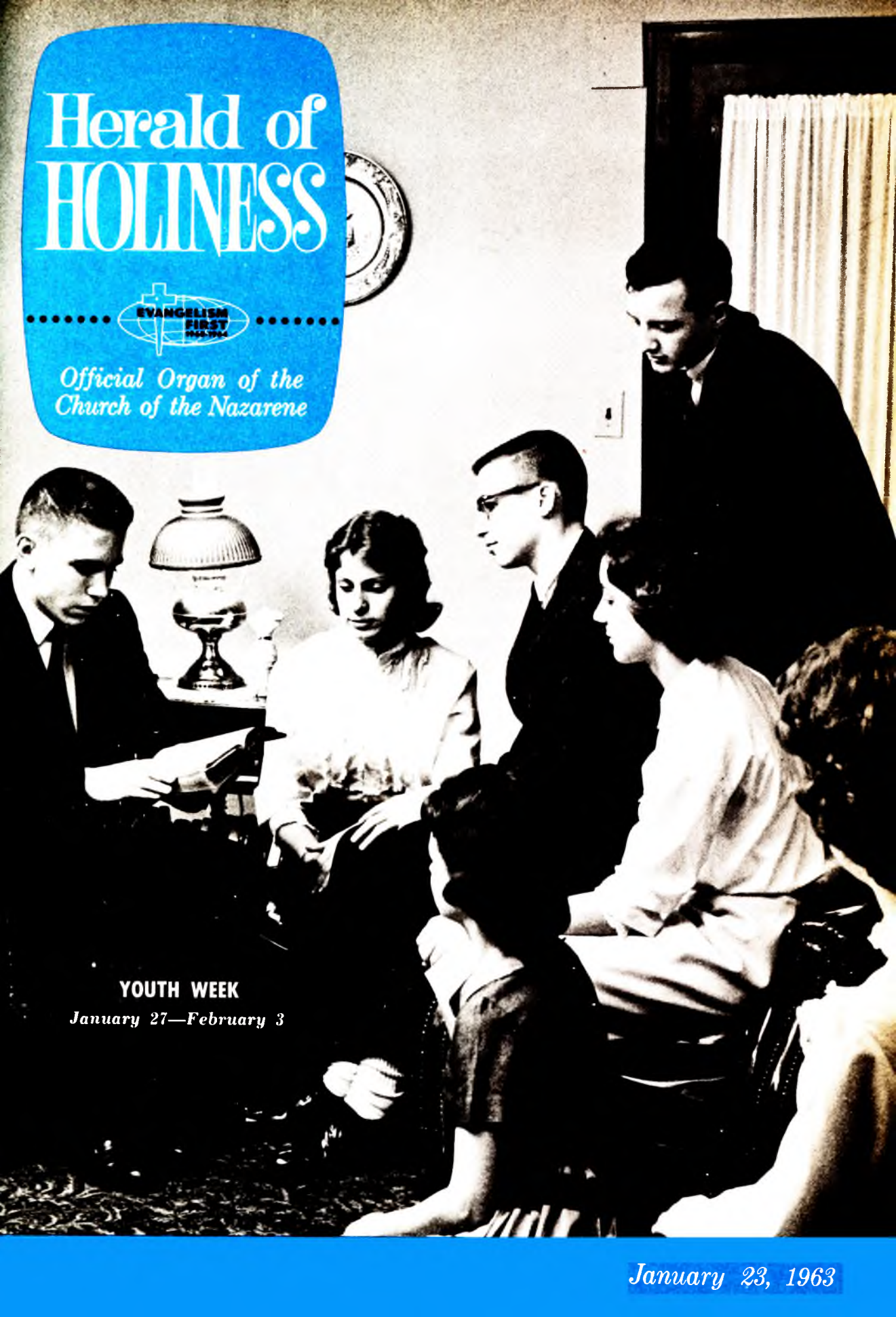


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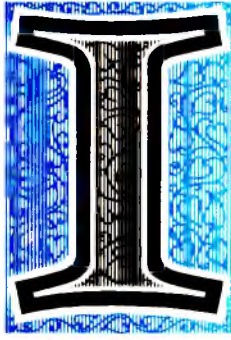
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# *Choose the Narrow Way*

**THE VALUE** of restraints enforced upon youth may be discounted, but disciplines voluntarily accepted are richly rewarded. The method of administering discipline may be faulty yet the result be beneficial. The attitude of the disciplined makes the difference.

Discipline may be too severe or too soft. There is no infallible method known to men. Severity has produced both criminals and saints. Freedom has often been abused. Strong character has sometimes emerged in spite of laxity. In either home, school, or church, rules can be too many and too rigidly exacting. Nevertheless none of these institutions can perpetuate themselves by their product if they fail to direct lives according to principles of Christian conduct that are firm and changeless.

To accept the discipleship of Christ is to embrace the discipline of Christian living. Jesus said, "Narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." His disciples are not draftees; they are volunteers. They find the narrow way because they seek it.

I have chosen the narrow way. It was not forced upon me. I could have forsaken it any time. I know only an inward compulsion now. I choose it today and each day because I love it. Nothing that would lure me from it

has any attraction for me. Why do I choose this way?

1. Because thereby my purpose to refuse all evil is reinforced.

2. Because it helps me to concentrate on the highest values. Time is not wasted. Strength is not dissipated and devotion is not divided. "My heart is fixed."

"Now rest, my long divided heart; . . .  
Nor ever from my Lord depart."

Living this separated life may shorten the radius of my acquaintance, but being one of the herd may dilute my witness in word and deed. Social acceptability purchased by compromise is

*General  
Superintendent  
Williamson*



much too costly. It may identify me with the many who follow the broad way to destruction.

3. I choose this narrow way because it sharpens the thrust of my life toward eternity. Jesus said, It "leadeth unto life." On the broad way the throngs are confused, aimless, drifting. My companions of the narrow way have clear vision, steadfast purpose, and a high goal.

I am a love slave to Christ and a voluntary captive to the narrow way.

# EDITORIALS

By W. T. PURKISER

## "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

From the midnight blackness of his life's most tragic hour, Jeremiah, the prophet, looked up into the face of the God he had served so well and exclaimed, "Great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:23).

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and happy indeed is the person who has learned to lean hard on the everlasting arms. For God's love will never let us go, and God's grace will never let us down.

SUCH A STEADYING TRUST in the turmoil of life does not come from the circumstances themselves. Unless we carry it with us into the storm, it will not be there in the crisis hour. Many have sought in vain for a strong hand in the dark, but have not found it because they refused to take that hand while they walked in light.

Dr. William Greathouse has pointed out that there are three great areas in which the faithfulness of God may be proved before the hour of crisis comes upon us.

THE FIRST is the faithfulness of God in forgiveness. John wrote it thus: "If we confess our sins, *he is faithful* and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). John's choice of words is no accident. You or I would have been more apt to write, "If we confess our sins, He is gracious and merciful to forgive us our sins."

But forgiveness is no matter of caprice or impulse on the part of God. It is the expression of His faithfulness to the covenant of redemption with the Lord Jesus Christ. Because Christ died for our sins, God is both just and the Justifier of those who savingly believe.

There are no limitations to the forgiving faithfulness of God. It is not more readily given to some than to others. Scarlet sins, and those red like crimson, are made white as snow or as undyed wool. Rich or poor, educated or ignorant, wise or foolish, cultured or underprivileged—the promise is the same. "If we confess . . . he is faithful and just to forgive."

THEN THERE IS the faithfulness of God in sanctification. We have often quoted Paul's great prayer in 1 Thessalonians 5:23: "And the very

God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Sometimes we have overlooked the verse which immediately follows: "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

Two things are included in this area of God's faithfulness. We are to be sanctified entirely, and preserved blameless in spirit, soul, and body. To be wholly sanctified means to be freed from all inner sin and separated to the service of God through the power of His Holy Spirit. To be preserved blameless means to be kept whole and complete and without blame or stain of sin.

As if sensing that the critic might say, "Oh, well, this is just an ideal which cannot be reached in this life, a beautiful prayer without much practical meaning," Paul places the faithfulness of God in pledge of its answer for those who will add to it their own personal "Amen." God, who calls us to holiness, is not teasing—offering what He will not give. He is *faithful*. He will do it.

AGAIN, the faithfulness of God is proved by His support in the hour of temptation. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

What assurance there is in these words! Temptation may be severe. Indeed there is the suggestion that God will permit us to be tempted up to the limits of our ability to bear, but not beyond. No overwhelming temptation will be allowed.

Those who would argue that the Christian must sin every day in word, thought, and deed, that he cannot avoid the defeats which sinning brings into his life, have reckoned without the faithfulness of God. If any sanctified child of God falls, it is not because he has to, but because he allows himself to grow careless and presumptuous.

This does not mean that we have no responsibility in guarding against the tempter. The temptation will still come. The way of escape must be taken. The decision which defeats the enemy is a decision we must make. But the faithfulness of God himself is pledged as guarantee that the victory is ours.

Great is His faithfulness—to forgive, to sanctify, and to keep from overpowering temptation.

## The Cover . . .

*Youth Week, January 27—February 3, 1963, points up the importance of the youth work of the church. Through the N.Y.P.S. and the youth work of the Church Schools Department, the Church of the Nazarene is not only building the church of tomorrow but immeasurably strengthening the church of today.*

"This I recall to my mind," said Jeremiah, "therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:21-23).

FROM THE ASSURANCE of God's faithfulness, trust and hope are born. This is not a matter of cold calculation, reasoning from past experience and drawing rational conclusions. It is total confidence in the reliability and trustworthiness of our Heavenly Father. God has proved His faithfulness over and over again. Because we know Him for what He is, we may commit our present and future to Him with assurance.

