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Thoughts While Traveling

General Superintendent Powers

ALTHOUGH this present trip is in the nature of an emergency to effect the union of the International Holiness Mission and the Church of the Nazarene, we were privileged to visit Swaziland and our stations at Bremersdorp and Stegi.

At Bremersdorp, Dr. Rehfeldt officiated at the ground-breaking ritual for the teachers' training school building, and I was privileged to turn the first spadeful of earth for the new wing of the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital. Our teachers' training program was begun in Bremersdorp in 1930 under the direction of Miss Margaret Latta. Since that time we have graduated just under three hundred native teachers. Only God can estimate the far-reaching effect of this number of trained, Christian teachers. The new addition to the hospital will give us a capacity of one hundred and fifty beds, making this a Class A institution. Regarding the hospital's service, in Swaziland it is substan-

tially subsidized by His Majesty's government. We greatly enjoyed a time of wonderful fellowship with our noble band of missionaries during a noon luncheon at the station.

At Stegi we were again royally welcomed, especially by our faithful missionaries, and enjoyed two good services within a few hours. We inspected the entire station, including the new Fitch Memorial Church, which is nearing completion and which will seat approximately five hundred people. What a great joy it was to greet our missionaries again! We had lunch and prayed together, asking God's blessings upon them and their great work. The Lord was precious near.

This is springtime in South Africa, and the veldt is beautiful everywhere. However, torrential rains have been falling, and the weather is cold. Sweaters and overcoats are appropriate, although the warmest season of the year normally is from November to March.

"FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION" (1 Thess. 4:3)

TELEGRAMS

Melrose, Massachusetts—Rev. Robert E. Rundlett, pastor at Augusta, Maine, died suddenly of heart attack on November 21. Services were held in Augusta and Waltham; he was buried at Lexington, Massachusetts. Pray for his widow, Rita DeLong Rundlett, and his sons, Paul and Thomas.—J. C. ALBRIGHT, *Superintendent of New England District.*

Birmingham, Alabama—The Alabama District preachers' convention and Sunday-school convention highly successful. Dr. Roy F. Smee and Dr. Charles A. Gibson were the special workers. A wonderful spirit of unity and harmony prevails. One pastor said, "I have been attending preachers' meetings for over forty years, and I have never been in one that I can remember that surpassed the one last week. It was certainly the most instructive and practical." God leads and the future looks bright for Alabama District.—C. E. SHUMAKE, *District Superintendent.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Evangelist O. F. Langford has left the field to accept the call to pastor the church at Frederick, Oklahoma.

Rev. Lester L. Zimmerman has resigned as pastor of First Church in Hammond, Indiana, to accept the call to pastor First Church in Marion, Ohio.

Evangelist C. G. Bohannon is leaving the field to return as pastor of East Side Church in Bloomington, Indiana.

Rev. Dwight Kellar has resigned as pastor of the church at Ionia, Michigan, to accept the call to pastor the church at Pontiac, Illinois.

Rev. J. W. Douds sends word: "I have accepted the pastorate of the newly organized Church of the Nazarene in Newport, Rhode Island. There is a large naval base here and I would like to hear from those who have friends stationed here. My address, 92 Warner St., Newport, Rhode Island."

Rev. Glen Williams has resigned as pastor at Pontiac, to accept a call to pastor Faith Church of the Nazarene in Peoria, Illinois.

Word has been received from Dalton, Georgia: "In addition to our General Budget, First Church has taken the responsibility of supporting a missionary, Miss Olvette Culley,

R.N., of Nicaragua, as our 'own missionary' for this year. The people responded in a wonderful manner in giving for this special project."

After five and one-half years in Newell, West Virginia, Rev. O. T. King is leaving to accept the call to pastor the church in Sumter, South Carolina.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual Conference of General and District Superintendents will open January 14 at nine o'clock in the morning at Kansas City First Church. A program for two full days has been prepared with emphasis on the "Crusade for Souls Now." It is urgently requested that all superintendents be present.

G. B. WILLIAMSON, *Secretary*
Board of General Superintendents

Ye hypocrites (Matt. 15:7).

To make a profession of godliness without the reality in experience is to suffer the sternest indictment ever pronounced by Jesus Christ, "Ye hypocrites."—E. F. WILDE.

Joy is the inner assurance of the triumphant and trusting life, of an irrepressible and contagious and heart-warming spirit that bears the mark of the Spirit of God.—*Gospel Messenger.*

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These churches, according to the district campaign managers' reports, made or exceeded the quota of 60 per cent of the church's membership:

OVER THE TOP!

Church	Percentage
Toledo, Ohio, Sylvania Ave.	118
Port Arthur, Texas, Grace	62
Lithopolis, Ohio	84
Newark, Ohio, East Side	100
Medina, Ohio	124
Nocona, Texas	133
Utica, Ohio	85
Columbus, Ohio, Warren Ave.	75
Portsmouth, Ohio, New Boston	68
Middleport, Ohio	73
Williston, North Dakota	77
Charlestown, Indiana	200
Nowata, Oklahoma	66
Rotan, Texas	100
Cypress, California	69
Paulding, Ohio	100
Springfield, Ohio, East Side	112
Toledo, Ohio, Douglas Road	71
Paradise, Kansas	147
Fairmount, New York (Syracuse Second)	85
Marshalltown, Iowa	71
Minot, North Dakota, First	81
Mansfield, Ohio, McPherson	82
Dayton, Ohio, Maryland Ave.	106
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Crown Heights	147
Worland, Wyoming	213
Fayette, Ohio	69
Georgetown, Ohio	363
Mason City, Iowa	61
Vinita, Oklahoma	500
Lebanon, Ohio	241
Piqua, Ohio	71
Oakes, North Dakota	93
Buffalo, New York	73
Pasadena, Texas	63
Chattanooga, Tennessee, East Ridge	67
Palmer, Nebraska	67
McConnelsville, Ohio	68
Zaleski, Ohio	75
Sunrise Chapel, Ohio	77
Westerville, Ohio	91
Newark, Ohio, First	110
Bucyrus, Ohio	116
Valley City, North Dakota	213
Greenville, Ohio	111
Mt. Blanchard, Ohio	163
Shelburn, Indiana	108
Superior, Wisconsin	167

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WHAT IS A YEAR?

By Milo L. Arnold*

A YEAR is an empty canister, given us to fill with what we will. The receptacle is physically indispensable to the content, but morally it is incidental. The importance of a year depends, not upon its length, but upon its content.

Jesus did not measure life by years but by service to the Father who sent Him, and to the people to whom He was sent. The number of His years is incidental. They were but the essential canister into which He so ably packed a wonderful life. His goal was "to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." The early martyrs learned from Him how to fill empty years. They didn't feel that they must have years, but they must have honor and holiness. Better it was to pack a few years with virtue and faithfulness than, having many years, to fill them loosely with diluted convictions and weak living.

The person who fills his years to the brim with good experiences will have nothing to grieve about if he runs unexpectedly out of years while still having further work to do. The person to pity is that one who runs out of good living and selfless vision while still having years. Twelve months ago the year we are now ending was given to us as an empty canister. Today it is filled with history, it is experience, it is destiny! It is our credential before God and our reputation before men. Some have filled it with waste and spoilage until they now wish vainly to drop it from life. Some have crammed it with love and hope and faith, with joy and service and unselfishness. It is no longer empty, it is filled with treasure.

When God hands a man an empty year and instructs him to fill it, He gives to him an eternal responsibility. Today He has assigned to us that responsibility as we face a new year. This empty canister must be filled, and in due time be sealed and placed in the great storeroom that holds life's total wealth or poverty. Learning to fill a year means learning to live, for years are filled with life.

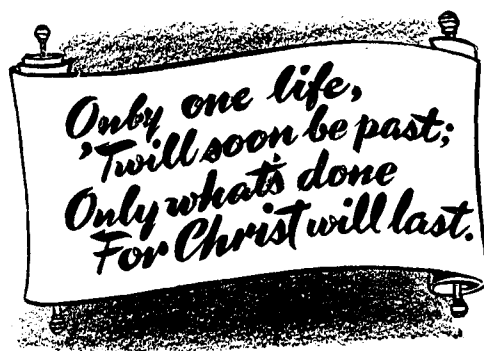
A year is not filled as a unit, but moment by moment and day by day. Each tiny corner of the year must be filled by packing into a moment and an hour the fullest possible content. Each week and each month must be filled in turn, for we cannot fill a year from the top down, but from the bottom up. We cannot remove or move a single parcel once it is placed in the container. Let us then press into each moment those experiences which make for successful living.

The most important thing to learn about filling an empty year is that it is better filled by giving than by getting, by sharing than by accumulating. He who stands greedily within his container, grasping selfishly for every passing possession or privilege, will find at the end he has filled his canister only with himself. He who stands beside

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his container of life and draws from its depths every possible thing he can share with his God and with the needy people who pass by will find that his year is continually made more full until it will finally run over with the very things he has shared. Jesus said, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

The number of years matters little, but the content of them matters eternally. He is not poor who has little time, but he is poor indeed who has time and knows not how to fill it.



INTROSPECTION

By James A. Young*

ABOUT this time of the year a great deal of attention is given to retrospection and inventory. Corporations as well as individuals are engrossed in the detail of their standing, financially and temporally. It all seems very necessary, and without doubt has some advantages. If so, then the spiritual or the religious side of man should merit at least as much consideration. Introspection was the process David used in learning his worth to God, and his inquiry brought him into a rich experience with God. In Psalms 139, verses 23 and 24, we find David making the examination in three divisions: first, *Search My Heart Life*; second, *Do My Thoughts Meet His Approval?* and third, *Is My Outward Conduct Presumptuous?*

The Scriptures place emphasis upon the *heart* life in a number of instances. Solomon, the man of wisdom, insists, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, makes it the basis of righteousness, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness" (Rom. 10:10). In fact, more than twenty times this Christian leader makes reference to the heart in its relation to faith, regeneration, holiness, and the love of God.

David, Solomon, Paul, and all the rest who wrote to us out of the Word of God knew full well that the *inward man* was created for the eternal. God must be known as the source of our being. And this fact remains—we are never

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any better or worse on the outside than on the inside; we only seem to be. Remember, too, that the heart has no cover for deception, infidelity, or carnal desires. We are known to God without any shading, so why not give Him all of our hearts? Let this inventory find you as willing as David.

Lest the heart should not include everything needed for a life with God, David turns next to his *thought* life. This possibly comes nearer to the external living, but the thought life also determines the *heart* life, so we have reached a definite link between man's extremities. Solomon unites it all with the idea that these make the man—"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7). After all, how private can we make our thoughts? Not nearly so secret as we pretend.

An evangelist once related the story of a neighbor boy in an Iowa town. This lad had no control of his mind and every impression that struck him was uttered outright. Women and others would flee from his presence, for fear that evil thoughts were dominating him. What a pity! But supposing ours were made as public. What would they be? God already knows them, and He longs to purge us clean of every evil thought. He waits only for our confession.

With these two essential points examined, we go now to the third part—man in *outward conduct*. We can fail here by simply taking too much for granted. David foresaw this danger and charged himself against "presumptuous sins." The effect of his spiritual life must go clear on to his every activity—feet, eyes, and hands doing right things and going right places, and even the tongue producing blessing instead of cursing. James, the practical preacher, demands that the "fountain" produce the pure, not a mixed form of conduct. "Stock taking" helps us to know what to clear out and how to make room for only the good. Let us examine the "goods" we have on hand, and with the Psalmist say, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."



Just Thy Child!

By L. M. Hearn

My New Year's prayer is like the old, dear Lord,
For still I cherish most Thy tender call;
But let me nearer walk in sweet accord,
And hold my hand more closely, lest I fall.
Oh, may I ever love *Thee* best of all!

