleasure to read in many months.

—NORMAN R. OKE, *Book Editor*

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of one named Saul of Tarsus. He saw a follower of this Christ die because he believed the message of his Leader, Jesus Christ. Saul cried out, "I too will follow Thee," and went forth to burn out for Christ. This man took the Christian name of Paul and left fourteen golden Epistles of divine revelation.

Patmos could not stop the influence of this Babe. Even there, an exile who had followed the Christ, looking through the telescope of inspiration down across the ages, saw a city, magnificent in its splendor—whose Builder and Maker is God

And now—that Babe, that Child, that Christ—is at the right hand of God the Father, as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Rose of Sharon, the Bright and Morning Star, the One Altogether Lovely, the One who alone was worthy to open the book!

The names of the Pharaohs, the Caesars, emperors, and kings of all the ages that have come



# The Greatness of Christmas

By OVELLA S. SHAFER

*Did you ever pause to consider  
The "greats" of Christmas time?  
The greatest birth—"The Word became flesh"  
To dwell among us in sinful clime.*

*A messenger great from heaven came,  
The best the glory-world could afford,  
Preparing the way, assisting High God—  
'Twas a holy angel of the Lord!*

*Yes, Christ's great birth a message acclaimed,  
Good, joyful tidings to earthly men,  
Which should be to all people everywhere;  
The message is great—as it was back then.*

*A great Saviour, Christ the Lord, is come,  
And great transformations He makes of lives.  
This is the greatest of Christmas wonders—  
This is the greatest—when Jesus arrives!*

*Please pause and consider, take heed and note  
Of all the greats at this Christmas time—  
The greatest birth ever proclaimed on earth—  
We preach—sing about it—in ev'ry clime!*

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The glow of the dawn was upon that Babe in Bethlehem!

His ultimate triumph and moral dominion are a certainty—He will encircle the globe with His universal sovereignty!

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

(Isaac Watts)

For "He is the Baby that makes all the difference in the world!"

## TODAY

By DALE SCHULZ

*Today I'll live and love and learn,  
With patience run my race;  
In nothing will I anxious be—  
He giveth needed grace.*

*I'll trust my Lord; I will not fret,  
'Tho trials come my way.*

*Tomorrow's load I will not bear,  
But trust Him for today.*

*Today I'll walk and talk with Him  
And seek some soul to bless;  
I'll witness of His power and grace,  
His truth and righteousness.*

*Today I'll pray and hope and wait,  
For God still answers prayer;  
He who my way doth fully know  
Still intercedes up there!*

# The EVENT That Changed History

By E. E. Wordsworth

Pastor, Goldendale, Washington

... as the angels were gone away from them into heaven (Luke 2:15).

... they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child (Luke 2:17).

Bethlehem changed the course of history. Our calendars reflect the place of Christ's birth. The gospel historian Luke gives us the setting of the first Christmas: "In those days . . . there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus." What days?

Days when liberty was unknown. Slaves and slave owners were everywhere. Life was cheap. If a man killed his neighbor's ox, he suffered the death penalty. If he killed his slave, there was no penalty attached. Human rights were scarcely known. Women were mere chattels, the playthings of the rich and the burden-bearers of the poor. Days when Pontius Pilate gave free range to open violence, corruption, robberies, ill treatment of the people, grievances, executions, and intolerable cruelties. Days when the bloody Idumean, King Herod, the half Jew and friend of the Romans, executed the most wealthy and confiscated their property in his wild, passionate, harsh, and unbending iron rule. Days when innocent children were being massacred and hell was let loose in the earth. Days when the theater and the amphitheater, the stadium and the hippodrome were built in Jerusalem by Herod in honor of the emperor. Days when Judaism was ineffective and decadent. The political and religious life of the times was at an all-time low ebb.

Then Jesus came, "a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel." The Fountain of light, life, and glory came from Bethlehem; the "day star" to all mankind. When Jesus came, old and cruel despotisms quaked in alarm, fear, and helplessness. The throne of King Herod rocked and trembled. The holy cradle was mightier than his seat of power. The bloody Nero, emperor of Rome, became panic-stricken, distressed, beaten. And the Roman Empire felt the mighty impact of the Son of God, while paganism, slavery, carnal lust, superstition, and wrong suffered a terrific

blow. Satan's head was being badly bruised. A new set of values became the right and hope of every man, woman, and child. Slaves and kings were placed on a common level.

The Jew and Gentile became of one blood. Lines of demarcation were cast aside. Patrician and plebeian sat together. King and peasant, nobleman and servant, millionaire and pauper were one. All met at the manger-cradle. Now the dim, flickering lamp of hope burned more brightly. Before only angels dared breathe a song. People were hungry for joy and gladness while dying for love. *Then Jesus came!* He came to change grace for law, liberty for bondage, reality for ceremonialism, salvation for sin, joy for despair, peace for war, purity for pollution, and life for death. "For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

It was Christmas night. The French trenches were filled with weary men. A fine snow was falling. All was silent and calm. Suddenly an officer sprang to his feet and cried, "Get ready! It is almost time for the charge!" The men aroused themselves and their thoughts were of other Christmas nights and home with its tender memories.

Now word came down the line that only five minutes remained before the charge. They gripped their rifles and waited for orders. Then something happened. The stillness of the night was broken by the sound of voices singing in German. The song grew in volume and quality. Its message thrilled the hearts of every Frenchman. It was full of comfort, rest, and peace to worn and weary soldiers:

*"Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child!  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace."*

Here and there a soldier lowered his rifle; his lips trembled as he recognized the sweet Christmas song.

Then a command was given: "Charge! *Vive la France!*"

Not a man moved forward, nor a shot was fired. Men began to sob as their only response to the command. The commanding officer was amazed. As he was about to repeat his command, his ears caught the words of the lovely music in song also. He lowered his sword, wept, and in a softened and subdued voice said, "Very well, no charge tonight. Let us all sing!" And French and German joined in singing the Christmas carol that has blessed the world. And wherever Christ is known and loved, war drums cease to beat and the cannon's roar dies away in the stillness of the holy calm. If Christ were better known, heaven would kiss the earth, and peace would be universal, and sorrow and sighing would flee away.

The late King George of England met a group of friends who sought his counsel on a very important matter. As he entered the room, these men stood in respect to His Majesty. In a spirit of friendship the King quickly said, "Take your seats, gentlemen. You are my friends. I am not the Lord,

you know." One of the officials immediately replied: "No, your Majesty, if you were we would not stand to our feet; we would fall on our knees."