Since God is faithful, what about us? We may trust Him. Can He trust us? What we have not always understood is that the New Testament uses the same word for "faith" and "faithfulness." To believe—really and truly—means to be faithful. May we then rest in confidence on the faithfulness of God, determined by His grace to reflect that faithfulness in our own lives and service.

## RESTLESS

By MILO L. ARNOLD

*God grant that I may restless grow,  
Nor ever be content*

*To merely squander years below  
Unto no purpose bent.*

*Forbid that I my flesh should please  
And let my spirit clod,  
Or choose a path of human ease  
But fail to reach for God.*

*Give me, O God, a deep unrest  
That leaps the common groove,*

*Aspiring to a better best,  
To dare an upward move.*

*Let me not die and nothing win  
Or squander years in vain,*

*But may a spark of God within  
Light my ambition's flame.*

## Editorial Notes

The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene is in annual session this week at the headquarters of the church in Kansas City, Missouri. Composed of equal numbers of ministers and laymen representing every area and interest of the denomination, the Board meets each year beginning the Monday after the third Sunday of January prayerfully and carefully to consider the work of the year just beginning.

Beginning on page 12 of this issue of the *Herald of Holiness*, we are happy to present digests of the reports given to the General Board by the department heads, covering the work of the past year. The *Herald* for February 20 will report the actions and plans of the Board for the coming year.

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Next Sunday is the beginning of Youth Week for 1963. Many local churches make this a time of special inspirational and evangelistic services designed particularly for their young people and the youth of the community. Many of the finest young people in the world are growing up in our homes and churches. They are worthy of our prayers, faith, and interest.

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**By PAUL MILLER**  
General Director, Nazarene Teen Fellowship

*Ye are not your own . . . ye are bought with a price (I Corinthians 6:19-20).*

## HIS—on Call—1963

A SCHOOL AUDITORIUM . . . the assembly audience hushes as the tall, sober-faced candidate for student body president presents his "platform" . . . "and, if I am elected I will serve to the best of my ability as becomes a Christian" . . . twenty-five hundred high school students recognize the witness of a teen-ager that is—"HIS—on call."

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Youth Week is a strategic time to pause and reflect upon the youth of our church and, as objectively as possible, the church we are offering our youth.

In a recent survey by the National Sunday School Association, pastors of twenty-seven denominations (including the Church of the Nazarene) were contacted and asked to interview teen dropouts on their church rolls.

The three primary reasons given by the teens for their loss of interest in the church were:

- "Not enough youth activities."
- "Adults inconsistent, uninterested."
- "Bored—no challenge."

With these "excuses" in mind it is illogical to assume that the 40,000 Teen Fellowship members of the N.Y.P.S. are exempt from possible dropouts. Statistics indicate that the average church loses seven out of ten teens during the six-year stretch through junior and senior high school.

Howbeit, one who works with young people must not resolutely accept as inevitable the results of the surveyers and poll takers. Unpredictable youth can be changed.

As the N.S.S.A. survey points up, activity is im-

portant. Christian youth need an outlet for fun and good times: organized athletics and PAL, service projects and cook-outs. The organization that strives to be a family church will provide such a well-rounded activity program.

This is not activity for activity's sake. It is activity as a means to an end—"the winning of teens to Christ and building them into the total spiritual potential of the church," preparing them to take their places in a world that needs leaders with cars and souls tuned to HIS call.

The "on call" teens are those who have adult leaders serving in a greater capacity than "social secretaries" and "transportation managers." Blessed are those young people whose leaders recognize the necessity of becoming "so great a cloud of witnesses."

The broken home, the divided home, the undisciplined home are turning out teen-agers who are looking for consistent, Christian adult friends and confidants.

An ideal Teen Fellowship leader is not always the jovial dispenser of fun, food, and fellowship. He is almost always the one easy to be with, ready with an understanding ear and a prayer.

A current author has christened the teens of the sixties "The Spoiled Generation"—bored, unchallenged, morally flabby.

The specialists and the poll takers try to convince us that our restless adolescents are merely inevitable products of the foam-rubber, high-megatane society that adults have created.

The church is convinced that this restlessness is a searching for satisfaction in which they temporarily find appeasement on the "top-twenty" and

***"Life cannot be fully integrated about the self as centre; it can only be fully integrated when it becomes God-centred. For God is the real centre of the real world; His purpose is its controlling principle; only in Him therefore can all creatures find a centre which brings them all to harmony with one another and with themselves. . . . Consequently there is a constant lure to every soul to find itself at home with Him."—William Temple.***

in power-pack. It is a desire that thousands of teens are discovering can be satisfied only in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The excuses and problems will always be present. Pollsters and surveyers will continue to punch IBM cards. National magazines will ever publish colorful tales of our troubled youth.

Still, Christian teen-agers will stand unwavering with their feet firmly rooted in this hectic world, with their hearts feeling compassion, their hands busy, their ears attuned to HIS call.



A FEW WEEKS AGO at our midweek service one junior high school girl gave a testimony substantially as follows: "At school we were asked to write a theme on the subject 'My Best Friend.' Jesus is my best Friend, so I wrote about Him." This lovely little lady was just one of several teenagers who gave thoughtful, sincere testimony to the grace of God in their lives.

Then I thought of the junior high school boy who just about two weeks earlier asked me to write him a letter so that he might be excused from the necessity of dancing at school. He too is only one of a large number of young people for whom I have written such letters during the years.

Into my mind came another fine young woman who during the second half of last school year was elected secretary of a high school student body of over fifteen hundred students, and who maintained her Christian poise and upheld her Nazarene standards of conduct throughout her time of office.

Then I cannot forget a Sunday evening not long ago when in a regular church service we counted fifty-four persons in choir and orchestra, most of whom were young people. Not one, so far as I know, had left after the youth meetings. Our youth were there in full force, co-operating with the pastor and eager to be at their best for the Lord.

Last night in the revival service two fine boys

and two lovely girls sang a deeply spiritual song, and they did it well. And last Sunday morning when the evangelist asked people to pray with seekers at the altar, a large group of high-schoolers found their way forward to engage in earnest prayer with one of their number.

I recalled attending a football game a few weeks ago when two large high schools were playing a crucial contest. The captain of one team was a splendid young man from our church. Just before the game began, the team huddled and had a minister offer prayer, not necessarily that they might win, but that they would play honorably. I found this has been a custom of long standing, but it still inspired me to see one of my fellows carrying it on.

There came to mind the seventeen young people who are attending colleges and universities, better to fit themselves for service to God and humanity. All of them are active members of the church, making sacrifices of time, money, and energy to prepare for useful Christian lives.

Then there were the five high school fellows who made an appointment to see me in my study on a recent Sunday afternoon. What did they want to talk about? They wanted to know more about the doctrine and experience of holiness, and they were serious.

More could be added, but these are typical of a generation of Nazarene youth who are normal, full of fun, active, and beset with the problems common to their age—but who are taking their religion seriously. Surely, they have lots to learn, but so do you and I.

We have a priceless opportunity—multiplied thousands of upstanding, outstanding teen-age young people in our churches around the world. They are not only the church of tomorrow—they are the church of today! They need, and deserve, our prayers as they witness and live for Christ in an ungodly world. Let us stand behind them and build a wall of holy fire about them as they endeavor to live Christian lives day by day.

## Why I Love Him

By ILA R. MONDAY

*Sometimes He shows the clearest light:*

*"Look now and ye shall see . . ."*

*Sometimes the mantled clouds stay dark:*

*"Have faith, my child, in Me!"*

*And when He shines that precious gleam,*

*My heart leaps to a thrill:*

*But when the darkness stays, unpierced,*

*He's sweeter, closer still!*

# A MATTER OF TIME

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK



IN THE FRONT PARLOR of Grandfather's house stood a seven-foot, hand-carved, cherrywood clock which had been brought from London when the family embarked for America in the early eighteen hundreds. Grandfather himself was just eight years old at the time. He told us how his mother had quilted gold sovereigns into the lining of his jacket. Of course this made the jacket very heavy,

but who would have thought of looking for the family fortune on the person of the youngest child?

But to get back to the clock. It kept accurate time for over one hundred years; and though now retired from service, is still the prized possession of Grandfather's youngest daughter.

I remember well the interesting face of the grandfather clock, with its colored hearts and flowers in a scrollwork design all around the border. We grandchildren learned to tell time by the handsome border before the numbers on the dial meant anything to us.

When the big clock announced the hour or the half hour with its sonorous *Bong!* we knew it was telling us it was time to do something. If the little hand pointed to the drooping bluebell on the right and the big hand pointed to the red heart at the top, it was time to take a nap. When the little hand pointed to the heart at the bottom center and the big hand pointed to the heart at the top, it was time to wash up for supper. Telling time was simple as that!

Grandfather's clock never seemed to be in a hurry. Its shining brass pendulum swung back and forth in a stately, dignified way in time to its slow, rhythmic tick-tock-tick-tock. We knew we could depend upon it—even at the Christmas season, when we were sure its ticktock sounded much slower. Nevertheless the hours *would* finally roll around in spite of our impatience, and the day of days would always arrive with all its festive gaiety.

The very word time is symbolized in my mind with that wonderful old clock. When I asked Mother: "What will I be when I'm a grown-up

lady—a teacher like Aunt Lou, a missionary like Aunt Kate, or a mother like you?" her answer was slow in coming. She was cutting out sugar cookies at the time, and I was poking a plump raisin into the middle of each one.

"I don't know, Dear," Mother replied thoughtfully. "It depends upon what you are cut out to be. God has a purpose for each life. We must each do our best to try to find His loving plan for us, and then follow it the best we know how. Only time can tell—yes, time will tell."