May Thy desire be all my meat and drink,
Thy purpose furnish pattern to the whole
Of life. So fill with love that I may shrink
From no high task assigned, nor service toll.
Still clear my sight to see *Thy* shining goal!

Strong Father, guide me when the winds blow wild,
And keep me now and always—*just Thy child!*

My Resolutions for 1953:

By A. S. London*

I resolve in 1953 to be sincere. Paul prayed for his friends in the Philippian church that they might be "sincere and without offence." The word translated sincere means "proven pure when examined in the light." There are to be no hidden flaws, no shoddy workmanship, and the material must be good grade.

I must be so sincere that the burning light of God's truth when focused upon my life will not reveal hidden defects of insincerity. I must be genuine. When sincerity is gone, there is but little left but an empty, hollow sham. "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be."

I resolve to be a Bible Christian. The Book that is divine in authorship, infallible in authority, personal in application, immeasurable in power, infinite in scope, and as enduring as the life of God, cannot be equaled as a guide for my life. "The law of the Lord is perfect." "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

I resolve to be a praying Christian. I do not understand much about prayer, but I mean to keep on praying. Moses prayed—and the Red Sea's waters were moved to make a dry highway for God's people. Hezekiah prayed and God saw his tears, heard his prayer, and added fifteen years to his life. Jacob prayed when he knew his brother, Esau, had held a vengeful purpose in his heart for twenty years. But when they met, Esau ran to meet him and kissed him. The two brothers wept together. Prayer made a friend out of an enemy.

I resolve to live an unselfish life. Selfishness is the insanity of existence. It makes a man little,

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puny, and unworthy of the name of true manhood. One may not gamble, drink, or lie, but be selfish. Selfishness is the most subtle of all sins. Jonathan Edwards once said, "If a person has the spirit of selfishness, to grasp all for himself, he will lose all."

I resolve always to have a forgiving spirit. Unforgiveness is one of the most treacherous sins of the church world. How can a man turn a cold shoulder to a brother and have a warm heart toward God? It just cannot be done. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

I resolve to be intolerant of wrong, more sensitive to the cause of justice, more sensitive to the sufferings of human beings, and always ready to help those who are oppressed. I will be tender and kind, to my own, as well as all others, more immune to religious bigotry, and under all circumstances be a Christian gentleman.

I resolve to continue my practice—"To speak evil of no man."

In Atlanta, Georgia, stands a massive building, cyclorama. It vividly shows the battle that once raged a stone's throw away. It is partly shown on canvas, and partly by means of three-dimensional figures. A lecturer tells the story of the Battle of Atlanta, while the scene lights up. At one place the Confederates break through, and another scene shows Southern soldiers as they are marched away. General Sherman looks on from a distant hill. A Union soldier puts his arm under the head of a Southern boy to relieve him of his sufferings, and makes the discovery that it is his own brother. A moment of silence comes where the illusion has been so intense. I cannot forget the two brothers.

It is my resolve during the year 1953 to lift a fallen brother, give a sympathetic touch, a helping hand, a kind word. "They helped every man his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage." Be kind to everyone you meet, for everyone is having a hard time.



There is a note of joyfulness in the recurring emphases the New Testament places upon the word "new." It tells not only of the new revelation in Christ, and of the new covenant God has made with man, but it emphasizes also the fact that there is "a new commandment," "a new birth," "a new and living way," "a new name," "a new heaven," "a new earth," "a new song," and also "a new creature" to receive these blessings. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Surely, the better we know and understand the teaching of the Gospel the New Testament proclaims, the more we realize that it is indeed "Good News."—*Christian Observer.*

The Call of New Horizons

By Dennis Wyrick*

Now the Lord said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee (Gen. 12:1).

AT THE dawning of 1953 we should stop to analyze our position and make plans for spiritual advancement. We, of this generation, are living in a swiftly changing world. We stand today, as did the patriarch of old, on the threshold of new adventure. As we enter into this new year of 1953—a history-making year—it is unknown country. No one of us can see its dangers, its exigencies, or its difficulties. Nevertheless, it is the duty of every earnest person to set forth with holy boldness as did Abram.

We are challenged by the condition of the world, by the program of our church, and by the will of the Master. There are new frontiers in the realm of our personal living in which we may erect the emblems of our faith and move forward with a thrill of expectancy. As we consider our spiritual program for 1953, we will surely include: *prayer, faith, obedience, devotion, and service* as directives to success and victory.

Nazarenes, let us move forward in our *praying*, until like Abram of old we may be known as the friends of God, strong to the pulling down of the enemy strongholds, and the erecting of God's temple in the world.

Faith will be a guiding star in this year. For, no matter how difficult the way may appear, how rugged the road, how impossible the problems, faith will always find the answers.

Obedience to the least hint of God's purpose will be our watchword and song for 1953. The obedience of Abram was unquestioning, unhesitating, and persistent. Having once set out, he never stopped until he reached his goal. Obedience is still far better than all our sacrifice.

Loyalty and devotion to our cause, the greatest cause in all the world, is not at all too much to ask of every Nazarene. Loyalty to our local church, to our district program, and to the worldwide program of our great Zion is our charge. We are an aggressive, alert, forward-moving crowd. May it always be true.

The only excuse for another denomination such as ours is the rendering of *service* to a most needy world—service in the realm of holiness, service that is infiltrated with passion, zeal, and courage. We have a great task; we have a great program; we have great leaders; we have a great message; we have a great assurance of victory.

By His will, through His guidance, and by His power, we shall win!

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Epistle to the Philippians

By H. Orton Wiley

XXIV. Christ, the All-sufficient Saviour For the Everyday Needs of Life

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).

THIS DECLARATION of St. Paul, that God is able to supply every need, whether spiritual or temporal, has been confirmed by the testimonies of multitudes across the centuries. The life of faith is ever filled with fresh surprises and glorious victories. We close these studies in the Epistle to the Philippians with an incident which was brought to our attention a number of years ago, and which will, we think, better illustrate the care of our all-sufficient Saviour than any words of ours.

Brother Benton was the proprietor of a general store in a small rural community. He was noted for his splendid Christian qualities and his faithful attention to business. But reverses came to him, and for a time he was unable to meet his obligations. The firm with which he did business decided the case was hopeless and sent one of its agents to close the store. It was a difficult task, for Brother Benton was highly respected in the community. Rather than go immediately, the agent decided to stay overnight in the hotel, hoping that his courage would be increased in the morning. But that night the drummer had a dream. He dreamed that the next morning he called at the home, and when Brother Benton opened the door he greeted the drummer and said, "We are just about to have family worship. Will you come in and worship with us?" Brother Benton took down the Bible and, turning to the twenty-third psalm, read it in a most peculiar version.

*The Lord is my Banker, I shall not fail.
He maketh me to lie down in gold mines.
He giveth me the combination of His tills.
He restoreth my credit: He showeth me how to
avoid lawsuits for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the very shadow of
debts,
I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me;
Thy gold and Thy silver, they rescue me.
Thou preparest a way for me in the presence
of the collector;
Thou fillest my barrels with oil, my measure
runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life,
And I will do business in the name of the Lord
forever.*

The next morning, the drummer called at the home of Brother Benton, and to his amazement was greeted with the words, "We are just having

family worship. Will you come in and worship with us?" Then Brother Benton took down the Bible and turned to the twenty-third psalm, but this time reading it in the Authorized Version. He then knelt and prayed for the firm which had been so lenient with him, for the drummer who had been so kind, and after the prayer he arose and said, "Now let us go to the store and talk over the matters before us."

But on reaching the store, they found a young man waiting for them. The young man said to Brother Benton, "Father has finally decided to buy the farm, and has sent me with the down payment, and the balance will be paid as soon as the papers are completed."

Brother Benton took the money and, turning to the drummer, said, "I think I have enough now to make my payments in full."

This was what Will Huff called "nick o' time grace." God is never behind time, nor does He fail those who trust Him. He is the all-sufficient Saviour, for our spiritual life, for our intellectual life, for the trials and tests of life, and for the common everyday needs of life. Remember, "Those who trust him wholly will find Him wholly true."

AVAILABLE

By A. A. E. Berg*

GOD'S INFINITE resources of grace are readily available to those who fulfill His conditions of faith and obedience. The wonder of God's power is never so thrillingly revealed as at the point of a seeker's human extremity.

We should be reminded again and again that "man's extremity is God's opportunity," but it must also be emphasized that at man's extremity there must be a daring faith and a wholehearted committal to God for Him to realize for us the answer to our desperate need. This is convincingly illustrated in the realm of grace.

As long as a seeking sinner feels he has the ability to solve the sin problem in his own life, God is unable to help him. But let that person come to the place of desperation, with a complete loss of confidence in his own power to help himself, he is at once cast upon God for Him to perform a miracle of transforming grace in his hungry heart. Right here God works and the result is a transformed and forgiven soul.

Then, too, many of God's people in their quest for a second work of grace find much difficulty in making a complete abandonment of themselves to God in an irrevocable consecration, in order that the Holy Spirit might purge the heart from all sin in response to faith.

It may be observed that faith is not greatly challenged when a believer asks God's help in suppressing or counteracting the carnal nature within the heart; but faith must rise supreme if

*District Superintendent of Australio

the quest for God to remove the carnal bias in the nature by the sin-purging baptism with the Holy Ghost is to be realized. Only God can perform such a miracle, and His grace is sufficient. Power is available within the scope of His wonderful promises, when we get to the end of ourselves. The body of sin can and must be destroyed. This is inward freedom from sin and fruit unto holiness, with the end everlasting life.

The deepest need of the human heart is a glorious opportunity to prove the grace of God available and workable through faith in the prevailing name of Jesus.

PERFECTION

By Arthur H. Townsend*

IN THE THIRTEENTH year of King Josiah, the Lord's Word came to Jeremiah (Jer. 1:2). Judah needed a spiritual quickening, and Jeremiah, God's prophet, was chosen to be the mouth-piece of Jehovah. As in time past, again Judah needed house cleaning. But, God's house-cleaning time is somewhat like spring-cleaning time. It is not a very pleasant task. Jeremiah had suffered rebuke (Jer. 15:15); so the prophet took his burden to the Lord.

When Jeremiah informed the Lord that he was up against a "stone wall" of opposition, the Lord dealt with His prophet (Jer. 15:15-18). God said: "Therefore thus saith the Lord, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them" (Jer. 15:19). Jeremiah was instructed to "take forth the precious from the vile." I believe it was spring-cleaning time for the prophet and the nation. When one spring-cleans, the precious is retained and cherished; the vile is thrown out and discarded.

When Abram had reached maturity at ninety-nine, like ripe fruit ready to fall off the vine, God said to him: "I am the Almighty God . . ." (Gen. 17:1). For the first time in Sacred Writ there occurs the name El Shaddai. This name is so sacred to the orthodox Jew that he will not say it once during his lifetime. God had said to Abraham, "I am the Almighty God"—El Shaddai, the Nourisher, the Strength-Giver, the Enough God—"walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Gen. 17:1). In other words: "Separate the precious from the vile."

Often we excuse ourselves. We feel that we are weak and not able to progress spiritually. God's Word does not excuse us. Jesus said: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). Paul wrote: ". . . this also we wish, even your perfection" (II Cor. 13:9). But we shall never be perfect in

the perfection of God until we separate the precious from the vile. The Lord, however, does not ask us to walk in the perfection of God in our own strength; He said to Abraham: "I am El Shaddai"—the Strength-Giver, the Nourisher, the Enough God! "Walk before me, and be thou perfect."

