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## The Mistake of the Wise Men

General Superintendent Williamson

**T**HEY WERE wise men. They were learned in philosophy and astronomy. Beyond doubt they had read the sacred writings of the Jews. But, like many wise men, they made a mistake.

The Magi were led in their quest for the infant King by a star. They were devout, for they came to worship. But as they journeyed they reasoned. Reason led them to assume that the King would be born in Jerusalem, the capital and residence of Herod. This perfectly logical deduction caused them to turn their caravan toward the great city. They were so certain that they forgot to follow the star that led them.

Upon arrival in the famed capital of Judea their presence was made known to the king. He called for the chief priests and scribes to ascertain the birthplace of the Messiah. They said unto him, "In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet." Having received that word, they departed. "And, lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was."

There are three factors in divine guidance. They are: the spirit of reverence and reliance upon God, the Word of God in the divine revelation, the providential leading of the Lord. None of these can be omitted if unerring guidance is desired.

The Wise Men employed two of these means to lead them to the birthplace of Christ. They were men filled with the spirit of worship. They followed the providential leading of the Lord—the star they had seen in the east. But they substituted the logical deductions of reason for the revelation of God as contained in the Scriptures. This caused them to lose sight of the star. They went to Jerusalem instead of to Bethlehem. Consultation of the word of prophecy put them back on the right course, and then the star reappeared to mark the place where the Saviour was born.

The supposition of the Magi that reason is a safe substitute for the revelation in God's Word led them astray. It brought further disaster in the slaughter of all the boy babies of Bethlehem. In like manner, every attempt to set aside the Word of God will result in loss of the sense of direction, and consequent confusion to all who take such risk. Furthermore, it will be costly to those who might have been blessed and saved by lives directed of the Lord.

At this advent season may all who call themselves Christians keep the spirit of worship in their hearts. Let them seek the wisdom of the divine revelation. Let them follow the star of providential guidance. These three guides of the spirit of man will lead to the glorious experience of Christ's being born in us today.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

"Miss Ruth Bowen, who has been my co-worker in the pastorate here at Kenosha, Wisconsin, for nine years, died on November 9, following a brief illness. The prayers of the HERALD family would be appreciated."—Rev. Lottie M. Rynearson.

Word received from Rev. Dallas Baggett, pastor of First Church, Birmingham, Alabama: "Closed one of the most genuine revivals last night [Nov. 25] ever witnessed in Birmingham First Church. Dr. R. V. DeLong unexcelled as evangelist. Over seventy seekers on last Sunday alone. Tremendous victories night after night. Great demonstrations of the Spirit. Pungent conviction. Glorious answers to prayer. Praise God!"

Pastor Ralph Ahlemann sends word from New Albany, Indiana: "Most outstanding revival closed Sunday, November 25, with Dr. Howard Jerrett and Jack Bierce—great evangelistic team. Approximately two hundred seekers; many new people attended and a fine number of new people saved; whole church blessed and stirred. God still answers prayer. New Albany First faces a new day as we commemorate our twenty-fifth anniversary."

Evangelist S. T. Moore has left the field and is now pastoring the church in Mooresville, Indiana.

Pastor Ben Lemaster sends word: "Redwood Falls, Minnesota, church just closed missionary convention with Miss Mary Scott; close to \$400 in the Thanksgiving offering. Miss Scott at her best. Good crowds, and wonderful response to the message of missions."

Rev. Marion Leviner has resigned as pastor at McColl, South Carolina, to enter the evangelistic field.

"If I have little things to do today, help me, Lord, to do them in a great way with a great spirit."—*Selected.*

God has many things to say to us. He has many thoughts to put into our minds. We are apt to be so busy doing His work that we do not stop to listen to His Word. Prayer gives God the opportunity of speaking to us and revealing His will to us.—*Selected.*

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## Fortieth Anniversary

April 17, 1912, the first copy of the HERALD OF HOLINESS came from the presses. For forty years this official publication of the Church of the Nazarene has been heralding the message of full salvation. It has become the leading holiness paper; now over 100,000 copies are sent out each week.

Since 1952 will be the fortieth anniversary year, it seems fitting that it be made a time for special stress for subscriptions. Let every district and every church plan to this end. Each should attain that list of those having subscriptions equal to 60 per cent of their membership—the quota adopted again for the coming year.

*Plan now—then follow through in 1952!*

A report from the Kansas City District indicates that a number of the churches made or exceeded their quotas for the district HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign. The campaign manager, Rev. J. W. Ellis, has provided exceptional promotional material and reports each week. Commendations to the churches and Brother Ellis!

Rev. Edward S. Barton, manager of the subscription drive on the Akron District, reports almost four thousand subscriptions. This makes two campaigns this year which Brother Barton has conducted. Before going to the Youngstown church on the Akron District, he was a pastor on the Western Ohio District and managed their campaign early in the year. Certainly one who puts as much as he into a drive, and does it twice in one year, deserves a lot of praise. We appreciate your work, Brother Barton!

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When the home is ruled according to God's Word, angels might be asked to stay a night with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element.—SPURGEON.

Let any man, taking his courage in both hands, go radiant and singing through this world of shadows, and he will bring a song on to a hundred lips that otherwise would have been silent as the grave. We are always impressing ourselves on those around us, and doing it most when we least dream of it.—GEORGE H. MORRISON.

# God's Good-Will Gift

By M. Kimber Moulton\*

**T**HE ANGELIC announcement of our Saviour's birth includes the expression, "good will toward men." God's greatest gift to the world is His good-will gift.

A valuable gift is an expression of good will. It is true that a man may give a valuable gift to another person with a scheming motive of the return of personal gain. It is furthermore known that to "save face" and keep up customs men give and exchange valuable gifts. But when God gave His only begotten Son, the most valuable gift the world has known, He expressed himself in unmitigated love and good will. He gave the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost world.

This gift embodies God's good will; God gave himself in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh. God wills the happiness of His creatures, particularly mankind, His highest creation. All good things are given to us in Christ the Lord. Everything that comes to us, other than evil, comes through Christ. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Christ is the gift which includes all good gifts.

His is the good will of *indiscriminate self-giving*. As far as His benevolent attitude is concerned, He would do good to all men. He gave himself that all men might be saved. There is no discrimination as far as strata of life are concerned. Christ was born in the humble manger as the Babe of Bethlehem; yet He was the Son of God. Humble shepherds received Him, and the Wise Men—the intelligentsia from the East—were led to Him, worshiped Him, and presented to Him the gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. There is no discrimination so far as national and race boundaries are concerned. With Him, there is no north, south, east, nor west. All nations were made of one blood, and it is through the blood of Christ that God would save all men. To all who receive Him, of whatever tribe or nation, He gives the right to become the sons of God.

God's good-will gift is furthermore one of *understanding*. God knew man because He made him; but a deeper knowledge in the divine plan and process was gained by the incarnation of Christ in human flesh. Through this He en-

tered into a deeper relationship with mankind. He had new forms of consciousness in His divinity through the avenue of His humanity; and because He is divine, those human experiences of the incarnation are fresh in His consciousness today.

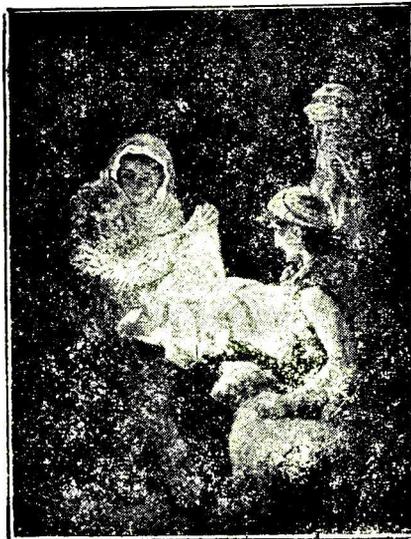
Christ is not prejudiced against anyone. He has the capacity and the will to understand any man and all men. His understanding is combined with His benevolent good will.

His good will is also seen in that He *promotes and proffers peace*. It is significant that at the time of Christ's birth the Roman Empire was at peace with all the world. It is thought by some the angelic choir hymned this peace. Milton suggests it in his "Ode to the Nativity":

*No war, or battle's sound  
Was heard the world around;  
The idle spear and shield were high uphung:  
The hooked chariot stood  
Unstained with hostile blood,  
The trumpet spake not to the armed throng;  
And kings sat still with awful eye  
As if they surely knew their sovran Lord was by.*

Peace among the nations of the world at the time of the Saviour's birth was only a temporary lull in the increasingly terrific warfare among nations. But the angels sang of something ultimately enduring, for Christ will come again and reign as the Prince of Peace. Now, however, He proffers His glorious peace to each one personally. Any man may be "justified by faith," and "have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Also, he may know the harmony of peace within his soul with a united heart, for the God of peace sanctifies wholly. Any person who has the experience of peace with God and knows the peace of God within him will become a man of good will.

God's gift, Christ in us, mediates good will through us. He will free us from the evil in the drives that hurt ourselves and others. He dissolves unworthy intolerance and unsympathizing indifference. He will help us not to waste one minute in bearing the heaviest of burdens—a grudge. He will give us the drive of self-giving in service which may be measureless in the ministry of mutual understanding, affec-



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# "His Name Shall Be Jesus"\*

By Melza H. Brown\*

*There is one name all names above,  
Unto believers precious,  
Which causes hearts to glow with love.  
It is the name of Jesus.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENT made to Joseph by the angel was, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." True to the promise of God, Jesus Christ became the Saviour, and He does save His people from their sins. "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

There is no name so precious to believers as the name of Jesus Christ. We—who were lost in sin and bound by the bonds of iniquity—have found truly that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. When no one else could help us, Jesus came to our rescue. When our hearts were filled with dark despair, Jesus became the Light of our world. When we were sinking in the mire of sin, Jesus became the Rock of Ages. When life had become tasteless and insipid, Jesus became the Honey in the Rock. When our souls were filled with fear that hath torment, Jesus became the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. When we came to God by Him, Jesus became our "All in All." No wonder His name is above all names to the believer!