Instantly imagination pictured myself as having been "cut out" by God's hand to be whatever I was to be in much the same way that Mother was cutting out those cookies. But just consider the magical wisdom of *Time* to know what that something was to be! How would Time tell me? This was something to ponder.

Perhaps Grandfather's clock would sound out several extra *Bongs* when Time was ready to divulge the important information. It never had done such a thing before, so this scarcely seemed likely, but certainly my calling in life would be made plain to me in *some* way by the old clock.

To such questions as, "When will it be the Fourth of July?" "When will it be my birthday?" "When will Papa be home?" "When will Flossie get some more baby kittens?" "When will the apples be ripe in the orchard?" the stock answer was, "When the time comes."

Time seemed to have a hand in everything. So I had developed a healthy respect for it long before I knew the scripture that declares: *To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted . . . a time to weep, and a time to laugh . . . a time to get, and a time to lose . . . a time to keep silence, and a time to speak . . .* (Ecclesiastes 3:1-7).

A few years ago, through a rainy night, while I waited anxiously with other members of the family for the difficult premature birth of a dear daughter's first baby, the clock in the hospital hall became the most important object of attention. How very slowly the hands seemed to be moving as the hours crept by! "*A time to be born, and a time to die,*" its steady ticking kept repeating. *Birth—and death; birth—and death.*

Inevitably—relentlessly—time was recording the

moments of our lives—all of our lives. But time was making a mistake tonight as it ticked, "*A time to be born.*" Nature's time for this birth was still several weeks in the future. "*A time to die*" then? Surely this could not be Death's time to take our precious young daughter or the wee scrap of new life for which the entire family had been so eagerly planning.

In the light of early morning the doctor stood in the doorway, every line of his face showing weariness and concern. In a voice calculated to allay some of our fears without making any rash promises, he told us, "The baby is here at last. She is tiny, but she cried lustily and her heartbeat is fairly strong. We have her in an incubator under oxygen, and I think she has almost an even chance. The little mother is a soldier. I believe she, at least, will make it." Turning from the doorway he added, "All we can do now is wait and pray—only time will tell."

Yes—of course, our hearts assented. Time—and the Father's will. Time and a loving God brought a happy climax to that chapter of our lives. We are still thanking Him for this.

God is always working with time. He tries to tell us with each passing moment—with every beat of our hearts—*There is a time to every purpose under the heaven. Take time to live life fully, for life is brief. Take time for holy living, for eternity is always.*

But so often we do not listen!

Our lives are geared to the fast-moving machinery of our modern space age. Shiny little clocks of chrome and plastic are quietly and efficiently whirring off the minutes these days. The voice of Time seldom speaks in sedate, unhurried ticktocks telling the certainty of birth and death, with time in between for living life usefully—graciously—lovingly.

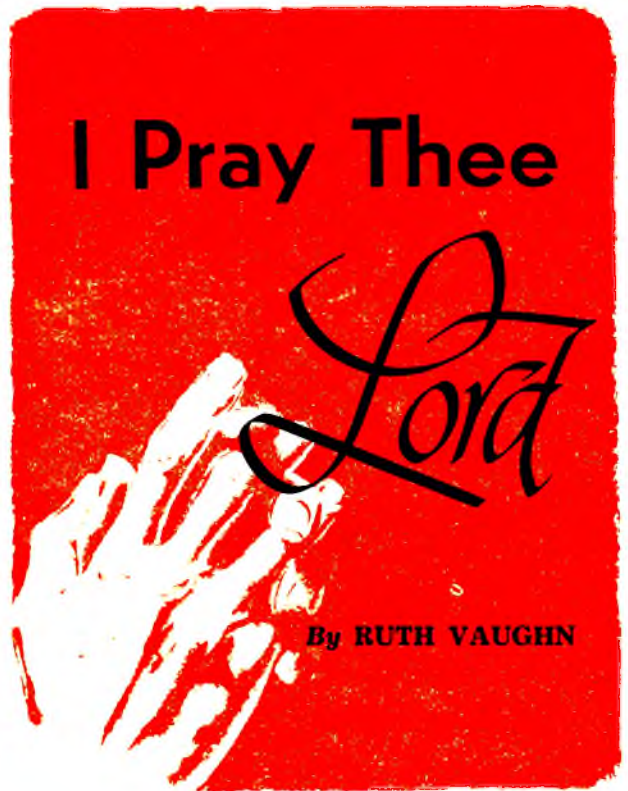
Instead, our production-line, electronic time-pieces fuss at us nervously, "Hurry! Hurry! You will never have time to finish all that must be crowded into today's schedule!"

Today's preschoolers don't need a clock. Many of them know by the time they are three that lunch time comes with the cartoons on Channel 4; dinnertime is ushered in by "Super Somebody" and his space cadets; and they simply can't go to bed until they have seen and heard their favorite shoot-'em-up western or detective thriller.

Of course by bedtime they are too exhausted (or keyed up) to hear a Bible story and quietly talk over the events of the day with Mother and Daddy before prayer time. Fortunate indeed is the child whose parents listen to his hurried prayers, for evening hours after the children are asleep must be utilized for social life, business contacts, or just finishing work left over from the crowded day. So children are hustled off to bed and to sleep.

We are in danger of forgetting that we have souls to inspire and mature as well as bodies to feed and clothe and minds to educate.

In God's vast eternity there has been given to each of us a brief span between birth and death called life. How very sad is the thought that many a life will be over before a soul finds time to discover what God has cut him out to be!



SO NOW IT IS NIGHT. A myriad of stars have come to twinkle on the earth and pirouette on the canopy of blue. The full-orbed moon pushes through the river of dark in a golden stream. And I turn out the lamp and slip between the cool linen sheets, sighing at the sweet restfulness of the pillow beneath my head.

And sleepily I whisper into the stillness, "Now I lay me down to sleep . . ."

But then I pause. I sit bolt upright. I look about. Here are all the ingredients for a peaceful slumber. I feel the comfort of the bed. I hear the hushed breathing of those I love. All is quiet, calm, serene.

But my mind races to that shanty I passed in the car today. The woman, clad in her thin, patched skirt, was carrying a wailing child into the house.

At this moment was she biting into the tautness of her knuckles in an effort to keep back hot tears as she attempted to figure out a way to feed her children for one more day and pay the rent for one more month? Could she lie down in peace to sleep?

My hand reaches out to the missionary book



lying on the stand at the side of my bed. I hold it to my heart as my mind explodes again with the words "thousands starving." What common, impersonal words those had been in my reading! "Thousands starving"! Statistics from another world.

And yet they were people—children just like those who slept in my house. "Thousands starving"!

Where are they during the dark coldness of night? Is the wind their pillow, the earth their bed, sullen clouds their roof top?

And then I think of Tim.

Tim, the boy who saunters past my door in his black leather jacket, his eyes smoldering with a pent-up power. The sardonic smile that he wears on his face bespeaks the despair that fills his heart, growing daily as it spreads root and stem.

In what poolroom or tavern is he now sitting—with no future but gloom—with no hope but sin?

And when he leaves his group of rowdy companions and again makes his way past my door in the deep of midnight, will he have clean sheets to enfold him in slumber? Will tender security wipe away the frown from his face? Is there a mother to come and stand over his sleeping form, praying that he will find God?

"Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray Thee, Lord . . ."

What can I say?

That He will keep me safe from the anxiety of trying to find enough food for the next day's meal?

That He will always spare my children from being listed in the statistics given impersonally of "thousands starving"?

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## Give Me the Faith!

By **BERNIECE AYERS HALL**

*So trusting, from a frozen bough,  
He chirps a merry tune,  
Oblivious of wind and snow,  
As tho' it might be June.  
What confidence! From sparrow heart  
He pours his gratitude  
For these few crumbs, not knowing whence  
Will come tomorrow's food.  
So trusting for tomorrow's needs!  
His faith puts mine to shame!  
When storms oppress, Lord, help me lift  
Faith like a soaring flame  
To trust past what my mind can grasp  
Or spirit comprehend.  
Give me the boundless faith revealed  
By my small feathered friend!*

**"It is tragic that many men have felt that they had to choose between a Christian anti-intellectualism and an anti-Christian intellectualism, between the savants and the saints. It is a great pity that so few have steadfastly maintained that sort of Christian intellectualism which can be genuinely humane without being a whit less faithful to evangelical truth. It was a great evangelist himself who exhorted his people thus:**

**Unite the pair so long disjointed:  
Knowledge and vital piety;  
Learning and holiness . . .  
Truth and love . . . (Wesley)."**

—Albert C. Outler

That He will shield my little boy from the hopeless despair that lies deep within the larger boy's eyes?

That I and my loved ones will be held in a warm cocoon of love and goodness while . . .

She lies taut in the unresponsive dark, wildly scheming how to get by?

While little ones who also have big brown eyes, long lashes, and adorable smiles, face cold and death?

While Tim walks dully past my door, carrying his weighted heart of sin and anguish?

While others face the pain and darkness of evil? "O Lord!" my anguished soul now cries, leaving behind the well-worn phrases of complacent prayer. "O Lord, save me from suave content while others die without Thee.

"O Lord," the tears fall fast upon the cool linen sheets, "make me a channel through which Thou canst flow to those who are needy, to those who are hungry, to those who are cold, to those who are lonely and unloved.

"May my heart burn with love until, when I lie down to sleep in the beautiful comfort with which Thou hast enfolded my life, the words that upward fly from my soul to Thine will be intercessions which open doors so that—

"Thou mightst touch the frantic woman in the shanty—

"Thou mightst comfort the 'thousands who are starving'—

"Thou mightst dispel the crust around the heart of the tall, despairing boy who walks in front of my door—

"Thou mightst rid my soul of selfish complacency."