I have seen young Christians struggling to be overcomers, struggling to live sanctified, Christian lives. But they were not willing to separate the precious from the vile. God's Word is precious. Cheap, degrading, unholy literature is vile. We cannot have this mixture and attain to a sanctified, Christian walk in Christ. We should kill the "spider"—trashy, filthy literature—and spring-clean the heart-room, giving full place to God's Word first and good, clean literature next, with no room whatsoever for reading trash.

Christian companionship is precious; worldly friends are vile. Strong language? I do not think so; God's Word instructs us that men, outside of Christ Jesus, are children of the devil. The devil is vile, unholy; so are his children. In fact, humanity is vile until spiritual contact has been made with the Christ of Calvary. The Cross is the dividing place; do not choose your companions from the wrong side of the Cross. Paul said: "Let us go on unto perfection" (Heb. 6:1).

So much of the world is vile today. Worldly entertainments and pleasures are not for the Christian who desires to be an ambassador of God. We cannot "testify" with our "lives" and live for the world, the flesh, and the devil. We must separate ourselves unto holiness. It is tragic to see a young Christian attempting to live unto God while maintaining a low standard of daily living and spirituality. God's way is holy and righteous. The world's way is full of the lust of the eye and the pride of life. We must separate the precious from the vile. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you; and will be a Father unto you, and

God Answers Prayer

By Georgia Moore Zberling

*God answers prayer. Sometimes the way
To victory is dark and gray,
The storm may beat and overflow;
But God sends still His bright rainbow,
And changes winter into May.*

*Life's promises may all betray,
Clouds may be edged in feather-spray
Of black; but faith has made me know
God answers prayer.*

*There is a price the soul must pay;
Then Love will send a shining ray
That leads us into heaven's glow
And, clear, above the winds that blow
God answers prayer.*

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ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (II Cor. 6:17-18).

These are days of unholy alliances. Scripture is being twisted and perverted, eternal punishment doctrine denied; the miraculous (such as the virgin birth) has been cast aside and place given to liberalism; an "abstract" God, not a living Being. These are vile, unholy, devilish doctrines. Paul wrote: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (I Tim. 4:1). Go on to new horizons, go on to deeper depths and higher heights, but do not leave the old landmarks; man-made theology, which is contrary to God's Word, is not of God's Spirit. Paul said: "... give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine" (I Tim. 4:13). In these days it is imperative that Christians separate the precious from the vile and reject the coarse, putrid, nauseating doctrines of men and devils.

God desires our perfection here and now. A strong statement, no doubt; nevertheless, it is truth. Paul wrote: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man [individuals and church], unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:11-15).

As we tread life's pilgrim pathway from earth to heaven, we should draw our spiritual strength from El Shaddai—the Nourisher. We should walk in the perfection of God. Is it possible? Yes! Look to the words of the Father: "Walk before me, and be thou perfect." And the words of Christ Jesus: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." And Paul: "... this also we wish, even your perfection." Let us go on unto perfection. But we shall never progress spiritually from perfection unto perfection in the perfection of God until we heed the command that came to Jeremiah. We must "take forth the precious from the vile" and enter into the perfection of God in the power of the Holy Spirit.

JESUS
NEVER FAILS

"He will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

And Then the Rain Came!

By Paul E. Cable*

WHEN NOAH had gone into the ark, and the door was closed, the rains came. The rain did not come until God and His servant were ready. Noah loved God with his whole heart, and God was with Noah. The rains came, but Noah was in safety. God had taken good care of him.

The rain of tribulation came upon Job, but God had a hedge built around him. Satan complained unto the Lord that He had a hedge around Job and Satan could not go any closer than the Lord would allow him to go. The Hebrew children had their rain of fire, but God had given them a fireproof suit. The rain of fire did not so much as leave smoke upon their garments. Daniel had the rain of lions, but not one could touch him. God had taken the appetite of the lions. This reminds me of the scripture in Isa. 11:6 which tells of the lion and the lamb and the other animals lying down together.

The rain of temptation came upon Christ, but in all things He was more than victor. The rain of stones came upon Stephen, while Saul held the coats. There seems always to be someone to hold the coats while others throw stones, but God took Stephen away. The rain of persecution came upon Paul, yet he wrote: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

Many folks today cannot understand a few trials, and some even think that the rain has come upon them. We are often tempted to ask God why it should be us when there are thousands of other folk who seem to get along so much better than we do. I remember a motto that was on the wall of a businessman's office. It read like this, "I had no shoes and complained, until I met a man who had no feet." The words stayed with me and I found myself complaining much less than before. I think that a good summation of all we have thus written is found in these words: "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy" (I Pet. 4:12-13).

He who has the greatest mission must be tried the most. Yes, the rain of trials, temptations, and tribulations may come upon you, but God has a spiritual ark waiting for you to come on board. Put your trust in Him and be sheltered in His ark of safety.

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BREAD

By A. M. Quick

They found Him at Capernaum. The crowd
Who ate His bread and fishes praised aloud
The Wonder Worker who their mouths had fed
Out in the wilderness. They would have led
Him to an earthly throne and made Him king
Who from miraculous stores such food could bring
To ease their hunger. Who would do so well
As He to lead the hosts of Israel?

But when He spoke to them of heaven's food,
And of His broken flesh, they understood
That His was not the kingdom *they* desired—
And all their fervent loyalty expired!
I seem to hear His tender voice today
Ask sadly, "Will ye also go away?"

Thank God for Ordinary Folk

"The Courage to Get in There and Pitch"

By W. H. Davis*

FIRST, let me say that every pastor has an influence in his community. In other words, he influences people by what he does every day. The people in our communities have a right to expect some things of a Nazarene pastor.

He must be a hard worker. He must have an influence that reaches beyond his local church. This business of being a successful pastor is a difficult task. In most cases he does not receive much pay, and yet the people expect a lot out of him. He must make more calls than a doctor, more speeches than a lawyer, study harder than a schoolteacher; he must be a good diplomat, know how to advertise; he must be a good financier; and if he can't raise money he will fail. Most of all, he must know how to point people from earth to heaven and live a godly life. If he does these things, he will have a great influence in his community.

Someone will ask, "What is the secret of a pastor's success in being influential in his community?" He does not have to be a college or seminary graduate. It is the *great number of ordinary pastors who have the courage to get in there and pitch* that have brought the Church of the Nazarene where she stands today. One might have enough degrees to paper his bedroom and still be a failure. Unless a pastor has a good influence in his community he will fail.

Discouragement is the twin brother to defeat; so when a pastor came to see me with his story of honest effort but unremitting failure, it was a chance to put a light in his hand.

"I'm forty-four years old," he said dispiritedly, "and they don't seem to want anyone that old."

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It seemed that this pastor wasn't prepared to do any particular thing especially well. That is unfortunate. "I'm just ordinary," he lamented, which is not bad, being ordinary. In fact, there are some distinct advantages to it. Being a "celebrity" is a nuisance. It means wearing dark glasses, dodging crowds, writing one's autograph until one has writer's cramp, and then being forgotten as soon as the spotlight swings in another direction.

Some years back, I was in Atlanta, Georgia at the airport waiting to catch a plane. Captain Eddie Rickenbacker was in the same airport and had just returned from one of his famous expeditions; at that time the eyes of the nation were upon him. I felt really sorry for him. He couldn't stick his head out of the door without someone trying to snatch his handkerchief, or some other bit of personal apparel as a souvenir. He was like a bird in a cage. He couldn't slip around the corner and eat a hot dog and wash it down with a soda pop. That wouldn't look good in the papers. He was a world war hero and had to live up to it.

KEEP THINGS GOING

I stayed in Chicago two weeks in a revival at old First Church, and not a living soul asked me for my autograph or made a try for my handkerchief. Being a "nobody" has its compensations. These are the ones with whom Christ turned the world upside down. That's the sort of folk who hewed out the foundations, and later built the shining superstructure of this great nation and now keep it going—just ordinary folk who were willing to get in there and do an extraordinary part. That's the secret of having a good influence in your community and church.

When they began to catalogue the traits of the boys who were inducted into the United Nations Army at the beginning of the late war, they discovered that most of them were "just ordinary." And what did you expect? Soda jerkers, plowboys, factory lads, and high school kids. But—they put down their little jobs and molded themselves into the mightiest fighting machine the world has seen since the tramp and tread of Caesar's legions who brought fear and trembling to all the world of that day. Just ordinary "kids," doing an extraordinary job. When a big man does a big thing, the world pays him tribute; but when a little guy comes down out of the grandstand, and walks up to the plate in a pair of "ice cream britches" and "laces" one up against the left field fence, the whole world stands up and cheers! ~

HIDING THE LIGHT

That's the secret of real success—ordinary folk doing extraordinary things. An evangelist once said to a crowd, "God only knows what would happen if a man would let the Lord have complete control of his life." Sitting back in the crowd was a little, unknown shoe clerk. He stood up, walked down the aisle, and said, "I'll be that man." He wasn't much to look at, didn't know

much grammar, and had a halting way of speech; but before he died, Dwight L. Moody proved beyond doubt that little, ordinary men can have a big place in the community and the world.

When we get along about forty, have found life rugged, and the world has failed to lay its trophies at our feet, we're inclined to fold up and quit—hide our light under a bushel, the scripture calls it. That's wrong. That's taking our one talent and hiding it in the earth. What this discouraged preacher needed that came to me was to face the fact that he was "ordinary." That immediately puts him in a select group. That makes him blood brother with me and you. Then he needed to seek the doors that lead from his ordinary existence into fields of extraordinary accomplishment—and there is always one door. Then, he needed to push through and carry on. For those little folk who have dared to do it, it is *the high road*.

KNEE-ACTION

By Mont Hurst*

WE KNOW that *knee-action* is one of the outstanding improvements in modern automobile features. It saves time, makes for smoother driving and easier gear-shifting, and has other assets.

But there is another kind of knee-action that successful witnesses for the Lord employ with powerful effect. This knee-action consists of getting upon our knees and talking and listening to God. He speaks more clearly when we're upon our knees, shut out from the world and shut in with Him. We hear His voice more distinctly and, after having been on our knees in prayer to Him, we know that we have been closer to Him.

The best way to really listen to His voice is to get down upon our knees in a quiet, secret place where we'll not be interrupted. Then, after having done this, we may rise and be about our Father's business in an alert and effective manner.

A good illustration is told of a marble-cutter who was working on his knees in transforming a huge piece of stone into a statue. An ineffective, modernistic minister stopped to watch him for a few minutes. The minister then said: "I certainly wish I could deal such clanging, effective blows upon stony hearts." The marble-cutter looked up and replied: "Well, maybe you could if you worked more on your knees!"

Knee-action in prayer generates the feeling and power of the Holy Spirit into a more secure place in our hearts and souls. When we're on our knees before Him, we are in a better position to be drawn up closer to Him.

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LIFE IN REVIEW:

Revival at First Church

IHAD THE privilege of being at home for our fall revival. It was an eight-day meeting in First Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, Missouri. Mrs. White and I attended the two services on each Sunday and every week-night meeting.

A spirit of revival was on the church before the meeting began. Dr. A. Milton Smith, our pastor, was especially blessed in his preaching, and there were seekers at the altar for several Sundays immediately preceding the revival.

Rev. Holland London, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene, St. Louis, Missouri, was the evangelist. His preaching was sane, interesting, and evangelistic. Every message aimed at and obtained verdicts. God was in the meeting in an unusual way—the attendance was excellent, and the results in souls saved and sanctified were above the average.

Professor Ray Moore, who had charge of the music, contributed much to the success of the meeting. With him as song leader and soloist, Mrs. Robert Edwards as organist, and Misses Jean Parker and Eleanor Watkins at the two pianos, we had plenty of good music.

I thank God for First Church, our pastor, evangelist, song leader, and other musicians and, above all, for those who were reclaimed, saved, or sanctified in this meeting.