Let Christmas mean more to us than candles, trees, gifts, gaiety, feasting, and family reunions. Rather let it be a time for devout worship, praise, and adoration of the Babe of Bethlehem, the Man

of the middle cross, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Let us dig a deep grave for our ugly thoughts, the feelings of revenge and vindictiveness, and make a garden for the thoughts of love and forbearance, for kindness and grace, and for the abiding presence of the Prince of Peace.

## Christmas Poetry



### Bethlehem Star

By JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS

*O Bethlehem Star, send thy searching ray  
Deep into my heart—make it light as day.  
May Christ be born there and His love impart.  
O Bethlehem Star, send thy beam to my heart!*

*O Bethlehem Star, with radiance bright  
Guide my erring steps in the paths of right,  
Lest I should grieve Him and He then depart.  
O Bethlehem Star, send thy beam to my heart!*

*O Bethlehem Star, illumine the way;  
May my path grow brighter each passing day.  
Keep me close to Him—His Spirit impart.  
O Bethlehem Star, send thy beam to my heart!*

*O Bethlehem Star, though narrow the way,  
Make it clear and plain throughout my life's day.  
Blind me to the world, lest I should depart—  
O Bethlehem Star, send thy beam to my heart!*

### Christmas Bells

By CHRISTINE WHITE

*The Christmas season comes again,  
Light tapers on the trees;  
And let cathedral chimes ring out  
Sweet carols on the breeze.*

*Sing loud His praise in all the land;  
Let men with one accord  
Rejoice that God has given to them  
A Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

*Then peal, ye bells, from every tower:  
Proclaim the Master's birth;  
And round the world the message ring,  
"Good will, and peace on earth!"*

### Changeless

By ALICE W. NORTON

*There's a star in the sky,  
And its glory is as bright  
As when it appeared  
On that first Christmas night.*

*Today in the steeples  
The bells gently ring  
The same wondrous story  
Of Jesus, the King.*

*Unchanged through the ages  
By sorrow or mirth,  
The song of the angels  
Still lives on the earth.*

### The True Meaning of Christmas

By F. W. DAVIS

*One clear, quiet night, in a land far away,  
A strange little Babe in Bethlehem lay.  
'Twas the dear Son of God, from heaven above,  
The world's only Hope, born of heavenly love.*

*Our Hope and Salvation, our Peace and our Light  
Had come from the Father in glory that night.  
How the angels sang of His wonderful birth,  
The Saviour of men, coming down to the earth!*

*Had not this event come, at heaven's great cost,  
The world would have been eternally lost.  
Should not we rejoice, and praise our great King,  
Who came from His throne, our redemption  
to bring!*



## The Headline of the Ages

Almost any time one can pick up a newspaper and find big headlines on the front page. Only the important happenings get on the front page, and only those which are "super-important" get into the headlines. At a glance, then, one can see what are considered the most important happenings of the day. Innumerable headlines have graced the front pages of our great dailies across the years, but there never has been any as important as the statement which I give to you now: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). This is the headline of the ages.

A special messenger from God, an angel, spoke these words to the shepherds: "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." High heaven knew how significant this happening was, and had it announced by an angel. Did you notice why the angel said, "Fear not"? Here are the words again: "For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." "Good tidings!" and not only "good tidings," but "good tidings of great joy"; and not only "good tidings of great joy," but "good tidings of great joy" which were to be "to all people." The angel brought good news to everybody, to the whole world, to every race, and tribe, and nation, and to those of every age and clime. "Good tidings of great joy, . . . to all people."

But we must not forget the announcement itself, for all that is said in the tenth verse is based on it: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." That day became the day of all days, the day toward which all the past looked, and back to which all people since have looked. That day was the dividing mark in history. It is customary for papers at the close of the year to enumerate the ten greatest events of the year. Also, they usually place them in the order of their importance; that is, the most important event of the whole year comes first, and the others follow in the order of their significance. But this news item about the birth of Jesus takes precedence over every news item that ever has been printed in a newspaper. It is the news item of the ages, the headline of the ages, the event of the ages. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

It is a brief bit of news, but how meaningful! Born where? "In the city of David," the city from whence the great king of God's people had come. And He—this Child—when He grew up, was destined to perpetuate the throne of David. He was to be the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour." Matthew says of Mary: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins" (1:21). No name could be so full of meaning and comfort as this. What the world needed then, and what the world needs today more than anything else, is some-

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one who can save it from its sins; someone who can take away its hopelessness, its lostness. "For he shall save his people from their sins."

Yes, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." He was to be Prophet, Priest, and King for all the world; the Anointed One, the Lord, the Saviour. Amen! This is the headline of the ages: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." What news these words brought by the angel to the shepherds as they were keeping watch over their flocks by night!

I am not surprised that this news started the heavenly choir singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." I am not surprised that, when the angels were gone, the shepherds went at once to Jerusalem to see the Baby. I am not surprised that they returned, "glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen."

The news of the birth of Christ, the Christmas story, is the headline of the ages; it stands in a class by itself. It is both heaven's and earth's most famous and most significant news item—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."





## Little Talks on the Holy Spirit:

### II. The Striving Spirit

In Genesis we find a very significant verse of scripture, "And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years" (6:3). There has been a great deal of discussion about this text. Even conservative scholars do not agree as to its meaning, nor even its translation. For our purpose, let's forget the controversies and discuss something that on

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the face of it seems to be taught by the text, and is surely a truth of the Bible. That is the fact that the Spirit strives with man.

If we believe in the Holy Spirit at all, in any Christian sense, we must believe that He strives with man. In fact, we couldn't hold to the idea of the Christian God without such a belief. God is interested in man, and He has not turned him over to his own devices. He has not left him alone; He is striving with him. And who could be the instrumentality of this striving better than the Holy Spirit?

