

Alarm Bells for the careless

GOD has always had standards for His people. These standards called for separation from the world, sinful practices, and careless living. They called for full-time service to God, and He reserved the right to hold the pre-eminent place in the heart, the home, and in social and business life.

Samson, who was a child of prayer and who was favored by the good training and godly example of devout parents, was familiar with God's standards. He himself had astounding personal experiences that made him aware of these standards. Samson was invincible while he observed them.

The day came when Samson associated with the wrong crowd, trifled with sacred things, and allowed the world to invade his heart. While he was scarcely aware of the tragic steps he had taken to ruin, the Spirit, who had made him mighty in other days, slipped away, grieved. When the storm pressures beat upon Samson, like the giant oak with rot and decay at the heart, he went down with a crash.

It was then that Samson saw his folly but it was too late to save himself. His eyes were burned out; he was bound with fetters of brass, and was forced to grind in prison while a godless, giggling crowd made fun of him and the God he had once served.

What a tragic picture—burnt holes in his head where his flashing eyes had

once been! Those mighty arms that had torn the young lion to pieces and had carried away the gates of Gaza were now bound with galling, scarring bands of brass. The blinding, binding, grinding harvest of sin is in full sway. While in this apparently hopeless state Samson sought for forgiveness of his folly.

God's alarm bells ring today in the ears of those who treat His standards lightly, who trifle with sacred things, and who allow the subtle world to invade the heart. The world in the heart is a branded robber. To crave to be like

> General Superintendent Vanderpool



the world in order to evade the cross of Christ will bring inevitable ruin.

The cry of broken Samson did not go unheeded by the Lord. On a day when Samson was compelled to make sport for the Philistines, he performed a feat so outstanding that none could doubt the return of the power of the Spirit in his life. While Samson's name appears in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews, yet he died with scars and calluses that were mute evidences of his tragic backsliding.

EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

Mission or Omission

For the Church today, the question is just that simple, Shall it be "mission" or "omission"? Shall we rise to the challenge of our world-wide task or retreat into a smug spiritual isolationism?

In the Western world we often express our concern about the missile gap. We have been made all too conscious of the danger expressed in the doggerel going the rounds:

I guess if the atomic bomb
Will be our final sequel,
All of us alive that day
Will be cremated equal.

BUT NOT NEARLY SO MUCH HAS BEEN SAID about the *mission gap*. This is the alarming fact that the population of the world is increasing at a rate many times that of the growth of the Church. There are more people unreached by the gospel now than at any time in the history of Christianity.

This is part of the urgency behind our goal of one and one-third million dollars for the Thanksgiving Offering for world evangelism. Unless we can do our share and more toward the closing of the "mission gap," the population explosion of the present time will blow the Christian Church into insignificance in world affairs.

I would not for a moment be guilty of minimizing the heroism and sacrifice which have gone into the record of the past. Nazarenes have been generous with the work of the Lord. But it is a source of real distress that we have been so slow about taking up the "10 per cent" program for world evangelism.

THE FACTS ARE that 15 per cent of the Nazarene population of the world live abroad in non-English-speaking countries. Yet only 6½ per cent of our total giving for all purposes last year was invested in world evangelism. Put in terms of dollars and cents, this means that for each dollar spent for and on behalf of a Nazarene on one of our mission fields, we spent more than \$2.50 on ourselves at home.

I do not ask that we "eat our seed corn," but only that we sow a little more of it in the allchallenging task of narrowing the "mission gap." This we can each help to do with a really sacrificial offering this Thanksgiving. We must do more for Him who has done so much for us.

The Need for Truthfulness

Editor John W. Bradbury in the *Watchman-Examiner* has written some pungent lines on this topic which we all need very much to hear in these days.

"... THE USE OF THE LIE has become an implement in the area of religious controversy. Innumerable pages of print appear in which God's faithful servants are interpreted in a false manner. Institutions do not escape. No one knows who the next victim will be. This is an era in which the propagandist can stand on the Christian platform, in many places, and makes charges he never could prove.

"Infectious diseases can be moral as well as physical. To spread the infection of suspicion without cause is an awful disease with which to infect the Christian host. If Christians will not set an example of restraint and be governed by a sense of decency in relation to their fellows and their institutions when brought under a cloud of implied suspicion, how will society as a whole be helped to seek truth and give justice to all?

"THE LIE IS SATAN'S SUPREME DEVICE. When Jesus faced the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the scribes in their malignant hostility to him, he courageously declared: 'Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it' (John 8:44).

"THE EVANGELICAL FIELD, however, has become the hunting ground of exploiters, those who would make profit of denunciation, those who lust for notoriety, those who have no respect for individuals or for truth. The overwhelming majority of evangelicals remain ethical and growing Christians. But these very virtues make them easy prey for exploiting elements which, in order to foster their own ambitions, pay no attention to accuracy of statement, employ unprovable charges, using defamation as means to their own ends, This element tends to degrade the whole evangelical movement. Institutions, individuals, papers-standing for the truth of God-are subject to misrepresentation and the deliberate slanting of information about them with a view to hurting

Cover . . .

A scene on the water front at Bridgetown, Barbados. Our Nazarene work on the island began through people of the West Indies who migrated to the New York City area and were converted there and joined the Church of the Nazarene. They became concerned for their relatives and friends in the islands, raised money, and sent one of their members, Miss Carlotta Graham, back to the islands to evangelize. Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Moulton were also carrying on a holiness mission, the work of which has been conserved in part through the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Hill were sent to Barbados in 1926 under regular missionary appointment. The church now has 6 missionaries and 17 national workers caring for 31 churches and preaching points with a total of 1,397 members and probationers and 2,629 enrolled in Sunday school. Rev. Lawrence Faul is the field superintendent.

them.

"We do not believe such tactics can succeed if Christian people are alerted to their obligation to demand the truth. Hasty judgments based on gossiped evil never were good and have brought sorrow to those who at a later time discovered that they had been deluded. Those who are supposed to be followers of Jesus, must firmly oppose falsehood and error in the interest of that which is true and in the virtue of being true."

Editorial Notes . . .

Herald readers will find the second Christmas buying guide in this issue of the paper. This is a supplement sponsored annually by the Nazarene Publishing House listing many gifts with a Christian meaning. It is arranged so that the extra twelve pages may be snapped out of the paper and retained for future use.

Next Monday, November 19, marks the beginning of the Fifth Annual Servicemen's Retreat in Berchtesgaden, West Germany, planned for Nazarene servicemen and their wives or dependents stationed in Europe.

The retreat is held each year in what used to be Adolf Hitler's hide-out in the Bavarian Alps. General Superintendent Hardy C. Powers will be the

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

—Quoted by Mrs. Louise Chapman General N.F.M.S. President special speaker. Paul Skiles, executive secretary of the N.Y.P.S. and director of the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission, will be the retreat director; with Chaplain (Major) Lyle Robinson serving as co-ordinator with the armed forces. Chaplains Claude Chilton, Curt Bowers, and Shural Knippers are planning to attend. Rev. Jerald Johnson, district superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene in West Germany, will also be present.

More than 150 servicemen, their wives, and dependents are expected for the retreat, which lasts through Thursday noon. In addition to features which have been such a blessing in the past, the Nazarene Publishing House will have a book display and show the anniversary film, "Doers of the Word"; and a "Search the Scriptures" Bible study on the Book of Acts will be added.

Servicemen who have attended the first four retreats testify that these gatherings have been to them what camp meeting, young people's institute, and church revivals mean to the folks back home. We should remember this gathering in special prayer.

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WHEN I went to the Holiness church as an earnest seeker for salvation, I met Jack. The first thing about him which impressed me was his hearty "Amen" in the service; and the second, his shining face and friendly manner. There was almost a touch of gaiety about him which four years as a prisoner in World War I had been unable to

Soon I came to admire another quality of Jack's character, his fearlessness as a witness for God. both as an open-air worker and a text carrier. The secret of it became known to me a little later his habit of waiting on God in prayer for two or three hours a day.

The chances of our meeting on a human level were slender. We belonged to different strata of society. My father had sent me to the foremost school in the city and I was planning to follow his footsteps as a businessman. Jack was a railway man, working in the warehouses on the dockside. But the church, as so often in such cases, brought us together, and I came to look up to him as an elder brother in Christ who could teach me valuable lessons about the Christian life and warfare.

Jack's dwelling was a humble cottage on the dockside at which rats were frequent visitors, if not permanent residents. His children were taught to pray the prayer of faith and not to fear the rats. Here I enjoyed hospitality at his table and shared his ministry of intercession in his prayer room. We bore testimony for God in the thoroughfares of the city and occasionally carried texts together.

I went into the ministry. On one of my visits home I heard that Jack had backslidden. It happened gradually, as it almost always does, but there came a time when he could no longer honestly testify to salvation. I visited him in this state, and the contrast between what he had been and what he had become was a sermon more eloquent than words. The shine on his face had gone; the glory had departed. The downward path is slippery and footholds are scarce. Jack went away from God and away from his home, and for twenty years he endured another captivity, this time as a spiritual prisoner of war.

Over the years prayer was made for him, and then deliverance came. The shaft of conviction stabbed his conscience at three o'clock in the morning. Later, at a Salvation Army altar he was baptized afresh in tears. Letters were written and wrongs righted. He returned home, and went back to the church where we had first met, now a Church of the Nazarene. He sought and found again the blessing of entire sanctification and enlisted afresh in the service of God.

The news of his restoration came as a benediction to my soul. When next I met him it was the old, authentic Jack. I marveled at the reality of the restoration. God gave him back his old zeal for service and the old appetite for prayer, and He restored the shine to his countenance. He even revived an old longing in his heart. It was this: to put a tract in every home in the city of his adoption, a city with a population of three hundred thousand.