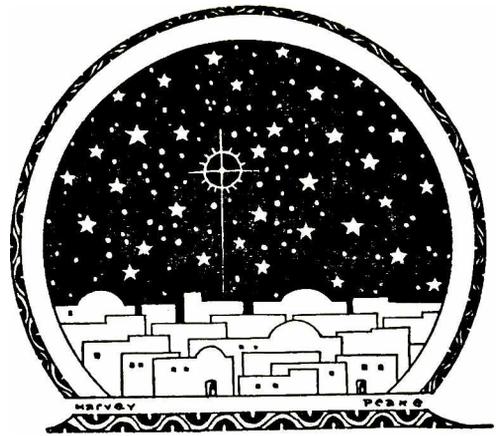
The very name of Jesus brings encouragement and soul warmth to the child of God. Through this name we receive spiritual help. Through faith in His name we are able to defeat the powers of Satan and sin. Trusting in His name, we live victoriously in righteousness although surrounded by sin and corruption. Thus rightly, the Christian loves and appreciates the name of Jesus.

*We have no goodness of our own;  
His merits we come pleading.  
He who the winepress trod alone  
Is for us interceding.*

Jesus Christ was, and is, an absolute essential. There is no way for man to be saved except by the name of Jesus Christ; "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

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"All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"; therefore all need a Saviour. Man cannot save himself. His own works of righteousness, his own goodness, cannot atone for sins, and all stand condemned in the presence of a holy God. Yes, all men need a Saviour; moral men, wicked men, civilized men, heathen men—men everywhere, and always, need a Saviour.

There comes a time in every life when the soul recognizes his need. We run direct into a stone wall of limitation, and we find no way through. We come to situations which humanly are impossible. Finally, we reach the dark chasm of death, and we have no bridge for the crossing. We must have a Saviour.

Thanks be to God, we have a Saviour. Jesus Christ did tread the winepress alone, and His own arm did bring salvation. Jesus, who speaks "in righteousness, mighty to save," who is "glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength," cometh even from the regions of death and the grave, triumphant, alive forever, and with abundant power to save.

We trust not our own goodness, we have no merit to plead, but we depend entirely and solely upon the sacrifice made on Calvary. Jesus is the Lamb of God, and it is His merits we come pleading. But glorious reality, He "is for us interceding." The believer's case is in the hands of Christ; "We have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

*To guard us He is ever near  
In waking hours or sleeping.  
This one to trusting hearts so dear  
Is constant vigil keeping.*

The Psalmist declared, "He that keepeth thee will not slumber." The believer is kept by the power of God through faith "unto salvation ready to be revealed . . ." We are kept despite our weaknesses. How often we become discouraged, and would be tempted to give up the battle if it were not for the keeping power of our Christ!

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# Have You Had Your Christmas?

By W. D. McGraw Jr.\*

**T**HE CONTINUED use of a word to express some thought other than the one originally intended may result in changing the meaning of that word. And, unless the word suggests to the mind of the hearer the same thought which is in the mind of the speaker, that word has not served its purpose.

It would be interesting to note the variety of meanings the word Christmas has come to convey. Just what does Christmas mean to *you*? When Jesus was born, His coming did not mean the same to everyone.

Caesar saw in this addition to the population one more person who someday would become a taxpayer. Today there are those to whom Christmas comes as a time for getting rather than giving. The eyes of little children light up with anticipation at what "Santa Claus" may bring them. Even some grownups are irritated if an inventory of gifts received does not overbalance the value of those given. The practice of years has changed the meaning of Christmas for such as these.

The innkeeper found no challenge of any kind in the birth of the Christ child. Christmas meant nothing more than "business as usual," with perhaps a chance to make more money in merchandising with the careless multitude which thronged his inn that night.

In my first pastorate I sought to interest a doctor in the claims of the gospel. He turned the conversation aside from Christ and what He had a right to expect from each of us, and wanted to know how many members we had in our church. Upon learning of the newness of the work, and the smallness of our number, he said: "When I join a church, it is going to be the biggest one in town. I'm interested in making the largest number of contacts; it will be good for my practice." To him, Christ was to be used as a tool, to be exploited for gain.

Herod saw in Christ a contender for his authority. Today, men abuse their wives, and parents drive their children from home, for no other reason than that same fiendish jealousy which

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prompted Herod to slay the helpless infants in an effort to do away with Christ.

The shepherds, hearing the angelic announcement while they watched their flocks by night, came to see this miracle which was to lighten their load and release them from oppression. To them, Christmas meant an easier time—freedom from tyranny, balm for their sufferings. It is true that Christ came to bring light to those that sat in darkness, release to the imprisoned, sight to the blind, strength to the weary. And certainly it is not unfitting that we worship Him, as did the shepherds, for this glorious deliverance. But this is only part of the meaning of Christmas.

You have not really had *your* Christmas until, like the Wise Men from the East, you have brought from your own treasure the very best that you have, and have given it to Him who deserves our love, devotion, and service. With the Wise Men, I would come at this blessed season of the year to renew my words of praise and love; to lay at His feet my gold, frankincense, and myrrh. He is deserving of our material possessions surrendered unreservedly for His glory and use, our incense of praise and worship, and our consecrated suffering.

Most of us have not really made much sacrifice for Him. We receive unendingly good gifts from Him and from others here below. What have we given in sacrificial offering, in tireless service, in suffering for His sake and the gospel's?

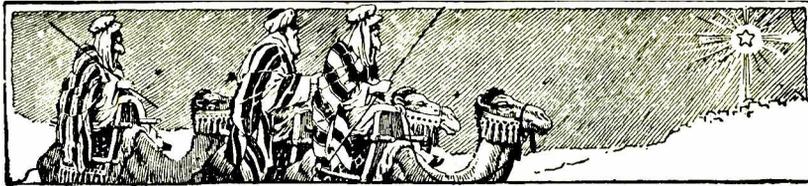
True happiness eludes us if sought directly. If forgotten in the genuine desire to make others happy, it comes to us as a by-product of our own unselfishness. If we give alms, or assuage suffering and anguish in others, primarily to bring happiness to ourselves, then we fail to attain it. But if the Christ of Bethlehem has so possessed our affections and indwelt our natures that we give of our means and our service primarily because we love others and want to provide a channel through which He can minister to their deep needs, then our joy and happiness are complete.

Although Christmas and Pentecost are months apart on the calendar, really they are closely associated in personal experience. You cannot have *your* Christmas in the fullest sense of the meaning of the term until you have had your Pentecost. "For God so loved the world, that he gave . . ." We also must love so much that we give ourselves in consecrated service to Him if we would know the *true meaning* of Christmas.



# THE Prophetic Herald APPEARS

By Oscar Hudson\*



**T**HE CHRISTMAS story is complete in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. For four thousand years, mankind had waited for Him to appear who was to "bruise" the serpent's head. Prophets had foretold it repeatedly, poets had sung it, sages had proclaimed it, and saints had waited expectantly; but the long delay and increase of godlessness had emboldened the scoffer to ridicule. Now the full time has come; the clock peals forth the hour, and we stand jubilant upon the brink of the world's greatest event.

The manner of Christ's birth had been given in detail, and the place where it was to happen clearly mentioned: "Thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." As the time for the Advent drew near, this seemed impossible.

The virgin, Mary, lived in Nazareth, about seventy-five miles from Bethlehem. This would require a journey equal to that of one thousand miles today. Their only mode of travel was walking or riding a donkey, and, in Mary's delicate state of health, one could hardly think of undertaking it. But God, who "hath his way in the whirlwind," makes a way where there is no way in the vicissitudes of life. He set in motion the political machinery of the world to bring His plan to pass, using the annoying and ever-present tax business.

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## LIKE TRUMPET CALL

By A. M. Quick

*Like trumpet call from star to morning star  
Vibrant with holy harmonies divine,  
The message ran, a melody sublime  
From out the heavenlies to earth afar.  
Carried by spirit messengers of fire  
To shepherds watching o'er their flocks by  
night,  
The blessed tidings came; a glorious light  
Shone round about them, and the angel choir  
Chanted the tidings to the waiting world—  
O Light of Life, O Son of God most high,  
The Great Emancipator now draws nigh;  
The Prince of Peace His banner has unfurled!*

*How sweet the news angelic songs afford:  
"To you is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord!"*

Caesar Augustus issued a decree that every one should register for taxes in the place of his birth. So, whether it seemed wise or not, the trip to Bethlehem, the native place of Joseph and Mary, must be made. Joseph led forth the donkey, placed Mary, his wife, thereon and, walking by her side, made the arduous journey just in time, and Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The shepherds on the hillside, outside the village, heard the angels proclaim, "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."

The heart of the Christmas story was sung by the angels, "On earth peace, good will toward men." In the absence of this, the whole thing is an empty shell without beauty or form. It is like a painting without that something which makes it "click," a poem without rhythm, a song reduced wholly to minor. This is not mythical, but factual, from our personal status to the end of the human race, because,

*Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there.*

The fundamental principle in producing this peace on earth and good will to men was proclaimed by the Prophet Isaiah, "The government shall be upon his shoulder." This takes it out of our hands. As I comprehend this, I have nothing to fuss or fume about. The confusion throughout the ramifications of society stems from a desire to run things ourselves, to have our own way, to be at the forefront and manage affairs; the urge to put out human hands and steady the ark.

The Christ child, in many instances, is still forced to take the ox's stall—a secondary place—because the upper rooms are filled with human wills. Ego gains the ascendancy while humility retreats into obscurity. But don't forget that it was the lowly shepherds only who heard the angels sing, and it was in their ears that the glad news resounded of joyful salvation to all people.

### God's Good-Will Gift

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tion, loving-kindness, tender mercy, practical helpfulness, soul saving, and character building.

Heavenly Father, may Thy good will be done in earth through Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Another Christmas Dawns!