The story recorded in Genesis 5 and 6 points to this truth. Man had become very wicked. God himself says, "The wickedness of man was great in the earth," and, "Every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." There could hardly be a worse description of man's depravity than is given in these words. And the scripture goes on to say, "And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart." So much was this true that God said, "I will destroy man . . . from the face of the earth." But there was an exception, for the Word said, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Then God, after repeating the fact that the earth had become very corrupt and wicked, "said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Along with this picture and the instructions God gave to Noah, we are told in the New Testament that Noah preached to the people of his day of the judgment which was to come. A period of one hundred and twenty years was given: God did not send judgment upon the people of Noah's day immediately. Why didn't He? Undoubtedly, by Noah's obedience and his righteous life as an example before the people, He was still giving them a chance. Thus God was still striving with the hearts of the people of Noah's day. I can't help but believe that if they had come forward with repentance the Flood would never have happened. God is always ready with mercy for those who turn to Him. "My spirit shall not always strive with man." This verse brings to us a truth that ever has been manifested in the work of the Holy Spirit. This is the key verse in the whole of the Old Testament—it is the heart of redemption, a striving God, a God who through His Spirit moves forward toward those who are in need. He does His best to bring them within the limits of His redeeming power.

### A Dictionary Produced by an Explosion?

A present-day scientist is reported to have said that we might as well expect an explosion in a printing establishment to produce a *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary* as to expect that the universe has come into existence by accident, or through mechanical means.

This scientist was saying in a dramatic fashion that, just as you couldn't produce a *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary* by an explosion in a printing plant, so you couldn't hope to have the universe with all of its complexity and immensity without a mind back of it.

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1). In the universe, with its order, beauty, symmetry, and purpose, the touch of the hand of an infinite Person can be seen. The atheist needs to study the universe and man, the effects, or the facts, which are all about us, and then move to the realization that for those effects, or facts, there must be an adequate cause. That is exactly what this scientist was saying. In this vivid way, he has summarized the classical arguments which have been offered for the existence of God.

# The Sunday-School Lesson

FLETCHER  
GALLOWAY



Topic for  
December 23:

## All Must Know the Good News

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:10; II Tim. 2:20-21; Acts 1:8; 2:46-47; 6:5, 7-8; 8:29, 35 (Printed: the same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people (Luke 2:10).*

Even the wrappings on a Christmas package seem to tell of the love and thoughtfulness of the one who sent it. They seem to say, "I not only want to remember you, but I want you to know that my gift comes wrapped up in all the good wishes that I can send." So the first great sacred Christmas Gift came wrapped in beauty: the mystic glory of the starry, Oriental night, the shepherds watching their flocks, the angel carolers, the wise men bringing costly gifts, the pure virgin, and the tender Babe of Bethlehem. The greatest event of all human history was taking place. The dreams of the prophets and wise men of all the centuries were now being fulfilled.

If men had been planning an event like that, there would have been a fanfare of trumpets, a roll of thunder, and lightning playing across the face of the heavens. But God seemed to tiptoe in—coming so gently that even the most timid and tender would not be afraid. It was good news—earth's greatest good news—but it came as gently as the dew at eventide.

The message of holiness is a fundamental part of the Christmas story, just as it is a part of every great Bible truth and Bible doctrine.

The keynote of the song of the carolers was joy—joy in the new relationship between God and man. That joy could be realized only as man was first reconciled through forgiveness, then restored to complete fellowship with God through the cleansing of his inner spirit. The promise which was reiterated to Zacharias was: "That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." It was because of "the tender mercy of our God" that the "dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in

darkness and in the shadow of death."

It takes full salvation to bring the peace of God to men's hearts. Forgiveness brings peace with God, but only holiness puts the peace of God within.

"Good will toward men," or good will among men, springs from pure motives. If all men had the grace of Christian holiness we could discharge all our police officers and do away with all our armies. We could "beat our swords into plowshares." We could trust one an-

other. What a wonderful world this would be! Even the brief and temporary spirit of Christmas seems to soften the old world's heart a bit. We are a little more thoughtful of the poor and the unfortunate. We remember one another with gifts and greetings. This, however, is only a little hint of what the coming of Jesus actually means. If all could hear and all would receive the real message of Christmas, the "Golden Age" would be on.



## Finding Leads For New Churches By MARK R. MOORE

PART 5

(Conclusion)

### A Definite Home-Missions Policy

Our Home-Missions Board felt that the policy of buying tents, conducting meetings, and leaving the community without an organized church or property was an extravagance which we could not afford. Principles were adopted that build confidence and co-operation.

*First:* We agreed not to start in a community unless we planned to stay there.

*Second:* We agreed to have our own property or have it in sight.

*Third:* We adopted a financial plan that included a church-building revolving fund, a \$2.00 Club for home-mission property purchases, and an increased home-missions budget.

In the home-missions budget we have money to pay for current expenses. The \$2.00 Club gives \$1,000.00 for property to each new church after it is organized, and the revolving fund provides a loan for the new church if they need it for a new building until they can secure a conventional loan.

One man gave us \$500.00 when I explained our policy to him. A young preacher student said, "My wife and I want to save at least \$500.00 with which to start a new church when we get out of school. With the type of support you give we are more willing to start." When our policy was explained to a prayer meeting group of a dozen in an unfriendly community, they took courage. They said, "If we have 500 friends who will pray for us and send us \$1,000.00, and a district that will help us get property, we should be able to make it." Many others have broken old ties and launched into home-missions ventures when they clearly understood our home-missions policies.

In conclusion I want to point out four important considerations:

*First:* Leads are not leads when you

have to start below par—that is, when the people have not been through a reviving, when the constituency is disgruntled and reactionary, when prospective members are more independent than Nazarene, when property facilities are railroad-type locations, and buildings are shacks. In short: holiness people, holiness attitude, and holy cleanliness and simplicity of property become His house.

*Second:* Another consideration is to wait. I would not suggest eternal inactivity, but it is much harder to unorganize a bad organization than it is to wait until God and sane leadership yield a church that will last. We had the opportunity to buy a church building. Two fine holiness families would have formed a nucleus. However, an independent holiness man arrived at the auction of the building. Since we were the only two wanting it we thought that we could work out an agreement, but he created such a scene that we dropped out of the picture. He was not able to get started, and we won friends by our attitude.

*Third:* Act now! A young man who lived in a nice community of a thousand people spoke to me about starting a church. He was a strict tither. He told me that his tithe amounted to \$10.00 a week. I learned that two Nazarene schoolteachers were teaching school in or near the town and that their tithe would average about \$5.00 a week each. I planned to get to the community within a month or two and buy property, but the man died and our chances were lessened for a church in the community. There are times when we should act now.