*Now I lay me down to sleep;  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take,*

AMEN!



# NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

By **LYLE PRESCOTT**

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I HEARD a man talking about New Year's "resolutions" the other day, and I wondered what he meant. After a moment's thought, I understood that he was talking about New Year's *resolutions*, but merely mispronouncing the word. Then it occurred to me that if everybody really kept his New Year's resolutions, it would be revolutionary indeed!

How are you getting along with your New Year's resolutions? Are you succeeding in keeping them? Have you simply forgotten about them? Or were they so big that you find yourself unable to fulfill them? Have you become discouraged?

New Year's resolutions may easily fall into two categories: first, the easy ones, the ones that we are able to keep if we just apply ourselves; and second, the great ones that could affect the very core of our lives if they were kept.

As to the easy ones: housewives, for example, resolve to better their daily lives by doing such things as washing up their dishes after every meal, instead of letting them stack up in the kitchen in a burdensome and discouraging accumulation. Husbands resolve to show more appreciation for their wives when little things are done for them. Young people resolve to say, "Thank you," for every favor, or to hang up their clothes when they take them off. People, separated from their families, resolve to write them once a week, to maintain better contact and to express the affection they truly feel but have had difficulty in putting into words.

All of these resolutions are fine, and all of them are on a level that we ourselves can carry through. It is not necessary to go to a doctor, to a lawyer, or to a psychoanalyst, and to pay sizable fees, in order to do these good things. Every one of these things we are able to do if we just pay a little attention to it and apply a little old-fashioned determination or elbow grease. And the inner satisfaction we receive from the accomplishment and the sense of confidence in ourselves will be worth whatever effort the task demands.

But what about those king-size resolutions, the revolutionary ones? How are they coming along? Now that we are well into the new year, shall we stop and take a frank look at our really big intentions?

An acquaintance of mine confided in me a few days after Christmas that he had given up liquor. I was glad to hear it, for liquor is his greatest enemy. My friend told me that he had not drunk a drop of liquor for four days, despite the constant invitations and inducements of his old drinking cronies. I admired him very much for his stand, congratulated him, and assured him of my earnest prayers. I recognized, however, that even worse than the inviting colors of the liquor ads, the cleverly worded appeals of the liquor interests, and the enticing offers of his friends, my acquaintance was faced with an inner compulsion built up by years of surrender to a devilish appetite for alcohol.

My friend faces a need so great that the usual brand of New Year's resolution will not solve his problem. St. Paul exclaimed: "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Corinthians 6:19-20).

So here we are face to face with the solution of the problem of New Year's resolutions too big for us to carry out. God claims an interest in our lives. God wants to come into our hearts, to reign and rule and help us personally with the problems of our lives. He has promised to forgive our sins, cleanse our hearts, and help us bear our infirmities and human weaknesses.

St. Paul must have met some people back in his day who were struggling with the demon of alcohol, for he wrote wisely, "Be not drunk with wine, . . . but be filled with the Spirit." Here it is easy to see the basic conflict between "spirits" and the Holy Spirit.

On rare occasions we meet men who claim to be self-made men. They tell us how they alone broke the habit of tobacco or liquor without the help of God. This type of person is extremely rare, and seems to have gained one victory only to fall victim of the sin of pride. Besides, his victory

***It may be all right to be content with what you have; never with what you are.***  
—Forbes.

consists only of negative factors. He does not, he says, drink, smoke, or swear, for example.

But man needs much more in his heart life than freedom from a list of physical or moral habits. There must be a great, positive satisfaction within. St. Augustine expressed it beautifully when he said, "Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee."

Yes, God is the answer to your problem of keeping your New Year's resolutions. Let God enter the new year with you. Let Christ come into your heart. Prove how He will come into your life if you will only sincerely and wholeheartedly open your heart's door to Him. Let Him go all the way with you this year. If you experience His love and power this year, you will want Him always through time and eternity!



# MIRACLES of Divine Healing

By **PETER W. GREEN**

Wairarapa Sunday School Superintendent, Frankton Junction, New Zealand

IN THE HOPES that my humble testimony may inspire hope in some doubting or despairing reader, I offer this testimony of a personal great release brought by the miracle of divine healing.

First, I would make it clear that I am no apostle of any so-called faith healing group, but I do believe in divine healing as a definite experience for the believer when the case in question is in God's will.

I am pleased to report that in my case medical confirmation of the miracle having transpired was given, which in itself is the positive looked for by every sincere inquirer.

Prior to 1941, I had been through seven years of suffering from a very painful malady. Doctors' attention was always sought and I believe this is God's way when medical can help. Much had been spent on operations and general medical expenses during the seven years, but I was steadily declining and in a condition which could be attended only by a specialist. In 1941, I had reached a state of health where I despaired of natural healing, and with the slow sapping of strength I was losing the will to carry the responsibilities of life. Medically, the future was very dark and hopeless.

My good wife and I had however maintained a personal faith in our God, and found ourselves faced with only one hope—divine healing.

In the quiet of our own home we two, without any pastor or friend present, knelt one Sunday night and specially asked God to do the humanly impossible thing. After brief prayer, and without any sensational experience, but with the beautiful

calm of resting faith, I had no return of pain.

Despite also ceasing to take precaution, I immediately enjoyed complete release, and the constant thrill of new health. After three years of being without a touch of the old pain, I made an appointment to visit my esteemed former specialist.

The very first moment he saw me as I entered his surgery, he pointed at me and in great surprise exclaimed, "What have you come here for? I can tell by the look of your face and the color of your skin there is nothing wrong with you!"

He had not seen me for three years. In response to such a welcome I smiled and replied, "Just came to have a talk with you, Doctor." Before I could say another word he asked if he could examine me, as he was so surprised. This over, in a few moments he was seated and eager to hear my story. So I related the simple and wonderful story of divine healing.

This was his reaction: "I cannot scoff at what you have said. I have your operational records, and having examined you I am forced to accept your story as the only explanation."

The years have rolled by, and after twenty-one years I still rejoice in that blessing, but also in the far greater miracle of divine deliverance from the power of habitual sin.

While divine healing of the body is very wonderful, the divine healing of the soul is far more wonderful in its experience, and is the one great need of every individual, without which the future holds only spiritual death, and life here is only bare existence.

# THE CHURCH AT WORK

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The General Board is meeting this week for its 1963 session. A fulcrum for planning the work of the year ahead is consideration of reports for the year just closed. At the editor's request, each of the denominational officers reporting to the General Board has prepared a digest of his full report for publication in the "Herald." These reports follow:*

## GENERAL SECRETARY



Our statistics for the year 1962 show that we now have 4,803 organized churches in the United States, British Commonwealth, and overseas home missions. This gives us a total church membership in these areas of 335,005—a net gain of more than 8,000 members

during the year.

In addition we have 957 churches on foreign mission fields with additional main stations and outstations numbering 1,125. Our foreign missionary membership is 58,997. This makes a total world membership of 394,002.

The total amount paid for all purposes by the church during 1962 statistical year was \$49,504,444.00—an increase of \$2,383,366.00 over last year. Again the per capita giving of the denomination for all purposes revealed a healthy increase of \$3.62, making an all-time high record of \$147.78 per member.

S. T. LUDWIG  
*General Secretary*

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The total enrollment in all departments of our educational institutions

for the first semester of the 1962-63 college year numbers 5,949 students—the highest number recorded in Nazarene history. This is almost a 5 per cent gain over last year.

Evaluation of buildings, grounds, and equipment of our educational institutions amounts to \$17,404,232. This is an increase of \$2,480,027. Of the total enrollment, 1,519 students are preparing for full-time Christian service—1,046 are preparing for the ministry; 42 are preparing for the mission field.

S. T. LUDWIG  
*Executive Secretary*

## FOREIGN MISSIONS



God has seen fit to deposit in the care of the Church of the Nazarene the precious truth of His redeeming grace. But this sacred deposit must not only be safeguarded—it must be committed to others.

We consider ourselves accountable to God for that holy message

—the gospel. But we are also accountable for our efforts to make it known to the ends of the earth.

With the opening of our work in Chile during the past year, the Church of the Nazarene now labors in 43 world areas. In these fields we stand accountable to God for a total native population of 395 million souls.

Our missionary objective is to make Christ known, to make converts, and to establish churches for the permanent edification of believers. In this work, evangelism is the keynote of all our activities. Literature has been printed and distributed as a means of evangelism. Medical treatments have been given in

our three hospitals and our forty-four dispensaries to make contacts for Christ. Radio programs have been produced and broadcast to gain a hearing for the gospel. Bible correspondence courses have been prepared and conducted to bring men to a knowledge of Christ. Street meetings, camp meetings, Sunday schools, and many other forms of direct gospel witness have consumed the energies of our missionaries and national workers to press upon men the claims of Christ.

It should bring gratitude to our hearts to know the following statistical record indicating the fruit of our labors:

National pastors and workers, 1,830

Enrolled in Bible schools, 711

Total constituency, members and probationers, 58,997.

Sunday school enrollment, 101,838

General church programs, such as "Operation Doorbell," have received enthusiastic endorsement and participation on many of our fields. As one missionary expressed it, "We didn't find any doorbells, but we found open hearts."

Our total missionary staff now numbers 438.

During the year a total of thirty-seven missionaries were commissioned by the General Board. Of these, thirty-three have been sent to their fields of labor. Dr. Margaret Hynd will complete her training in Scotland and depart for Swaziland in February, 1963. Rev. and Mrs. Lee Eby will be ready for departure to New Guinea on April 15, 1963. We expect Miss Norma Armstrong to leave for the Philippine Islands within a few days.