P.S. The above was written before Sunday, November 30. Therefore, I add the following: God is still blessing. Dr. Smith preached on holiness yesterday morning, and four were sanctified. They started coming to the altar before any call was made.

Preachers' Meeting

West Virginia District

At 4:00 p.m. Monday I left Kansas City, Missouri, and arrived at Steubenville, Ohio, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Charles Anderson met me at the station and took me to Toronto, Ohio, where I was pastor twenty years ago. When we first went to Toronto, Charles was only a small child. Now he and his mother, Mrs. Julia Anderson, are carrying on the real estate and insurance business of their father and husband (a wonderful friend of ours), who died soon after we left Toronto. I had two delicious meals at the Anderson home, and then was taken to the Church of the Nazarene in Weirton, West Virginia, for the first service of the preachers' meeting of the West Virginia District. The convention began on Tuesday night and continued over Thursday night. I preached three times and spoke to the preachers and their wives twice on each of the two days.

Here are some of the high lights of the convention: the fellowship I had with Dr. Edward C. Oney, district superintendent, Mrs. Oney, the pastors and evangelists and their wives; Dr. Oney's efficient and Christian supervision of all

of the activity of the convention; his outstanding message on the significance of the Lord's Supper, along with the participation of all of the preachers and their wives in this sacrament under his direction; the high order of the papers read by various preachers of the district; the presentation of our new pension plan by Dr. T. W. Willingham; the beauty and spaciousness of the new church building where all of the sessions and services were held; the courtesy and kindness of the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. T. H. Warwick, Mrs. Warwick, and the good people of the Weirton Church of the Nazarene; and finally, the large crowds attending the night services and their freedom in the Lord—they were not afraid to pray, sing, say Amen, and even shout.

My stay at the West Virginia District preachers' meeting was full of interest and blessing to me. I enjoyed every minute of the time. God has blessed Dr. Oney's leadership on this district, and I am sure that He will continue to honor it.

While in this section of the country, I met or got in touch with several of my Toronto, Ohio, friends. Besides the Andersons, there were the Fraleys, Ferrells, Richardses, and others.

After the night service on Thursday, two of the brethren took me to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by automobile, where I boarded a fast train for Chicago, arriving there Friday morning. Friday afternoon and evening, along with Dr. Delbert Gish from Nazarene Theological Seminary, I attended the fall meeting of the Midwest Division of the American Theological Society. Saturday night I returned to Kansas City.

I have given a rather detailed account of my activities for nearly a week. I have done this, not because I always live such a busy life, but rather because many of our leaders—especially our general superintendents—often lead a busier life. They are on the road much of the time and carry many heavy responsibilities. They need our prayers!—THE EDITOR.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Furloughing

Miss Ruth Matchett, who has been stationed at Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa, sailed on the "African Crescent," Farrell Lines, on November 16. She is planning to spend Christmas with her relatives. Her home address is Box 311, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

New Missionary Writes

We are now nicely settled in our new quarters in the adjoining parsonage to our Parcelacion Moderna mission church, having moved here a few weeks ago. I am now studying the language every morning, and in the afternoons I work on the church building and grounds, trying to finish them. The church was dedicated on October 31 and, although it is not entirely finished as yet, we hold services in it. There are great possibilities in this district.—REV. A. B. COOLIDGE, *Cuba*.

Guatemalan Council

The early part of this month the Missionary Council of the Church of the Nazarene in Guatemala held its twenty-eighth annual session in Coban. From the pre-session meetings to the final meeting, there was an unusual spirit of unity and consecration. I believe we all sensed a deeper feeling of urgency to accomplish all that we can for the Master while there is still opportunity. God willing, we hope to extend the work in all phases this year.

You will be glad to know that progress is being made in the reconstruc-

tion of the Kekchi Bible School building. Although it will not be ready for a while yet, school will be opened in December. Two new day schools are about to be established, one in Poptun and one in Tactic. The Lord has wonderfully helped in securing Christian teachers for the schools already under way and the two in prospect. Miss Verhoek has been stationed in Peten to carry on the medical evangelism work there.—MRS. WILLIAM SEDAT, *Reporter*.

Visiting Stegi And Bremersdorp

Nothing could be more thrilling than to see a mission station in operation. The singing of the day school children, the evening service in the church, the response of the Bible school students, the patients at the dispensary, and fellowship with our wonderful missionaries are memorable experiences.

We arrived in Stegi, Swaziland, on November 11 for an evening service and remained a half day on November 12 for Bible school, day school, and dispensary contacts.

Bremersdorp is forty-two miles from Stegi. Here we have another main station with all the activities described above except the fact that it is a more extensive work. Through the Raleigh Fitkin Memorial Hospital thousands of contacts are made for the mission. Dr. Powers and I had the privilege of breaking ground for the first unit of the hospital extension program and the Teachers' Training Building for national teachers.

From four until five in the afternoon we visited the royal kraal of King Sobhuza IV. It was a typical native kraal except, of course, much larger than the average because of his many wives. He received Dr. Powers and about twelve missionaries very courteously but in his native attire. His counselors were seated on the floor behind the missionaries. The typical Swazi atmosphere made the interview a never-to-be-forgotten experience.

It was a joy to meet Josef Mkwanzazi who was Brother Harmon Schmelzenbach's native helper. He now pastors the church at Stegi. The district elder, Phineas Dlamini, led the people with ability and earnestness. When he prayed in Zulu with fervency and power, my soul was mightily blessed. These two brethren would prove to anyone that missions pay a thousand-fold.

DR. REMISS REHFELDT

THE LORD'S DAY:

This is the beautiful way to think of the Lord's day. It is the shadow of Christ on the hot highways of time. We pause in it as in a shelter from the heat, and are refreshed. In proportion as we carry the spirit of it into all days do they also become Lord's days, and yield us the same refreshment and peace as the Sabbath day.—ROBERT E. SPEER.

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:22-23).

A Ten-Plank Platform On Entire Sanctification

Planks Six and Seven Entire Sanctification Is An Instantaneous Gift of God

IN THE ORIGINAL summary of the ten planks of this platform on entire sanctification, I stated the sixth plank thus: "Entire sanctification is a

divine work of grace. **Summary of Arguments** While certain conditions have to be met by those who obtain it, the experience itself is a gift of God." This was followed by the seventh, which was given in these words: "It comes instantaneously. It may take some time for a saved person to get to the place where he is willing to consecrate his all to God, or to put his all on the altar of God, but when once this is done and he believes, the cleansing fire falls." I combine the consideration of these two planks because they are so closely related to, or involved in, each other. This will be revealed as I proceed with the discussion.

Different arguments have been offered for the instantaneousness of entire sanctification. One is that we get it by faith and not by works and, therefore, instantly. Another is that most of the verbs which refer to this second work of grace in the original Greek of the New Testament are in the aorist tense, which denotes an act, rather than a process. A third proof holds that since the first blessing, conversion, by means of which the guilt of our sins is taken away, is a crisis, then the cleansing from inborn sin, the second blessing, must be a crisis. A fourth reason would base its claim on the instantaneousness of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. It came suddenly on the Day of Pentecost and, since it is identical with entire sanctification in time, the latter must come in a moment as does the former. Fifth, some would argue for the crisis character of entire sanctification on the ground that certain symbols of this experience point to it. For instance, crossing the Jordan by the children of Israel typifies the second blessing as crossing the Red Sea does the first and each of them symbolizes a definite transaction or change, which cannot be classed as a growth, or development.

THERE ARE two more proofs which are presented in behalf of the instantaneous bestowal of entire sanctification. These are, first, that it is a divine act and, **Two Arguments Emphasized** second, that those who testify to having received it always witness to its coming as the result of a crisis rather than by growth. Now I shall discuss these two at some length.

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First, it is instantaneous because it is a direct, divine act. God is omnipresent. In other words, He is everywhere. One thing this means is that He can act anywhere instantly. Time is no factor with Him. What God does with the help of nature, or man—with the assistance of secondary causes—takes time, but what He does wholly by himself has no time element in it.

Take the healing of the body as an example. Sometimes God does it alone and instantly. On other occasions, He uses secondary causes—man, science, or nature—and it takes place gradually. What God does directly, or alone, He does instantaneously. In such case, God's all-wisdom, all-power, and everywhere-ness combine and the work is done at once. There is no delay.

Another illustration could be the stilling of a tempest at sea. God might choose to do this with the help of nature, and then there would necessarily be the passing of time. What God does through nature or man, He does slowly and gradually. It takes time to stop tempests or grow corn by natural processes—with the assistance of nature or man or both. But time is not essential when God performs a miracle. He can still the tempest or produce corn in an instant when He acts without any outside aid, the use of secondary causes, or temporal means. God is slowed up when He operates through nature or man, or both.

This prepares the way for a discussion of God's activity in entire sanctification. His work in this connection is instantaneous, miraculous, direct, without secondary causes. When He sanctifies a Christian wholly, He does it alone. He is the sole source of man's sanctification as He is of His conversion. Entire sanctification, like being born again, is a divine act, and because of this it is brought about instantly.

THE ONLY problem left, then, is to prove that God is solely the Author of entire sanctification. To do this, I present scriptures which describe the cause of entire sanctification as they have often been set forth by preachers in the holiness movement. The first one is in First Thessalonians: "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. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it" (5:23-24). In this verse God the Father is undoubtedly the One who is referred to as the Sanctifier, and He has been named the ordaining, or originating, Cause. He conceived the plan of redemption, which was to make possible not only conversion but also entire sanctification.

Stephen S. White

There are three outstanding passages which teach that Jesus is the Cause of our sanctification: "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1: 7); "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5: 25-27); and, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate" (Heb. 13: 12). These scriptures point to Jesus' suffering and death as the procuring cause of entire sanctification. Going back to John 17: 17, we see that it is the truth which is one of the causes of our sanctification. There God the Father is called on by Jesus to sanctify the Master's disciples through the truth, or God's word. The Word of God is the revealing cause of our sanctification. Men get the light on their need of the blessing of entire sanctification from the Bible. This brings us to the efficient Cause of man's second blessing—the Holy Spirit. He is the Person in the Godhead who actually applies the blood which Jesus as the procuring Cause shed on Calvary in accordance with the plan of God the Father, the ordaining Cause. The Holy Spirit is the active Agent, or Cause, who bestows the clean heart, a heart from sin set free. Thus we have the three Persons of the Trinity uniting with the divine Word in producing the sanctified experience in the heart of the Christian. The Triune God is our Sanctifier—He and His Word alone are responsible for this blessing. He does it directly and without the aid of secondary causes and, therefore, it is accomplished instantly. He does not need time for the accomplishing of this work.

BUT I HEAR someone ask, "What about consecration and faith? Are they not human causes?" No, they are not human causes. They are human

Consecration and Faith

conditions. They do not cleanse the heart from sin—God does this. They merely prepare the way for the heart to be sanctified, or cleansed from sin. The Christian must consecrate his all to God and believe before God can sanctify in the sense of freeing the heart from sin. It may take the Christian a long time to consecrate and believe; but when those conditions are met, God can and will destroy the sin in the heart, the carnal mind, instantly. He is the sole Source of the destruction of sin within and, as such, brings it about at once when the proper preparation has been made on the part of the seeker.

A NOTHER PROOF for the instantaneousness of this blessing is experience. Those who get the blessing of entire sanctification testify to having received it instantly.

Experience

Wesley helps us here. He tells us that "in London alone I found 652 members of our society who were exceeding clear in their experience, and whose testimony I could see no reason to doubt, and every one of these (without a single exception) has declared that his deliverance from sin was instantaneous; that the change was wrought in a moment. Had half of these, or one-third, or one in twenty, declared it was *gradually* wrought in *them*, I should have believed this, with regard to them, and thought that *some* were gradually sanctified and some instantaneously. But as I have not found, in so long a space of time, a single person speaking thus, I cannot but believe that sanctification is commonly, if not always, an instantaneous work." People who get this blessing just don't get it by growing into it. That was true, not only in Wesley's day, but also ever since his day. Experience universally points to the fact that entire sanctification comes as a crisis, and not by means of a process.