A Christian said she would provide the tracts; so Jack began. Having reached retirement age, he set to work! About four or five hours a day, five days a week, he tramped the streets and climbed the stairs of the flats. His feet were often sore, but the fire was in his soul. He that is forgiven much, the same loveth much. It took over four years, but at last it was done. The last street which he had set himself to visit was entered in his book. and he had placed a tract, in most cases stamped with the address of the local Church of the Nazarene, in each home.

We were together recently at a holiness convention and I felt the urge to pass on Jack's story to the readers of the Herald of Holiness. There must be others like him who have begun well and then tragically backslidden. They are constantly haunted by their past dismal failure and have lost hope for the future. It is my prayer that this story will infuse fresh hope in their hearts.

There will always be the bitter regrets for the wasted years. Jack hates the devil almost as much as he loves God when he remembers how the devil tricked him into a life of barrenness and frustration. But God not only promises to heal our backsliding, but also to "restore . . . the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). Remember David, remember Peter, remember Jack. God has a "prodigal's welcome" and a fresh commission to useful service for the backslider.

HOME AND FAMILY LIFE FEATURE



DEATH can be beautiful

By DORIS E. VIGIL

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AFTER thirty-three months in World War II, my husband and I were comfortably settled in an apartment with our four-year-old son, Gary. Those long, Ionesome days and sleepless nights were now in the past. Thank God for my husband's safe return! What a joy it was just being together and knowing the continued thrill of having our family complete! My husband, Wilmer, had taken a job with an electric company and we were delightfully working together and looking forward to the future.

Our activities were planned to include the three of us, as we always enjoyed one another immensely. Bible bedtime stories completed the day for Gary—he seemed to look forward to this nightly routine. Gary loved his Sunday school, and the Bible stories were read and reread to him, but somehow he never grew tired of them. My husband and I were quite desirous of having a Christian home and were doing our best to direct our family in the paths of Christianity.

Life seemed so wonderful—the Lord had been favorable in bringing us safely together again. What more could a young mother desire? It seemed as though I had all that anyone could expect: a Christian home, a kind, loving husband and father, an adorable son, but most important was just having us together again. Each day brought us new joys and anticipations; perhaps we were trying to make up for the time that was lost during our days of being separated.

Exactly five months from the day that my husband received his discharge from the army, I answered a knock at the door. It was about two o'clock in the afternoon, and I was quite startled to see the bookkeeper from my husband's company. The expression on her face pierced my heart, for immediately I sensed misfortune. After moments of hesitation she informed me that my husband had been injured seriously. Of course I inquired as to his whereabouts, how badly he was injured, and if I could go to him. She asked me not to try to go to the scene of the accident, as he might be on his way to the hospital.

After the bookkeeper left, I sat down with a

crushed heart; my mind was cluttered with a million thoughts. Could this really be my husband? Why did this have to happen to me? What does the future hold? Would he be a cripple for life? Was he still alive? What would I tell Gary? Would he be able to understand the tragedy? On and on the varied questions of the mystery kept racing through my mind. Then like a flash this scripture came to me, "Not my will, but thine, be done"

I went into the other side of the duplex and told my neighbor, Frances, about the news that I had just received. After some discussion, she seemed to encourage me to go to my husband. Getting into the car, I drove down to the office and again inquired as to Wilmer's whereabouts. With a hushed silence over the office, I received very little information and again was discouraged from going to the scene. From that time on I had a feeling that I had seen my dear husband alive for the last time; however, I continued to cling to the thought of his just being injured scriously.

When I arrived back home and told Frances of the reaction of the office personnel, she began to telephone to see if she could find out anything to ease my mind. Oh, the agony of prolonged suspense! Finally she received the requested information from the doctor who attended the case. Slowly she replaced the receiver on the hook and immediately I knew that my husband was gone.

I learned that Wilmer had been dead for about four hours, but it seemed that no one wanted the unpleasant mission of delivering the news that he had been electrocuted and was killed instantly. My mind was still flooded with a multitude of mixed emotions. Tragedies of this type are only newspaper stories! Surely there must be some mistake! Those five short months after his army discharge were like a dream. No one knows the empty feeling of being alone unless he has endured the same. All our plans and dreams were shattered in the twinkling of an eye!

By this time relatives and friends began to arrive. It seemed that I had nothing to live for and

That They May Know Him Through Educational Missions

SEVEN YEARS AGO the boys and girls around Kudjip, New Guinea, spent their days roaming aimlessly through the forests or working in the family gardens. They did not know there was a God. They worshiped their ancestors and lived in fear of evil spirits and death. Today some of these children are in our Nazarene school. They have learned to read and write English. They know there is a God of love. They read His Word. Some have already experienced His saving power. They are learning to live by His laws.

The same statements, with some variations, would be true on all our mission fields where, because of persecution, poverty, or lack of adequate public schools, we have had to provide day schools for the children of the people to whom we minister. Through our schools, young people learn to read the Word of God, to live by Christian standards, to prepare themselves as Christian witnesses among the awakening nations of this twentieth century.

Our Nazarene schools have daily Bible study, and emphasis on Christian teachings. Revivals are held regularly, through which we try to win the boys and girls to Christ before they get out into the world.

When these young people complete their primary and secondary education, some of them go on into our Bible schools, our nurses' and teachers' training schools, preparing for God's service in the work to which they believe He has called them. Other graduates take their places in the local churches, becoming established, spiritual lay men and women.



Nazarene school at Kudjip, New Guinea. A number of these boys have already found Christ as their personal Saviour.

Present-day surveys among new nations reveal that those whose leaders have been educated in Protestant mission schools are almost invariably anti-Communistic. The influence of our Christian schools goes far beyond our immediate church. We may be helping to shape the destiny of the world.

Educational missions is one of the three great arms of missionary evangelism. Preaching, healing, teaching: through these three avenues of evangelism we answer the Great Commission.

Three hundred and ninety-six million people live within the areas served by Nazarene missions. Four hundred and twenty-one missionaries and seventeen hundred and forty national workers are trying to bring the Bread of Life to these lost men and women.

Shall the Church of the Nazarene advance on these battle fronts or shall we retreat? You will cast your ballot in the Thanksgiving Offering.

—General Stewardship Committee.

in my heart I felt that not one human being could understand. What a hollow feeling I was suffering! My father-in-law, whom I have always admired and respected, slipped his arm around my shoulders and reminded me that I was very fortunate to have my son, Gary.

Gary had spent the afternoon with one of his little playmates. The shock of the report was so great that I guess I had forgotten about him. Then suddenly I realized that the message had to be broken to him also. A relative offered to bring him home, but I felt that it was my place to explain to Gary that his daddy would not be coming home any more.

Leaving the house, I walked out into the brisk night air. Somehow I wanted to be alone. It seemed that the heavens were extra full of God's handiwork. The stars blazed so resplendently, and

the moon was so round and full. Lingering under the canopy of heaven, I prayed that the Lord would give me the proper words to speak in such a simple manner that Gary would understand.

As I took Gary by the hand, I looked down at his blond, curly head and thanked the Lord for such a precious child. My son always had an extremely cheerful disposition, and he was full of laughter as we were walking home. Before he had a chance to ask about his daddy's being home, I stooped down and picked him up in my arms. I told him to love me "great big"—which in our language meant that he would put his arms tightly around my neck, and sort of holding his breath, would give me a big hug followed with a deep sigh. Looking up into the heavens and searching for words to reveal the sorrowful news, I told him to see how pretty the stars were.

"An increased interest throughout our church in 10 per cent giving for world missions assures us of an enthusiastic and generous Thanksgiving Offering in 1962."—Samuel Young, General Superintendent.

As he exclaimed over the beauty of the stars, I said to him, "Gary, who is it that lives up in the sky?"

"Jesus does; He lives up in heaven," came his childish reply.

"And who lives up in heaven with Jesus?" I asked him.

"Angels and good people," was his answer.

"Sonny, if we are good and have no sin in our hearts when we die, we will go up and live with Jesus, won't we?"

"Yes, but not if we be bad or ever be naughty, we won't, will we, Mommy?" he inquired.

"Do you think our daddy is good?" I asked.

"Sure, Mommy!"

"Do you think he would go to heaven if he died?"

"'Course, Mommy," he replied in a tone which questioned why I would ask that about his daddy.

"Well, today our daddy went to live with Jesus because He needed him, and he won't be coming home to us any more. If we always live good and have no sin, then when we die, we can go to live with Jesus and Daddy." I told him.

To my surprise, Gary did not shed a tear and, of course, I tried to hold back my grief as best I could.

What a relief—that unpleasant task was over!

Later in the evening we went to the mortuary. Several uttered their opinions that I was making a big mistake by taking Gary along.

Even yet Gary had shed no tears. But when bedtime came, he cried for his daddy and did not want to sleep in his bed any more. Of course there was room in Mommy's bed for him. After we had retired for the night, Gary asked me numerous questions. I answered them to the best of my ability so that I could remove as many doubts as possible from his mind. I gave an account to him of everything that had happened, and then the time came when I had to try to explain to him about the funeral.

Again opinions were expressed that I was very unjust to Gary by taking him to the funeral. He sat on my lap most of the time, but never once did I see a tear in his eyes. As the relatives and friends were paying their last respects, my broken heart began to show forth. Then with tears flowing from his eyes, Gary took my face in his wee, loving

hands and pleaded,

"Please don't cry, Monnny; we get to see Daddy again when we get up in heaven!"

Oh, the beauty of those precious, tender words—what needed determination they gave me! Never had a statement played such an exquisite tune on the strings of my heart! Yes, death brings tears of sorrow in the loss of a loved one, but, oh, the joy and satisfaction in knowing that he is in heaven! What could be more comforting! Words fail me in trying to express the consolation I had, just knowing that Gary did understand that his daddy had gone to heaven.

The promise of our Heavenly Father, "I will not leave you comfortless," has been a great encouragement and strength to me. Down through the years we have certainly felt the loss of our daddy, but we have enjoyed the companionship of each other. The words of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God," give us the assurance that we will be able to see our daddy again: then for us, too, death can be beautiful.