*Fourth:* The fourth consideration is, depend on God. Who is your God? How great is He? What size God do you have? Is He only the size of human reasoning? On one occasion a good Christian said he thought we could get a new church if several people would sign to join and property could be bought without too much debt. I re-



sponded that we tried to get a preacher, property, people, and a revival. If God seemed to be leading and I felt sure that He wanted us to go in for a church in a given community, then all that I would ask him to do would be to stand back and let me depend upon God. With faith in God I told the man that I could jump a good-sized ditch of obstacles. After all, God is our great Leader. He is the One who will help us as we establish one thousand new churches.

*Pray, think, plan, and look* for leads to new churches. God will open the way if *we* do our part.

## Overseas Home-Mission Addresses

We have received requests for the addresses of some of our overseas personnel and are listing the district superintendents and all pastors from the United States. For the addresses of other pastors, please write to the Department of Home Missions. We have a number of reports from the fields of great interest. These will be given as soon as space is available, probably in the January 9 and 23 issues.

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## Stricklands Sail

Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Strickland and family, who have been in the United States a year on furlough, are scheduled to sail for South Africa on the S.S. "African Enterprise," from New York City on December 11 and will arrive in South Africa about the first of the year.

# Servicemen's Corner



Chaplain Henry W. Stroman reports the following from Corpus Christi, Texas:

"I was appointed to the position of executive secretary, Texas Auxiliary, Navy Relief Society. This is a relief and welfare agency for all naval personnel and their dependents. The Texas Auxiliary is considered to be the fourth largest auxiliary in the navy, consisting of the main office and three branch offices. While this position involves responsibility for quite a large sum of money used in assisting needy families and the supervision of a staff of four employees and thirty to forty volunteer workers, it also many times opens the door for spiritual guidance, which is, of course, the great reward for this type of ministry."

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Chaplain Leroy A. Bevan, transport chaplain, states the following:

"It was my privilege to bring twenty-eight boxes of used clothing and food-stuffs aboard the navy transport, USNC "Gen. M. M. Patrick," to our missionaries in Japan. Rev. Bartlett McKay and Rev. Hubert Helling met me at our Yokohama port to receive the boxes. This box work was done by the missionary societies of our greater Seattle churches.

"I was requested to convey the missionaries' greetings to the church via this medium of communication."

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"I am an airman in the air force and I want to take a few minutes to write you a short letter to thank you for sending me the church papers. They have blessed my soul over and over again. I thank God for the Church of the Nazarene. It thrills my soul to know that my church is interested in my spiritual welfare. There are many trials and temptations in the service, but along with the trials, there is great opportunity to witness for Christ. My roommate reads the literature that you send me. He too enjoys the articles and the good, wholesome reading. It would be hard to live a Christian life without the Christian papers my church sends me. I pray God to richly bless you for the interest shown in the men and women in the armed forces.—JAMES W. FAULKNER."

**NAZARENE SERVICE MEN'S COMMISSION**  
*London W. Gilliland* DIRECTOR

# Nazarene Young People's Society and

# Nazarene Junior Society

**PONDER W. GILLILAND,**  
*Executive Secretary*

## West Virginia Juniors:

District Director Aaron G. Bess reports:

"God is blessing our efforts and we are seeing increasing interest in the churches in our district. Thus far this year I have been notified of five newly organized Junior Societies, a few inactive societies have started again, and several pastors and Junior teachers have contacted me in regard to organizing. Our District N.Y.P.S. is standing by us also. Our stationery is to be paid by the District N.Y.P.S., and each month we are getting a short write-up in our district paper.

"We hope to see several more churches organize a Junior Society before the close of the year. I am happy to have a part in the promotion of the work among our Juniors."

## Lamplighters in New York

The New York District, with Rev. Robert Goslaw as district superintendent, recently started a home-mission church. The young people of the district held their first Lamplighters' Conference there. They prayed, listened to experiences of personal soul winning and witnessing, and were instructed from God's Word. *But that was not all.* We

learn more by doing than by studying!

These young people then went out into this new community and did visitation work, door to door, in the interest of the new church. It was very profitable for the church, and rich experience for the young people. Congratulations to the district superintendent, the young people, and to Rev. Al Stiefel, district N.Y.P.S. president.

## Kansas City Teen-agers

A Saturday night Youthspiration was started on November 10, for all of the Nazarene teen-agers of the Kansas City

area. Quotas for attendance were assigned to each church. There was excellent attendance at the first meeting, and enthusiasm runs high among the teen-agers. The services will be held each Saturday night in the Seminary Chapel, to be followed by times of fellowship.

## From Trinidad

The district leaders, and Rev. Prescott Beals, district superintendent, recently conducted the first series of zone rallies ever held in Trinidad. The youth meetings were a vital part of these zone rallies. Many young people dedicated themselves to God to whatever service He should call them.

In addition to singing, reports, testimonies, and the message, there was a short play, "Let's Begin Again." Several young people were saved.



## News Flash

Rev. and Mrs. William Russell, missionaries to Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, have returned to England because of the current unrest in the Middle East. They arrived in England November 14, 1956.

**REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary**

Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Wachtel are awaiting further developments before leaving Israel.

Rev. and Mrs. Don DePasquale are making Beirut, Lebanon, their headquarters, temporarily. If conditions worsen, the families of Donald Reed and Don DePasquale will leave the

# Thought for the Day



by **BERTHA MUNRO**

## The Glory of the Gift

More than a manger cradle, more than a brilliant star, more than a carol breaking the midnight stillness—Thou great Christmas Giver, this year answer our old prayer in a new, fresh way: "Unveil the meaning of *Immanuel*, 'God with us.'" For everything is there. (Isa. 7:14.)

### Monday:

There is the glory of redemption; for in Him *truth* broke its way into our world. No more uncertain groping; with us is the authoritative Embodiment of all real values. Word has come straight

from heaven. Shall we on this bewildered Christmas take another look at His Beatitudes? (John 1:17.)

### Tuesday:

There is redemption; for in Him *grace* took the place of law. A new relationship is established: without Him, aliens; with Him, sons in the family of God. "with all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities appertaining thereto," taking on daily more of the family likeness. "Exceeding riches"—no more living like a pauper of grace. (John 1:17.)

### Wednesday:

There is *light*. Without Immanuel, darkness and stumbling; with Him, we need no candle nor sun. He is himself the Light, and He goes before. At every fork in the road, on every strange and dangerous path, we can follow that shining Whiteness and fear no tragic misstep. (Isa. 9:2; John 1:9.)