Your Best New Year's Resolution

WHAT IS the best New Year's resolution that you could make? Many answers might be given to this question. If you are not a Christian, you might claim that your best New Year's resolution would be to get saved. The Christian who is not sanctified might say the same as to getting sanctified. The person who is already all-out for God might hold that it would be a resolve to pray more, to read the Bible more, to go to church more, to be more loyal to his church, to be more kind, or to live for God as a whole more faithfully.

Thinking on a lower level, you might make a resolution which would have to do with the legitimate activities of this life. You might resolve to work longer hours and make more money, study and learn more, take more part in the activities of the community, be more friendly, or be more congenial in the home of which you are a part.

There is no end to the number of possible resolutions which might be suggested in answering the question, "What is the best New Year's resolution that you could make?" They could be as varied as individuals, needs, and situations are. However, I believe that there is a better way to answer this question. There is a general resolution which one could make as he faces the new year that would include all of the values of life.

What, then, is the answer to the question, "What is the best New Year's resolution?" It may be stated thus: During 1953, I resolve to avail myself of every opportunity for good that comes my way. This would mean those opportunities to better my life in this present world as well as those which would do the same for me in relation to the life to come, my life with man

as well as my life with God. My resolution would be to do my best to use every chance to enhance my life from the standpoints of both God and man insofar as the latter would not conflict with the former.

James, in his practical epistle, throws light on this truth. He tells us that it is a sin to know the good and not do it. Here are his words: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). The all-inclusive, or best, resolution might be stated as follows: During 1953 I resolve not to sin by letting the good which I might do escape me. All other goods are included in this one. To live up to this resolution would mean that all of the good

which could be achieved by us would be achieved; all of our possibilities, or potentialities, would be realized. This does not mean the possibilities, potentialities, of the other fellow, but of yours and mine. It would only be the doing of the good which each of us knows to do.

Many opportunities will knock at my door during 1953. Will I open the door to all of them, or will I close the door to some or most of them? The same will be true of you. Nothing will haunt us more in the future than opportunities which we have shut out. Shall we resolve that by God's grace and help we shall be alert and not slam the door in the face of any opportunity which may come our way during the next twelve months?

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By *Norman R. Oke*

Topic for December 28: Wise Men Seek Jesus

Scripture: Matthew 2 (Printed, Matt. 2:1-12)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart* (Jer. 29:13).

The excitement of Christmas Day is all over and I rather imagine you are digging your way out of the pile of boxes and wrapping paper that always is the aftermath of Christmas. And as you look back on the great day I am sure you have wonderful memories. But there is one simple question I want to ask you, and pardon me if it seems to be rather personal, "Did you include God on your Christmas shopping list?" No, I am not fooling; that is exactly what I mean. On your list you had Dad and Mom, and brother and sister, and cousins and relatives galore; but did you think to shop around for some gift for God?

Before you answer this question let us check this whole matter of Christmas shopping. Every list has an element of priority in it; some just cannot be eliminated at any cost, while others could be bypassed if the money runs out. And then there is also the idea of how much to spend for each. A dollar tie will do for Uncle, but it must be a two-fifty billfold for Dad; a nice pair of nylons seems like a fitting gift for Sister, but for Mother it must be something like an electric toaster or a dressing gown. Yes, whether we admit it or not, our giving is colored by our priority—just how much is it appropriate to spend on each?

Well, don't feel too badly, for we are not the first to do that; the wise men from the East did the same. We have gathered from somewhere that there were three wise men, although we cannot prove it at all. There were

three gifts, or I prefer to think there were three distinct qualities in the gifts presented to the Christ child. Some have suggested that there were perhaps five or even seven men, but that is very unimportant. The important thing is the quality of giving represented. On the shopping list of these men this new King of the Jews must have been absolutely at the top, for the gifts were top quality, and no expense was spared. There was gold, suggesting lasting and enduring love; there was frankincense,

which speaks of beauty and attractiveness, that which has wide appeal; and then there was myrrh, which in almost a whisper told of sacrifice, and truly this gift was not purchased by a few pennies, but by the sacrifice of something very dear.

So on Christmas I remind myself that as the wise men placed God at the top of their shopping list, so should I. And my gift must represent something of enduring value, that which I love dearly and which to give would cost heavily. So I give God my heart, and tell Him again it is His forever.

Yes, I put God on my shopping list—right at the top.

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THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by *Stephen S. White*

Q. *I have been a Christian for years, but my husband is not a Christian. I want to tithe, but he won't let me. He is very much against it. If I tithe his income it will have to be without his knowledge or consent. I have a little income, and since I told the Lord I would tithe I have paid my own tithe. Should I pay his too out of the little I make? He said I could do that, but that I couldn't take it out of his money. I would like to quit working, but can't if I have to pay his tithes out of my wages. Please tell me what you think I should do, for I want to do the right thing by both God and my husband.*

A. It is too bad that your husband will not permit you to tithe what he makes. Even sinners should appreciate God's care and the benefits of the church enough to at least tithe. How-

ever, I do not believe that you are obligated to tithe your husband's income out of your income. Pray for him and plead with him to tithe, or permit you to tithe his income, but do not tithe his income without his consent. You have no right to deceive, or do wrong, in order that good may come.

Q. *If a man and his wife are divorced and have no children, and then both marry again to other parties and both now have several children in the family, can they become Christians, or are they living in adultery? All of this happened while they were still in sin.*

A. You describe a difficult situation. However, I believe that God can save the people involved and I do not believe that they have to break up their

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

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present marriages and leave several children homeless in order for Him to do it. I see no value in making a situation worse. Nevertheless, I have this opportunity to warn all of you to be very careful about whom you marry. Divorces and broken homes are among the worst curses of this day. The main teaching of the Bible is that marriage is for life. The only possible exception according to the letter of the law is the innocent party, the party who has taken the marriage vow but has been sinned against by unfaithfulness on the part of his or her mate. Still, we must remember that God is not such a legalist that He is just looking for a chance to damn someone. On the other hand, we should not presume on His mercy, for He is a holy God and will not tolerate sin.

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New Churches

District Superintendent L. T. Wells has organized a new church at Nicholasville, Kentucky, on October 11 with thirteen charter members. Rev. Chester Pike has been appointed pastor and the new congregation is meeting in a rented hall. This is the second new church on the Kentucky District since the General Assembly.

District Superintendent Victor E. Gray has organized a church at Signal Mountain on the East Tennessee District. Rev. Thomas Garrett is the pastor. East Tennessee has three new churches since the General Assembly.

Idaho-Oregon Crusaders

The Idaho-Oregon District is organizing the Home Missions Crusaders in every local church across the district. The objective of the organization is to unite the members in prayer and knowledge of home missions on the district. District, zone, and local church chairmen help in maintaining interest and providing information. The organization also helps to raise money to be used entirely for opening new work. We wish them good success.

Q. *What can a Christian do about the feeling of utter dissatisfaction and disappointment in life after proper responsibility has been taken and divine guidance sought and followed. If a fatalistic attitude is to be assumed, then there seems no incentive to work or try. I am concerned about my own attitude. I don't know how to effect a change that will bring about any better results. If you can help me along this line, I will appreciate it.*

A. I begin with the fact that you are a Christian and willing to walk in the light as God gives it to you. Next, be sure that your physical condition is what it should be. Sometimes a feeling of frustration and depression arises out of a state of health which could and should be bettered. Third, consistency in reading your Bible and praying—praying for others and their needs rather than for yourself. Fourth, forget about yourself and whether you are accomplishing anything. Then give yourself to doing something for others. Join the Crusade for Souls Now and go out to get people saved and sanctified and help them in every other possible way. You need the outward and not the inward look. When I was in the pastorate and life got to the place where it seemed useless, I could always change the situation by getting out among the people and doing all that I could to help them. Remember, there is hope and help for you.

Q. *Does a woman have to belong to the Nazarene Missionary Society in order to belong to the Church of the Nazarene?*

A. No—but it surely would be nice if every Nazarene woman belonged to the Nazarene Missionary Society.

Shall We Forget Christmas?

By Marvin S. Cooper

Shall we forget Christmas,
Its origin and its laws?
Shall we think more of gifts
Than we do of the cause?
Shall the "Babe in the Manger"
Be a means to an end,
A commercialized season
When our earnings we spend?

But when Christmas is over,
Our gifts we've bestowed—
Homes, streets, and stores
With lights all have glowed,

Salutations were many,
And the season was gay—
Will it last through the year,
Or will it soon fade away?

Many hearts still are broken
And their tears still flow.
Let's present the Christ of Christmas
Wherever we go.
Let us not forget Christmas,
Nor the mangled Christ child.
Let's give to the new year
Real courage, grace, and smile.

The Young People's Society

L. J. Du Bois, Secretary

The Word Made Flesh

THE MINDS of all of us have been turning this holiday season to the significance of Christmas and to the Christ whose visit to earth made Christmas and all of the good things of life available to us. John, when putting into words his revelation of the universe and the place that Christ had in it, said, "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). This was his way of describing the cosmic implication of Bethlehem's drama.

It is not merely incidental that the title given to this eternal Creator, Christ, was *The Word*. He was the revelation of God to man. He was the Truth of the universe brought low so the human creature could reach it and understand it.

And there is a very real sense in which the Bible, the written Word of God, is the extension of the revelation of God through Christ down to our present day. We can best know God as we know Him through the Bible. We meet the Saviour, His Son, in the pages of the Book. We find the message of forgiveness, the hope of cleansing, and the promise of eternity within the covers of God's Word.

We have launched upon a *Bible-Emphasis Year* in the Church of the Nazarene. And the basic purpose of this emphasis is to call our people around the Word of God, to move them to love it passionately, to teach them to carry it faithfully, to encourage them to read it devotedly, to urge them to study it diligently, and to challenge them to memorize it thoroughly. But the emphasis will be of no avail if you and I, as individual Christians, pass this golden opportunity by. Let us take part in every phase of this emphasis, beginning now.

Through the Bible-emphasis program let us each one allow the Word to become flesh, to dwell within us.

News of Youth

The first round of 1952-53 Regional N.Y.P.S. Conferences for district leaders was held at Bethany-Peniel College, December 9 and 10. This brought together members of District N.Y.P.S. Councils from the Bethany Educational Zone. Conferences on other zones are scheduled for the spring.

Character is made—not bought.—H. T. BEYER.

Prayer Tower Requests

December 21-27

Africa

Africa is our largest missionary field. The work of our church there is divided into three parts: (1) the native work, (2) the colored work, and (3) the European work. The first two are under the supervision of the Department of Foreign Missions. The third, of course, is a part of our "home" base, with our churches self-supporting and busily engaged in the church-wide task of world evangelism. Let us pray for Africa. Pray for specific areas of the work or specific

missionaries who come to mind. This is an explosive section of the world. Christ is the answer for Africa as for every other part of the world.

December 28—January 3

Lamplighters' League

Launched five years ago as a General N.Y.P.S. project, the idea of the Lamplighters' League is gradually infiltrating the ranks of our young people. It is based on the personal pledge (1) to deal with at least one person a month about his salvation, and (2) to memorize systematically the Word of God. Let us pray for the movement as a whole. Let us pray for the Lamplighters in our own district and within our own church. If there are no Lamplighters in our group, pray that God will lead, direct, and inspire to the end that a League can be organized.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

The Folly of Christmas Cards

"How many Christmas cards did you get?" asked my daughter a few Christmases ago. Much to my amazement, I found that she had received almost half as many as I. She had sent many, and I had sent few, for I had disdainfully tossed my head and said, "Christmas cards are such a waste of money! There is nothing to do with those beautiful cards after Christmas except to throw them away. What good do they do?"