The High Cost of

OUTER SPACE and INNER PEACE

By WAYNE E. WELTON Pastor, First Church, Noblesville, Indiana



CONSIDER the combined talents of 435,000 men and women from clerks to Ph.D.'s in engineering. Add to that the industrial knowhow of ten thousand firms and factories in our great industrial nation.

To this total add the advantages of ten million tax dollars per day for the next nine years!

We begin now to see the price of the commitment the United States has made toward the goal of conquering outer space. This combination is expected to bring us eventually to the moon and back in this decade of the sixties, according to the studied predictions of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

We like to think that, as Americans, we can be

first in any undertaking we consider worth the effort to enter. This philosophy makes this race into space a political race. But it is more than that; it is an ideological race, for the principal contestants are capitalists and Communists. Front-page headlines, complete coverage by radio and television, time-consuming discussions which include a brand-new vocabulary lead us to believe that this race at least is almost pagan, and in its best form is only a secular undertaking.

This should cause us to pause and ask ourselves: What is our real goal? It is not *outer space*, but *inner peace!* Our goal is not ultimately the moon, but heaven! We look not finally to a lunar body, but to the Celestial City. The vision of our fondest hopes is not a moon which will someday fade away in all its glory, but the "Sun of righteousness . . . with healing in his wings."

Calculated estimates tell us that this goal for outer space has a high price tag. Ten million dollars a day added to the dedicated talents of 435,000 personnel within the framework of 10,000 industrial and scientific firms is an astronomical fortune. All this for a materialistic effort which will someday be folded away in the wraps of time!

But the price tag for inner peace also comes high. Let us be as realistic as are our respected scientists and astronauts when we consider the cost for this coveted heart condition. Within the plan of Providence money is involved, and time and talents. Nor is the cost too high when we consider the rewards for the winner—or the tragedy of coming in second in our efforts to find inner peace.

Look at the dollarwise cost attached to inner peace. We do not consider this first because it is primary, but because dollars seem to be the primary concern of so many in the world today.

The Lord knew it would take many dollars to discharge to completion the Great Commission. His kingdom cannot do without one tithe dollar if we are to arrive at the Celestial City with all the fruit of the harvest. No special offering can be too great, no sacrifice too complete if the goal is reached in time for everyone concerned. These dollars are not the fruit of taxation, but the result of love: God's love for us and ours in turn for those who have not yet heard of Christ, or Calvary, or the Resurrection.

Time is also an important element if we are to find inner peace.

Take time to be holy.

Speak oft with thy Lord; . . .

His blessing to seek

Thee we never lose, unless we forsake; and if we forsake, whither do we go, whither fly, but from Thy love to Thy wrath?—Augustine.

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Other Christians prayed and paid to help us find Christ; how can we do less? The Thanksgiving Offering gives every Nazarene a special opportunity to share the gospel.—Robert D. Troutman.

is just as vital today as it was the day W. D. Long-staff incorporated it in his beautiful hymn.

Spend much time in secret With Jesus alone

is still necessary if seekers after inner peace are to learn to know the Prince of Peace.

Time to talk to and hear from God are not an adjunct to the achievement of inner peace, but a necessary and essential part of God's program leading to personal victory.

The time it takes to witness to others about God's marvelous gift of inner peace is not an extracurricular activity: it is a full-fledged part of the course in Christian discipleship. Time invested in souls is time invested in eternity, the reality of which will far outreach all the achievements in outer space.

Talent is a third consideration toward the realization of the goals of inner peace, as well as those of outer space. All 435,000 workers in the space program have been checked out for national loyalty and industrial or scientific ability. They have all been cleared for service.

Could you, with inner peace as your goal, pass the test that Jesus gave? Do you "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength"? Has everything in your life become secondary to shouldering the cross of Christ with a commitment to the divine commission? A great price, you say? Yes, for a great goal!

It seems that outer space will not only be explored, but may eventually be harnessed. With the certainty of committed scientific genius, nothing seems like too great an undertaking. It will just take time.

Likewise with the goal set for us by God: inner peace is not something only to hunger after, but something which can be had. Inner peace is not a dream to be forgotten, but a reality to be felt. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Jesus said, "My peace I give unto you: . . . Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

As for outer space, our nation is committed to the task of reaching the moon, *first*, *at any cost*. It is only by the same token, a complete commitment, that inner peace will be ours here and heaven ours hereafter.



By P. J. SMITH

THIS MONTH number four of volume three of the *Holiness Evangel* will be received by 550 persons. Although they will read it with interest, few of them can see it, for they are blind. The mailing list includes addresses not only in the United States and Canada, but also in England, Switzerland, Jerusalem, India, Africa, Ceylon, and New Zealand. Not one of the subscribers pays for the magazine. It is sent free of charge and the governments of the world charge no postage for its delivery.

The Holiness Evangel is much bulkier and larger than the Herald of Holiness, for it is printed on heavy paper in raised dots, using the Braille system. It is read with the tips of the fingers. The contents are principally articles and poems from the Herald of Holiness. Mr. M. A. Lunn, editor, and Miss Betty Fuhrman, the office editor, are responsible for its contents. Reading Braille is a relatively slow process, and the magazine is therefore published quarterly.

I am happy to have had a part in this wonderful ministry to the blind. My active pastoral ministry ended when my sight failed, but I wanted to do something to bring comfort and religious instruction to others who are blind. The *Herald of Holiness*, in 1954, kindly printed a notice that I would like to correspond in Braille with other Nazarenes. I received a few names and addresses

God's Answer

Love overshadowed man's lost estate. Love offered hope for sin's dreadful state.

Love overcame the tempter's power. Love lived on through sin's darkest hour.

Love overpowered sin's greatest claim. Love is God's answer in Jesus' name.

Love overbalanced Satan's control.

Love overwhelms man's God-seeking soul.

By JACK M. SCHARN

and conceived the idea of a round-robin Braille magazine. I Brailled twelve pages on my Braille typewriter and sent them on the way. But this attempt failed when the first one on the list thought the magazine was his personal copy and did not pass it along!

The title for my magazine came to me one day while I was reading the eighth chapter of John's Gospel: "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12). I called it the Light of Life magazine. I found that the American Printing House for the Blind in Louisville, Kentucky, would print twenty-five copies in Braille for me at a reasonable cost and the first issue was mailed out in January, 1957. I prepared this quarterly, and in 1958 enlarged it to twenty pages.

In the meantime the General Assembly, in 1956, appointed a commission to look into the possibility of starting a publication for the blind. Mr. M. A. Lunn, chairman, heard about my magazine and discussed it with me. I told him that, when the Nazarene Publishing House started a Braille magazine, I would discontinue mine and turn over my mailing list.

The plans of the special committee were developed and following the 1960 General Assembly the Holiness Evangel made its appearance and my magazine ceased. Notices in the Herald of Holiness brought a large number of new names for the mailing list and the number has continued to grow steadily. Mr. Lunn asked me to serve as editorial consultant for the Holiness Evangel, which has the subtitle, Light of Life Quarterly. I also transcribe Braille letters received by the Nazarene Publishing House.

In addition to the quarterly magazine, the Nazarene Publishing House has published one booklet each year in Braille. These have included Why Worry When You Can Pray, The Nightingale of the Psalms, What Is Sanctification? and The Unique Galilean.

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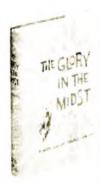
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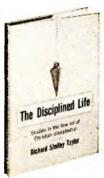
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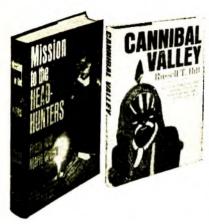
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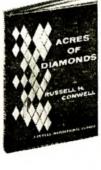
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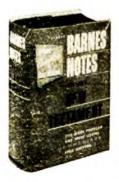
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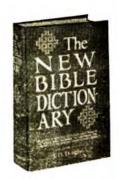
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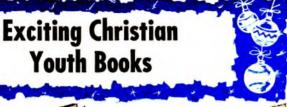
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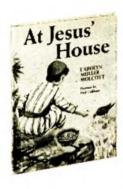
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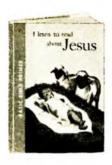
















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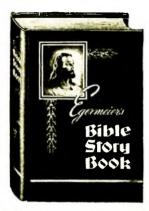
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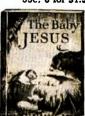
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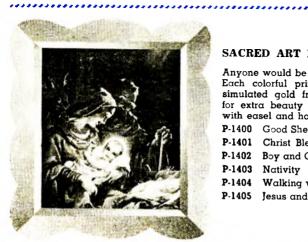
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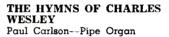


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A heathen lady brought her daughter to a mission station school saying that she wanted her to attend there that she might have that radiance in her face like the mission girls had. She thought the girl could get the shine without becoming a Christian, but found that it was not possible.

We speak of a lamp being radiant with light and a stove being radiant with warmth. Even so can our lives be radiant with joy, with kindness, with love, with light, and with the warmth of Christ's presence.

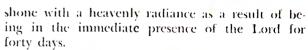
How can we realize this radiance? First of all, through prayer. Psalms 34:5 reads, "They looked unto him, and were radiant [A.R.V.]: and their faces were not ashamed." Such is the inspired description of the radiant face of the praying saint.

We see two people who profess the same experience of grace, the experience of holiness; both lead clean lives, shun worldliness and the appearance of evil; both are faithful in church attendance and in paying their tithes; yet there is a radiance in the life of the one that is much more marked than in the life of the other. Why? The one takes time to be alone with God and His Word, in meditation and waiting in His presence, while the other prays just enough to get by.

A man who was deeply devotional, and who had just spent three days in privately waiting upon God, went to visit a lady who was ill. When he rang the bell, the lady sent her maid to the door. Immediately the girl hurried back up the stairs and exclaimed in all sincerity, not taking time to conduct the visitor in, "O Mrs. Jones, Jesus Christ is down there at the door." Such was the Christ-like radiance on that man's face.