### Thursday:

There is *life eternal*. Death was separation from Deity; this "God-with-us" sends divine energy coursing through our spirits. Who can measure the working ergs of a contact with the Source of all power? Motivation enough, throughout eternity the same: His servants shall serve Him, tireless—and it begins here. (John 1:4.)

### Friday:

There is *love*—His own, communicated—the key to all personal relationship. Melting antagonisms, unifying hearts, purging motives from selfishness and insincerity, the greatest thing in the world—His name is Love. That name branded on our foreheads is the mark that proclaims us His. (John 15:12-13; Rev. 22:4.)

### Saturday:

There is *joy*. For in Immanuel are the hope that has no room for despair, the beauty that satisfies the mind and rests the heart, the freedom of broken chains, the peace that passes understanding, the harmony of oneness with the will that moves the stars—the song that shall never have an ending. We have only begun to sing it—but we have begun. (Isa. 9:3; Luke 2:11.)

### Sunday:

There is Immanuel himself—the *glory of His presence*, the constant, abiding Source of blessing won from curse. The realization of that glory first glimpsed in star and song and cradle—let that glory irradiating our lives "begin and never cease!"

All this in one bundle—and more—the glory of the Gift! (Luke 2:11, 13-14.)

country, and the two men will remain as long as possible.

Mrs. Armand Doll, of Portuguese East Africa, has written requesting that we omit the word "Gaza" from their address, as some of their mail has been going to the Gaza area in Egypt.

This would make their address:

Rev. and Mrs. Armand Doll  
Missao Nazarena, Tavane.

Manjacaze, Portuguese East Africa

This would also be true for all the missionaries at this address.

## New Spanish Broadcasts

Two new stations have recently been added to those who carry our Spanish broadcast, "La Hora Nazarena." One is in Havana, Cuba, broadcasting at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday, and one is Guatemala City, broadcasting at 7:45 a.m. each Sunday. This gives us two outlets in Guatemala City and two on the island of Cuba. We rejoice in these new avenues for spreading the gospel.

## British Honduras Council Meeting

On October 22 the nine Nazarene missionaries of the British Honduras District gathered in Benque Viejo for their eleventh annual council meeting. The various reports gave us a summary of the past year's work and they were both encouraging and challenging. We covenant by God's grace to do better and to win more souls to Christ during the coming year.—Lois SANTO, Reporter.

## A New Name—Lenasia

From now on you will be hearing this name. In the Group Areas Act, about which you have heard, the Indians here in South Africa are to have their township, and Lenasia is the name of the place. We have two pure Indians in the Coloured Bible School and one of them, Sammy Moonsammy, is going out this year. We have made application for a church and manse site in Lenasia.—C. S. JENKINS, Africa.

## Our Indian Nazarenes

To describe or interpret our India to you from such a distance is difficult. Perhaps she is in a class all by herself. But we who have seen her take on independence appreciate her struggles.

Yes, we have seen revival. Some folk for the first time understood the meaning of the Pentecostal flame burning its way into hearts, families, and even larger groups. It is now a norm that will ever loom high on their horizon. Since then some have gone on into a deeper relationship with God. Others have backed down at tithing and other standards. We missionaries find ourselves climbing on to different levels as we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. The enemy has tried to defeat many by illness. His assaults have been se-

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# the Question box

Conducted

by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

**In the "Bible School Journal" for October 21, on page 45, Whedon states that sanctification may exist in different degrees. He also says, "It may be partial." Just what does he mean by this statement?**

By saying that sanctification may exist in different degrees, Whedon is ascribing to the word a rather broad meaning, which is sometimes attached to it. When used thus, it has to do with all of the work of God's grace in man in contrast to His work for man, and yet outside of man. It is contrasted with justification, which strictly means freeing man from the guilt of his actual transgressions, or wiping the black marks which are against him off God's books. Technically, justification does not indicate anything done *in* man. Set over against this is all of the work, as I have already indicated, which is done in man—regeneration, entire sanctification, and the growth in grace which follows each of them. From this standpoint, sanctification may be spoken of as existing in different degrees. You will notice that

Whedon does not say that *entire* sanctification may exist in different degrees. Entire sanctification is the technical name for the second crisis, though we often just call it sanctification today. In the very quotation which you call attention to, Whedon later refers to complete (entire) sanctification and contrasts it, as you say, with partial sanctification. Further, he does not state that it (complete sanctification) may differ in degrees. As to partial sanctification, I would say that Whedon is using it in its technical, theological meaning—as having to do with the cleansing which the sinner gets when he is saved—cleansing from acquired pollution, or that pollution which attaches to the sinner's own acts. When he uses that phrase he is not talking about entire, or complete, sanctification—the second blessing.

**I have always thought that God shouldn't be spoken to as one would talk to a child. Or to put it another way, terms such as "dear" or "sweet" should not be used when addressing God. Am I right in this?**

You are right! Such terms of endearment should not be used when we are talking to God. To do so tends to bring Him down to our level, and, because of that, does not show the proper reverence for the Supreme Being. On the

other hand, there are quite a few good people who unthoughtfully use such terms of endearment when praying, and we should not criticize them for it. I believe that those who pray thus are gradually learning better.

**A friend of mine who believes in eternal security asked me this question: "How can something that is born be unborn?" Then he referred to John 3:7, which says that we must be born again. This is a favorite question with those who claim that once we are saved, we are always saved. My answer is this, "A thing that is born can die, and then, when saved again, must be reborn." Is that right?**

Your answer is a good one. When we are sinners we are dead in trespasses and sins, and then when we are born again, we are resurrected into newness of life. This spiritual life, however, can die through deliberate sin. After this we can be saved again, or reclaimed, or

born again once more. This whole idea of birth as applied to becoming a Christian is figurative language; and being born is described by other figures, like following Christ, coming to Christ, coming back home, etc.

**Several of us were discussing television, and someone said that it is not wrong to have it in our homes if we do not look at programs advertising beer, cigarettes, whisky, etc. My stand was that one who is saved and sanctified will not have a television set in his home. Am I right or wrong in taking this position?**

In answering your question I take the same position which our church does. It does not ban television altogether, but it does warn all against using it indiscriminately. Much that is evil comes over television, and if a person does not choose carefully what he looks at and listens to, he will certainly wreck his relation to Christ. Some good comes over television, just like some good comes over the radio; but most of what is given in both cases is devilish, or certainly not elevating from the standpoint of one's

spiritual life. Truly Christian people are not alone in taking this position. Somewhere recently I read an article on television by the editor of what many would consider the highest-class monthly magazine published in America, and he had almost nothing to say that was complimentary of present-day television. It should be added that he was not writing from a religious standpoint, but rather from the viewpoint of proper culture, refinement, and morality.



verse—but our faith soars. The Indian church goes forward. Never do we leave our area without returning with a new appreciation of our Indian leaders. We feel we are in another phase of revival now.