I watched my child sit down and go over each of her cards. As she read the names of the senders, she mentioned something nice about each person. "Oh, this one is from Mary," she said. "She is that nice girl in my room with whom I went to the art gallery. Oh, here's one from Janey. You remember her, don't you, Mother? She lived over near us when we lived in the other house. One time she helped me with my arithmetic. She was so smart."

"Yes, I remember," I answered with growing interest. Each card reminded the girl of something she wanted to remember.

When she was halfway through her cards, I casually reached over for my stack. The top one was from a good old friend in Wichita. I looked at it for a long time. I remembered the good times we had had together. I remembered how she had stood by me when I was sick, how she loved my children, how we used to tell each other our problems and do our best to lift the loads.

The second was from a sister-in-law. She always thinks of "different-type" cards. That one was especially a good one. There was a picture of her young son, and so I carefully cut it out and placed it in my kodak basket. The third one was from a former pastor. It expressed hope for our family's future days, and reminded us that Jesus was born on Christmas many years ago. And then I remembered the happy hours we as a family had had working in the Sunday school and church during the days when this minister had preached to our family and friends. I turned back to the card and read these words, "May the peace of Jesus abide in your hearts forever."

By that time I was quietly weeping. "There is no folly in Christmas cards," I said to myself. The precious memories associated with those cards that year lived with me for all the days of that season. When the time came to throw them away, I had a treasure of memories restored and refreshed in my mind. I had prayed silently for each sender!

A Wonderful Christmas Morning

I don't remember how old I was on this Christmas about which I am going to tell you. I think I must have been about nine years of age.

Something about the preparations which went on in our house during the days immediately before Christmas had real mystery in it. Two of my mother's friends were at our house very often and there were a lot of

secrets being whispered among those three women.

I went ahead joyfully buying my mother something from the dime-store china and crystal department; my father, the usual black string tie; my older sister, beautiful bone hair-pins; my brothers, of which there were two at the time, wind-up toys; and the baby sister, the regular rubber dolly. It was great fun buying the gifts, but the real fun that year was caused by the mystery which seemed to be building up at our house.

On the day our Christmas school vacation started, the parlor doors were closed and locked. During the following days, I stood near the doors, hoping that when my father or mother or their adult friends slipped sideways through them I could get a peep. But never did I see a thing! Everyone was so, so careful!

I could hardly sleep! Up until that year we had never made much of an affair of Christmas. Of course, we exchanged gifts and spent the day crawling around on the floor playing with the toys or sitting in the corner reading one of the wonderful new books which we always expected to get and which we always received. We children many times would rather read than eat, rather read than sleep, and even sometimes we went so far as to rather read than wash and dry the dishes or practice on the piano!

Christmas Eve we were told to hang our stockings in the dining room. That night, even though I thought I could never do such a thing, soon after stretching out on my comfortable bed and pulling the load of covers over my chilly body, I went to sleep.

The next morning, just as the sun came up, all five of us children were running down the stairs in our stocking sleepers. Wonder of wonders, the doors to the parlor were open! There in the middle of the room, reaching from the top of the library table to the ceiling, stood a most wonderful tree! On one side of the tree was a beautiful, blue-eyed, blond doll as tall as a baby. She had on a light blue silk dress and a blue bonnet to match. I knew that belonged to me, for everything I ever was given was always blue and blond.

On the other side of the tree was a dark-haired, brown-eyed doll exactly the same size as mine. It had on a pink silk dress with a pink bonnet to match. I knew that belonged to my older sister. She always was given pink things.

As happy as I was over the beautiful doll, I couldn't quite begin to play with it until I found out what the other children received. Soon we discovered that everyone had an equal

amount of gifts. No one had had more money spent on him than had anyone else.

It was a wonderful Christmas for me, but it was equally as wonderful for everyone else in the family.

You remember Jesus came to the

earth for the benefit of all. He was an equal Gift for everyone. I wish I might watch at this Christmas time, and see that every one accepts the wonderful gift of Jesus. I want so much for everyone to receive his just share of the love of the Saviour.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Evangelist Lum Jones writes that he has an open date, February 3 to 15. Write him, 630 West 9th Street, Ada, Oklahoma.

Evangelist G. H. Chapman writes: "Am in a wonderful revival with our Northside Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, and Pastor Clem; he is a man of God. Following this will be in a meeting in Fremont, Nebraska, closing on December 13. I have some open time for 1953; will go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 434, Lexington, Oklahoma."

Pastor Robert B. Fowler writes: "There is now a Church of the Nazarene in Norwich, Connecticut, and we cordially welcome servicemen who may be stationed at the nearby subway base at Groton, or in the Coast Guard School at New London. Our address is 8 Hedge Avenue."

The Plains, Ohio—Recently we had a fine revival with Rev. Vernon O'Brien as the evangelist. He did some wonderful preaching and the church was greatly helped. The crowds were large, conviction was deep, and many prayed through to God. As the power of God swept over the congregation, there were many shouts of praise. The evangelist was given a call to return. Our church is making progress along all lines, and the spiritual tide is high. I am happy to be pastor of this fine people.—Lena Brandenburg, Pastor.

Chattanooga, Tennessee—The East Lake Church recently held a good and profitable revival with the pastor, Rev. A. W. McQueen, as evangelist and the Chappin Family as singers. Brother McQueen preached with the unction and power of the Holy Spirit bringing conviction to the hearts of many. There were more than twenty in the altar seeking forgiveness or purity, most of them finding victory. The Chappin Family (Rev. A. F. Chappin, wife, and daughter Ann) sang the glory down night after night. One outstanding feature of the Chappins was their loyalty to the altar services; they were on hand until each one had prayed through at every service. There is one real miracle of grace from this revival. A few weeks ago a man was in the hospital for a very serious operation, with doubt as to his recovery. The church prayed that he might be spared and given a chance to find God. On the last Sun-

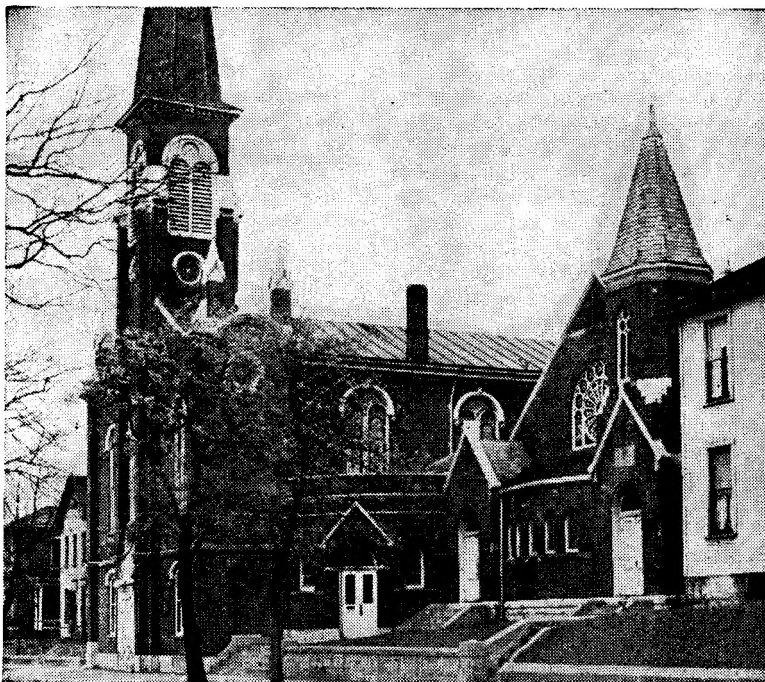
day morning of the revival this man—now out of the hospital—came to the altar and was saved. That night he was in the prayer room praying for his wife to be saved. When the altar call was given this woman came to the altar and was saved. On Wednesday night they were both in prayer meeting and both gave a good testimony. We are thanking God for the victories in Christ in this meeting.—Thomas G. Carson, Reporter.

Knoxville, Tennessee—Immanuel Nazarene Mission had a revival November 3 to 9. During the seven days we had 52 people attending each night. Rev. Joe Tyson from Shelbyville, Tennessee, was our evangelist. The last day of the revival there were 20 people at the altar, and at least 10 of them prayed through. Since we started Immanuel Mission fifteen months ago we have had over 40 in Sunday school each week. Our yearly average was 31.—William Elkins, Jr., Pastor.

Evangelists George and Charlotte Dixon report: "Recently we held a fine revival with our church at Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. God blessed in the services with real victories, and a fine class of seven was received into church membership. This makes a total of ten new members that the aggressive pastor, Rev. Russell T. Long, has taken into the church in the four months he's been there. God is blessing our evangelistic efforts. Most of '53 is booked and we're now slating for '54, as we press forward in the interests of His great kingdom."

Madison, West Virginia—Upon coming here this past July, I found a group of people needing help and willing to work. The church attendance has more than doubled. In July we had a good revival with Rev. Harold Runyan, in which several sought and found victory at the altar. We have remodeled the church inside, and made several Sunday-school rooms which were greatly needed. Fourteen good members have been taken into the church. We have just closed a revival with Rev. Frank Noel, Jr., which proved to be of great help to the church, and a fine group knelt at our altars. Brother Noel was given a call to return in 1953. The last Sunday of the revival all previous Sunday-school records were broken with an attendance of 124.—Raymond Carpenter, Pastor.

Our *West Side Church* has been organized nine years. Under the leadership of Rev. Maggie Hunley, a property was purchased and remodeled for a place of worship and living quarters for the pastor. The church progressed well with Rev. Luther Williams pastoring for four years. When I came as pastor in September of '51, I found a fine, loyal group of Nazarenes. Our quarters were much too small, so we began to pray. God has wonderfully answered, and made possible the trading of properties with a Lutheran church (our former property had a good potential value as a business site). We received for our property the church pictured here; it has three auditoriums, many classrooms, sixty nice pews, two good pianos, and a twelve-room, modern brick parsonage. Also we received \$10,000.00 cash, which enabled us to pay the mortgage on the other property with \$5,000.00 left to make the necessary repairs. The total value of the church, parsonage, and furnishings is appraised by two insurance companies at \$75,000.00, and it is free of debt. Our church is now known as the *St. Paul Church of the Nazarene*. We are located in a choice residential section and the neighborhood is responding favorably. Rev. and Mrs. James Fisher have come to us as ministers of music, and we are moving



forward on every line. We appreciate the advice and assistance of District Superintendent J. W. Short and the

Advisory Board; and we thank God for His blessings.—Earl Marvel, Pastor.

New Straitsville, Ohio—This church has recently had one of the best revivals in years with Evangelist Cloyce Elsea as the special worker. His messages were anointed of God, and his inspiring messages in song reached the hearts of our people. The church has been helped spiritually and new members added. Brother Elsea is one of the best, and is a blessing to the church.—Thelma Little, Secretary.

Kittanning, Pennsylvania—This church has just closed one of the best revivals in its history, with Rev. Harold Runyan as the evangelist. Brother Runyan brought Spirit-filled messages night after night. The last night climaxed one of the greatest altar services that one could see anywhere. Truly, God was in this place. Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Baltz came to us last March; the church has been com-

pletely redecorated, new Sunday-school rooms installed, and a junior auditorium completed in the basement. The people are encouraged and the church is going forward along every line.—Reporter.