Alice Hansche Mortenson

*Another Christmas dawns!  
Though earth is troubled,  
And fear of war  
Stalks grimly through the  
land.*

*The blessed peace of Christ  
Abides unshaken  
Within the hearts of those  
Who hold His hand.*

*Another Christmas dawns!  
O world of sorrow,  
If only you would hasten  
To His side!*

*There's shelter in  
The blessed Rock of Ages;  
In fact, there is  
No other place to hide.*

*Another Christmas dawns!*

*O Christian soldiers,  
Let's pledge our faith anew  
And take our stand  
Beneath the cross of Calvary,  
Never fearing  
What man can do,  
For Jesus holds our hand!*

*Another Christmas dawns!  
O cruel tyrants,  
You too could find the peace  
That Jesus gives,  
But will not; yet someday  
You'll bow before Him!  
And all mankind will know  
King Jesus lives!*

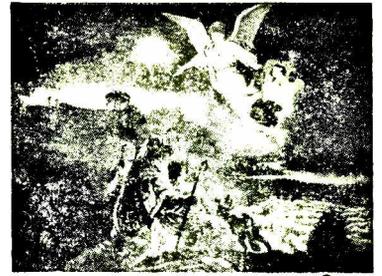
## CHRISTMAS NIGHT

By Margaret S. Connelly

*Flash the signal to earth,  
Bring the Wise Men near.  
"Jesus Christ is born tonight"—  
Sound the message clear!  
Straw beneath His body press  
Gently under Him.  
Star of Bethlehem, look down.  
Sing, ye seraphim!  
Lo! a miracle has come  
Unto all the earth;  
Prophecy has been fulfilled  
By the Christ child's birth.*

## THE Christ Child Comes

N. C. Schlichter



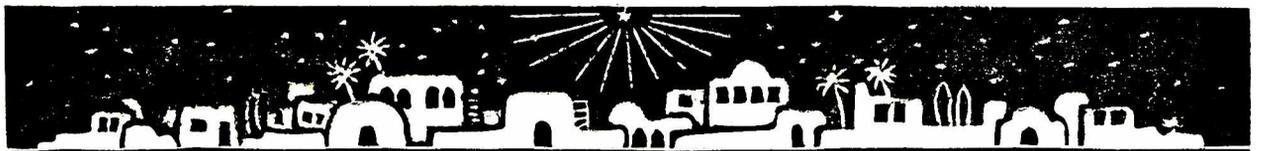
*O heart of man, set wide your door—  
The little Christ child comes once more.  
O bleeding world, His gentle grace  
Is wide enough for every place.  
And yet for every candle bright  
To welcome Him this holy night  
He'll find so many without flame,  
Kept dark by sin and hate and shame;  
So many homes with song and shout  
Where no one dreams who stands without;  
Where thoughtless drink and feasting are  
Instead of wonder for His star.*

*O hate-torn world, He comes again,  
The Holy Child with peace for men.*

## Bright Is the Christmas Road

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*Men travel still the Christmas road  
The Holy Child to seek;  
And some are very rich and wise,  
And some are poor and weak.  
Some carry gifts of matchless worth,  
As did Wise Men of old—  
The fragrant myrrh and frankincense,  
The richly gleaming gold.  
And some, like lowly shepherds, come  
With humbler gifts, it seems—  
The quiet gifts of love and faith  
All wrapped about with dreams.  
And He who knows the deep intent  
Of every heart sincere  
Receives with blessing every gift.  
And counts them wondrous dear!  
O pilgrim friend, by cares oppressed,  
Come, walk this starlit way,  
And find the faith you laid aside  
Some troubled yesterday.  
The Christmas road is bright with hope,  
And at its end there stands  
The Christ of Christmas—glory-crowned—  
With blessings in His hands!*



# On Listening Terms?

By Louis McCurdy\*

*Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: . . . So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him (Gen. 12:1-4).*

**I**T WAS evident that Abram was on speaking terms with God—and on listening terms as well. No matter how much it meant to Abram for him to pull up the stakes of his tent, and sell his business interests, he did it, and stepped out into an unknown future with God. It must have been hard to break the old home ties; but he was faithful, and listened to and obeyed his call from God.

Biblical history records the obedience of many godly men and women who heard the call of God as good listeners. If it had not been for that group, the preaching of the gospel would have ceased long ago. As Christians call on God, He calls on us. We ask Him for favors; He asks us for service. Certainly the Christian who expects God to answer prayer must keep faith with God to respond to Him when He asks for service.

Many Christians, thoughtlessly, make their own plans, without consulting God; then they ask Him to bless those plans. How much more consistent it would be if they would present themselves for service, listen for orders, and be ready to obey at His time, where He directs, and in the manner that He chooses!

There are probably millions of people living today who have, in time of trouble, called on God. Yet those millions neither listen nor respond when He calls on them to repent, to confess, to make restitution, and to believe the gospel. And there may be many, many Christians who regularly call upon God for favors who never wait to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to direct them to do any service for God in return.

On listening terms? Why not? Christ is the Head of the Church, and His Spirit has the right to direct our activities. The Book of Acts abounds with the record of the Holy Spirit directing men who responded to His voice. The ready response of Peter made his ministry fit into the plan of God for the Gentile group at Caesarea. He stopped his praying on that house-top long enough to listen to the voice of the Spirit. He hesitated only long enough to make sure that he understood his orders.

Philip's obedience was immediate when the angel of the Lord directed him to the desert of Gaza. He was on such fine listening terms that he clearly understood his part of the errand. As

a result, all of Ethiopia was opened to the preaching of the gospel.

The Holy Spirit spoke to the church at Antioch after they had ministered to the Lord and fasted. He directed them to send Barnabas and Paul on their missionary journey. Possibly the fasting helped them to get their ears in tune to Heaven's voice, thus improving their listening terms with God.

When the Church, from top to bottom, from the leading official to the last layman, gets in the habit of listening to God and obeying at once, then the Church will function with even more fruitful results. Our activities will synchronize until our church machinery will speed the gospel to the "uttermost parts."

"Every Nazarene on listening terms with God" would be a wonderful objective to reach. We can reach it if we will listen for His voice, and be willing and ready to obey.

## "His Name Shall Be Jesus"

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The name of Jesus is our refuge; He is our Tower of Defense; He is our unfailing Champion. He ever lives to intercede in our behalf; and, though we may be tempted, tried, tested, and cast down in spirit, yet He will not fail us. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15-16).

What a wonderful name! Jesus speaks to believers, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you." Also, He speaks to the Father, "And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them."

What a wonderful Saviour! His word to you today is, "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one."

*His name shall be Jesus.*

*Wonderful name, wonderful name!*

*His name shall be Jesus,*

*For He shall save His people from their sins.*

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"O precious privilege! O happy heritage! Every Christian can be sanctified, having his heart cleansed from inward sin, and having the Holy Ghost to abide within. If it seems almost too good to be true, let us remind ourselves that time and again through the Scriptures it is promised to us."—H. C. LITTLE.

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# EPHESIANS (Art. 28)

By H. Orton Wiley

## The Sanctification of the Church

*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish (Ephesians 5:25-27).*

**S**T. PAUL frequently connects some of his profound theological truths with the most ordinary duties and relationships of life. Witness for instance his kenotic doctrine of Christ with the benevolent duties of the saints (Phil. 2:5-8). So here he presents various aspects of the Church under the symbolism of marriage. This section of the epistle (5:22-33) not only reveals the love which Christ has for the Church, but it also exalts the Christian concept of marriage.

There are three outstanding matters of consideration here: (1) the organization of the family, (2) the use of the term "mystery," and (3) the love of Christ for the Church.

1. *The Organization of the Family.* Next to the church, the family occupies the most important place in the teaching of the Scriptures. The family is the *society of nature* out of which all other organizations flow. The family is therefore basic to both the church and the state, and upon its success they both depend for stability and progress. The church is the *society of grace*, and from it as the source of the blessedness flow the benevolent organizations which characterize

Christian lands. Where the church is not found, these organizations do not appear—paganism has none of them.

The home is an institution founded on love. Husbands are commanded to love their wives, even as themselves. As Christ gave himself for the Church, the husband is to give himself for the wife. He is the preserver of the home, the saviour of the body. The wife is to submit herself to her husband as the official head of the house, but this is guarded by the words "as it is fit in the Lord." Submission to one who gives himself fully to her interests is not bondage but the highest freedom. Were homes based upon the Scriptures, there would be fewer of them broken by divorce.

2. *The Roman Catholic Doctrine of Marriage as a Sacrament.* In the Vulgate—the Latin version of the Scriptures—the words "this is a great mystery" are translated *sacramentum hoc magnum est* or "this is a great sacrament." The Protestant teaching, however, holds that only those that Christ immediately instituted while on earth, that is, baptism and the Lord's Supper, are to be regarded as sacraments.

3. *The Love of Christ for the Church Symbolized by Marriage.* The real meaning of the term "mystery," as here used, appears to be this, that the formation of Eve from Adam's side and his marriage to her contained an emblematical meaning concerning the origin of the Church from Christ's wounded side, the love of Christ for the Church, and the eternal union of believers with Christ in heaven.

Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it. Love always gives itself. Here is the atonement in its originating cause—the love of God. The Cross is the secret of redemption. Christ's

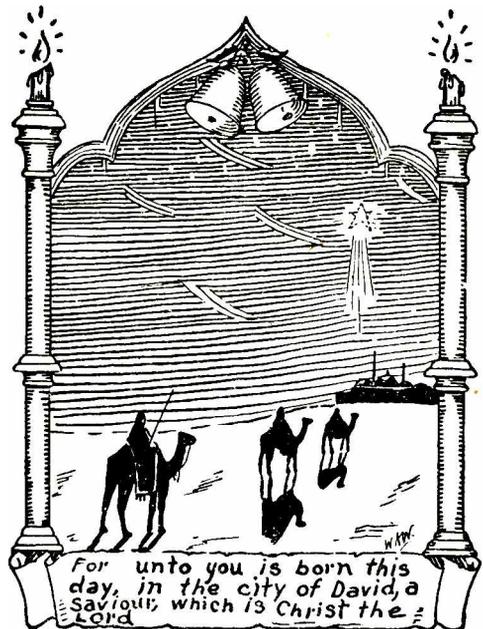


## A Star Shines Wondrously Tonight

By Lloyd M. Hearn

*A star shines wondrously tonight,  
And in its glad, eternal light  
Are myrrh and frankincense and gold  
For every man and for all time.  
It tells the sweetest story told.  
And sings the songs the most sublime!  
Look for the light that leads aright—  
A star shines wondrously tonight!*

*A little Child is born tonight;  
And, scorned by the lords of pomp and might,  
He bears the hope of all the world—  
Offers the sinner's sole release.  
His is the flag of love unfurled:  
His is the only way to peace!  
There shall be healing for every blight—  
A little Child is born tonight!*



death was both exemplary and atoning. Without the shed blood there was and could be no remission of sins. The purpose of this love is expressly stated to be: (1) the sanctification of the Church—that He might sanctify and cleanse it; and (2) glorification—that He might present it to himself a glorious Church.

This is the Church's period of struggle and conflict, but the time will come when she will be presented glorious like her Lord, in every faculty of mind and fiber of body. There will be no spot to remind her of earthly conflicts and no wrinkle of oncoming age. Hers will be a splendor in keeping with the redemptive price, and a nearness to God in communion worthy of the purpose of God.