God is good to send us new missionaries.

I am in charge of the Mehkar dispensary since Mrs. Carter left. This one and Chikhli are both carried on by our Indian nurse. I only stand by,

order medicines, and advise.

Girls' Boarding Hostel enjoys the presence of the Lord and a wholesome atmosphere these days. By faith we live and move in Him.—GERALDINE CHAPPELL, *India.*

### High Lights from Africa

The high light of the various reports of progress given at our annual council meeting was the thrilling news that instead of the 1,000 converts we had hoped

to add to our African church in 1956, a total of 1,850 had been gained, bringing our total of full members and probationers to just over 10,000. We rejoice in the blessing of God on the work and the continued spirit of unity among the missionaries. We feel that the fruits of the union of 1952 are now beginning to be harvested, and there is much land ahead to be possessed.—H. KENNETH BEDWELL, *secretary of council meeting, Africa.*

## NEWS of the Churches



Evangelist C. Wesley Brough reports: "God is giving a gracious revival at First Church, San Diego, California, where Rev. Joseph Morgan has been the pastor for more than ten years. On the first Sunday there were thirty-three people seeking God at the altar, with a total of sixty-one seekers in the first five services. Large crowds are attending, and the blessings of God are upon the services."

Evangelist H. A. Casey writes: "These are victorious days in God's harvest field, and am trusting God to make 1957 the best year yet. I have two open dates in January: January 2 to 13 and January 16 to 27. Will be glad to go anywhere as God may lead, and carry the whole program—sing, play, and preach, and also have vibraharp, cathedral chimes, etc. Write me, 1801 N.E. Madison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

Chester, West Virginia—Recently we closed a good revival with Rev. John Robinson as the evangelist, and George Wilson as the song evangelist. We appreciated the ministry of these brethren, and God blessed and gave us seekers and happy finders in every service. Also, some new members were added to the church. God has blessed the church here in a wonderful way. We came here six years ago and found a wonderful people. With their co-operation we have erected a new church building, valued at \$135,000.00, received sixty people into church membership, doubled the finances, and had an increase of forty-nine in average attendance in Sunday school.—LEWIS LIGG, *Pastor.*

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Evangelist Wilbur Brannon writes: "Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date March 27 to April 7 (1957) is open for any church between Kansas and West Virginia. If interested, write me, 177 Marshall Boulevard, Elkhart, Indiana."

Windham, Maine—Recently we had a wonderful ten-day meeting with Miss Wilma Ingham as the evangelist. Folks who had been backslidden for years were reclaimed, and our young people seemed to sense a deep need of consecrating their lives to Christ. There was a good spirit, and a burden of prayer upon many of our people. Miss Ingham is a wonderful evangelist, a splendid children's and young people's worker, an accomplished pianist, and works, too, with any and every vocal group. Never have we had better crowds in a meeting, and never have we known better results. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Miss Ingham with us.—IDA AUSTIN, *Reporter.*

Pastor H. F. Crews writes from Denison, Texas: "We celebrated our fifteenth anniversary as pastors of this church on October 14 with 517 in Sunday school. Our fifteenth year was one of the best. At our assembly in August we reported an average of 350 in Sunday school for the year, and 37 members received, of which 22 came through the Sunday school. We also have the largest Nazarene Sunday school in the state of Texas. Our church was wonderfully helped in the recent revival by the singing and preaching of Miss Sandra Cox. We thank God for His blessings."

*Season's greetings*

Dover, New Jersey—First Church recently had a very successful revival meeting with Rev. R. J. Essary as evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. P. Bailey as singers. God came in mighty power on the closing day, Holy Ghost conviction settled down on the people, and twenty-five souls prayed through to victory. God used Brother Essary in a special way in our midst, and the Baileys were blessed of the Spirit in presenting the gospel in song. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Finney are in their third year with this fine, spiritual people. Since they came, the Sunday-school average attendance has increased, the church membership has reached an all-time high of 150. Sunday-school rooms have been added, the sanctuary finished and redecorated—all free of debt; and a new Hammond electric church model organ installed (the major part of this debt of \$2,800.00 will soon be paid). Also, many other improvements have been made on the property. God is blessing in a very real way.—Reporter.

Evangelist H. J. Rahrar writes: "I re-entered the field of evangelism in September, and am happy to be in this work after many years of service in the pastorate. I am enjoying my labors with our good pastors and people. At present I am in a meeting with Pastor Mark Jensen and his church at Oshkosh, Wisconsin; and go next to Del Mar Church in South San Gabriel, California, with Rev. E. D. Green and people. Recently I was with Revs. Orville and Iris Tucker in Kennard, Indiana, assisted by the Greensboro Gospel Quartet; and also with Rev. Harry Hardin and people of Osgood, Indiana—a fine meeting with a number of seekers. I love the Church of the Nazarene and souls for whom Christ died. Write me, 2042 Singleton Street, Indianapolis, Indiana."

Pastor Robert A. North writes: "For the past six years and four months we have served our church at Port Huron, Michigan, during which time we were able to purchase a new parsonage, and also two acres of land for a new church location. Plans for the new building were drawn by Evangelist-Architect George Schriber. After much prayer, we have accepted a call to the Zion Church of the Nazarene in Pontiac, Michigan. Here we have found a wonderful group of people and a tremendous opportunity."

Alton, Illinois—In October our church had a successful revival with Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Rinebarger as the evangelistic workers. Brother Rinebarger did some great preaching under the anointing of the Spirit; also their singing was most unusual. God gave some great victories at the altar and the church was greatly benefited.—Reporter.