Special activities of the Department of Foreign Missions this year included a series of 9 Cross-country Conventions during March, 1962; publication of the *Missionary Beam*, containing articles giving basic instruction to missionary candidates; publication of the *Other Sheep*, which now has a circulation of 174,993. As a preparation for our 33 new missionaries, a Missionary Workshop was conducted in June, 1962, giving instruction in 4 general areas: learning the language, missionary practices, learning the people, missionary methods.

For the thirty-six furloughed missionaries, a workshop was held with instruction and discussions on missionary policy, deputation work, etc.

General Budget funds made available to the Department of Foreign Missions amounted to \$1,813,413.97.

During the year, Alabaster funds totaled \$412,691.91.

Approved Specials brought in \$138,792.63 to provide for special missionary projects.

The importance of regular and substantial support of the General Budget cannot be overemphasized. Many churches envy our budgetary system of financing our world-wide program. We



We owe a great debt of gratitude to the loyal Nazarenes for increasing their giving at a time when the income for the world-wide program in some other denominations has been falling off. With the exception of the Golden Anniversary year, more districts reached the goal on "10 per cent" giving than ever before. God has been living up to His promise by pouring out blessings upon the church, and if we bring all the tithe into the storehouse His blessings will be so great there shall not be room enough to receive it.

	1961	1962	Increase
General Budget	\$3,368,993	\$3,659,308	\$290,315
Mission Specials	891,276	984,611	93,335
Total	4,260,269	4,643,919	383,650
Alabaster	412,431	424,240	11,809
N.M.B.F.	512,981	568,978	55,997

JOHN STOCKTON  
*General Treasurer*

must guard against anything that would jeopardize the flow of consistent and adequate funds to provide for the advancement of the gospel.

Ten per cent for world-wide evangelism must become a denomination-wide reality as a foundation on which to build a stronger, more enduring financial structure.

Deeper levels of sacrifice which find expression in prayer and fasting and contributions through the Prayer and Fasting League can enable the church to discharge its obligations to a lost world.

Perhaps we were never more strategically situated as a church to make a significant spiritual contribution to this sin-cursed world than we are today. To do this will require attention to two significant points:

First, a greater measure of self-support on our mission fields. It is not sound missionary administration to continue to grant larger and larger amounts unless the national church is assuming a larger share on its own behalf. A stable missionary work cannot be built on a "give away" basis with the national church becoming more and more dependent upon the home church. We must trust our missionaries to catch the vision of a self-supporting national church and with patience, but with persistence, pursue this objective.

Second, we must guard against any general slackening of a sense of burden on the part of our people. The missionary appeal must be kept alive. Every Nazarene must be involved in the task. This is not the peculiar possession of a few hobbyists or enthusiasts.

Commitment of possessions of life and of service must be laid upon our people without apology and without letup.

Altars should be opened to young people everywhere in colleges, camps, and churches for life commitments to the service of God and the church.

As God blesses our laymen we must make our world-wide program sufficiently challenging to claim their fullest potential.

GEORGE COULTER  
Executive Secretary

## MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE



We are happy to report that the Department is now permitted to grant assistance to a retired minister and wife to subsidize income from all sources, including social security, to bring them up to a maximum of \$175 per month. This has been done without increasing the budget.

It is the plan of the Department to give further increases in monthly and emergency benefit grants as more churches co-operate fully in the 2 per cent N.M.B.F. budget apportionment.

Peaks of progress were reached in almost every area of endeavor in 1962.

The following are some of the high points: 563 cases served with monthly assistance checks; 65 added to the roll during the year; 524 on the roll as of December 31, 1962; 186 ministerial families—active and retired—received medical emergency assistance; 44 were aided with funeral assistance; 78.81 per cent of the N.M.B.F. apportionment was paid by local churches; almost one-half million dollars spent in all areas of benevolence and pensions service.

As we push ahead to higher heights and greater goals for God, we should pause for a moment to pay respect to thirty brave pioneers who were on the benevolence roll a year ago but who during this past year have gone to their heavenly home.

May we also show our sincere continued appreciation to the many still on the roll who have served our church so sacrificially in its earlier days. We can never forget those who have helped to make it possible for you and me to know and enjoy holiness of heart and to be privileged to serve in the Church of the Nazarene today.

DEAN WESSELS  
Executive Secretary

## GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The General Stewardship Committee has many assignments. Not only is this committee charged with financial responsibilities, such as Thanksgiving and Easter Offering publicity, 10 per cent church promotion, tithing education, obtaining wills, gift annuities, and special gifts, but it is also charged with the responsibility of stewardship education throughout the church.

### High Lights of 1962:

1. The Easter Offering of \$1,266,920.04 was the largest single offering ever raised.

2. It looks as if the Thanksgiving Offering will go over \$1,200,000. This will be the largest Thanksgiving Offering and the second largest church-wide offering in our history.

3. A total of 1,074 churches and 15 districts reached the goal of giving at least 10 per cent for world-wide evangelism. This compares with 1,010 churches and 10 districts in 1961.

4. An amount equal to 8.74 per cent of the total raised for all purposes by churches was given to continue the spread of scriptural holiness around the world. Again, this compares with 8.58 per cent last year.

5. Our per capita giving reached an all-time high of \$147.78.

### 1963, Stewardship Year

Dr. M. Lunn's book, *Treasures in Heaven*, will be taught generally in all of our churches in February and March.

We should easily reach three significant peaks during this year: at least 50 million dollars raised for all purposes; \$150 per capita giving for all purposes; 10 per cent or 5 million dollars given for General Budget and Approved Missionary Specials.

After careful study of stewardship indicators, which include the last fourteen years, my personal conclusion has been, "... seek ye first the kingdom of God,

and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Therefore, let us go "all out for God" in 1963, and in all the years ahead. May we always put "God first."

DEAN WESSELS  
Secretary

## PUBLISHING INTERESTS



"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" . . . and to Him be the praise and glory!

As your Publishing House enters its second half-century of service, it is a pleasure to present this fiftieth annual report for the folks at your Publishing House. It represents one of the

greatest years of its first fifty of helping to spread the full gospel to the whole world by the printed page. All of us are humbly thankful for the continued loyalty of our church leaders, pastors, and people, and for the guidance God has given us.

In 1912 an old residence at 2109 Troost was purchased for \$12,000; \$1,000 cash and \$1,000 per year at 6 per cent interest per annum. Modest equipment from Los Angeles and similar equipment from Peniel, Texas, were shipped to Kansas City to set the wheels of the new publishing venture in motion. Operation was started with \$2,600 in cash, and the first year's sales were approximately thirty thousand dollars.

Our last fiscal year shows that almost \$1,000,000 is employed in the business; sales for the last fiscal year exceeded \$3,000,000; well over fifty million printed products were distributed this year; and donations made or earmarked for general church channels amount to over \$2,000,000.

**BIBLE COMMENTARY:** The most substantial book project we have ever launched is the commentary on the entire Bible. In ten volumes, it will be thoroughly Wesleyan, carefully prepared, written for both minister and thoughtful layman. The first volume is scheduled for release in time for the 1964 General Assembly. It is hoped that the entire project will be completed within five years after the first volume is ready. This will be the first full Wesleyan commentary since Adam Clarke.

Dealer music sales increased 17.8 per cent during the first eleven months of 1962 covered by this report, and retail sales by 10.8 per cent, to make a total gain of 14.5 per cent.

As your Publishing House faces the future with faith in God and commitment to its task of spreading the full gospel to the whole world by the printed page, it is encouraging to note:

● A recent survey of thirty publishing houses revealed that your house had the lowest prices on its Sunday school literature. Also it was the only house among the thirty that gave a 5 per cent discount for cash with Sunday school orders, or 2 per cent for

payment in fifteen days after the start of the new quarter.

● The survey also revealed that it was the only publishing house paying postage on parcel post shipments and Sunday school supplies. As you may know, Congress has voted a 7 per cent increase in second-class (periodical) mail each year for the next three years. This will mean another postage increase (this time, 21 per cent), which we shall endeavor to offset by cutting down on expenses and, with your help, adding to our sales volume.

● One of our main projects for 1963, and one which will be heavily underscored from now on, is the *Herald of Holiness*. *Herald* readers make loyal, dependable, enthusiastic, informed church members. Let's not let down on *Herald of Holiness* promotion.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" . . . and to Him be the praise and the glory!

M. A. (BUD) LUNN  
Manager, Nazarene Publishing House  
Executive Secretary, Department  
of Publication

## HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION



In our overseas home mission fields it is a joy to report a membership gain of 7.8 per cent last year. Total membership is now 2,464 and Sunday school enrollment 7,069. The beginning of a district organization has been set up in West Germany (including Denmark).

We have an opening in Bermuda. Three Bible schools are in operation: in Sydney, Australia; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Frankfurt, Germany.

During 1962, seventy-five new churches were organized and the General Secretary reports a net gain of only twenty-eight churches for the statistical year. This is of concern, for when we slow down in home missionary outreach, our membership gains also are less. Home missions cannot be neglected. It is the growing edge of the church.

The Department is as concerned about the growth of churches as it is about their beginning. The Small Church Achievement Program is a challenge to every church to move from a condition of a static plateau to one of growth and advance. Last year 80 churches received recognition as outstanding small churches on their districts and 118 received honorable mention for achievement.

Our Church Extension loan funds have continued to grow throughout the year. Of total loan funds of almost \$2,000,000, there is approximately \$800,000 in permanent, non-borrowed money. Since Church Extension loans were first started in 1947, 583 loans have been made to 481 churches on 71 districts for a total amount of \$4,164,279. Yet we

are unable to keep up with the demand.

ROY F. SMEE  
Executive Secretary

## NAZARENE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY



The General Council of the N.F.M.S. reports substantial gains along all lines.