## LET THERE BE LIGHT

By Bernie Smith\*

### The Wages of Sin

ONE MARCH morning I left the city of Paris and drove some sixteen miles to visit the Palace of Versailles. I often had anticipated visiting this one-thousand-room palace that had played such an important role in the history of France and the world. I wanted to see the "peace table" and the "hall of mirrors" and other things I had long read about. But, much to my surprise, the one thing that startled me most had never been written about in any of the histories that had come to my attention.

I was strolling through one of the large, magnificent rooms of the palace when a guide approached me. He called my attention to the intricate, artistic murals on the ceiling. I gazed upward and he continued: "The artist who did this ceiling work labored seven years. He had to lie prostrate on his back. But there is something sad about it, *Monsieur*. After he had completed the work, the king of France refused to pay him anything for it, and he committed suicide."

I have met many people who are literally slaving away their lives for the devil. They are doing what the devil wants them to do, going where he wants them to go, saying what he wants them to say, and reflecting attitudes that he demands. Someday they are going to awaken to the fact that they will get nothing out of it but an eternity filled with the presence of demons who will laugh at them because they did not have the courage to stand for the right in the face of demoralizing opportunities. They shall know an eternity filled with regret and remorse and the eye of an angry God.

We must never lost sight of the fact that the wages of sin remain the same!

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## LINKED BY LOVE (4)

By T. M. Anderson\*

*If a man love me, he will keep my words (John 14:23).*

THE CONTEXT shows that love for Christ links us to His promise to manifest himself; but we must not overlook the fact that keeping His word is the necessary requirement to receive the promise. The Saviour makes it clear that love will motivate a man to keep His words: "If a man love me, he will keep my words. . . . He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings." This emphatic statement leaves no man in doubt about his love for Christ.

If we keep this treasure of eternal truth, we will find that the Saviour reveals himself in His words, and that He reveals the Father in His words. Jesus directs our attention to this fact, saying, "The word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (v. 24). We must give the more earnest heed to the things spoken unto us by the Son of God, lest at any time we should let them slip.

This would be a dreary and dreadful world in which to live if God had remained silent, invisible, and unknown. It would be a forsaken and forgotten world if God had never uttered a word from heaven, and never granted it a vision of himself. It would be a world where the Spirit never speaks, and the plea of the Saviour is never heard; only the mocking emptiness of a voiceless void. It would be a world without a word of promise, without a witnessing prophet, and without a whisper of prayer; a desolate and deserted place, shrouded in the speechless hush of eternal death, and doomed to an everlasting solitude by the unbroken and unanswering silence of God. Unutterable despair would seize the souls of men if they prayed but heard no answer, if they looked for God but never saw Him, and searched for God but never found Him.

But God did not clothe himself in silence, for He broke the stillness of the long night with the voice of His beloved Son. He spoke to those who sat in darkness, and groped for God in the shadow of death. The light of divine revelation reached the zenith when the Sun of Righteousness appeared; and, folding back the draperies of the dark, He opened the gates of a new day, and walked out of eternity into time to declare unto us the words of eternal life. Blessed Lord, we will hear Thy words; we will exemplify our love for Thee by keeping Thy sayings.

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*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:7).*

# What a Corner!

By Edwin R. Anderson\*

"What's in a name?" is a question often asked, and one answer might quite well be, "At certain times and under certain conditions, there may be far more than could ever be dared imagined; and in quite different manner!"

This reminds me of that tragic afternoon some time ago when I walked into the office of the local newspaper to have a word with my good friend, George Dillon, managing editor. I remember it all too well. I had just pushed open the gate from the corridor, approached his desk, and was just about to put out my hand for welcome when I heard it. We both heard it . . . and for a long moment we were frozen to the spot with fright.

It was one of those combinations of sounds which are not easily forgotten—the shrill scream of quickly applied brakes coupled with an equally shrill scream of protesting tires. The fleet second of that deadly pause, knowing and sensing all too well what follows, and then . . . that tearing sound of cars coming together in fatal smash; the dull thud of meshing metal; and the awful, high-pitched note of breaking, shattering, scattering glass.

We were frozen to the spot for a long moment, as I have said. How could our feelings really be described? But then, we "came to," and fairly leaped from the office out to the street.

I remember as we stood there watching the horror of the accident how George laid a hand on my shoulder and whispered: "Ed, something has to be done about this. Here is the third smashup this month. As far as I am concerned, this corner is one of the worst traffic-traps in the whole state!"

I have but one main reason for relating all of this. Remember the question, "What's in a name?" It so happens that this corner near which we were standing, this corner which my newspaper friend described as "the worst in the state," is, according to the local directory, and according to the intersection signposts, called "Church Corners."

Yes, that is right, "Church Corners." It gets its name from the fact that there are two churches on two sides of the corner. There used to be three churches some years back, but the last had been torn down. "What a corner!"

Somehow, dear friend, standing there with my eyes alternating between the grim wreck of smashed steel and those signposts, I could not help sensing that here was something far more in name than could ever be imagined, and in a far different sense. I could not help sensing this as a parable of solemn, searching truth!

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Here were the churches: tall, gray, and closed. And in place of those smashed meshings of twisted steel, I saw the ruin of poor souls, suffering far more fatal accident of eternal consequence!

"Church Corners"—in how many cases are they deadly danger traps! Poor souls are "religioned to ruin," snared and sold short by that arch-deceiver Satan, through the sieve of soft music, sibilant sermon, where churchanity is confused for Christianity. In many places, stained-glass and old stone have been wickedly substituted for the old rugged Cross and the dear Lamb of God, who suffered thereupon in shame and agony (John 1:29; I Peter 1:19; I Peter 2:24). Out there at "Church Corners" is much of mad mixture and counterfeit confusion. Culture is in place of Calvary. Books bar and banish the Blood. Reformation runs before regeneration. Service is sought rather than salvation. Character is crowned rather than conversion.

As I stood there that tragic afternoon, looking and seeing far beyond the surface, I began to think of another corner. According to the Word, it would be called "Calvary Corner." And it is that one corner where the deep, hungering longings of the soul are truly provided. Precious corner indeed! "Christ died for our sins" (I Cor. 15:3). "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

"What's in a name?" Well, there is everything in the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ. He alone effects needed deliverance (II Cor. 5:17). Let alone anything which leaves Him out of the picture. Vacate that which voids the victory of Calvary. Excuse yourself from that which evades or evaporates His person and work. The greatest "smash" is that of a soul forever lost in the darkness of a Christless eternity (Jude, v. 13). And no insurance or repair from the hand of man can ever change that!

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## My Home Above

By Anna M. Gilleland

*I am a pilgrim in this world  
And have no place to stay.  
The house in which I sleep and dine  
Is for rest along the way.  
A mansion far beyond the skies  
My Lord went to prepare.  
And I get a foretaste now and then  
Of joys awaiting there.  
The wealth and fame of this vain world  
Are baubles in my hand,  
When viewed beside the treasures  
Of that bright and happy land.  
The God of mercy, love, and grace  
Will lead me in the way  
Until my raptured soul shall see  
The home where I shall stay  
For all eternity!*

# The Universal Christ

# E D I T

## Stephen

**N**OW THE Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I

### God's Promise and Mary's Song

will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:1-3). These words disclose the secret of the beginning of a great nation—a nation which was destined to play an important part in the history of the world. At present, I am especially interested in the last statement of this passage, "And in thee shall all families [or nations] of the earth be blessed."

Through the descendants of Abraham, Jesus Christ was to be born, and through Him as the Seed of Abraham all peoples were to be blessed. Thus the universal character of Christ was emphasized in this early prophecy of His coming.

In Mary's great song of praise (Luke 1:46-55), the universality of Christ is set forth in these words: "For, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." When this statement is taken in its context, it is seen at once that Mary is not thinking of herself as being transformed into a god. She will not be called blessed because of what she has become in herself, but rather because she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Saviour of all generations, or nations.

This is proved by the last two verses of her hymn: "He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy; as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever." In other words, the prophecy of a Christ through whom all nations were to be blessed was to be fulfilled in part through her as His mother. She was to be called blessed by all generations only because her Son was to be the Blessor of all generations. Therefore, it should be always remembered that Mary ended her Magnificat with her thought on Christ, and not on herself. She knew that any universality she might have would be due to the universality of Him who was to be born of her.

**T**HE ANGEL emphasizes the universality of Christ in his announcement to the shepherds. In his opening words, he says: "Fear not: for,

### An Announcement, a Song, And a Prophecy

behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10). The good tidings which he brought were to be to all people and not to one nation, or even to a few select nations. These good tidings which were to all people are voiced in the next verse: "For unto

you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). Thus there can be no mistake as to what the good tidings were or as to the fact that they were to be to all people.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:13-14). Immediately after the announcement of the birth of Christ to the shepherds, a multitude of the heavenly host joined him in a brief but very significant hymn of praise, which speaks of the peace and good will which Christ's coming would bring to earth and men—not just to a part of the earth or to some men.

Now we come to one of the most beautiful of all the stories which gather about the birth of Jesus. It is Simeon's prophecy concerning Christ when He was circumcised and dedicated in the Temple at Jerusalem. Here are the words of this unique story: "And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:25-32).

Simeon was ready to die, for he had seen God's promised salvation, the redeeming Christ, which was "prepared before the face of all people," and was "a light to lighten the Gentiles," as well as "the glory of" God's chosen "people Israel." The boundaries of Israel could not contain the Christ, for He had come to save not only Israel but also the whole world.

**L**UKE'S ACCOUNT of the preaching of John the Baptist "puts the ministry of Jesus in its world-setting, and continues the quotation from

### More Proofs Of Jesus' Universality

40:5 and reads as follows: "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Even Jesus' words to His astonished mother in the Temple when she questioned Him about remaining behind in Jerusalem point to the fact that Jesus already was conscious of a world-wide mission. He must be about His Father's business—His Heavenly Father's, or God's, business, which always has included all peoples in its scope.

Another way to look at this truth of the universality of Jesus Christ is to think of Him as being born to each and every person. The angel said, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). "For unto *you* is born." The Babe born in Bethlehem was everybody's Baby. He lies on every doorstep. This was as true of Herod as of the shepherds and of the Wise Men. It is as true of us today as it was of those who lived then. It has always been in order for every man and all men to celebrate Christmas, the birthday of the universal Baby. He was the Son of man, the Son of humanity.