Pastor Ed. Phillips reports from Prichard, Alabama: "God is blessing in a wonderful way in the work of First Church. Last June we returned from the Hawaiian Islands, after serving the church there for three years, coming to Prichard on August 16. The Lord has helped us to have better than a 100 per cent gain in church membership, and almost 300 per cent gain in Sunday-school attendance. Our people are united, and a good spirit prevails. It is a joy to work with District Superintendent Shumake, and our people are back of the district program 100 per cent. Recently we had a glorious revival with Rev. A. J. Gunter, pastor in California, as our evangelist. We had capacity crowds, and the soul-stirring and powerful messages of Brother Gunter touched the hearts of our people. We are enjoying God's service, and feel we are where He wants us to be."

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Sacramento, California—Trinity Church was organized in July of 1954, with 53 charter members who felt the need of a new church in the fast-growing residential area of south Sacramento. Services were held in a rented store building, a remodeled firehouse, and construction was begun on the first two units of a permanent plant in March of 1956. Vision became reality on September 9 when the congregation met for the first time in a beautiful 30 x 60-foot chapel, which Dr. D. I. Vanderpool dedicated on October 7. Pastor's study, Sunday-school office, two large assembly rooms, six Sunday-school rooms, etc., were completed, with others to be finished as needed. Value of the frame and stucco building is conservatively estimated at \$60,000.00. Membership has increased to 75, with Sunday-school average attendance of 120. From the day District Superintendent George Coulter organized the church twenty-seven months ago, Trinity Church has been a "10 per cent" church. God has mightily blessed in giving outstanding conversions, miracles in the way of financing, and sending in new people—under the personal efforts and sacrifices of our devoted pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel H. Penn (he is the son of one of our pioneer missionaries to Africa). —Mrs. Jo HART, Secretary.



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Toronto, Ohio—In November our church had a splendid revival with Evangelist and Mrs. T. T. Liddell. The Lord used these splendid workers in such a way that, counting as they came, more than eighty persons sought God at the altar to be saved or sanctified. The membership of the church was greatly helped and encouraged, and a spiritual uplift was enjoyed by all who attended the services. The Liddells are true Nazarene evangelists, preaching and teaching our doctrines and faith. Brother Liddell's messages, together with their musical program, were of the very best. The congregation voted unanimously to ask them for a return date.—O. L. BENEDUM, *Pastor*.

### Annual Laymen's Retreat Northern California District

The third annual Laymen's Retreat of the Northern California District was held November 2 to 4, at Beulah Park, Santa Cruz. It proved to be the best yet in every way, providing a record in numbers, fellowship, and spiritual blessing. Attendance in 1954 was 75, in 1955 was 150, and this year 306.

Gus and Esther Bergesen were for the third time the host and hostess. Everett and Beulah Allen very ably led the arrangements committee consisting of: Earl Adam, Walt Bells, Paul Price, Sam Wallace, Carl McDonald, and Paul Skiles.

We were thrilled and helped by the inspired messages of our guest speaker, the well-loved Nazarene layman, Mr. Gordon Olsen, from Eugene, Oregon. The theme and decor were "Workmen Unshamed." God's Spirit was mightily present and, as in days of old, there is still a laymen's movement, dedicated to holy living and teaching.

The retreat offering was raised to purchase a piano for the Wilson Dis-

trict Church at Yuba City, which was flooded out by last winter's storms.

Northern California is the pioneer in Laymen's Retreats and we are grateful to God for the sharing of fun, work, and religious life with one another and our beloved district superintendent, Dr. George Coulter.—MILDRED NEES SUTHERLAND, *Reporter*.

### Wisconsin District Preachers' Meeting

The messages of Dr. Hardy C. Powers, with their wisdom, unction of the Spirit, and depth of thought, inspired us anew to serve the Lord with gladness. Dr. Leo C. Davis, superintendent of Southwest Indiana District, is a man who walks with God, and his messages were full of the ruggedness, and yet tenderness, that it takes to lift the spirit of man Godward. The simplicity, the philosophy, and the spiritual instruction in the messages of both these men of God were what we in Wisconsin needed to feed our souls and encourage us for our task.

Dr. Charles A. Gibson, district superintendent, presided with his usual efficiency and enthusiasm.

All three of these men, with their major contributions, were what made us feel that our 1956 Wisconsin preachers' meeting was rich and full of spiritual good things.

We are proud and happy that our N.Y.P.S. officers were able to present to Dr. Harold W. Reed, president, and Rev. John W. Swearengen, field representative, a check for payment in full for our educational budget for Olivet Nazarene College. This is the eighth consecutive year that Wisconsin District has had their total educational budget paid in full by the time of our October preachers' meeting.

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and Mrs. Gibson celebrated their forty-third wedding anniversary. The preachers and their wives helped them celebrate with a dinner and a shower of cards, with a gift of money to show our love and appreciation for our district superintendent and his good wife.

The preachers' meeting, held in the Eau Claire church, closed with a communion service. We parted with a deeper sense of unity and love for our fellow laborers on the district, and with a greater love and appreciation for the privilege of working for God through a church with a holiness message, and a holy people.—JAMES H. RANUM, *Reporter*.

Rev. William D. Keller writes: "Last July I came into the Church of the Nazarene at the West Virginia District Assembly, and am now working in the evangelistic field. I held a one-week meeting at Grafton, then three weeks at Buckhannon, two weeks at Princeton, and two weeks at Webster Springs, West Virginia. God blessed and gave souls praying through to be saved and sanctified. I am now at Romney, West Virginia, and will close here on November 25; following this I have open time and will be glad to go anywhere as the Lord may lead. Write me, 200 Randolph Street, Buckhannon, West Virginia."

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## Canada Pacific Preachers' Convention

A high light in our church year on the Canada Pacific District was our annual preachers' convention, October 16 to 18, with Dr. E. E. Zachary, superintendent of the Northwest District, as the guest speaker. His messages were just what we needed; they inspired us, stirring our hearts, and presented a challenge we will not soon forget.

The days were full of activity—the sessions beginning at 9:30 a.m., through the evening service, which was open to the public. Leaders of the various departments gave us informative and challenging talks, as did also Dr. A. E. Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College. We were glad to hear of the fine progress of the college.

We give God praise for touching our district superintendent, Rev. Bert Daniels. He was able to be with us in spite of a throat operation the previous week. God is certainly blessing Brother Daniels' work in our midst, and we love and appreciate him as a man of God and our district leader.

We extend our thanks to the host pastor, Rev. D. G. MacDonald, and his people at Abbotsford for their kindness in opening their homes and providing for our entertainment.—HAROLD W. HOFFMAN, *Reporter*.