The quadrennial membership goal of 210,000 has been exceeded.

The entire church failed general Star rating by a mere .9 per cent in societies finishing the study

course.

The districts have reported 7,221 official parcels sent valued at \$87,496.

Missionaries numbering 497 each received a cash Christmas gift of \$20.00 and 418 missionaries' children each received \$5.00 or more.

We placed 1,137 names on the Memorial Roll.

Twenty-eight districts and 2,883 societies were Star.

The Prayer and Fasting League is gaining momentum. Great advance awaits us.

General Budget giving through N.F.M.S. for 1962 amounted to \$2,065,241.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN  
General President

## CHURCH SCHOOLS: Editorial Division



We have been given a ministry—we 12 editors and the 8 secretaries who help us. Through our periodicals in 1962 each Sunday we preached a gospel message to 222,000 adults, presented carefully planned Bible study to 115,000 teen-agers, and gave an hour of Christian instruc-

tion to 265,000 children under twelve years of age. Our Sunday morning congregation is more than 600,000.

The circulation gains of the Sunday school literature have been good. Of our 29 periodicals, 23 show gains and 2 held even. The average Sunday school attendance gain was 3,600 but our average circulation increase was 12,000. This means that some 8,000 of our people are using the literature this year who did not use it last year. Also 1962 was another year of growth for the vacation Bible school publications. We served 1,300 more teachers and 4,600 more pupils than in 1961.

Since 1957 the Church of the Nazarene has been affiliated with the Holiness Denominational Publications Asso-

ciation. Its purpose is: "To join together the holiness denominations to improve their Christian educational and other publications by sharing information and by co-operative projects." The term "Aldersgate" has been adopted to indicate these co-operative publication projects. To date we are working co-operatively with one or more of this group in the publication of our curriculum for nursery, kindergarten, and juniors; also Sunday evening *Aldersgate Teen Topics*.

During the summer plans were laid for an expanded use of our Sunday school materials in the British Isles; and we negotiated for a graded, evangelical German-language curriculum for the Sunday schools of our new West German District in the Church of the Nazarene.

A. F. HARPER  
Executive Editor

## CHURCH SCHOOLS: Program and Promotion



The total number enrolled in Nazarene Sunday schools now stands at 808,129. This includes 101,996 on the foreign fields. Each Sunday last year an average of 498,239 people were studying God's Word in Nazarene Sunday school classes; 71,121 of these were

in schools in other lands. We have 41 more schools this year and 11 additional branch Sunday schools. We show a gain in attendance of 3,868 and 3,578 in enrollment.

One of the most encouraging aspects of our church schools work this past year was our vacation Bible schools. Including our schools on foreign fields, a total of 3,317 schools were held with a total enrollment of 311,843. The reports show 35,931 unchurched pupils reached and 36,739 who bowed at an altar of prayer to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. We had 85 new schools. A new record was set when over \$23,500 was received on the V.B.S. project to provide holiness literature for some of the mission fields.

The outreach of the Sunday school is extended through 1,419 Home Departments with a total membership of 13,012. This is an increase of 37 organizations this year. We are reaching into new homes through 3,477 Cradle Rolls, 36 more than last year. We now have 51,510 babies enrolled. We look forward to the "Baby of the Week" campaign this next spring to lengthen this outreach arm.

Our young people were taught and evangelized this past year in 121 children and youth camps sponsored by district church school boards. A total of 15,410 attended and 9,660 found help in Christ at an altar of prayer. This is 830 more than last year. In spite of program revision and a change in meth-

od of reporting, Caravan reports continue to show advancement. We have 32 more members this year than last.

Although no official report was received, the "Go, Teens, Go" emphasis this fall resulted in many new young people joining Nazarene Sunday schools, according to informal reports received. We are proud of our youth who accepted the challenge of "Each two win one."

Our attitude in the Department of Church Schools is, "Hats off to the past, but coats off to the future." There is much ground to be gained, many unsaved to be saved, and many members to get trained to teach others that they too might know Him, whom to know is life eternal.

K. S. RICE  
*Executive Secretary*

## EVANGELISM



Highlighting the activities of the Department of Evangelism for 1962 was the Mid-Quadrennium Conference on Evangelism held in Kansas City, along with three Conferences on Evangelism held at Northwest Nazarene College, Olivet Nazarene College, and Beth-

any Nazarene College. All of these conferences were outstanding for the warmth of their spirit and the facing of our commission to promote aggressive holiness evangelism.

Specific areas of service which the Department has endeavored to provide include the following:

A monthly "Open Date Listing Service" for all evangelists.

The "Moving Nazarenes" service, which during this year processed 1,080 moving Nazarene families to all parts of the United States, Canada, England, Australia, and South America.

Recognition of churches who made specific goals in receiving new members by profession of faith. Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificates were given to 821 such churches.

Special emphasis was given during 1962 to "Family Evangelism." An appropriate Family Altar Commitment Day was held March 11. "Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 11, captivated the imagination of Nazarenes everywhere as 537,138 families were contacted for God and the church. The most significant results were that from the "Operation Doorbell" effort 6,870 persons joined the church by profession of faith.

As we view the major task of the Department of Evangelism, to promote aggressive evangelism, we recognize that it is our responsibility to translate plans into happenings in individual lives. The Department is committed to personal evangelism as the responsibility of every Nazarene. A filmstrip entitled "You Can Win Them," the true story of one Nazarene's personal evangelism effort, has been prepared by the Department,

and is now available from the Nazarene Publishing House.

Personal evangelism sincerely practiced will strengthen and supplement the work done by our faithful evangelists on the front line of mass evangelism in 1963.

EDWARD LAWLOR  
*Executive Secretary*

## NAZARENE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY



At the end of 1962, the N.Y.P.S. enjoys a report of progress and an outlook of promise. We have now our greatest opportunity to deal effectively with youth regarding personal spiritual reality and responsibility.

Here are the facts: membership—Junior Fellowship, 43,363; Teen Fellowship, 40,803; Young Adult Fellowship, 54,639. Total, 138,805, or an increase of 6,018.

Ninety-nine new societies were added, for a total of 3,892. In addition, we have 14,925 excellent members, and 605 societies on foreign missions districts. This is a gain of 127 organizations and 1,972 members.

Grand totals—N.Y.P.S. International: number of societies, 1,497; membership, 153,730.

International Institute, "Operation Unbelievable," became "Operation Unforgettable" for 515 teen-agers and 305 youth leaders. The impact was indescribable and the potential benefits to the Kingdom and the church through the lives of these Spirit-filled young people, and the other 11,000 who attended district youth institutes, is immeasurable.

PAUL SKILES  
*Executive Secretary*

## NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION

Each world crisis—and there were plenty of them in 1962—added weight to the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission's growing responsibility to our armed forces personnel. The office of the Commission now serves through its active contact program 7,369 young men and women from our churches. The responsibility list, which includes dependents, now totals 16,000.

Two major Commission-sponsored events during 1962 were:

(1) Nazarene Chaplains' Retreat held January 2-4, 1962, in Kansas City. The program, built around the theme "Men of Faith in a World of Fear," produced many opportunities for the chaplains present to receive and exchange inspiring ideas relating to their distinctive ministry, enjoy the friendship of fellow chaplains, and sense the reality of God's presence. Thirty-three Nazarene ministers are now on active duty as chaplains in England, Holland, Germany, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, on shipboard, and in U.S. assignments.

(2) Fifth annual, all-Europe Servicemen's Retreat was held November 19-23, 1962, in Berchtesgaden, Germany. One hundred forty-three were registered and the affairs were planned and administered by the excellent steering committee composed of Chaplains Lyle Robinson, Claude Chilton, Shural Knippers, and Curt Bowers. The Retreat theme, "Christ Is the Answer," became a personal reality for many.

Special guest and speaker for the Retreat was Rev. Bob Cerrato, superintendent of the Italy District, whose warm-hearted ministry was a great blessing to all.

PAUL SKILES  
*Director*

## AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

There's no doubt about it, Nazarenes believe in the Bible—"Word of Power" . . . personally, and for the needs of all men everywhere.

One evidence of this confidence is the fact that during 1962 the Church of the Nazarene gave a record of \$30,640.60 to the cause of Scripture translation and world-wide distribution through the American Bible Society. This tops the preceding record year, 1961, by almost \$6,000.00. "Glory!" to quote the enthusiastic action of one A.B.S. official.

The steady increase in percentage of participation is also a very significant and encouraging factor. Reports indicate that 69 per cent of the churches took part, and that ten districts—Alaska, Dallas, Nebraska, New York, Northwest, Northwest Indiana, Northwestern Ohio, Oregon Pacific, Rocky Mountain, and South Dakota—achieved 100 per cent.

PAUL SKILES  
*Denominational Representative*

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE TRAINING

"When We Train We Gain" has been proved by the churches that have taken training seriously.

There were 1,897 churches that participated in Christian Service Training in 1962. A total of 53,185 credits were earned with 8,296 of these being taken by Home

Study. There were 3,170 awards made to individuals during the year.

This is the first year the denomination has exceeded the 50,000 credits without the aid of a denomination-wide study.

A total of 17,740 credits were earned in teacher training courses, with 914 persons receiving the Registered Teacher award.

The color filmstrip with recording, "This Is Your Church," which was produced for C.S.T. and released last April, has been well received, with 330 prints delivered.

A total of 829 "Prepare to Share Libraries" have been secured by local churches to be used in their training program.



*Treasures in Heaven*, by Dr. M. Lunn, has been published as the text for Unit 113.1a, "Studies in Stewardship." This will be the denomination-wide study during February and March of 1963.