Jesus' universality is seen again in His indiscriminate ministry. He was truly no respecter of persons. He ministered to the sinful, sick, poor, unlearned, old, and the Syrophenician woman as well as to the righteous, well, rich, learned, young, and the lost sheep of the house of Israel. He was ready to help all peoples whatever their race or status.

**T**HE MESSAGE of Christmas is a missionary message—the world is its parish. Further, while I have not yet been converted to the idea of one church organization or

**A Missionary Message** of one world government, I do hope that

the time will come when the churches will be one in spirit and when the same can be said as to the nations of the world. However, if this state of affairs is ever achieved, it will have to be founded on the universal Christ. This means that if we ever have churches and nations which are one in spirit it will be because we all have

bowed humbly at the feet of Jesus and have accepted the transformation which He alone can give as well as the way of life, or conduct, which He taught.

### Lift Up a Standard!

**N**OT LONG ago a friend talked to me about one of her neighbors. This neighbor is a fine woman; she is at least a nominal Christian and belongs to one of the larger Protestant denominations. She does not smoke, but sees no harm in smoking. The same is true of dancing and the drinking of intoxicating liquors, provided a person does not drink enough to get drunk. This indicates a trend which I find among many of those who belong to the larger denominations. The average so-called Christian of today has but few if any rules of conduct which are different from those held by nonprofessing Christians.

The sad thing about this state of affairs is that some professed Christians let down in their ideals of right and wrong even more than the woman referred to before. They let down the bars as to lying, swearing, gambling, and Sabbath desecration. They claim that it is right to do anything that they can get by with in a business transaction. Dishonesty really begins for them only at the point where one gets caught. This soon opens the door to some types of stealing. Further, they see nothing wrong in some promiscuity in sex relations on the part of either the married or the unmarried. Thus standards of conduct are thrown away and religion gradually resolves itself into a hazy mysticism where its professor calls on God when he gets in a corner, but never allows religion to make any difference in his life.

Along with this letdown in standards as to wrongdoing, there is a disregard for positive Christian activities. The members feel no great loyalty to the church to which they belong. Some of them attend the services of their church only two or three times a year, and practically none of them go to more than one service a week—Sunday morning. But very few of them tithe their income to the church, much less give offerings over and above that tithe. Besides, they know nothing and do nothing about getting others to accept Christ. This means that the churches struggle along with but very few of their members making any contributions in time, interest, and money.

Thus there are many churches whose membership rolls are crowded with people who have no sense of wrong, or what ought not to be done by a follower of Christ, and no conception of right, or what ought to be done by those who name the name of Christ.

In the light of this terrible condition, I am glad that the Church of the Nazarene has some standards which are both positive and negative. However, if we are not careful, these standards of Christian living will become a dead letter. What

do you say? Let's get the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene and read the general rules. Then let's get busy and live up to them—the positive as well as the negative admonitions. If we have

difficulty in becoming enthusiastic about living up to them, we need to go to the altar and have something done for us on the inside. There is a state of heart which must be changed!

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## The Young People's Society

*L. J. Du Bois, Secretary*

### Room for Christ

**A**LL OF US have pondered again and again at Christmas time over the picture of Joseph and Mary arriving at Bethlehem, tired and weary and unable to find a place to lodge for the night. We have sung and heard sung songs to the theme of "No Room in the Inn," and we have criticized a people that would not give a decent place in which the Christ could be born.

There is a far more inexcusable sin—that is in refusing to make room for the Christ today. It is surprising how independent we get when we have a few material goods and a few conveniences. It is alarming how indifferent and self-complacent we can get, pulling the shutters of our own little lives and forgetting the Christ who is searching in the night for a place to lodge.

I have often thought, when I have found it necessary to search for a hotel room late at night in a crowded city, what must be the feeling of frustration, of defeat, or "unwantedness," of loneliness and despair our Lord has as He goes from life to life and finds a sign at each saying, "No vacancy," or to meet a cold, curt reply, "Sorry, we're all filled up."

There is no excuse for a young person's thus treating Christ. It is true, perhaps, that there is "no vacancy," but this should not be the case. If your life is too full for Christ, it is too full. To make room for Him will mean putting out only that which is ruinous to your own life. All that is legitimate and good can be retained as Christ dwells with you.

Why not, at this glorious season of the year, let Christ into your life; or, if you already have, let Him more fully possess it than ever before? As you read again, and I hope anew, the Christmas story and sing again the Christmas songs, let them ring with reality and let them help make Christ real to you.

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### News of Youth

Recent new and re-elected district N.Y.P.S. presidents are: Abilene, J. B. Rose; Akron, Carl Hanks; Chicago

Central, Robert W. Sheppard; Dallas, Corbie N. Grimes; East Tennessee, John Lawwill, Jr.; Eastern Michigan, Donald A. Leach; Illinois, J. H. White; Mississippi, B. W. Downing; North Carolina, C. W. Elkins; Northern California, Paul Martin; Northwest Indiana, Kenneth Coil; West Virginia, Giles Graham; Wisconsin, Charles Zink; Eastern Kentucky, Robert Altman; and Michigan, E. Drell Allen.

### Prayer Tower Requests

December 9-15 *Georgetown*

Brother Lelan Rogers had the opening service in Georgetown, the capital of British Guiana, in the middle of the summer. Let us pray for this new Nazarene center, which will be the location of the Bible school and the hub of all of our work there.

December 16-22 *Retired Ministers*

Let us pray, at this Christmas season, while we are young and enjoying life, for those warriors of the church who have given their lives in the service of the Lord. Let us pray that their hearts will be encouraged and their every need met.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary*

### Congratulations!

**T**HE NEW Mexican Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Kansas, under the leadership of Rev. Sergio Franco received a Thanksgiving offering of \$90.

### C. Warren Jones Indian School

The Lord is wonderfully blessing and helping us this year. Last Wednesday night after Miss Jessup, our dean of girls, had brought the prayer meeting talk, I asked for testimonies. One of the girls spoke up and said that some of the girls were hoping for an altar call; so I immediately and gladly changed the order of the service, with the result that some of the girls came to the altar, later professing sanctification, and one of our latest new students got saved, a boy from Oklahoma. He has a wonderful praying mother at home. The Lord is so good to us this year. His presence is definitely felt among us all day by day. Now every student is saved, and all but three or four are sanctified. There is such a note of victory and blessing upon the school. It is God!—A. H. ECCLESTON, *Principal*.

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### Among the Lepers

Today I can say, "The hand of God in all my life I see," and it is a real joy to to serve Him. It was through His guidance that I came to the leper colony on December 13, 1949. He has given us some wonderful months here,

and we praise Him for this opportunity to serve and labor in His vineyard among the lepers.

As you know, this work is owned by the government, but its entire control and management have been given to the Church of the Nazarene. Dr. Hynd is in charge of it; but, since it is about forty-six miles from the hospital at Bremersdorp, it is necessary to have an entirely different staff for the leper colony.

Miss Elizabeth Cole was here until she went on furlough in June, 1950. God wonderfully blessed and used her in the spiritual as well as the medical work. We are enjoying some victories now that are no doubt partly wrought as a result of her labors and prayers among the patients.

Miss Esther Thomas felt called of God to take the place of Miss Cole, and likewise the Lord has used her in the winning of these precious souls. God has especially used her through the medium of the Sunday school and young people's services.

The African workers play a large part in our work. Some people have asked us what we mean by "Clean Staff." Let me explain our setup. The lepers live in little cottages on the side of a beautiful mountain. About one mile from these cottages on the top of a hill is the hospital. Down in the valley, about halfway between the hospital and the cottages, is the church. In this building we have the day school and the adult education classes.

At the other end of the hill from the hospital are the homes of the "Clean Staff." By this we mean those who work at the leper colony, but are not lepers. The lepers are not allowed to come to this area. We have boys who work on the farm, girls who work in our home, a nurse, a teacher, and an African pastor and his family. None of these are lepers, and they are called the "Clean Staff."

We thank God for these workers. It is not easy for an African to agree to work with people who have this terrible disease. Pray for the lepers and the "Clean Staff."

Recently we had a wonderful revival. Much prayer had gone up for these services. God led in a wonderful way and sent Rev. John Mazivila to conduct the meeting. Rev. Mazivila is the pastor of the Bremersdorp church and is a wonderful man of God. In many of the services his burden was so great that he could hardly preach for the tears flowing. God honored this burden and passion for souls.

Some time ago we felt God promised us the hearts of all the lepers. During the revival this promise was largely fulfilled. All but twelve of the patients who were in this particular service came out for prayer. There were perhaps eight who were not in the service. We praise God for the victory of seeing these souls bow at an altar of prayer.—LOUISE LONG, Swaziland.

### Superstition or Salvation?

One thing that has taken part of my time is the building of two out-station churches, each being about three to five miles, more or less, from the station. Both are the result of the meetings that were started on the station last year with the daily workmen, almost all being heathen at that time. One of these buildings has given me a headache, as the first carpenter that was on the job did not join the rafters well to the side walls. Then when another carpenter began to put on the roof, it became so heavy (we roof with reeds) that the frame of the roof straightened out and the walls caved in. The place is a new one, but there are sixteen adults in the probation class. It is in a den of demon-worshipping people and there have been some very acute attacks from the enemy, but we continue to look up.

One of the probation members, a pregnant woman who was converted about eight months ago, came to the hospital this week to be examined. On examining her, our nurse found a string tied about her that had some charms tied to it. At the nurse's

request she removed it. When the nurse told me the case, I could not help remembering a time in America. A child came to school when I was in the grades. She had a red string tied around her neck because her mother said that it would stop nose-bleeding. Yes, I have faith in this little woman. When she knelt at the altar the first time, she was so bedecked with demon things about her neck, body, and limbs that one wondered if she could break through such power. Soon everything was removed; and when her husband returned from the mines, she got him to come to church and he soon repented. Today he gives a ringing testimony.

It takes time and patience to teach these people, but this is our work. They eventually, as the light comes upon them, clean up their bodies from these demon things. Today we went to a kraal that is about a mile from the station and saw an old woman who is quite sick with pneumonia. This poor old soul is a strong witch

doctor, and the heathen hold her in high esteem. When I requested prayer for her, some of the newer converts shook their heads and said, "Will she repent?" What a testimony it would be to the heathen if she gets saved!