We can be radiant also through abiding in the presence of the Lord. As we read in H Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." The face of Moses





Our facial features take on a likeness to those we love, in whose presence we spend a lot of time. This is the moral of the story of "The Great Stone Face." The young man's face took on the likeness of the great stone face because he admired it and was continually looking at it; he also was repeatedly looking at others to see if the one who was to look like the great stone face had finally arrived.

Again we can be radiant through the heavenly fire of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said of John the Baptist, "He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light" (John 5:35). Such was the radiance in the life and ministry of this prophet of the desert. God set him on fire and the people came out of the cities and towns to see him burn.

Burn in me, Fire of God,
Yea, burn and burn again,
Till all I am by God consumed,
A flame of fire remain.

Furthermore, we can be radiant through persecution. Concerning Stephen, the first Christian martyr, we read in Acts 6:15, "All that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel." Such was the radiance manifested by Stephen in the time of his persecution. Someone told E. Stanley Jones that when one becomes a Christian he becomes "absurdly happy." Then the person said that he rejoiced in his soul when someone spit in his face while he was testifying for Christ. Before he became a Christian, he said, he would have become terribly angry. Jesus said that the one who is persecuted for His sake is specially blessed (Matthew 5:12; Luke 6:23).

In addition, we can be radiant through maturity. In Job 11:17 we read, "And thine age shall be clearer than the noonday; thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning." This is the description of the radiant face of an aged saint. With eternal morning in his heart he faces the future with the radiance of heaven's sunrise lighting up his countenance. It is beautiful to grow old with Jesus. I would not want to become old

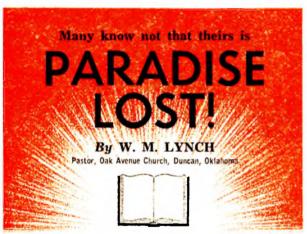
without Him. The devil has no happy old people. If the religion of your life does not make you happy here, what hope is there that it will hereafter?

Let us live the radiant life. We can do the things that make us radiant with joy, kindness, and love. The world is cold: let us be radiant with warmth. The world is dark; let us be radiant with light. The world is harsh; let us be radiant with kindness. The world is cruel; let us be radiant with love. The world is sad: let us be radiant with joy.

When Dr. H. C. Trumbull was a small boy, he and other lads hung around a dock for the unusual experience of seeing a real, live missionary from the other side of the world, the famous Adoniram Judson. Suddenly the boys' eager eyes fell upon a face in the crowd which thrilled them.

At once they knew it to be the great missionary. It had a light and glow which they had never seen on any other face.

Radiant Christians attract others. There was a young man whose parents were very rich and whose mother had been vice-president of the State Federation for Women. He was asked how he became interested in the Church of the Nazarene and the gospel of Christ. He replied: "I traveled everywhere trying to find my place in life; then I went back to the university to do some more studying, hoping to find my center. There I saw a teacher whose life was different. She seemed to radiate a personality in the classroom which others did not have. Later I found she was a Christian and a member of the Church of the Nazarene. I knew she had what I wanted. She led me to Christ."



TODAY my eyes scanned a long list of books, but one title stood dominant, distinct, detached. Its bold and emblazoned letters spelled out the title, *Paradise Lost.* In smaller letters the single name "Milton" signified the author.

My eyes, my mind hurried beyond the buff binding, the colorful chapters, the stirring story! I saw or envisioned the staggering column of sinners, the long line of backsliders, the innumerable unpardoned. They were impounded and entombed in an endless eternity with loss of heaven and home.

Two thieves! So well I remembered paradise gained, for I recalled the words of Jesus, "To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). How had I overlooked the other thief? What distraction withdrew my gaze? How is it now I see him so clearly—and in this title? In hell, he is the personification of "Paradise Lost."

Who was this nameless thief, this condemned criminal, this crucified convict of yesterday? Somehow I see him anew: He is the redheaded teenager I spoke with yesterday who knew so little about my Christ, the feeble farmer missed by the circuit rider, the businessman who never knew there was an "Evangelism First."

Somehow I find myself trying to pull the spikes from his fevered feet and hands, cast broken legs, uncap and lift him from the confines of hell. From pulpit, parlor, pavilion, to those never saved, I should like to shout and proclaim, "'Paradise Lost'—never allow it to be yours!"

Beyond, there are Saul, Judas, and many, many more who once obtained, but lost! They are the backslidden in heart. They lost the glow, the glory, the grandeur from their hearts. Yea, more is their loss! Theirs is *paradise lost*. History records that they gained kingdoms and coins, but they lost their lives and sacrificed their souls.

The more I gaze, the more I really see them. They wear not kings' robes nor prophets' clothes. They occupy not kings' castles nor roam in palatial palaces. They live down the street a way, deliver the paper, care for my child in illness.

There is the couple once impassioned, now impassive; the teacher once a Christian, now Christless; the mother once holy, now haughty: the father once pardoned, now polluted; the youth once interested, now insipid. They have not lost the rigidity of rules, curbs of church, limitations of liberty. They have witnessed a lost Kingdom, a lost perfection, a lost paradise.

I would like to read the book, but the title drives me to the challenge, the call, the conviction of another title, "Evangelism." I push the book back, don my hat, and hurry out with the numberless Nazarenes to warn others against a paradise lost.

As I go, I breathe a prayer: "O Jesus, You saved one on the Cross yesterday; let me help You save another today. May the task of evangelism fall on me, but may I not try to toil alone."

> Let teachers toil and Christians pray; Give them strength at any cost, Lest sinners know a Christless day, Gaining naught but "Paradise Lost."

THE CHURCH AT WORK



Telegram . . .

Orlando, Florida—Funeral service for Rev. Warner W. Glenn, retired Nazarene elder, was held on Sunday, October 14, in First Church, Winter Haven, Florida. Death came on October 12, ten days after surgery. The service was in charge of Rev. James O. Beal, pastor, assisted by Rev. Morton Wright and the district superintendent. He is survived by his wife, of 1537 Roselawn, Winter Haven.—John L. Knight, Superintendent of Florida District.

...... In honor of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the sons and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Thrush gave a reception for them in Sheridan, Wyoming, on August 28. They are members of First Church, Sheridan, where they joined the Nazarenes in 1942. David Wesley Thrush and Florence Muriel Davis were united in marriage in Toledo, Ohio, in August of 1912. Their life as homesteaders began soon after in Canada, then in a short time on to Wyoming, where they have made their home since. Both have been teachers and workers in church and Sunday school most of their married lives. They have three sons: Paul, of Wenatchee, Washington; Earl, of Sheridan; and Loren, of Seattle, Washington.

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November, 1962— Family Membership Month

planned for "Operation Doorbell" "reaping" as well as "sowing," with over 501,496 families contacted. Let's keep the emphasis on the family!

Pray, plan, and work toward taking entire families into church membership during this month. Let us give thanks with an offering for world evangelism. and also give thanks with an offering of souls joining the church by profession of faith on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18, 1962.

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The districts shown report the following churches as having received the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. This is presented on the basis of members received by profession of faith dur-

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GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN	REQUIRED
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II	25-74		8
H	75-149		12
IV	150-299		18
V	300 and above	ı	25

Church	Pastor DALLAS	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain		
Mt. Vernon	J. Burch	24	5		
Longview Northside	J. Driscoll	35	11		
Nazarene Chapel	J. Ingle	50	8		
Dallas North	F. Whittaker	130	16		
Dallas Central	C. Ammons	279	27		
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—be a blessing in the evening service. GULF CENTRAL					

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Memorial	A. Williams	54	17
Orlando Gormai	n		
Meridian, Miss.		15	4
	Williams	13	4
New Orleans	Mrs. Lula		

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New Lothrop	R. Bredholt	78	12
Midland First	R. Mumau	269	20
Grand Rapids 1st	F. Galloway	240	18
Jackson First	H. Johnston	141	12
Bay City First	J. Hieftje	126	14
Grand Rapids Fuller		97	12
Benton Harbor	R. Spray	65	10
Alanzon Lakeview	G. Reed	42	9
Saginaw Central	F. Ward	40	12
Kalamazoo South	H. Smith	39	8
Hillsdale	W. Carpenter	37	9
Corey	C. Reynalds	36	15
Clare	E. Ham b lin	34	8
Lansing Zion	A. Smith	31	9
Otsego	R. David	18	8
Sault Ste Marie	J. Cole	17	7
Butterfield	J. Dingman	11	6
West Columbia	D. Fairbotham	a	36
Hart	D. Berry	0	7
Jackson Grace	G. Laing	0	5
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dead, being alone (James MINNESOTA E. Strong

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Rochester .	R. Buckley	40	10
St. Paul First	G. Lord	44	10
St. Paul Grace	J. Hoch	46	10
Alberta	E. Cole	67	12
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Enid Cleveland Rd.		17	4
Enid Maine	M. Hartzler	35	18

Attend Your

COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

Bethany Nazarene College

Bethany, Oklahoma Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Nov. 27, 28, 29, 1962

Write to President ROY CANTRELL for information and plan now to attend

Woodward	J. Russell	104	12
Bethany Wms, Mem.	F. Rowe	277	30
Bethany First		1375	
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St. Helens	V. Fliegel	10	7
Reedsport	J. Hodges	14	7
Garfield	S. Beals	16	6
Myrtle Point	L. Pounds	17	6
Seaside	1. Robertson	22	4
Gresham	R. Persyn	46	11
Portland All Nations		47	10
Canby	G. Wilson	57	9
Coquille	C. Marble	76	23
Beaverton	H. Little	116	17
Portland Brentwood	N. Berryhill	118	12
	A. Harris	135	15
Portland Central	G. Allee	215	19
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(Isaiah 43	3:10).		

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, Secretary

Moving Missionaries

New Missionaries

Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Adragna are now in Italy for their first term of service. They live at Via di Villa Pamphille, N 15, Rome, Italy.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burkhart are beginning their first term of service in Swaziland. Their address is Box 14, Manzini, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Kellerman are newly arrived in Taiwan for their first term. Their address for the present is P.O. Box 383, Taipei, Taiwan, Free China.