BENNETT DUDNEY  
*Director*

## NAZARENE RADIO LEAGUE



"Showers of Blessing" is in its eighteenth year of continuous service. Beginning with only 37 stations, it is now being aired on 411 outlets in 49 states and in 25 other countries.

"La Hora Nazarena" is now in its tenth year. Beginning on 12 stations, it is currently

heard on 103, in 17 countries, and by short wave around the world.

The popularity of "Showers of Blessing" in our country is witnessed by the fact that 250 stations carry it as a public-service feature. Its voice is constantly heard far beyond the range of our 8,000 ministers.

Its popularity outside of our country is illustrated by a survey recently made in Jamaica, where for six years before opening a work there the church has been airing the program on Jamaica's largest station. The survey revealed that of all programs—news, religion, music, and all others carried on the station—"Showers of Blessing" ranked third in popularity, being listened to by 40 per cent of the adult population.

T. W. WILLINGHAM  
*Executive Director*

## NAZARENE INFORMATION SERVICE (N.I.S.)



During the year that has sped, the start of mid-week newsletters in scores of Nazarene churches was one unusual development in this area of communication within our denomination. Judging from the way the new "Nazarene News Briefs"

caught on among pastors, about one church in ten was putting out some type of congregational paper or letter at the close of 1962.

"Subscriptions" to "Nazarene News Briefs," free upon request, jumped to between four hundred and five hundred copies for the last three issues. In all, Nazarene Information Service mailed 162 news items to pastors in 6 mailings during 1962.

Pastors were asked to send copies of their newsletters to N.I.S. in return. The majority responded. N.I.S. received an average of 200 letters a week, or more than 10,000 during the year.

All were scanned and N.I.S. items used were tabulated. This gave some insight into the local pastor's judgment as an editor. It also proved an inspiration to be brought closer by this means to those who are doing the job of winning the lost to Christ and His kingdom.

During 1963, N.I.S., in addition to other duties, plans to mail "Nazarene News Briefs" free to all pastors who publish a newsletter.

O. JOE OLSON  
*Director*

## THE BOOK COMMITTEE



A total of seventy-three manuscripts have been reviewed by the Committee in 1962. As these average more than one hundred pages, this is a mass of nearly ten thousand pages of manuscript material—a sizable task as extra-curricular work for seven men already

overburdened. Thirty-three of these manuscripts were approved for publication.

### A NAZARENE BIBLE COMMENTARY

One of the most thrilling projects ever launched by the Publishing House is the projected Bible commentary. It will be a ten-volume set, covering the entire Bible. Largely done by Nazarene writers, it is hoped that the first volume will be published by the time of the 1964 General Assembly.

### THE EVANGEL LIBRARY

This is a project of presenting all the facts of our faith in separate volumes. These volumes will be written for lay consumption and made available in inexpensive format. The general title is "This We Believe," and the first volume now envisioned will be *This We Believe About Repentance*.

### THE EXPLORING SERIES

This series of texts have won wide acclaim. Two are presently under development: one on *evangelism* and one on *holiness*. It is our hope that the volume on evangelism will be ready in 1964.

NORMAN R. OKE  
*Secretary to the Book Committee*

## "SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

January 27—"The Heart of Jesus," by Lloyd B. Byron

February 3—"How Bright Is Your Light?" by Dallas Baggett

February 10—"A Call to the Deep," by Dallas Baggett



Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Harriet Elizabeth Short (Mrs. Harvey L.) on December 25, 1962, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of eighty-two. She was a charter member of Bethany First Church; she named the town of Bethany, Oklahoma. She had been a member of Oklahoma City First Church since 1917. On last October 26 she and Mr. Short (who survives) celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. She is also survived by three daughters: Mrs. R. K. Adams, Mrs. W. B. Cherry, and Mrs. A. L. Bragg.

After pastoring Grace Church in Port Arthur, Texas, on the Houston District, for the past five years, Rev. V. B. Curless has resigned to accept a call to pastor the church in Perryton, Texas, on the Abilene District.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Parsons will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on January 28. They have been members of the Church of the Nazarene about forty-eight years; are now members of the College Church in Nampa. The family is having a celebration for them on January 27 at the home of Marion D. Parsons, in Nampa. Their home address is 723 Twelfth Avenue Road, Nampa, Idaho. They have seven living children: Larry, of Ketchikan, Alaska; Margaret Koolhof, of Winters, California; Philip, of Eugene, Oregon; Paul, of Mountain Home, Idaho; and Marion, Ralph, and Dan, all of Nampa.

## THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Shadyside, Ohio—In the late fall our church had a profitable revival with Rev. W. F. Miller as evangelist, and Maynard Walker, singer. Night after night Brother Miller's effective ministry resulted in souls seeking God at the altar. The attendance was better than in any previous meeting, with 125 present on the last Saturday night. This is our tenth year with the Shadyside church. We served as pastor 1936-40, then returned in 1957 for the second time. I am now serving on a three-year call. The people are most kind to the pastor and family, a spirit of unity prevails, and we count it a privilege to labor with these good folks.—FLOYD A. WYCOFF, *Pastor*.

Rev. P. P. Belew reports: "For the past seventeen months I have been pastor of our Westside Church in Hoopston, Illinois; during this time we have had three revival meetings. The



pastor conducted one; Rev. C. M. Kelly of North Carolina conducted the second; and in December we had the third with Evangelist I. J. MacAllen as the special worker. All these meetings did much good, but the last one was the most effective—better attended and more productive of salvation. Besides being a good preacher, Brother MacAllen is an effective ventriloquist and an accomplished chalk artist. His skits with 'Gospel Pete' and his beautiful drawings added much to the success of the meeting. There was a unanimous request for Brother MacAllen to return for another meeting."

Indianapolis, Indiana—East Side Church is glad to report several steps of progress since the beginning of our new assembly year, last August 1. We converted our two church furnaces to gas, paying in full at the time of installation. We have had a 4 per cent gain in membership, and the church board generously voted to increase the pastor's salary ten dollars per week. In addition, all budgets are paid to date. On Rally Day, last November 18, we had 268 in Sunday school, giving us a 42 per cent gain over the average attendance for the previous assembly year. A beautiful, new, \$3,500 Allen church organ has been purchased. Just prior to August 1 a new \$27,000 parsonage was completed; three bedrooms, two baths, and a two-car garage, with a full basement, which is being maintained by the church for all fellowship gatherings. We give God praise for His blessings.—C. A. GRIFFITH, *Pastor*.

Clarksdale, Mississippi—First Church recently experienced the greatest revival in its history. Rev. W. Charles Oliver, our district superintendent, served as the evangelist and was mightily used of the Lord. The attendance and spirit in each service were excellent, and many seekers, including backsliders, bowed at the altar of prayer and received help from God. Six new members were received on profession of faith, and the entire church is on the move for God and souls.—C. M. ROBY, *Pastor*.

Rev. R. B. Gilmore reports: "For thirty-seven years I lived in a Nazarene parsonage and God blessed and gave a good measure of success. Also served several years in evangelism, and thank the Lord for His blessings. My last pastorate was the North Dallas Church, Texas, where I served for nearly seven years. Due to my health I had to resign and rest awhile; then went to a little town sixteen miles south and started a home mission church. Now after five years here, I have resigned and am available for revivals, week-end meetings, or Sunday pastoral-supply work. I shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write me, 1123 E. Lamar, Sherman, Texas."

Little Rock, Arkansas—First Church is enjoying God's blessings in a real and wonderful way. Two months ago the congregation voted almost unanimously to relocate and build. On November 18 we closed a great fall revival with Rev. Nicholas Hull and Singer Paul Qualls as the special workers. On the follow-

ing Sunday we received twenty-two into church membership, eighteen of these were baptized twenty-one. God has indeed been good; the people are united, love God, and give themselves in service to Him.—THOMAS M. HERMON, *Pastor*.

The Leverett Brothers, evangelists, write: "Due to the illness of a pastor, and his changing pastorates, we have to make a change in our slate. We now have dates open in February for the West, and also the first part of April, which we could offer to pastors in the West or Northwest. Write us, Route 4, Lamar, Missouri."

## THE BIBLE LESSON

By HARVEY J. S. BLANEY

Topic for January 27:

### Why Jesus Taught in Parables

SCRIPTURE: Mark 3:7-4:31 (Printed: Mark 4:10-20, 33-31)

GOLDEN TEXT: *If any man have ears to hear, let him hear* (Mark 4:23).

Our scripture lesson today does not help us much to answer the question why Jesus taught in parables. It seems to say (verses 11-12) that Jesus used parables in order to reveal truth to believers and to withhold truth from unbelievers. Taken at face value, this cannot be correct—and commentaries do not help us much. Perhaps Mark is saying no more than that the truth of God cannot be understood or received except by faith. That is certainly right, but it hardly answers our question.

The fact is that the "why" is not the important thing about this lesson, although it is not difficult to understand why. Truth in story form is easily grasped and retained; and Jesus was a wonderful storyteller. And then the Jews were acquainted with this form of teaching in the Book of Proverbs, for a parable is little more than an enlarged proverb. The parable of the treasure in the field (Matthew 13:44) is more of a proverb than a parable.

Of most importance is the fact that Jesus taught. The New Testament speaks of both preaching and teaching. Preaching is proclamation; the preacher is an announcer. He is like the bell ringer, the ancient newscaster; he is the king's herald who advertises the good news; he is a Paul Revere who warns of danger. The preacher is similar to our concept of an evangelist. Jesus is seldom spoken of as preaching.

Teaching, on the other hand, is giving instruction for the purpose of understanding, appreciation, and development. Jesus is usually spoken of as teaching.