Last night our sleep was greatly disturbed by a demon dance that was held very close to the boundaries of the mission. The devil is not asleep! We went to the ruling chief last year and asked that all this worship would be discontinued within hearing distance of the mission, and he agreed to our request. Most of the noise stopped. Sometimes we go in a body to the gathering and have a service with them, yet it is not always possible.—MRS. BESSIE GROSE, Portuguese East Africa.

Men are wondering why the Revival delays its coming. There is only one thing that can delay it, and that is lack of prayer.



## Christmas Giving

By Walter E. Isenhour

As you think of giving presents  
To your friends on Christmas Day,  
Don't forget the poor and needy  
That you meet along life's way.  
Give them something that is helpful,  
That will tell them of your love.  
For such giving pleases Jesus  
As He watches from above.

If you cannot give abundance,  
Give a little in His name;  
For a little given rightly,  
With His blessings on the same,  
May be bread upon the waters  
You will find again sometime,  
Multiplied to loaves of blessing  
That are wondrous and sublime.

Give to little orphan children,  
Give to widows in their need,  
Give the old and give the helpless—  
Hear their cry for help, and heed.  
Give the prisoner in his prison,  
Give to shut-ins fast in bed,  
Give the crippled, blind, and sickly—  
Give, and know that you'll be fed.

Let the Christmas thought of giving  
Go with you throughout the year.  
Then your life will be a blessing  
And you'll have a thrill of cheer;  
For in making others happy  
You will get a great supply,  
As our Lord who went to heaven  
Will then bless you from the sky.



# Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

## Pasadena Regional Conference

**T**HE LAST Regional Conference on Visitation Evangelism for 1951 was held at Pasadena College, November 6-8. Again there were fine attendance, excellent spirit, and enthusiastic response.

Evening messages were brought by General Superintendent Powers. These stirred our minds and hearts to the challenge of a needy world on every hand. Morning messages were brought by Dr. E. E. Zachary, superintendent of the Northwest District, and were very helpful.

No one present will soon forget the practical instructions of the three seminar classes. "Organizing the Church for Evangelism" was led by Dr. S. T. Ludwig. His array of statistics opened our eyes to the opportunities at our doors and made us feel we ought to and could be doing much more than we are. Dr. L. J. Du Bois presented "Visitation Evangelism Techniques," taking us thoroughly through the processes of a community enrollment and the necessary follow-up friendship visitation. "Soul Winning Evangelism" was led by Rev. Andrew Young. His stirring presentation maintained full attendance in this seminar until five o'clock on the last day, and every pastor was led to examine his own soul-winning leadership.

Dr. W. T. Purkiser and other leaders of Pasadena College and pastors of nearby churches gave us a warm welcome. Pastors and district superintendents were present from the entire educational zone.

Any pastor who could not attend the conference may receive a copy of the three syllabi, prepared by the Commission on the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls, for home study. They are complete with bibliography. Write to the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. They are available, while the supply lasts, to any minister from any section of the church.

## Visitation Evangelism Suggestions

When a church is interested in visitation evangelism, where is the best place to begin? The answer is, wherever that particular church is prepared to begin. If the church has no visitation program and many Sunday-school absentees and visitors, the best

place to begin is in the Sunday-school classes, with visitation on absentees and visitors. This activity will occupy a considerable time and in some cases may keep the church busy indefinitely. However, it is generally true that a church should have a community enrollment once in a while, even though visitation on absentees and new people keeps it busy, in order to fulfill its responsibility to its community.

If a church is rather static in attendance, with few visitors coming to any services, and not many absentees, it should begin immediately to prepare for a community enrollment to reach new people and gain friends in the community.

Some churches are located in old and changing neighborhoods, with other racial or national groups moving in. It is often not advisable to endeavor to assimilate these groups, but to sit still will often result in the slow death of the church. Such a church may become home-missionary minded, reaching out into new and untouched areas and either bringing in a group by bus, or starting a Sunday afternoon Sunday school looking

towards a new church. These people are found by a community enrollment in the area.

Such a church also has a responsibility to the new residents of its own neighborhood. A Sunday school may be started among them, and weekday activities for the boys and girls. In time the original congregation, by long-range planning, can move to a new location with its membership, and turn the old building over to an established Church of the Nazarene among the present residents of the neighborhood. Thus in East Oakland, California, the Church of the Nazarene built in a new location and sold its old building to our colored congregation nearby.

An entirely different situation is found in the rural or village church, where nearly everyone is acquainted. Organized visitation on absentees should be carried on, and occasional community enrollments with the primary purpose of making friends for the church and distributing gospel literature.

Thus each church may find a place in the visitation evangelism program that will be particularly suited to its situation. The purpose of visitation evangelism is effective reaching of people for Christ and holding them to the church, not conformity to a method. The purpose is outreach; the methods must be adaptable to local situations.

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## THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

**Q.** Please explain Revelation 12: 10. *A preacher on the radio made it sound as if Satan was in heaven now accusing us day and night. Maybe he had never read verses 7, 8, and 9.*

**A.** The verse you refer to reads thus: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Whatever else may be said about this verse, it must be recognized at once that the verb is "accused"—in the past tense, and, therefore, cannot be said to refer specifically to what is going on now. Forgetting this, however, the verse before us and its immediate context are emphasizing in very dramatic language the triumph of righteousness over sin, of God over Satan. This truth is especially evident in verses 7 to 12; and some Bible scholars hold that in these verses there are set forth

the victory of God over Satan before creation, the victory of God over Satan through His saints who were accused before God day and night, and the final triumph of God over the devil when the latter is cast into the bottomless pit. Also, it must be remembered that any defeat of the old dragon may be symbolically described by saying that he was cast down from heaven.

**Q.** *The other day I heard a preacher, who was speaking about Abram and Lot going into the Sodom country with large herds, say that there was no one living in that Sodom country then. What do you think about this?*

**A.** The latter part of verse 7, and all of verse 13, of Genesis 13, indicate very clearly that this country into which Abram and Lot went was inhabited. Here are the statements in these verses: "And the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the

land"; "But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." The first part of the fourteenth chapter of Genesis also tells about other peoples who dwell in these sections of the world.

**Q.** *What is the opinion of the Church of the Nazarene regarding the buying of tickets on some article like a cake, radio, or car, etc.?*

**A.** This is a form of gambling, and I am against it, and the Church of the Nazarene is against it. One reason why we are having so much big-scale gambling in our country is because so many people are indulging in little-scale gambling. A lot of people who growl about big gambling encourage such gambling by participating in gambling on a little scale, which they piously claim is not sinful. I believe in prohibition as to gambling, and not temperance.

**Q.** *What is the opinion of the Church of the Nazarene as to radio contests, such as sending in your name and taking a chance to get it drawn and thus receive a sum of money?*

**A.** Ditto—I answer the same for this as I did for the preceding question.

**Q.** *What about playing games where dice are used?*

**A.** I personally feel the same towards dice as I do toward regular playing cards. Both dice and playing cards have kept such bad company for so many years that I prefer not to play any game with them, however innocent it might be in itself.

**Q.** *Please explain Exodus 11:2 and 12:35.*

**A.** These verses read as follows: "Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold"; "And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment." The difficulty here is in the translation of the Hebrew word. It really means ask, demand, or require, rather than borrow. Since it was the custom of Orientals to put on their best jewels when they observed their sacred festivals, it was perfectly proper for the Israelites to demand of the Egyptians jewels of silver and gold and the proper raiment. This was right for them because the Egyptians had taken everything from them while they were in slavery.

## THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

*By Norman R. Oke*

**Topic for December 23:**

**The Promise Fulfilled in Christ**

**Scripture: Luke 1:1—2:20**

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *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 (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

### THE HIGH COST OF DOUBT

There are some who defend doubt by saying it is an essential step in the process of learning. Having done this, they frequently go further and say that even in spiritual matters doubt is natural and really valuable. Well, to such I draw attention to this Christmas lesson. Here is a specific example of the "High Cost of Doubt," or "Doubt as God sees it."

Now, to be fair, there is a difference between doubt and misunderstanding. Gideon double-checked with God and was not reproved by the Lord. But Gideon was merely making certain that the message came from God and was not satanically inspired. God is not displeased when we merely ask Him to repeat himself in order that the issue may be clearly understood.

But with Zacharias it was clearly doubt. For Gabriel came in person to deliver the message; and, to be sure there was no need for uncertainty, Gabriel identified himself positively. But Zacharias still persisted in doubt, and so a price tag was placed on such stubborn disobedience toward God—and what a price! A priest of the Lord, God's messenger

to men, was stricken dumb. Had he been smitten with blindness it would not have been so bad, for he still could have delivered his soul. But here was a man in whose spirit mighty truths burned and pleaded for expression. But they were doomed to eddy unvoiced within his soul, and likely die still-born. The man who declared God's mighty power to others had disbelieved when God clearly offered to display that omnipotence in his own life. Perhaps the dumbness was a kindness of God to prevent him preaching what he didn't deeply believe.

In a much earlier day Abraham was given a similar promise and accepted it without a query. Now, in a much more enlightened day, when faith should be easier, Zacharias stumbles into the trap of doubt—oh, the subtlety of Satan in hurling question marks around God's clear words! The promise that thrilled the heart of Abraham is now, by the hands of Zacharias, hurled back into God's face. And God does not take some things lying down! So, people who need a messenger of hope and comfort must suffer while a dumb and voiceless priest awkwardly ministers in a crippled manner. **THE HIGH COST OF DOUBT!**

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## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

To date we have had a splendid response to the Thanksgiving Offering this year. At the close of business on Wednesday, November 28, 1951, we have received a total of \$185,052.98. This is above the amount received last year for the same period of time.

*General Treasurer*  
JOHN STOCKTON

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Peck, evangelist and singer, write: "We have an open date, January 30 to February 10; and since we are slated in the South for the winter months, we'd like to slate this time in the South also. Write us, % Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville 10, Tennessee."

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "We are enjoying our labors for Christ and His cause, and are giving of our best in service to Him. Pastors and people have been gracious and kind. We will be in the central states the first part of 1952, and have two dates open for January. Write us at Lamar, Missouri."