West Point, Ohio—We are glad to report that the Power Point Church is moving forward for God. In the fall of '55 we had a good revival with Evangelist W. F. Miller, assisted by the Barnes Family, members of our local church. In the spring we had a good meeting with the Hoot Evangelistic Party, and our people were helped. Recently we closed what many of our people said was the best revival in recent years, with Rev. D. E. Patrone, evangelist-violinist, and Singer Leland Davis. These workers were anointed of God, the altar was lined with seekers many nights, and the church was greatly helped. We thank God for His blessings on this rural community; we now have a church membership of 150, and a Sunday school averaging 180. We are in our nineteenth year as pastor and thank God for this spiritual people.—H. W. APPLIGATE, *Pastor*.

Muncie, Indiana—We are in our fourth year with Five Points Church, and God has been blessing in a wonderful way. We have been able to purchase a new parsonage, and install a new Baldwin organ, carpet, and drapes in the church. The Spirit of God has been moving among our teen-agers lately, and during the past three months we have seen 40 of them pray through to victory. Recently we closed a wonderful revival with Evangelist R. L. Rich and daughter Alice. Night after night we saw the altar lined with seekers; we have baptized 20 and received 17 into church membership—all but one by profession of faith. In the first prayer meeting after the revival we had 65 people present, of which 35 were teen-agers; 5 new ones seeking God last Sunday night. Our Sunday school aver-

aged 230 for October. The revival spirit continues, and our people are encouraged.—WM. E. MASTER, *Pastor*.

## Christian Workers' Convention San Antonio District

The San Antonio District Christian Workers' Convention was held in San Antonio Grace Church, November 5 to 7, and was characterized by a wonderful spirit of unity and the blessing of the Lord.

District Superintendent W. H. Davis directed the convention in his unique manner. Dr. G. B. Williamson challenged and thrilled us with his wonderful messages, which were pointed and practical. Rev. Raymond McClung, superintendent of the Houston District, was also a speaker in the convention, and added to the challenge given by our general superintendent.

A number of our own pastors presented thought-provoking papers concerning the various phases of our local and district work.

It is always a privilege to have Dr. R. H. Cantrell, president of Bethany Nazarene College, on our district. He not only represented the college, but also on Wednesday morning brought an inspiring message on prayer and faith.

Following a masterful sermon by General Superintendent Williamson on Tuesday night, the pastors eagerly responded to District Superintendent Davis' challenge to accept goals for new members to be received into our church during the last six months of the assembly year; the total goal was 514.

All the pastors and Christian workers present returned to their local churches with renewed vigor to work at the task of Crusading for Souls NOW!—CHARLES W. OGDEN, *District Secretary*.

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Evangelist W. M. Hodge writes: "Since our Northwest Indiana District Assembly, we moved back to our home in Kentucky, and I am giving full time to the evangelistic work. It has been my privilege to preach at Delmar, with Pastor Hood; at Naomi, with Rev. O. Lobb; at Science Hill, with Rev. K. Grant; at Kings Mountain, with Rev. B. Blalock; at Summersville, with Rev. A. A. Farris; and at Yosemite, Kentucky, with Pastor Anderson; also in Unipolis, Ohio, with Rev. E. Roope. At this writing I am in Cedar Grove, Illinois, with Rev. A. L. Lavton; and go next to Newburgh, Indiana, with Pastor Horine. God has blessed and given souls praying through to victory. If you desire my services for a week end, or a longer meeting, write me at Science Hill, Kentucky."

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Evangelist L. J. Scherrer reports: "In November we had a revival at Newport, Tennessee, where Pastor R. C. Stinnett and his people had daily prayer meetings for seven weeks preceding the revival. Never have I felt the power of the Holy Spirit so much as we did in this revival. God gave us some great victories, for which we give Him all praise. At this writing I am in a meeting with Pastor Strong and his people at Marion, Virginia. I will be in California in the spring of '57, and have some open time I would like to slate while there; also have some open time in January and February. I will go anywhere God may lead. Write me, 3030-A No. 62nd Street, Milwaukee 10, Wisconsin."

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Rev. W. E. Weaver writes: "After seven years of delightful service with the St. Johns church we accepted a unanimous call to the church in Buchanan, Michigan, moving here last July. We found a loyal people canvassing the city and pushing forward for God and souls. They are co-operating beautifully, and every phase of the work is showing an increase. During October we were favored with the preaching and music of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Smith as evangelistic workers. Brother Smith's beautiful spirit and messages strengthened our people, and many new friends were made for the church. We greatly appreciated the ministry of the Smiths with us."

El Paso, Texas—The Valley Church recently had a very successful revival with Rev. V. B. Curless, pastor of Grace Church in Kansas City, Missouri, as the evangelist. His messages were well received, and God gave a number of people seeking Him for pardon and heart purity. A beautiful spirit was manifest throughout the meeting. Seven members were added to the church, making eleven new folks received since our assembly. Valley Church has a wonderful group of people, and we are enjoying our work with them.—E. E. KINZLER, Pastor.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. James D. Hamilton of Denver, Colorado, a daughter, Lisa Coy, on November 15.

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—to Rev. and Mrs. John J. Toplyn of Bellevue, Ohio, a son, Glenn Allen, on November 2.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Samuel R. Keys of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a daughter, Dana Jean, on October 27.

—to Wayne and Erma (Chenoweth) Shelton of Knoxville, Tennessee, a daughter, Anita Kaye, on October 23.

—to Dave and Carol (Swenson) Witt of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a daughter, Joy Lynn, on September 8.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene pastor's wife in California that God may touch and heal her body of a severe nervous condition;

by a reader in Ohio "that I may become established in the experience of entire sanctification";  
by a Nazarene brother in Indiana that God may touch his body and completely heal him of a severe diabetic condition;

by a friend in Illinois for "a girl whom Satan has tried to keep bound down, that the Lord will deliver her and give her the experience she needs";  
by a lady in Kentucky, nearly deaf and shut in most of the time, and in ill health, that God may undertake for her in a special way;

by a lady in Ohio for my sick husband. two

boys, and a daughter-in-law—all need to be saved; also for an unspoken request;

for a Nazarene lady in Michigan that God would touch and heal her body; also an urgent unspoken request, that she may be better fitted to do God's will and work;

by a patient in a veterans' hospital in Illinois, for healing of a serious foot infection;

by a friend in Ohio "for my deliverance from the necessity of using a medicine that is too strong in producing the energy that I lack for my work."

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