Little Rock, Arkansas.—The Lord is giving real victory in the work of First Church in this great city. We recently were blessed with a real revival. Rev. W. Shelburne Brown, superintendent of the Los Angeles District, did the preaching and Rev. Joe Calderon of Salem, Oregon, was the special singer. We had three services a day, two daily in the church and one over the radio. God came in answer to prayer and many were helped spiritually. The church begins immediately on a building program. A new Sunday school and youth building will be constructed adjoining the church, and a new two-purpose plant installed for both heating and air-conditioning the present church. We are reaching many new people through the facilities of the radio as we broadcast 6¼ hours each week. We have a great and good people at First Church.—Melza H. Brown, Pastor.

Sioux City, Iowa—September 21 was our first Sunday as pastor of our First Church here. We thank God for the good work of Rev. R. E. Hodgson, former pastor. God has given us a real revival spirit, also a good revival with Rev. Ballard as evangelist; around sixty prayed through. The Sunday school is on the increase,

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crowds are large, and the church membership is working, praying, and standing by the pastor. We are planning and praying toward a fine church building in the near future that will be outstanding in this city of nearly one hundred thousand. We are happy and pleased with the great Church of the Nazarene, and with its around-the-world vision.—Guthrie H. Hughes, Pastor.

Mt. Sterling, Kentucky—Our church closed a great revival on Sunday, October 26, with Rev. Edgar and Ann Burnem as the evangelistic workers. The revival was a great success. There were forty-some victories at the altar, and on the following Sunday we received a very fine group in the church. The Burnems are splendid workers, and they carry the entire program of singing and preaching. The church board voted to call them back in the fall of 1954. Their program is of the very highest type. On the last Sunday morning we had 342 in Sunday school, which is the largest crowd in the thirty years' history of the church. We do praise God for the wonderful way He is helping the people of Mt. Sterling. On the last Sunday morning the people gave the pastor and wife a very fine love offering, which was much appreciated. We love and appreciate our fine people, God is blessing, and the church is going forward.—Robert Altman, Pastor.

Fowler, Colorado—We are happy to report that our church has had one of its best revivals. We closed Sunday, November 9, in a high tide with a number of seekers at both services. Rev. W. E. Carlton was our evangelist. There was no preaching in the closing Sunday morning service, but there was a great altar service. This was Brother Carlton's second time with us, and he certainly proved to be the man of the hour. As a result of this outstanding revival we are lining up a nice class of joiners. The spiritual upswing in our church is certainly encouraging.—W. M. Roper, Pastor.

Mountain Home, Arkansas—We are still rejoicing and praising God for victories won in our recent revival with Rev. Royal Schultz as the evangelist. Brother Schultz preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and his messages brought deep conviction on the people. God gave us some wonderful altar services with people praying through to victory. We thank and praise God for His goodness to us.—Harold Lake, Pastor.

Carroll, Iowa—We are delighted to report that the revival conducted October 19 to November 2 by Evangelist Wm. H. Phillips and wife was victorious. The Carroll church, struggling under most adverse conditions making it difficult to secure workers, has enjoyed a most wonderful outpouring of the Spirit through the ministry of these evangelists. Old



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scores have been settled and healed; restitutions were made with deep repentance and crying for mercy. Blessed results have come, confidence and Christian fellowship have been restored, and the church has taken on new life and hope. Brother and Sister Phillips are old-fashioned, Spirit-anointed evangelists.—C. A. Dean, Pastor.

Pastor Russell B. Knudson writes: "After resigning the church at Baraboo, Wisconsin, in May, we accepted a call to the church at Freetown, Indiana, in August—a new church organized June 1 with twelve members. We now have twenty members and have averaged forty-two in Sunday school for the past two months. We recently closed a gracious revival with Evangelist Bernice Roedel and the Hagwood-Newby Trio. God especially owned and blessed the ministry of these talented young workers. Miss Roedel's inspirational messages were both clear and Biblical and the church gave her a call to return in '54. A wonderful spirit prevailed in all services; finances came easily, including a nice love-offering for the pastor; the attendance was excellent; and twelve people sought God for pardon or purity at our altar. God is giving us a real foothold in this community and we are pressing on."

Marshall, Texas—Sunday, October 26, we closed a very successful revival in our church. Our workers were used of the Lord to minister to large crowds in every service. Our special speaker was Rev. C. B. Fugett, who preached Christ in a most humble manner. This revival was well attended by unchurched people as well as many people of other faiths. We were greatly encouraged by the re-

vival reaching new people and hungry-hearted people. Many of our own people found help at the altar as well as a number of these new people. Several folk were added to the church. This revival was unusual because some of the folk were stirred to do something more about personal evangelism. Our singer in this revival was Wayne Sledge; he did a fine job directing the choir and singing special numbers. The good spirit of this young man was a blessing to all. We are grateful to God for His wonderful blessings upon us as a people. If you have friends moving to this area let us know and we will contact them for Christ and the church. Write me at 403 E. Burlison, Marshall.—Elbert Labenske, Pastor.

The second meeting of the Boston Zone Brotherhood was held at the Somerville Y.M.C.A., Saturday evening, November 1. There were seventy-five Nazarene men present for the dinner meeting, which featured an address by Dr. R. W. Coe, executive secretary for the Massachusetts Bible Society. The officers for the organization are: president, Mr. John Pope; vice-president, Rev. John B. Neilson; secretary, Mr. L. Ryan Hanson; treasurer, Mr. Augustus Goodwin; and advisers—Dr. J. Glenn Gould, Dr. J. H. Shrader, and Rev. C. L. Arnold. A display of facsimile pages of ancient translations of the Bible was another feature of the program. New officers will be elected at the February meeting. The men are co-operating in the Greater Boston Evangelistic "Christ for Everyone Crusade" to be held in Mechanics Hall starting New Year's Eve. Nazarene men of the Boston area are getting together to do something for the Lord.—Reporter.

Evangelist O. F. Zachary writes that he has two open dates early in 1953: January 13 to 25, and February 2 to 15. This open time is because of cancellations. Write him, Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Evangelists C. C. and Flora N. Chatfield write: "Due to a heart attack of the pastor, Rev. Jimmie Dobson, of San Benito, Texas, we will be supplying the pulpit there for the month of December. Until December 29, address us, R.F.D. 1, Wilson Rd., % P. S. DeWitt, Harlingen, Texas."

Wilmington, Ohio—We had a real spiritual awakening in our revival with Evangelist and Mrs. C. H. Dobbins as the special workers. They are God's servants, anointed with His Spirit, and God's presence was manifested in the services. Seekers sought and found the Lord in almost every service, with forty either saved or sanctified, among them some fine young married couples. Sister Dobbins' chalk pictures were very impressive, and we greatly appreciated these and also the special music. I have served as pastor here for almost eighteen years, and feel this was one of the best revivals we have had. The closing Sunday was a great day of victory—178 in Sunday school, and twelve good victories during the day's services.—Ray W. Beegle, Pastor.

Sunday morning, March 2, the church gave our pastor a unanimous call for three years, and raised his salary. In September we began a drive for the fall Sunday-school rally, and once again the Lord rewarded us with an attendance of 311; 107 pupils were taught in the basement Sunday-school rooms and our pastor brought a stirring message to 204 adults. God's presence was felt and the Lord gave a fine altar service. In the past seventeen months we have witnessed great things. We are now underwriting our present debt and making plans to enlarge our building in the spring of 1953. Harmony reigns among pastor and people.—Mrs. Mary Colflesh, Secretary.

Coatesville, Pennsylvania—We thank God for the gracious answer to prayer manifested in the revival just closed. Our great problem has been to get the people of the immediate vicinity to come to our services. God heard the prayers of His people and gladdened our hearts with the incoming of our neighbors. My son, Rev. George Daniel Andrews, and his wife of Vernon, Texas, were the engaged workers; their singing and preaching were of the highest order and were greatly appreciated. On the last Sunday we had the privilege of having all our own children present, to sing a chorus. Rev. David Earl Andrews of Zelinope, Pennsylvania, and Rev. Paul Foster Andrews of Watertown, New York, assisted in the services. The finances of the revival came easily. We are encouraged to press forward for God.—George W. Andrews, Pastor.

St. Paris, Ohio—Our church has had a good revival with Rev. Russell Bowman as the evangelist. Members of the church say it was one of the best for several years. Brother Bowman preached without fear and favor, which brought results through the Holy Spirit; several were reclaimed and sanctified. One lady past seventy years old was saved for the first time, and the church in general has been lifted. A good spirit of co-operation prevailed throughout the meeting. Brother Bowman raised a nice love offering for the pastor and wife, which was appreciated so much.—O. W. Bowsher, Pastor.

Richmond, Kentucky—We recently closed one of the best revivals First Church has had in many years. When the slated evangelist had to cancel the meeting, the church board voted unanimously for the pastor, Rev. Asa Sparks, to do the preaching. Brother Sparks preached under the unction and anointing of the Holy Spirit and carried a great soul burden. Professor A. C. Wakefield was the song evangelist, and his beautiful spirit and concern for souls, as well as his messages in song, were greatly appreciated. The church got under the burden and prayed, and God rewarded with an old-fashioned revival with souls praying through to definite victory. One

Evangelist W. E. McCumber: "I recently closed a fruitful meeting with Pastor Richard Thompson and the fine people of Live Oak, Florida. They are doing good work. Brother Thompson has been with the church six months and splendid progress is being made spiritually, numerically, and financially. The Sunday school averaged 63 last year; the average for the month of October was 126, and a record attendance of 145 was posted during the meeting. Ten new members have been received, all of them by profession of faith, six during the meeting. New people are constantly being reached, and miracles of healing and salvation are occurring. Brother Thompson's salary has been increased \$5.00 per week. The parsonage was furnished throughout with lovely new furnishings, \$1,500.00 worth, and only \$200.00 remains to be paid. On the closing Sunday morning of the meeting the people happily raised a love offering of \$150.00 for Brother and Sister Thompson, that they might visit her home in Oklahoma City at Christmas. The church also plans to launch a building project, a Sunday-school annex, soon."

Confluence, Pennsylvania—Rev. and Mrs. Harold M. Brown came as our pastors in June of 1951 and saw a great field of labor. They immediately set out to visit and pray, and soon our church began to grow. With the co-operation of the church and Sunday school, especially the Sunday-school superintendent, who is a tireless worker, we have witnessed a steady increase in all departments of the church. Record crowds attend the regular Sunday evening evangelistic services. In the month of December the pastor, with the co-operation of the people, raised \$500.00, which was needed to pay a long-standing debt. Many improvements have been made on the church and parsonage, and many friends have been won to the church who have helped us in every way possible to build up the kingdom of God. With united effort we began the six-week climb for Easter, and were rewarded with a record attendance of 261 in Sunday school. On



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night the Holy Spirit took over and gave a wonderful altar service without any preaching. We were definitely conscious of God's sweet presence in all our services. God is blessing the ministry of Pastor Sparks, and the church expressed their appreciation for him in a love offering on the last night of the revival. The Sunday-school attendance last month averaged 242. New pews and pulpit furniture have been ordered and plans are under way for redecorating the auditorium before installing the new pews in January. The church recently sponsored the organization of a church in Berea, Kentucky, a college town only fifteen miles from Richmond. The revival fires are burning and we praise God for the way He is blessing Richmond First Church.—Mattie Belle Jones, Secretary.

Lloyd and Addie Mitchell, song evangelists and musicians, write: "We would like an opportunity to serve in home-mission campaigns, tent meetings, or regular revival services in some of the Southern states for the month of January, February, and March. Write us, Box 93, Ridgway, Pennsylvania."

Evangelist L. J. Dunham and wife write that they have an open date, December 30 through January 11. Write them, 512 Cruger Ave., Eureka, Illinois.