## CORRECTION NOTICE

Due to an oversight in the Department of Church Schools office, the following districts were omitted from the listing of the October attendance report:

	1951	October 1951	Per cent
<i>In the Purple Star districts:</i>			
Western Ohio	11,447	12,601	110
<i>In the Blue Star districts:</i>			
Michigan	7,445	7,803	105
<i>In the Green Star districts:</i>			
Chicago Central	4,899	5,210	106

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*  
Department of Church Schools

Song Evangelist Vivian E. Bogan writes: "After receiving my commission in August, I was unable to serve full time; but at this writing, it is with gratitude to God that I am entering the field as a song evangelist. I am now open for calls, and willing to serve wherever I can. Write me, 1025 Weng Ave., Dayton 10, Ohio."

Rev. Edward and Alma Ferguson, evangelist and singer, report: "After a busy year in the field of evangelism, working in eight states and in Canada, we are closing this year's work with

Pastor Roy Sheehy in Mifflin Street Church, Lansing, Michigan. We began the year on January 3, with a good revival in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with Rev. M. C. Morford; then going to Florida, we had meetings at First Church, Orlando, with Rev. W. Blanchard Horne; at Titusville, with Rev. James B. Tripp; at Bartow, with Rev. L. S. Huff; at Fort Lauderdale, with Rev. George Kercher; and at Live Oak, with Rev. W. D. Croft. Next we had a meeting with Rev. W. F. Masters in Macon, Georgia; and from there at Grove City, Pennsyl-

vania, with Pastor Robert Frederic; at Conway, Arkansas, with Rev. J. W. Hendrickson; and the holiness camp in Wilmington, New York. Then we went to Ontario for our third meeting in Copetown. Rev. Alvin Simpson is pastor, and their new church is a credit to our loyal people in that country community. From then on we worked in the following Nazarene churches (after another camp in Pine Mountain, Meansville, Georgia): Jackson, Georgia; Hurricane, West Virginia; Jerome and New Brighton, Pennsylvania; and at Alexandria, Indiana. God has been gracious and given us many souls praying through for reclamation, salvation, and entire sanctification. We have enjoyed our work, and pastors and people have been wonderful to us in every way. We love the Church of the Nazarene, its doctrines, leaders, and people. Our slate for 1952 is completed except for a date in February and one in March (both due to a change in pastors). We would prefer to slate this time in the South, as we will be in Florida until May. Write us, 920 21st St., Orlando, Florida."

Pastor Ralph Schurman reports from Nashville, Tennessee: "Having served five happy and blessed years with our fine folks in Southeast Church, Charleston, West Virginia, in September we accepted the call of Grace Church here in Nashville. Here we have been given a true, warm-hearted welcome. During these first weeks in our new field, this fine church has underwritten its home-mission budget for the year; participated in a most profitable revival with Rev. V. W. Littrell, superintendent of the Virginia District, as evangelist; received a fine class of new members into the church; and raised a combined American Indian and Thanksgiving offering of over one thousand dollars. God's love and presence are being felt in the services, and prospects are bright for a year of growth in every department of Grace Church."

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "At this writing we are in a meeting in Arnold, Nebraska; from here we go to Stone Bluff, Indiana, with Pastor D. P. Millikan. We have open time, February 19 to March 2, and May 20 to June 1. When requested, we carry the whole program for the revival—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work. We will go anywhere God may lead. Write us, 307 S. Delaware St., Mt. Gilead, Ohio."

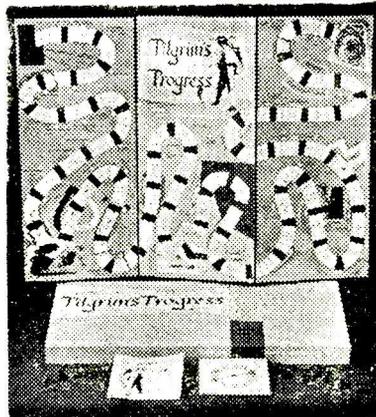
Moline, Illinois—Community Church of the Nazarene has had three splendid revivals during the past eight months. Rev. L. E. Eckley, Rev. W. M. Tidwell, and Rev. A. E. Kelly were mightily used of the Lord in these efforts. Souls were saved and sanctified, the church was strengthened, and much good was accomplished. We give God the glory of all He has done for us in this newly organized work.—Harold Mongerson, Pastor.

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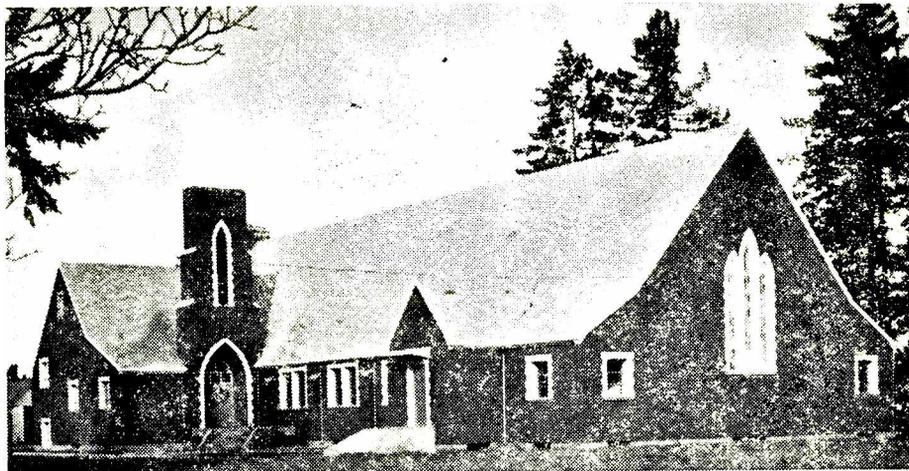
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## Hillcrest Church, Vancouver, Washington

The beautiful church pictured here is the result of prayer, sacrifice, and faithful labor on the part of the congregation of the Hillcrest Church. The building is located on a choice corner, composed of ten city lots on the main highway through the city; this gives ample room for expansion and off-street parking. These lots were secured in 1948, and ground was broken for construction in June of 1950. Sixteen months later the building was occupied for services. The plant is complete with beautiful, natural oak pews, altar, choir loft, and furniture; has a baptistry, public-address system, air conditioning, and hot-water heating system. The educational unit will care for thirty Sunday-school classes. There are four auditoriums and assembly rooms; the young people's room will seat two hundred, and is beautifully finished, including a fireplace. The main sanctuary is of Gothic design. The building has a total seating capacity of 725. The construc-



tion was financed by cash, pledges, gifts, and a bond issue in the amount of \$35,000; this is being cared for on a convenient weekly retirement basis. The building is conservatively valued at \$200,000. It was our privilege to have Dr. Hardy C. Powers with us on October 7 for the dedication service. The building was filled to capacity, and Dr. Powers brought a

masterful sermon. The presence of God has been manifest in our midst, souls have sought and found help at the altars, and we thank God for the privilege of working with this fine congregation of loyal Nazarenes for the past nearly five years. We have resigned to accept the work as pastor of our First Church in Flint, Michigan.—G. W. Henriksen, Pastor.

Evangelist Lowell L. Yeatts reports: "I have enjoyed the blessings of the Lord in my meetings this fall. Traveling seventeen hundred miles, I began my first fall meeting on September 11, at Amherst, Nova Scotia, where Rev. B. D. Price is the good pastor. God gave a good revival with seekers praying through. At Black's Harbor, N.B., we had a week-end

meeting with Rev. W. L. Fernley. These few days were a continuation of the wonderful revival we had there last January, and several souls found God. At Sanford, N.B., with Pastor H. S. Wilson, we found some of God's choicest saints, and here also we had a good revival. The meeting at Salem, N.B., with Pastor Lawson Saunders, closed with several seekers

praying through to God. At this writing I am in a revival with Rev. H. E. Anderson at Meductic, N.B. I will be at home for Christmas; then have an open date, January 1 to 20, which I'd like to slate in the Middle West or Eastern states. Following that date I will be returning to the Maritimes for some work. Write me, 325 W. Sixth St., Peru, Indiana."

## Concordia, Kansas



The building pictured here stands as a testimony to the hard work and sacrificial giving of the membership, also the full co-operation of the busi-

nessmen of the town and friends in neighboring Nazarene churches. The church was organized on March 15, 1946, and the congregation housed in

a rented hall on the main street. Construction of the building began in September of 1950, at the corner of Ninth and Kansas Streets. The first service was held in the basement on last January 7; we built and paid as we could. The first service in the new sanctuary was on September 16, a thrill to both pastor and people. November 4 was a great climaxing day in dedication of this building to God; the debt is only \$1,000. We have less than \$3,000 actual cash invested in this 30 x 40-foot structure, with full basement, constructed of concrete blocks with white plaster inside and white stucco outside. The property has an estimated value of between seven and ten thousand dollars. Rev. Ray Hance, district superintendent, presided, with Dr. L. A. Reed as the special speaker for the dedication. There was a capacity crowd, with a wonderful spirit prevailing; and \$1,114 was raised in cash and pledges toward the purchase of parsonage property. We are in our third year here and God has blessed and led, for which we give Him praise.—Edward K. Donoho, Pastor.

Grover City, California—God has been blessing the work of our church. Since last reporting we have put a new hardwood floor in the church, and bought new pews. We have had a steady increase in our Sunday school, and the church as a whole is going forward. Recently we had a good revival with Evangelist Fred W. Fetters. More than twenty souls sought the Lord, and the church was blessed and strengthened under the strong Bible preaching of Brother Fetters. The music and poems of the evangelist were also a great inspiration in the meeting. We give God praise for His blessings.—R. E. Bebout, Pastor.

Dr. T. W. Willingham reports: "It was my recent privilege to dedicate the first unit of what is hoped by pastor and people to be one of Michigan's foremost Nazarene churches. Trinity Church, under the leadership of its present pastor, Dr. A. L. Leach, has relocated its church property in a more desirable section of Detroit and has constructed a beautiful brick-and-steel basement unit with ten or more Sunday-school rooms and a commodious auditorium. The present unit is largely paid for, and the unpaid balance is well financed. It seems that the road ahead is one of progress and service in a rapidly growing section of the city. Success

and more success to Dr. Leach and his fine people!"