The Gospel writers are called Evangelists because their task was to announce the Lamb of God. The writers of the Epistles were largely teachers, giving instruction in righteousness. It is difficult to know what the ministry of Paul was like when he made converts and founded churches. The one time we are told of his text and sermon (Acts 17:23) he failed to reap any lasting results. The ministry of teaching is much more in evidence in the New

Testament than is the ministry of preaching, in terms of the distinction here made between the two.

Of course both always have been and always will be needed. If there is one major truth which we should get from today's lesson it is that our pastors should be expected to provide a teaching as well as a preaching ministry for their people; also that our evangelistic emphasis should be balanced by an equally strong emphasis upon instruction in the things of God. Unless those whom we see converted are taught the Christian life, our revival efforts produce little fruit. If we believe Paul (Romans 12), the experience of sanctification is associated as closely with understanding as with decision. He pleads that his readers consecrate themselves that they might be transformed "by the renewing of your minds."

Jesus taught in order to teach us the need of being teachers of the Word.

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## Announcements

### NOTICE

Fourth Annual Florida West Coast Indoor Camp Meeting, January 31 through February 10, in First Church (cor. 17th Ave. and 13th St., West), Bradenton, Florida. Services at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon and evening services in City Auditorium, 100 Tenth Street, West. Workers: Rev. J. C. Crabtree, Rev. Fred Thomas, and The Trissel Family. For information write P.O. Box 352, Bradenton, Florida.

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Vernetta M. Schmidt of Sawyer, North Dakota, and James M. Corbett of Bradley, Illinois, were united in marriage on December 22 at Minot, North Dakota, with Rev. C. T. Corbett, father of the groom, officiating, assisted by Rev. Ray R. Glenn, pastor of the bride.

Lelah Richards of Kansas City, Missouri, and Ron Wood of Altus, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on November 24 in the Altus Church of the Nazarene, with Dr. K. S. Rice officiating.

Miss Patricia Mears of Akron, Ohio, and Mr. Paul Lick of Temple, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage on November 24 at the Church of the Nazarene in Rio Grande, New Jersey, with Rev. John T. Doney officiating.

### BORN

—to Rev. G. Ray and Anita Mae (Birchard) Reglin of Falmouth, Michigan, a son, Jeffrey Scott, on December 8.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Carrol D. McIntosh of New Bridge, Oregon, a son, Michael Dale, on December 1.

—to Rev. Robert and Vivian (Graves) Wells of Dayton, Ohio, a son, Jonathan Steven, on November 12.

—to Ray and Ruth (Schwanke) Sharpes of Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri, a son, Scott Edward on October 7.

### SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—by a Christian brother that he may be healed of a chronic sinus ailment, and also may have a closer walk with God;

—by Christian parents in Michigan "for our son in Germany";

—by a Christian reader in Wisconsin for her brother-in-law, a splendid character but unchurched, and wealthy (now past seventy years of age), that he may be saved and use his money for the salvation of souls.

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**139,784 Scriptures to Cuban Refugees**

During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of \$12,021.31, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society.

The Scriptures are distributed through sixty-six pastors of churches and directors of refugee centers in Miami. Where permission is granted, the Scriptures are also placed in clinics. In addition, special contacts are made with the Spanish-speaking pastors who conduct Spanish services. Scriptures also have been donated in an evangelistic campaign directed to the Cuban refugees by Cuban ministers of the refugee centers maintained by the Miami Protestant churches.

Cubans arrive on our shores with little more than the clothes on their backs. Those who are forced to leave their Bibles in Cuba are given complete Bibles; others receive a New Testament and are given the Bible on request or when they become church members.

**Trace Walls of City of David**

JERUSALEM (EP)—Archaeological excavations on Jerusalem's east side have unearthed the line of the walls which once surrounded the City of David.

The British scientists at the site said they discovered that a large part of old Jerusalem was built on an artificial platform which increased the size and improved the amenities of the town but which made it vulnerable to earthquakes and torrential rains.

The discoveries were reported to a meeting of the British Academy in London by Dr. Kathleen Kenyon, principal of Oxford University's St. Hugh's College and director of the British School of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

**Pastor Objects to Government's Use of Lying as Policy**

FRANKFORT, KY. (EP)—Rev. John L. Hunt has taken the U.S. Government to task for the use of lies as an "instrument of government policy."

Urging his congregation to write President Kennedy, Pastor Hunt based a sermon on a statement attributed to Assistant Defense Secretary Arthur S.vester in which the secretary allegedly said: "I think the inherent right of the government to lie to save itself when faced with nuclear disaster is basic."

The statement referred to the use of news as a "weapon" in American foreign policy during the Cuban crisis.

Such a philosophy, that the end justifies the means, Pastor Hunt declared, "is the creed of the dictator. Atrocities are always committed under the banner of good. If safety condones the lie, then we are not worth saving."

the **Answer corner**

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

**It has recently been brought to my attention that Christmas was celebrated two thousand years before Christ was born. Will you please tell me why our church continues to have services on what is really a pagan god's birthday?**

It sounds as if someone has been leading you on. Since Christmas means Christ's Mass (in its original sense of "sending"), how could Christmas be celebrated two thousand years before Christ was born? It is, of course, true

that the Gospels do not give the date of Christ's birth. But to try to make a great point over the coincidence of December 25 and any other event or holiday seems to me to be a sort of sophistry that does nobody any particular good.

**Would you explain why "only unfermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper"?**

This is a quotation from the *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene in regard to this sacrament. That unleavened bread is used is a reflection of the fact that this was the bread used at the Passover (Exodus 12:8), and was undoubtedly the kind of bread Jesus offered His disciples in beginning the sacrament (Matthew 26:17, 26). Leaven is generally conceded to be a type of

sin in the Old Testament.

The use of unfermented wine is our protest against intoxicating liquors and our position in favor of total abstinence. It is also based on the conviction that the Lord, who taught us to pray, "Lead us not into temptation," would not himself place temptation in our way in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

**I have a friend from another denomination who says that I John 5:7 was not in the Bible until the King James translation. Is this true?**

Not quite. The verse is found in only one of the Greek copies of the New Testament made before the invention of printing. It is to be found in the Latin Vulgate (the authoritative Bible of the Roman Catholic church). It appeared in both Coverdale's and Tyndale's English translations in parentheses, about seventy-five years before the King James Version. The Bishops' Bible (1568) was the first English translation to leave out the parentheses.

However Dr. Adam Clarke, a staunch defender of the faith, says: "Though a

conscientious believer in the doctrine of the ever blessed, holy, and undivided Trinity, and in the proper and essential divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, which doctrines I have defended by many, and even new, arguments in the course of this commentary, I cannot help doubting the authenticity of the text in question; and for farther particulars, refer to the observations at the end of this chapter." He then takes eight large pages to examine the evidence, to which I commend your attention if you are interested in following through with it.

**Will you please give in the "Answer Corner" of the Herald of Holiness just the stand our church takes toward the lodges, and why we take this stand?**

Members of the Church of the Nazarene pledge themselves to avoid "membership in or fellowship with oath-bound secret orders or fraternities" (James 1:1; II Corinthians 6:14-17).

The whole subject is explored in the book published by the Nazarene Publishing House, *The Secret Is Out*, by Charles D. Mosher (96 pages, \$1.50), which you should read if you are seriously interested in this matter. The scriptures quoted in the *Manual* point out the danger of close ties of social fellowship with those who are not Christians, and whose ideals radically differ from those of the Christian life.

Two other basic objections to secret orders lie in the aversion to their secrecy most devout Christians feel, and

in the fact that secret orders usually allege to provide a way of salvation apart from Christ and His Church. If the aims and objectives of the secret order are entirely aboveboard, there would seem to be no reason for the oaths with which its members bind themselves. And the inclusion of religious references and assurances of life and salvation within the framework of such secrecy is the very opposite to the openness and public proclamation for which the gospel stands.

Whatever advantages may be found in the charitable activities of the secret orders can be had in various service organizations which are free from the oath-bound secrecy of the typical lodge.



● President Roy H. Cantrell of Bethany Nazarene College presided at this session of the Regional Conference on Evangelism, November 27-29. Principal speakers were Dr. Samuel Young and Dr. Edward Lawlor. Ministers and laymen from nine southwestern states attended and were challenged to "make evangelism first in the daily life of every minister and layman in the Church of the Nazarene."

● Professor Lester L. Dunn conducted the Bethany Nazarene College a cappella choir at the Regional Conference on Evangelism, November 27 to 29, amid shouts of victorious rejoicing. The spiritual challenge of this conference was shared by capacity crowds up to eighteen hundred in Bethany First Church of the Nazarene.

● Miss Velma Knight recently turned the clock on her fortieth year of service with the Nazarene Publishing House, with twenty-eight years as office editor of the Herald of Holiness. Mrs. Colleen Cornwell presents a corsage; Elden Rawlings presents a lifetime gold pen; and Dr. M. Lunn (left), long-time manager of the Publishing House, looks on at the brief ceremony in the office of Manager M. A. (Bud) Lunn. Manager Lunn pointed out that Miss Knight had missed not more than two hours per year from her work by reason of illness. "Velma has been faithful through these years, first



to God, then to the Church of the Nazarene, its standards, and its doctrines. She has never failed to meet a deadline in her work on the Herald," Mr. Lunn stated. Miss Knight's response was, "These forty years have been a glorious ministry."

● Mrs. Annie Wilkinson, a charter member of the East Palestine (Ohio) Church of the Nazarene in 1909, and still an active board member, had another birthday recently—her ninety-fourth. To commemorate the occasion her pastor, Rev. Robert J. Shoff, presented her a copy of the new church history. Called unto Holiness, in a special service held in her honor. Mrs. Wilkinson was converted in her early teens and was consecrated as a deaconess in May, 1917, by Dr. J. W. Goodwin, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene.



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