Returning Missionaries
Miss Frances Lively has returned to Swaziland for her second term. Her address: Box 14, Manzini, Swaziland, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. John Armstrong have returned to Juan M. Perez 5920, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Miss Juanita Pate has returned to P.O. Box 7, Acornhoek, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ted Hughes are now working with the John Halls in the Miami Cuban Refugee work. Their address: 9971 S.W. 39th Ter., Miami,

The Bible School in India

By MARY E. ANDERSON, India

The Bible school in India! I want to tell you about these wonderful young There are twelve enrolled in people. the day school and over twenty in night school! Are you praying for these choice young folks of India?

On world-wide Prayer and Fasting Day for Nazarenes at six in the morning, ten young men came to our home to fast and pray for Nazarenes around the world and for our area here, which is so needy!

Each boy took fourteen Gospels and fifty tracts, which were sold and dis-tributed in the first fourteen days of October. We co-operated with the local

church in "Operation Doorbell." This was fun-for in Basim, a town of over twenty thousand people. "operation" means only one thing—"surgery!" And the only three people in town, so far as I know, who have doorbells are the three American Nazarene doctors who live in Basim. But the plan was adapted, and we went forth into the village of Basim, the first fourteen days of October, to contact every home in town.

Before the boys left that first morning, my husband said, "What chorus do you want to sing?" And they broke out in glad singing—"Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." That is the spirit of our young people in the Bible school. Please pray also for Mrs. Cox, our outstanding principal, and all the teachers.

THE N.Y.P.S.

PAUL SKILES Secretary

As the N.Y.P.S. convention reports continue to pour into the office, there is a striking similarity among them. Each district has rededicated itself to more than the quadrennial theme, "HIS"; it is dedicated to the Christ of that theme,

The fifteenth annual Houston District convention was held at Central Church. "It was both a climax of victory and a springboard of commitment," reports C. Kenneth Sparks. "The practical message of Dr. Lyle E. Eckley, the report of a gain of thirtyseven over last year's membership, the re-election of District President Amos Hann of Oakwood; and the election of Rev. Calvin Oyler, vice-president; Rev. J. E. Perryman, secretary; Rev. O. W. Wilson, treasurer; Rev. Hollis Underwood, N.J.F. director; Rev. Henry Cheatwood, N.T.F. director; Rev. W. T. Dougharty, N.Y.A.F. director; S. R. Brannon and Peggy Lollar, young adult members at large; Billy Childs and Karen Bell, teen members at large. made the convention a never-to-beforgotten experience."

Mrs. Samuel Pickenpaugh reports that the Virginia District held its twenty-first N.Y.P.S. convention on August 8, under the experienced hand of District President David Rateliffe. He was re-elected by a nearly unanimous vote. The special speaker, Rev. Samuel Pickenpaugh, spoke on the quadrennial theme, "HIS." "Great strides have been made in all phases of our N.Y.P.S. work. A record attendance was enrolled at

district youth camp."

International Institute delegates were in the spotlight at the Northwestern Illinois convention, August 13. Rev. Samuel Smith brought the keynote address and delivered the address at the dedication of the Brown Memorial Youth Center. The Center will serve as both a fitting memorial to Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Brown and as a location for times of fellowship. A 100-voice teen choir sang at the dedication. The following officers were elected: Jim Hazelwood, president; Rev. Keith Bottles, vice-president; Helen Barrick, secretary; John Alderson, treasurer; Don Turner, N.Y.A.F. director; Wendy Parsons, N.T.F. director; James Morsch, N.J.F.

director; Jean Spohn and Frank Acuff, teen members at large; and Harold Bottles and Rosemary Aurand, young adult members at large.

The North Carolina District met August 17 in Burlington, with Rev. John Hancock, speaker. Larry Smith was reelected president. Other officers elected are: Wendell Williams, vice-president, Anna Williams, secretary; Odie Page, treasurer; Sally Wyrick and Marla Moore, teen members at large; and Jesse Greeson and Mrs. Odie Page, young adult representatives.

From Lawrence Adams of Indianapolis District comes this report: "The N.Y.P.S. convention was opened with a devotional message by Rev. James Palmer. Rev. Kenneth Jewell highlighted the year in reporting—district N.Y.P.S. tour had over two thousand persons in attendance, a midyear banquet with eight hundred present, the largest youth camp in the district's history, and the announcement that for nine consecutive years the district had exceeded its Conquest goal. Brother Jewell was elected district president for his seventh year."

August 20 was the date of the Tennessee District N.Y.P.S. convention, held in Grace Church, Nashville, A fine vote re-elected Rev. Harold B. Graves as president. Other officers elected were: Rev. Melvin Thompson, vice-president; Mr. Paul Eby, secretary; and Rev. Wade Powers, treasurer.

"General N.Y.P.S. President James Snow moved the delegates with his searching messages. The presence and enthusiastic spirit of our district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Shumake, added much to the convention. The N.Y.P.S. work on the district is growing rapidly; a record enrollment in district youth camp and the first annual Young Adult Retreat added to the enthusiasm that marked this convention."

Two Dates to Remember:

December 9—A.B.S. Offering January 27—February 3: Youth Week



GENERAL INTERESTS

Dr. Williamson In British Honduras

General Superintendent G. B. Williamson spent the week October 30 through November 4 in a tour of some of the churches in British Honduras.

In the course of the week evangelistic

services were held at Punta Gorda,
Belize First Church, and Benque Vicio.

An ordination service was conducted in Belize First Church, and Dr. Williamson preached in the Sunday morning service at Corozal. Neighboring churches in each of these areas joined in the services.

The tour was planned by Rev. Prescott L. Beals, district superintendent.

Dr. Benner Is Visiting Caribbean Area Work

Dr. Hugh C. Benner is on a threeweek visit this month to the work of the Church of the Nazarene in the Caribbean area, where he is currently the general superintendent in jurisdiction. He is visiting Nazarene missionaries and work in the Barbados, British Guinea, and Trinidad.

In addition to serving as the presiding officer for the Trinidad district assembly. Dr. Benner will take part in two important events at the Nazarene Training College, near Port-au-Prince, Trinidad, which draws students from the entire Caribbean section.

Dr. Benner will officiate at the dedication of the new girls' dormitory building and at a ground-breaking ceremony for a new administration building at Nazarene Training College. Also he will meet with members of the college area board and the Trinidad training council.

At special services in Barbados, Dr. Benner will bring the message and officiate at the ordination of a class of four or five candidates.—N.L.S.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

New York District Assembly

The fifty-fifth annual assembly of the New York District was held in Dover. New Jersey, September 28 and 29, with Rev. Jay Patton and his people as the fine hosts.

Dr. G. B. Williamson, general superintendent, presided in his kind and efficient manner. His dynamic and Spirit-anointed messages inspired and challenged all those present. The entire assembly was marked by the peculiar sense of the divine presence, with a joyous spirit of praise and unity, along with periods of real camp meeting blessings.

Reports indicated increases in all departments, financially and numerically. Membership at the close of the year in the district's 34 churches was 1.804; with 113 received on profession of faith, giving a net gain of 24. Total enrollment in the Sunday school now stands at 3,666, with average attendance for the year of 2.185. There was an increase of 81 in N.Y.P.S. membership, giving a total of 780; and N.F.M.S. membership reached 1.573, an increase of 95.

The district's total giving for all purposes was \$354.417, which was \$33.100 above last year, an increase of 10 percent. Property indebtedness was decreased by \$2.279, while at the same time property values rose \$67,500. Total value of churches and parsonages is now

\$1,623,000. Giving for home missions was \$6,321; and giving for foreign missions reached \$35.133, an increase of \$35.540 over last year, making us a "10"

per cent" district.

Reports from President E. S. Mann of Eastern Nazarene College and Mr. Stephen Nease, director of development. showed an enrollment of 852 students. the largest in the school's history. Rev. Dean Wessels represented our Publishing House

'Operation Doorbell" was enthusiastically presented by Dr. Williamson.

with "All Out for Souls."

Our assembly was blessed with the presence of three of our devoted missionaries-Miss Evelyn VerHoek, of Guatemala; Mrs. Harry Rich, of Haiti; and Rev. Harold Hampton, now serving as district superintendent of our work among the Spanish-speaking people in the eastern United States.

In the ordination service, conducted by Dr. Williamson, Morris Weigelt was

elected to elder's orders.

In appreciation of their splendid work and leadership over the past ten years. a generous love offering in cash and pledges amounting to \$1,729 was given to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Goslaw, our beloved district superintendent and wife.

The assembly concluded with a most impressive memorial service honoring eighteen members of the district who. during the past year, were translated from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.-Sartell Moore, Reporter.

Colorado District

Colorado Nazarenes were stirred to new endeavors in the Sunday school field by the recent district tour with Rev. Lyle and Lois Potter as the special workers. The Potters' enthusiasm. spirit, and zeal were catching as they spoke to great groups at each of the eight zone meetings. Their emphasis on the whole program of the church, with its one great goal of winning souls, sent us all home to work harder and try more as we work for the Lord. We deeply appreciate the devotion of this choice couple.—RAY J. HAWKINS, Chairman, District Church School Board.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Spencer, West Virginia-Recently our church had a good revival with Evangelist Laston Dennis and wife as the special workers. Brother Dennis' messages were heart-searching and thoughtprovoking, and Mrs. Dennis did good work in leading the singing and in solo work. A good spirit prevailed in the services and several souls were saved, reclaimed, or sanctified. The church was helped and blessed by the ministry of these good workers.-F. W. Davis, Re-

Sturgis, Michigan-Under the ministry of Evangelist George Woodward, this church recently experienced one of the best revivals in years. Brother Woodward's messages, made more interesting and lucid by his artistry, were a great blessing to the local church and also to

the many visitors attending the services. His sermons were backed by God's Holy Spirit, and the results around the altar gave evidence of permanency. His drawings were revealing and interesting, and supported his messages. The spirit of revival continues, and we thank God for Brother Woodward's ministry with us. -Arthur W. Gould. Pastor.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma-The Portland Avenue Church recently enjoyed a victorious revival with Evangelist Carl Prentice, Sr., and wife as the special workers. The flannelgraph lessons by Mrs. Prentice added much to the services, and the God-given messages of Brother Prentice brought forth much fruit, with seekers at the altar in the first service. The interest was good, climaxing on the closing Sunday night with a full house, and two altar services in which two new families were wonderfully saved by the power of God. Our people were given new faith and vision. and new members were added to the church. Our people expressed their appreciation of these fine evangelists by extending them a call to return next year. We thank God for their consecrated ministry with us.-LACK B. LOWE.