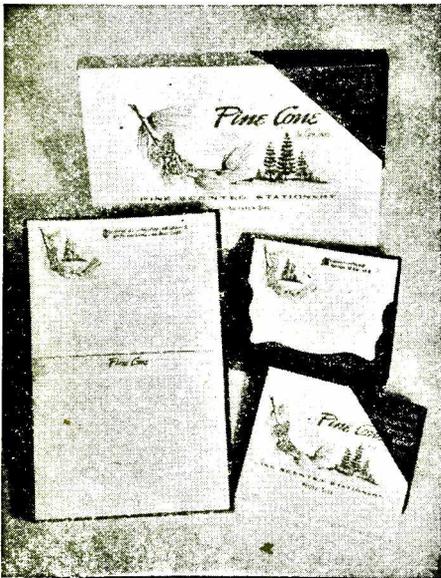
Denver, Colorado—Southside Church has had a successful Christian Service Training course, "Story of the New Testament," with Rev. Noble J. Hamilton, pastor at Fort Collins, as the able instructor. Three other Denver churches—Lowell, East Side, and Central—co-operated, bringing the total enrollment to seventy-four; of this number, fifty-seven received credit for completing the course.—C. B. Mylander, Pastor.

Hull, Illinois—In November our church had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. A. K. Hankins. God met with us throughout the two weeks, a wonderful spirit was manifest, and several people found God around an old-fashioned altar. Through the efforts of Brother and Sister Hankins, a young people's society was begun, and the entire church stirred to a closer walk with God. A good love offering was given to the pastor. We thank God for sending Brother and Sister Hankins our way.—D. W. Weir, Secretary.

Evangelist Ira E. Fowler reports: "Just recently closed a real, God-glorifying, restitution-making revival in Mt. Tabor, Pennsylvania, with Pastor Tom Bambling. These folks are real praying Nazarenes, and some of the best I've ever worked with. There were shouts of old-time, Heaven-sent victory in the camp. On one Sunday night the evangelist had no opportunity to preach, as God opened heaven on us. At this writing I am in the midst of a good revival in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, with Pastor Peter Tucker. In spite of very bad weather, God is blessing. I carry a complete program of singing, preaching, and my own gospel poems. Write me. Hollywood, Maryland."

Pastor J. Warner Turpel reports: "After about seven most pleasant and profitable years with our Nazarenes in New Bedford, Massachusetts, we accepted the call from the church in Gardiner, Maine, beginning our ministry here last July. Here we have a loyal group of Nazarenes, worshipping in one of the finest church edifices in New England. It was my privilege to hold the first series of revival services in this church, immediately following its dedication by Dr. Samuel Young (then district superintendent), during the brief but fruitful ministry of the late Rev. T. W. DeLong, in the fall of '36. Since coming here in July we have sensed a quickening interest in all departments, especially in the Sunday school. At our recent zone rally in Skowhegan, our school, with eighty-five present, received both the attendance and the percentage banners. We have recently concluded a two-week revival campaign with Song Evangelist Nelson Brown as assistant. Many new

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contacts were made for the church, with a general deepening of the spiritual life of the members. Maine is one of New England's open doors for home missions and evangelism. The people are friendly and enthusiastic. We anticipate a time of rich fellowship with ministers and laymen of this growing division of our New England District."

Evangelist L. E. Shaw reports: "We had a brief but good meeting at Carnegie, Oklahoma. Pastor Kersten is doing a good work, and the people appreciate his labors. The church was built up and encouraged, and a few souls found God. At Nowata, Oklahoma, with Pastor Earnest Garrett, God gave us a good meeting with many souls seeking and finding the Lord. We are now in a meeting with Springdale Church in Tulsa, and go next to Vinita, Oklahoma. I am enjoying this new field of labor, to me, and love God and lost souls. I have some open time after the first of the year; write me, 1115 East 5th, Bartlesville, Oklahoma."

### NOTICE

Because of this being the special Christmas issue of the **HERALD OF HOLINESS**, we have decided to hold the evangelists' slates for the next issue (they would regularly have been included in this number). Slates will be printed in the **HERALD** dated December 19, and thereafter in each fourth issue of the paper.—OFFICE EDITOR.

New Richmond, Ohio—In October, this church had one of the best revivals of its history. Rev. P. E. Kuykendall was the evangelist, and the attendance was the largest of any time. New people were reached, and God blessed and gave sixty-five seekers, with seven new members added to the church. The rugged messages of this Spirit-filled man of God were a blessing and a great help to the

church. The pastor's salary was raised ten dollars per week, and a generous love offering was given to the pastor's wife. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Kuykendall with us. The revival spirit continues in our midst.—Gail Moorman, Pastor.

Sand Springs, Oklahoma—This church recently enjoyed one of the most profitable revival meetings in its history, with Evangelists Alvin and Pauline Maule as the special workers. Brother Maule preached with the anointing of God upon him, and many souls bowed at the altar of prayer. A special rally day brought many new people into the Sunday services, and as a result there was a great ingathering of souls. There were some unusual conversions and incidents of divine healing. Our people stood by loyally throughout the whole campaign. Finances came easily, and a wonderful spirit of harmony prevailed. A fine group was received into full membership of the church. We are greatly encouraged.—Stanley Ledbetter, Pastor.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the Christ of Christmas be very real to you during this season, and may His Spirit guide you throughout the year of 1952.

<i>H. C. Powers</i>	<i>Remiss Rehfeldt</i>
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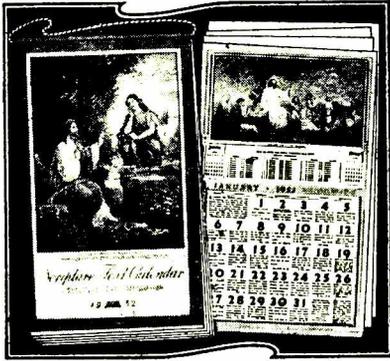
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NOTICE**—The Second Annual Midwinter Indoor Camp Meeting, sponsored by seventy-five churches in and around Indianapolis, Indiana, will be held in Cadle Tabernacle, January 13 to 20. Special Workers: Rev. R. G. Flexon, Dr. T. M. Anderson, Dr. James DeWeerd, Dr. Z. T. Johnson, Bishop Charles V. Fairbairn, and Professor Byron Crouse, Southern gospel singer. For further information write Rev. Paul F. Elliott, president, 230 E. Ohio St., Indianapolis, Indiana.

**RECOMMENDATION**—Rev. Woodrow Rose, who has been pastor at Norwood, North Carolina, for the past thirteen years, is resigning to enter the field of full-time evangelism. He was ordained at our recent district assembly. Brother Rose tells me that he feels especially led to help out the small churches and to endeavor to establish new works. He is a good man and will do his best in service for the Master. His address after January 1, % General Delivery, Monroe, North Carolina.—C. E. Shumake, Superintendent of North Carolina District.

### WEDDING BELLS

Rev. Wm. S. Pirtle of Flat River, Mo. (student at Olivet Nazarene College), and Miss Maxine I. Engle of Canton, Illinois, were united in marriage on November 23, at Canton First Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Brown, officiating.

Mr. Donald Richard Lomas and Mary Virginia Wilcox were united in marriage on November 17, at the Nazarene parsonage in Providence, Rhode Island, with Rev. A. Lewis Payne, pastor of People's Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

**BORN**—to Rev. and Mrs. Leo Chance of the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., a daughter, Donna Ruth, on November 17.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Pearsall of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., a son, John Nelson, on November 6.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Walter S. MacPherson, Jr., of Utica, New York, a daughter, Lois Irene, on November 6.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis B. Rexroth of Waterloo, Iowa, a son, David Keith, on November 5.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Gail E. Beck of Madison, Wisconsin, a son, Paul Lauren, on November 1.

—to Phillip and Eula Mae (Lindsey) Cameron of Tamarack, Idaho, a daughter, Deana Dale, on October 20.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Ballew of Lamesa, Texas, a son, Dennis Earl, on September 8.

**ADOPTED** by Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Bland of Colorado Springs, Colorado, a daughter, Theryl Lynne, on October 27; birth date, July 1, 1951.

**SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED** by a friend in Illinois for three men, that the Lord will show them what they should do, for a real revival in that town, also that a preacher may be saved or sanctified, whichever God sees he may need;

by a Christian brother in Washington, doing personal visitation work, for a very ungodly household—a member of the household recently died and they believe was won to God in her last hours.

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"God is so precious to me. I pray that I will always be where He can use me. When I look around and see my buddies partaking in the cheap things that the devil has provided, my heart cries out to God, saying, 'O God, what can I do to win them?' I have succeeded in getting some of them to go to church with me, and I know that our Lord is able to touch their hearts as He did mine.

"How I praise God for the spirit of the Church of the Nazarene! I'm glad tonight that I'm saved, sanctified, and on my way to that heavenly home. I can truthfully say I love Him with all my heart. I would like to say something about the foreign missions. They are doing a wonderful job and I am a firm believer in them. The people are in need of Christ. I thank God for the wonderful work that the missionaries are doing. Let's all back them up 100 per cent."—**J. L. GIBSON, Korea.**

"Our servicemen greatly appreciate the free literature service our church affords them. So many of our boys are just high school age but are taking their part seriously in the church and their country's defense. Our Anchorage church depends heavily on our boys who are Nazarenes away from home. Their church letters are transferred up to us and they take part in all the functions of the church. They have been very faithful in calling, praying, and testifying in their companies both by word and deed. Folks back home can be proud of these boys who live saved and sanctified lives among a rough and tough element in a wicked territory. Some of them are the inspiration of the church to both military and civilian. Pray for our fine young men in the armed services serving in Alaska."—**M. R. KORODY, Anchorage, Alaska.**

"I just received my first copies of our church periodicals in yesterday's mail. I confess that I didn't even know our church had such a thing as a Servicemen's Commission, but it makes me even prouder of the 'all-rounded' service of our church.

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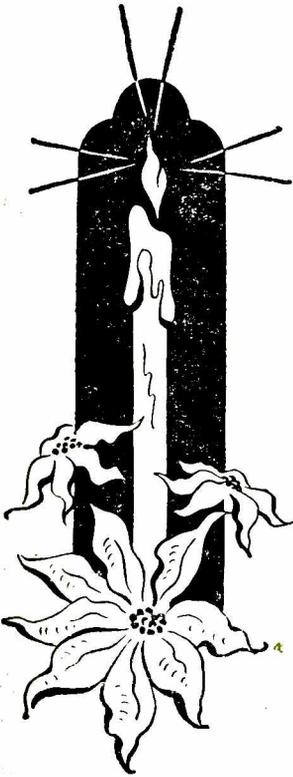
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mas offering. This will warm their hearts, remind them of the birth of the Christ child, and push back the inevitable loneliness that is theirs as they think back upon their years of active service. It is just as **HE WOULD HAVE US DO.**

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