Kings Mountain, North Carolina-Coming here to First Church in September of 1961, we were welcomed by some of the best people in the world. With their help we have had a good year, and a number of things have been accomplished. The front yard of the parsonage was filled in, grass sowed, and shrubbery set out. The house by the church has been remodeled for a recreation building, and a Sunday school class meets there on Sunday. Also some muchneeded work has been done on the parsonage, including new floors, storm windows, a new porch, and furnace. We have had a good year financially, with all budgets paid in full. The church has given the pastor a five-dollar raise in salary, also an extended three-year call. We appreciated the godly leadership of District Superintendent I. B. Byron.-H. G. CLAYTON, Pastor.

Fargo, North Dakota-First Church recently enjoyed a refreshing revival with Dr. Roy Still and Mrs. Catherine Taylor as special workers. After weeks of prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit came and His Presence so filled the sanctuary that frequently shouts of praises were heard. Confessions were made, and a number of souls prayed through to definite victory. We give God the praise. If you have friends attending the State University here, send us the names and addresses and we'll be glad to contact them. -C. J. McGilvra, Pastor.

Evangelist W. Lawson Brown writes: "I have two open dates in the early part of 1963, which I shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. They are: January 16 to 27, and February 27 to March 10. Write me, Box 785, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Evangelist Thomas Hayes writes: "I have been very busy during the past

few months, and thank God for His blessings. I now have several open dates for October and November and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead; no church too small if they want a revival. Write me, c/o our Publishing House. P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

Evangelist Thomas Haves writes: "I will be closing a meeting in Ulysses, Kansas, on November 11; then have an open date, November 14 to 25, which I'd like to slate for Kansas, Oklahoma, or a nearby state. Write me, c/o our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Rev. James U. Bender reports for the Bender Evangelistic Party: "Recently we conducted a twenty-two day tent meeting for our church at Monterey, Tennessee, with Pastor James Lee, God blessed and gave victory, with eighty-seven seekers at the altar, an average attendance of over two hundred, nine baptized, and six uniting with the church. It was a real joy to labor with this fine pastor and his people. We are now slating meetings for 1963, and have some open time for the first three months. We will go anywhere; preach, sing, play, and do chalk pictures in our meetings. Write us. P.O. Box 8635, Sulphur Springs, Florida."

Weatherford, Texas-Recently our church had the best revival of its history, with Rey, and Mrs. Charles Stipe, our pastors at Hurst, as the special workers. God blessed and gave some oldfashioned camp meeting services with souls won for the Kingdom. We thank God for prayers answered in so many ways.-DON TEAGUE, Pastor.

Song Evangelist George R. Waterman writes: "God has been wonderfully blessing my ministry in the field of song evangelism, and I give Him praise. I have a little open time now, then have open time from January I through April. Would be glad to slate some camp meetings for the summer of '63. Write me. 85 Wendell Street, Cambridge. Massachusetts.

Evangelist Emmett E. Taylor writes: "During our last assembly year we were privileged to work in twenty-two revival meetings and one camp meeting, on seven districts. God gave some wonderful victories. The first meeting for the new assembly year was with Pastor Charles Spicer at Fort Morgan, Colorado, with Johnny Whisler as song evangelist. God gave a good meeting, with record crowds and more than one hundred seekers. I have a winter date open, and also some time for the summer of '63. Write me, c o our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527. Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Cadillac, Michigan-Recently we had an excellent revival with Evangelist Earl Sprowls. God blessed with a good attendance and many victories. Brother Sprowls is a sincere holiness preacher, and we were all challenged and inspired by his timely messages. A number of folks who have been in the church for years prayed through for entire sanctilication, and the revival was a great blessing to all. The board voted to give Brother Sprowls a call to return next year.-Forrest Stoll., Pastor.

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write that they will be working in the Northwest in the spring of '63, and have some open time they would be glad to slate with pastors in that area who could use their services. Write them, Route 4. Lamar, Missouri.

Dr. Ross E. Price writes from Pasadena, California: "This summer during the month of August we made a trib to the Holy Land. We received much blessing from the services held atop Mount Sinai, before the judgment Seat in Corinth, in the Mamertine Prison at Rome, in Gethsemane, at the Garden Tomb, and the Communion service on the slopes of Olivet in the home of our Arab guide.

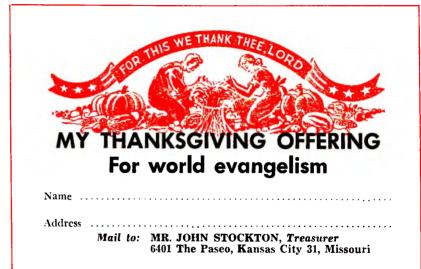
"But the high points of the tour were the preaching services with our own Nazarene congregations in Beirut, Jerusalem, Amman, Zerka, and Nazareth. We also had a service in Speke Hall, London, with our fine Nazarenes there. Our Nazarene leaders in these areas are doing a splendid work for the Master.

"We felt that this trip was very educational, as well as recreational and inspirational. It was money well spent.'

Evangelist J. J. Steele writes: "I will be in northern California for several meetings in the beginning weeks of 1963. I have January 16 to 27 open, and would like to slate this time in the same area. Write mc, P.O. Box 1, Coffeyville, Kansas.'

Rev. Ernest Florence writes: "I am now beginning my second year in the work of full-time evangelism. During the past year I have conducted revivals in several states on several districts, and have been privileged to work with some of our finest pastors and singers. God has blessed and made all of these meetings fruitful. I have an open date, December 5 through 16, which I shall be glad to slate anywhere, as the Lord may lead; also have some open time in January and February. Write me, 1000 S. Cross Street, Robison, Illinois.'

The Thomas Fowler Evangelistic Party report: "In August we climaxed four wonderful years in full-time evangelism as a family. During this time we saw more than 4,000 seekers at our altars, conducted 94 two-week revivals. traveled over 100,000 miles (pulling a house-trailer), saw many Sunday school records broken, many new members received into the church, preached about 1,350 sermons, and sang and played over 4,600 times. We have received calls to return to more than 80 per cent of the churches for the second time, and some for the third and fourth time. We have met and worked with some of the finest people on earth, and God has given many miracles at the altar of prayer. We are now slating up into 1965, but have two winter dates open: November 22 to December 2, this year, and an



open date in January of '63. We would like to fill these dates in the Southland. Write us. c/o Trevecca Nazarene College. Nashville 10, Tennessee.

Portsmouth, Ohio-Recently First Church had one of its very best revivals with Evangelist Charles É. Haden and the Jantz Singers furnishing the music. Brother Haden's old-fashioned, gospel messages stirred the church, and God gave seekers at the altar in almost every service. The Jantz family were a great inspiration with both vocal and instrumental selections. The burden and spirit of all these workers were deeply appreciated. Seven members were added to the church. As a church we appreciate the work of Rev. Ray Duncan, who has been of such help and blessing in filling in for Pastor Bernard W. Knox during his convalescence, after suffering a severe heart attack.-KATII-LEEN SKIVER, Secretary.

Fresno, California-The Calwa Church recently closed the greatest revival of its history with Evangelists Alva O. and Glady's Estep as the special workers. The Sunday school was doubled in attendance, the altars were filled with seekers in almost every service, and new members were added to the church. We look forward to having the Esteps with us again in the near future.— LEONARD HALL, Pastor.

Rev. Bert Edwards writes: "After pastoring for sixteen years on the Colorado District, I have accepted the call to our church in Snoqualmie, Washington. We enjoyed seven years of ministry in our Denver Englewood Church, with some real holiness people. We have found a spiritual people here in Snoqualmie, and have seen the fruits of godly pastors of the past. I count it a privilege to be a Nazarene minister in these days.

Pittsburg, Texas-Sunday night, October 14, marked the close of one of the best revivals we have had in recent years. The evangelist was Rev. Jack B. Lowe, pastor of the Portland

Avenue Church in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Ten souls prayed through to God at the altar, some to be re-claimed, some saved, and others sanc-tified. We thank God for His blessings and the ministry of Brother Lowe with us. We are encouraged to press forward.—Homer Butler, Jr., Pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Howard write: For three and one-half years we pastored the home mission church in Clinton, Arkansas. We accepted the challenge, and the Lord helped us to see a nice increase in all departments of the work, with a good spirit of unity prevailing. We resigned on August 31, to enter the full-time evangelistic field. We are making up our slate and shall be glad to go as the Lord may direct. Write us, 4108 Ann Arbor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma."

Thanksgiving Offering

Announcements

WEDDING BELLS

MEDDING BELLS

Miss Barbara J. Youngman of Benton Harbor,
Michlgan, and Mr. Fred Sabelfeldt of Chicago,
Illinois, were united in marriage on October 13
in the Benton Harbor Church of the Nazarene with
the pastor, Rev. Russell Spray, officiating.

Miss Marlene Jean Christenson of Litchfield, Minnesota, and Mr. Walter E. Ballard of Port Hornon, Michigan, were united in marriage on September 1 at the Litchfield Church of the Nazarene with the pastor, Rev. Harry Grimshaw, officiating.

BORN

--to S/Sgt. Howard W. and Charlene (Spangler)
Beals of Lincoln, Nebraska, a daughter, Karen Kay,
on October 12.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vigil of Sheridan, Wyoming, a son, Terry Lee, on September 17.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Jack Archer of Huntington, West Virginia, a daughter, Terry Lea, on September

-to Rev. Robert and Mary Prior of Walnut, Illi-nois a daughter, Sasan Denise, on September 15

—to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beakler of Sheridan, Wyoming, a daughter, Holly Lavonne, on September

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian lady in Wisconsin for healing of a condition that could become malignant;
—by a Nazarene lady in Indiana for "my daughter, her husband, my sister, and her family," all of whom are greatly in need of salvation.

Directories

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS
Offices, 6401 The Paseo
Kansas City 31, Missouri
District Assembly Schedules for 1963
HARDY C. POWERS:

HARDY C. PUWERS:	
Hawaii	
Abilene	
Alabama	
Florida	
Nevada-Utah	June 12 and 13
Southwestern Ohio	July 3 and 4
Minnesota	July 11 and 12
Chicago Central	July 18 and 19
Northwest Oklahoma	July 24 and 25
Kansas	July 31 to August 2
Northwestern Illinois	August 15 and 16
Joplin	September 18 and 19
North Arkansas	September 26 and 27
G. B. WILLIAMSON:	
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Washington
Philadelphia
Los Angeles
Rocky MountainJune 6 and 7
New EnglandJune 19 and 20
MaineJune 26 and 27
MichiganJuly 10 to 12
Eastern MichiganJuly 17 and 13
Eastern KentuckyJuly 24 and 25
Dallas August 1 and 2
Wisconsin August 8 and 9
Tennessee
Louisiana August 28 and 29
CARLIEL VOLUMO.

SAMUEL YOUNG:				
Northwest	. Ma	y 1	and	2
Idaho-Oregon	. Ma	y 9	and	10
Southern California	May	22	and	23
Canada Central	June	27	and	28
Northwestern Ohio	July	10	and	11
Pittsburgh				
Illinois	July	24	and	25
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Missouri	gust	15	and	16
Northwest IndianaAu	gust	22	and	23
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D. I. VANDERPOOL:	
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NebraskaJune 27 and 2	8
Gulf Central July 12 and 1	3
ColoradoJuly 18 and 1	9
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Southeast Oklahoma September 4 and	
South Arkansas September 18 and 1	9
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Mississippi May 1 and 2
British Isles North
British Isles South
Canada AtlanticJune 20 and 21
AlbanyJune 26 and 27
Canada WestJuly 5 and 6
Oregon Pacific
AkronJuly 31 and Aug. 1
Southwest IndianaAugust 8 and 9
Houston
GeorgiaSeptember 11 and 12
North CarolinaSeptember 18 and 19
Southwest OklahomaSeptember 25 and 26

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V. H. LEWIS:	
San Antonio	and 2
Washington Pacific May 15 a	and 16
Canada Pacific	and 24
Alaska	ind 31
South DakotaJune 19 a	and 20
North DakotaJune 27 a	and 28
West Virgin'aJuly 4	to 6
Northeastern IndianaJuly 10	to 12
Central OhioJuly 17	to 19
East TennesseeJuly 25 a	
Kentucky	and 8
IndianapolisAugust 21 a	
Kansas CityAugust 28 a	and 29

Deaths

JOHN W. HUSTON was born at Hutchinson, Kansas, September 26, 1873, and dled at his home in Cherokee, Oklahoma, May 23, 1962, at the age of eighty-eight. He was a failthful, devout Christian, loved his Lord and the church, attending services faithfully until a few weeks before his death. He is survived by his wife, Clara; a son,

Vern of Seattle, Washington; and two daughters: Mrs. Lettle M. White, of San Gabriel, California; and Mrs. Irene J. White, of Augusta, Kansas. Funeral services was conducted at the church in Cherokee, by his pastor, Rev. W. 1. Poteet, with burial at Aline, Oklahoma.

MRS. EMMA MILLER REY of Lansing, Michigan, was born June 18, 1881, and died at her home on June 20, 1962. Although in failing health, she lived an active life, and had driven her own car to lived an active life, and had driven her own car to church on the Sunday previous to her death. She was an active member of Lansing First Church of the Nazarene from its early days, having Joined in 1920. With her many taients, she served her church through the years as Sunday school teacher, member of the church board, in the missionary society, and was on the church membership committee at the time of her death. Her Christian life and testimony were an inspiration to all who knew her. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Arlene Andrus, of Okemos; two sons: Max Miller, of Grand Ledge; and Dean Miller, of East Lansing-Funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Harry T. Stanley, with interment in Dimondale Cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH R. KIRK was born at Gravette, Arkansa, October 1, 1873, and died at her home in Melrose, New Mexico, on June 8, 1962. She was married to James P. Kirk in 1897, and to this union were born nine children. Two children pre-

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ceded her in death, and her husband died in 1926. She was converted at the age of tweive, later sanctified, and became a member of the Church of th Nazarene in 1918. She was a charter member of the Melrose church and lived a devoted Christian life until her death. She is survived by six daughters, Hazel Harbert, Vinita Robinson, Lepha Kirk, Bessie Hansen, Eleanor Seibert, and Joyce Cooper; and one son, Bert Kirk, Funeral service was conducted at Melrose by a former pastor, Rev. Joe Rogers, assisted by her pastor, Rev. Mrs. C. A. Hosey, with interment in the Melrose cemetery.

MRS. FLOSSIE KENNEDY BAILEY of Lansing, Michigan, was born June 12, 1889, and died June 14, 1962, in a traffic accident near Grand Rapids. She joined Lansing First Church of the Nazarene in 1919, and throughout the years was a devoted and active member. Hers was one of the first cottages at the Michigan District campground at Indian Lake. The summer camp meetings were an important part of her life each year. Her consistent life and testimony were a blessing to all who knew her, who will remember her as a happy Christian. She is survived by her husband, George W., of Lansing; a son, Robert Kennedy; six daughters: Mrs. Ethel Orr, Mrs. Cora Booth, Mrs. Pauline McCaslin, Mrs. Martha Spencer, Mrs. Lucile Greenbury, and Mrs. Betty Dietz. Funeral service was conducted in the church by her pastor, Rev. Harry T. Stanley, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery.

WILLIAM BUBY, affectionately known by hundreds as "Uncle Billy," was born at Burnside, Michigan, November 3, 1872. He was converted in a camp meeting at the age of seventeen. In 1899 he was united in marriage with Bessie H. Bloomfield; they lived together sixty-two years. Mr. Buby spent over half a century in San Diego, California, where he carried on his carpenter trade and devoted countless hours of work to the church. He contributed in the building of more than eight churches in this county. He and his family Joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1909. He served on the church board, in the Sunday school, and as "un-Church of the wazarene in 1909. He served on the church board, in the Sunday school, and as "un-official greeter" with a warm smile for all who came. He is survived by two daughters, Dalsy and Mrs. Elva Jane Osborne; two sons, Nelson and William C.; also by two aged sisters, Mrs. Beth West Mrs. Laura Schoenhals.

RAY DEASON was born September 3, 1896, at Greenville, Kentucky, and died July 11, 1962, at a hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, as the result of an automobile accident. He was a faithful member of

First Church of the Nazarene in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is survived by his wife, Carrie, of Cedar Rapids; four sisters; and two brothers. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. Forrest E. Whitlatch, at Cedar Rapids First Church.

THE BIBLE LESSON

Bu ARNOLD E. AIRHART

Topic for November 18: Redemption: God's Call

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53; Matthew 20: 28; II Corinthians 5:18-21; Ephesians 1:3-10; 2:1-10; Colossians 1:15-22; I Timothy 2:5-6 (Printed: Ephesians 2: 1-10)

GOLDEN TEXT: There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave him-self a ransom for all (I Timothy 2: 5-6)

In the New Testament the only fact that can compare in significance with the death of Christ is the resurrection of Christ; and these are really seen as two aspects of the same event. Only those who make little of sin make little of the Cross and Christ's shed blood. If we have a Biblical viewpoint, and if we are really New Testament Christians. then the death of Christ has the central place in our understanding of salvation.

Jesus Christ, through the shedding of His blood, makes atonement for our sins, effects reconciliation between God and us, provides for our forgiveness and cleansing, and makes possible all the inestimable blessings which came to us from God both now and forever.

Can this mighty fact of atonement in Christ be fathomed by human minds, or is it, as some contend, to be simply believed as a divine mystery? That there are in it unplumbed depths of divine wisdom is certain. But the above scripture passages invite us to try to understand.

Sin, disobedience, and estrangement from God are seen as supreme tragedy, and there can be no solution without suffering. The sufferings and death of Christ are vicarious and substitutionary. Holy and sinless, He suffered and died on behalf of others. For one to suffer for the sins of others would seem immoral, and indeed would be were it not that the One completely identified himself (in the Incarnation) with those for whom He died, and that moreover they must now identify themselves with Him by faith. But more than this, the suffering One is himself the Lawgiver, who must in holiness sustain a moral universe. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself" (II Corinthians 5:19).

The atonement springs from the love of God for sinners and the wrath of God upon sinners. By the atonement the whole necessary bearing of the holy God toward men is changed and rendered favorable to us who believe, so that a restored, personal, Father-child relationship to God is made pos-sible. God is both "just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus" (Romans 3:26).

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Radical Muslims Increasingly Vocal in Pakistan

WHEATON, ILL. (MNS) - A stepped-up antimissionary campaign seems to be appearing in the newspapers and mag-azines in Pakistan, it has been reported by the Conservative Baptist Foreign

Mission Society here.

Typical of the antagonistic attitude is the announcement that a member of the National Assembly of Pakistan will move a resolution by the Assembly to banish all fereign missionaries, take over all missionary schools, colleges, hospitals, and nursing homes, and grant no more visas to missionaries to work in Pakistan.

The resolution states that "the foreign missionaries work as political agents hand in hand with their respective governments, all the while using religion and philanthropy as a cloak for their real intentions, subversive activi-

ties, and espionage.'

The new Constitution of Pakistan, which became effective June 9, lists freedom of religion as one of its principles and states that no law shall prevent members of a religious community or denomination from professing, practicing, or propagating their religion.

"The Muslim concept of toleration has been from the beginning that of freedom to remain what you were born or freedom to become a Muslim," explained one authority. "It has never yet meant freedom of movement of conscience . . . It is assumed that Islam is a faith which no Muslim would ever conceivably wish to forsake. Consequently the option to do so does not validly or feasibly exist." This statement is typical of Muslim attitude.

Launch "Religion in American Life" Campaign

New York (EP) – With the theme "You Can Lift Your Life . . . Worship This Week," the fourteenth Annual Religion in American Life Campaign got under way here. It is designed to remind people that "life can be lived on a higher plane than materialism" by regular worship and prayer.

Efforts to get the theme across to all Americans will be launched in November through a nationwide promotion

schedule.

RIAL is sponsored by a committee of seventy-five laymen and laywomen of all beliefs and is supported by twenty-eight national religious bodies. Robert Hull. president of Mutual of New York, is national chairman.

Many African Languages Still Without Scriptures

New York (EP) - The Bible is now available in 48 African languages, the New Testament in an additional 96, and single gospels and other portions in another 184; but the huge task of translating the Bible into some 800 additional African tongues is only half



Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Please explain II Chronicles 7:14, where God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." Speaking of "wicked ways," does He mean the sinner? We know God's people aren't wicked.

These words have a twofold reference. well as a bad man. The Hebrew lexi-They apply, in their context, to the nation Israel, known as the people of God and called by His name (Israel comes from words which mean "power with God as a prince.") The nation did, unfortunately, fall into wicked ways. When the people repented and turned back to God. He heard their cry, forgave them, and healed their land.

In the wider reference to the people of God in all ages, it must be said that the word translated "wicked" is one of the broadest words in the Hebrew language for anything which is not what it ought to be. Its nearest English equivalent is perhaps just "bad," in the broad sense in which one may speak of a bad choice, a bad location, a bad deal, as

con gives a number of meanings: adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, displeasure, distress, evil, grief, harm, hurt, sorrow, and others. It comes from a root meaning to spoil, to make good for

You see, there are good people who have bad ways, as an editor's correspondence abundantly illustrates. It is quite in keeping for the best of men to pray the prayer of the Psalmist: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way [margin, 'way of pain, or grief'] in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalms 139: 23 241

Do you not believe it is wrong for the membership of the church to vote on the retention of preachers? Isn't it too much like politics, which, so far as I can find out, Jesus Christ was very much against? Why are the ministers not selected and placed by the board of the head office on the recom-mendation of the district superintendents? If the people must vote, why the secrecy—why not have them sign their names?

No, it isn't wrong. It is just one way of arranging for pastoral leadership, hammered out on the anvil of experience between the extremes of appointment by higher authority on the one hand and unlimited congregational authority on the other. And it is no more like politics in the sinister or evil connotation of the word than was the choice of Matthias in Acts 1, or of the seven deacons in Acts 6.

As far as "politics" is concerned, wirepulling and place-seeking are far more possible in the type of situation you describe, where a superintendent or bishop or board makes the decisions as to who shall serve where. Signed ballots or publicly announced votes are used only when the person casting the

vote is representing a group or interest other than himself.

Of course no human machinery is absolutely perfect. We would not claim our method of pastoral arrangements to be The fact that each General Assembly spends much time working with the details shows the conviction that improvements can be made. But the Constitution of our church, which cannot be changed by action of the General Assembly alone, and amendments to which must be ratified by two-thirds of the district assemblies. clearly says. "No local church shall be deprived of the right to call its pastor. subject to such approval as the General Assembly shall find wise to institute" (Manual.) Par. 30, No. 9, [2].

finished, according to the Rev. Maynard Booth, secretary of the Bible Societies in the Rhodesias.

U.S. Laborer "Spiritually Bankrupt," Says Editor Henry

St. Paul, Minn. (EP) -In a special lecture presented here at Bethel College and Seminary (Baptist General Conference), Dr. Carl F. Henry of Washington, D.C., charges that, while the American laborer is better off materially than most of the world's workers, he is spiritually bankrupt.

Editor of Christianity Today, Dr. Henry declared that the "big secular labor unions" have contributed to the meaninglessness of work and to the spirit of materialism.

Citing a growing tendency of unions to schedule meetings on Sunday mornings during church time, Dr. Henry observed that "the worker wants his Saturday nights for fun, but his Sunday mornings are spiritually for sale. Some professional and business conferences follow this same pattern."





The new sanctuary of the First Church of the Nazarene in Brunswick, Georgia, was dedicated by District Superintendent Mack Anderson. The building is of contemporary design, with entrance through an open court leading into the main all-glass foyer of the church. The plant is valued at \$120,000. Rev. Jack Dell, pastor for ten years, has recently moved to Conway, Arkansas.

A church and parsonage of contemporary design, veneered in Indiana limestone, was completed and occupied by the pastor and people of the Fort Wayne, Indiana, Southside Church of the Nazarene in January of this year. The structure features a split-level educational unit, large foyer, nursery, church office, study, and a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 400. Mr. W. A. Gunter, Jr., of Dayton, Ohio, was the architect. Dedicatory services were held by District Superintendent Paul Updike. Rev. J. Ray Shadowens is the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Donaldson, evangelist and singer, were greeted by Lieutenant Lowell Thomas, 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina, when they visited the base while in a revival meeting at the First Church of the Nazarene, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Lieutenant





Thomas presented the Donaldsons with a photo painting of the famous tactical F-105 Thunderchief.

Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee. Illinois, dedicated its new, \$550,000, four-story men's dormitory with appropriate exercises with Dr. V. H. Lewis, general superintendent, as the speaker. The building will house 201 men students. It has been named Hills Hall for the Late Dr. A. M. Hills, Olivet's first president.—N.I.S.



Holy Freedom



HOLINESS is not captivity in the narrow confines of cold legalism, but freedom in the Spirit of God. Holiness is the qualification of the person to rise above pettiness and self to see the loftiness of the divine plan.

Holiness is more than a commitment of man. Holiness is a committed man plus an atoning Christ. It is an indwelling Presence, a cross borne, and an empowering fellowship. Holiness is abundant living, found by the surrendered self. It is not a feeling of ecstasy but a condition of purity. It is as daily as the sunrise, as new as the morning, and as real as the granite hills.

Holiness is kind words spoken by unselfish people. It is good works done with unselfish motives. It is love without pretense and dedication without show. It is the reflection of the nature of Christ in the conduct of a man. It is a sanctified heart expressing itself in a cultivated life.

Holiness is a pure heart enjoying the freedom of right motives. It is lofty aspirations justified by a divine enablement. It is brave dreams given substance through real faith.

Holiness is the nature of God framed in the situation of a man. It is humble when praised, gracious when opposed, and ready with promptness when duty calls. Holiness is health of the soul, radiance of the life, and vitality of the spirit. Holiness is both eager and stable. He who has adventured to follow the true call to holiness can never be content to become a captive of the cold legalism which knows nothing more eager than a law or more alive than a mandate.—MILO L. ARNOLD, Moses Lake, Washington.

When You Don't Know What to Do



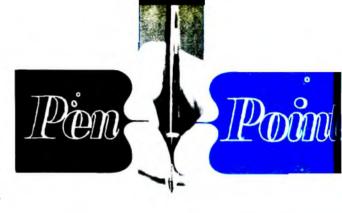
Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. . . . Be not afraid nor dismayed . . . for the battle is not yours, but God's (II Chronicles 20:12-15).

JEHOSHAPHAT was the fourth king of Judah after the division. He

was one of the best kings—he feared God and tried to lead the people in the way of the Lord. At the time of the text the Moabites and Ammonites came against Judah.

Jehoshaphat, not knowing what to do, called the people together before God in prayer and fasting. God answered the prayer—their enemies split and fought among themselves. Jehoshaphat and his people were spared even a battle.

Jehoshaphat found the secret of knowing what to do when he didn't know what to do—he took his problems to God. And his method and this text are just as apropos in our day as in that day. There are so many times in the twentieth



century when we who are God's people do not know what to do. As a nation, as a church, as individuals, we are puzzled. As a nation, the tensions of the nuclear age almost overwhelm us. We can no longer sit complacently back with folded arms because we stand for God and right. Our nation has largely forgotten God. And as individuals we live in an age of tension, anxiety, and neuroses,

What can we do? We can do everything within our power for God and right; then we can keep our eyes upon God, put fear and dismay behind, and look to God—for the battle is the Lord's. When you don't know what to do, when you reach the end of your rope, when all seems dark and lost—"take it to the Lord in prayer."—WILLIAM J. NICHOLS.

Incontestable Victory

Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (I Corinthians 15:57).
WE USUALLY THINK of victory as

coming at the end of a contest. But Paul speaks of victory as the possession of the Christian even in the midst of the contest—"Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory."

This was a proclamation of real faith on the part of the Apostle, who seems to be saying that victory is not something to be gained in the distant future, but is a present reality in the life of all true believers. Such Christian optimism explains why Paul was able to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13).

Paul had not yet come to the end of his life, and yet he was already claiming and proclaiming victory! Paul was well acquainted with trouble and persecution (on more than one occasion he took the time to enumerate his many sufferings and tribulations); but even in the midst of adversity he had a sweet assurance of God's presence and spiritual victory.

It is significant that Paul in writing this letter to the Corinthian congregation uses the pronoun "us." He writes, "God giveth us the victory." Paul is saying that every person who knows Christ as Saviour has this ever-abiding sense of victory in his soul. That's the reason we can say with the Apostle, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed: . . . thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—B. P. Russell, Pastor, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.