Rev. D. E. Pritt writes: "In August, I went along with Evangelist Billy Smith and wife for a holiness mission campaign in Hebron, Ohio. Brother and Sister Smith left after two weeks, and I stayed on for another two weeks; met some fine people. At the end of the campaign District Superintendent Galloway organized a Nazarene mission—hope to have a church there later. Then I went to Pleasantville, Ohio, where I had a good two-week revival with Rev. M. DeMent and Harold Day, the good song leader. A number of people prayed through, and a new chapel was dedicated to the Lord. I have some open time and will be glad to go anywhere; no church too small. Write me, 423 South 7th St., Cambridge, Ohio."

Evangelist Lee L. Hamric reports: "Recently we held a revival in Compton, California, Olive Church, with Rev. L. Young and people; he has some fine young people. Then I was at Bell Gardens with Rev. Ralph Morris, where we found some true and tried saints. The Lord gave us some good victories in both of those meetings. At this writing I am in Macon, Georgia, with Pastor W. Masters, and God is giving some great services. I go next to Louisville, Georgia, with Rev. C. B. Smith, and then to Savannah, Georgia; from there to Dallas, Texas—our new home. I will be in Manhattan, Kansas, January 4 to 18. Following this I have an open date which I'd be glad to slate in Kansas. Write me, 221 N. Rosemont St., Dallas, Texas."

A REPORT ON THE NEW HYMNAL

It was a tremendous disappointment when, immediately following the General Assembly, we realized that completion of our new Nazarene Hymnal, PRAISE AND WORSHIP, had to be delayed beyond July 1. For several months prior to the General Assembly we had promised delivery of the hymnal by that date and had planned for it in our printing schedule. Then the music engraver's inability to finish the printing plates within the allotted time meant that we could do nothing but wait.

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Now for a report on the present status of the hymnal. Most of the book has been printed. The engraver is supplying approximately 32 pages of music plates every 30 days. Unless some unforeseen delay occurs we shall be able to fill orders sometime in February.

A brochure describing the new hymnal is available. It gives a complete list of the songs and hymns contained in the book. A copy will be mailed, at no charge, to anyone who is interested.

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Song Evangelist John E. Moore reports: "The year of 1952 was a wonderful one, and I was very busy up through November. In September it was my privilege to be with Pastor Clendenin and church at Troy, Ohio; then to Newport News, Virginia, with the Smiths; at Dayton, Ohio, with the Stones, where we had a great ingathering of souls. We had a good revival with Pastor Knox and First Church in Portsmouth, Ohio; then to New Boston, Ohio, with Pastor Hanson and people. It has been my privilege to work with a number of outstanding evangelists—Bernie Smith, C. Tom Davis, W. R. Cloer, and others. I surely enjoy our wonderful church paper, the HERALD OF HOLINESS—no better anywhere in the world. I read it from cover to cover, and especially appreciate the articles by our general superintendents, the editorials, the 'News in Brief,' and, of course, the 'Question Box.' God bless our workers at our publishing house."

Rev. R. M. Elbert writes: "I am an elder and commissioned evangelist on the Kentucky District, and am giving full time to the field of evangelism. At this writing am in a revival at Bradenburg, Kentucky, with Wayne and June Haas as the singers. God is blessing and giving victory. I have open dates after December 15; write me, 1252 Durrets Lane, Louisville 13, Kentucky."

Margaret, Alabama—We have recently closed a great revival with Rev. H. B. Huffman as the evangelist. God was here in a marvelous way. Several folks paid the price and went the old-fashioned death route. Our church was strengthened, and we are going forward to be a greater blessing to a lost and dying world.—Douglas Harmon, Pastor.

Catlettsburg, Kentucky—On September 7, on recommendation of the church board, First Church raised in cash and pledges over \$1,800.00 for remodeling the building. Members and friends rallied to the work, and within five weeks we papered, painted, and installed a new hardwood floor. It has been estimated that this remodeling increased the value of our property by \$5,000.00. While the men worked in the main auditorium, the women met for prayer meetings in the Sunday-school annex, in preparation for our revival. Also, some of the young women got the matter of a new piano on their hearts, and on October 12, when we came for the opening service, a new Hamilton piano was on the remodeled platform of the church. We had a good revival with Rev. E. C. Tarvin as evangelist, and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Turner as singers and musicians. God is blessing and the work is going forward.—W. M. Hodge, Pastor.

Eureka, Kansas—We became the pastor of the church here in August after our assembly. Just before the assembly the church gave twenty-five Sunday-school pupils to start a new Sunday school and church at Severy, Kansas, about twenty miles away. The church has been blessed by this vision of progress, for the new school is growing and so are we. On November 9 we closed a wonderful revival with

Rev. C. W. and Esther Brockmueller of Fort Collins, Colorado. The people responded to his messages, twelve prayed through for sanctification, and three were saved. The church was much encouraged and caught the vision to do personal evangelism work. The church has voted to have the Brockmuellers return next fall. We are thankful for this loving and sacrificial people.—Odis R. Brown, Pastor.

Crowley, Louisiana—Coming to the Ebenezer Church in July of 1952, we found a loyal and faithful group of Nazarenes. Our first revival just closed with Rev. Thomas Huff as the evangelist. We had a good meeting with 61 seekers bowing at the altar seeking God, counting them as they came. At the closing service 5 fine people were received into church membership. The last Sunday of the



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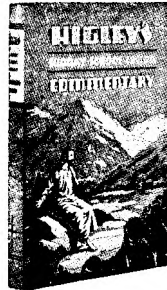
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revival we had 130 in Sunday school. We love the fine people of this great community.—G. A. and Margaret Neuenswander, Pastors.

Evangelist Bertha Crowe reports: "I am working in full-time evangelism, and God is giving me souls. At this writing I am in Holdenville, Oklahoma, for a brief visit with some of my family. I will be in Placentia, California, for a couple of weeks, and then back east. I am making up my slate for '53, and will go anywhere for freewill offerings and entertainment; no church too small. Write me % our publishing house in Kansas City."

Lanett, Alabama—Our church Sunday-school revival began on Wednesday, October 22, with Rev. Johnny Robinson of Trevecca College; and special singers, Allene Whitman, Sammy Bell, Mary O'Brian, and Dick Landgrave, all from Trevecca also. On Sunday, the child evangelist, Sandra Cox, preached and sang. It was on this day that Lanett broke her attendance record with 1,074, making a new state record as well as breaking the weekly and monthly records. A public-address system gave the large, uncounted, standing groups on the outside the preaching and the singing, even though our church would not hold them inside. The best part of all, however, after a drive such as we had for that day, is that usually some come to stay. Even one family won for Jesus makes it worth all the work under the capable leadership of our Sunday-school superintendent, and his wife, our fine corps of personal workers, and the pastor, Rev. Gordon Winchester. The most important Person to have there is the Lord. He has never failed us yet!—Reporter.

Arizona District Sunday-School Convention

The District Sunday-School Convention, held at the Phoenix First Church, October 20 to 22, was one of the best ever. Based on the twofold emphasis of inspirational messages and workshop discussions of practical present-day problems, the convention helped us to touch the very heart of our Sunday-school work.

Rev. J. Erben Moore, Jr., our alert Church Schools chairman, supervised the details of each session, which consisted of three workshop periods meeting twice daily and divided into the general groupings of (1) *Promotional*, (2) *Teaching Methods*, and (3) *Vacation Bible School*. Interspersed between these sessions were reports of the Sunday-school superintendents and inspiring messages by the special workers.

Deeply appreciated as our special speakers were Dr. George Coulter, superintendent of the Northern California District, and Dr. George Taylorson, pastor of the Bresee Avenue Church in Pasadena, California. The rich and practical ministry of these men made lasting impressions for good

upon the fine representation of Sunday-school-minded folk who gathered in from over the district.

Such conventions are helping us to maintain a steady Sunday-school growth, and are bringing about definite improvements in our week-by-week program. Our goal for the year is to average 3,250 in attendance and to reach an enrollment of 5,000.

M. L. MANN, *District Superintendent*

Chicago Central District

We organized Cedar Grove Church, five miles northwest of Danville, Illinois, with twenty-one charter members on November 16. The majority joined on profession of faith. Rev. and Mrs. Harlan Trowbridge and Mr. John Atwood of Danville First Church, pastored by Rev. L. D. Morgan, conducted a Sunday school and services for over a year in the community.

Rev. Paul Swisher, local minister of First Church, conducted a revival and was appointed pastor. The congregation is worshipping in a community church which may be purchased soon.

The church is the result of the work of two local preachers, a layman, and First Church. The vision and work of these men brought results.

MARK R. MOORE,
District Superintendent

Wisconsin District Preachers' Meeting

The Wisconsin District Preachers' Meeting held at Menomonie, October 28 to 30, came to a reluctant closing. Our beloved district superintendent, Dr. Charles A. Gibson, told the crowd, "If I know preachers' meetings, this has been the best yet!" Action was the keynote—action with plans which are already in progress.

Dr. G. B. Williamson surely kindled a fire with his great messages on soul winning, and the imperative "Crusade for Souls Now!" Papers were typified by plans, not platitudes. There was an unusual singleness of heart in the papers given by pastors and the stirring challenges of our general superintendent. Evangelism, calling, revivals, new churches, victorious Sunday night services, evangelistic musical programs, house-to-house evangelism—this was the persistent theme. Praise God for Dr. Williamson's passion for souls and the timely awakening he urged upon us.

Dr. and Mrs. John Cochran from Argentina were a particular blessing. Their enthusiastic spirit and their successful methods in Catholic Argentina encouraged our program of evangelism in Wisconsin.

This increasing Wisconsin aggressiveness was demonstrated during the meeting. Rev. A. E. Gerdes, district Sunday-school chairman, made the "kick-off" on a brand-new, long-range, district-wide Sunday-school advance.

Rev. Charles Zink, district N.Y.P.S. president, presented to the field representative of Olivet Nazarene College,

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SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

CHAPLAIN John Lowell George writes from George Air Force Base, California: "We conducted a most profitable vacation Bible school this month with Mrs. George as the director. There were 151 children enrolled, plus 29 teachers and assistants. We had a total average attendance of 130, even though the lack of facilities limited the organization to kindergarten through the sixth grade. The supervisors, teachers, and assistants gave Mrs. George superb co-operation. For the evangelistic appeal, daily invitations were given in the Primary and Junior departments. The teachers dealt individually with those who responded. As a result, 69 boys and girls accepted Christ as their Saviour. Prior to the two-week school, we conducted four teacher workshop sessions in which the material for each department was thoroughly outlined and prepared. Interest remained high, and God's blessings were upon us throughout all sessions, as well as the closing program."

"I just received my first copies of the HERALD OF HOLINESS today, since I've been in Germany. No words can tell how valuable they are to the young Christian in the position of most soldiers. I started getting the papers unexpectedly while I was in basic training. Before that I never thought about reading it, but when I got away from friends I began to read it. Now I wouldn't trade the HERALD OF HOLINESS for anything I know of. That is how much it means to me.

"I'm glad that I am saved and sanctified. There is nothing in this world that I would trade my Christian experience for."—DONALD L. GRANT.

"I want to express my thanks many times over for the papers and magazines you sent me since I've been overseas. My soul gets much spiritual food from reading the literature and I know anyone does that you send the papers to. Although it seems the Christian boys are away outnumbered, there are a lot of good Christian boys in the service here at Camp McGill. Not only servicemen but there are a number of Japanese that have found the way of salvation, thanks to the work of the missionaries, chaplains, and Christian servicemen. We have a Japanese choir at our chapel every Sunday. I wish to thank you again for the HERALD OF HOLINESS, *Conquest*, and *Come Ye Apart*."—DELBERT L. SARGENT.

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CLIFTON B. NIXON, Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION—I wish to recommend Rev. and Mrs. Albert Lewis, formerly pastors at Dunkirk, New York. They have entered the evangelistic field, and will be carrying a full program of preaching and singing. They have some open time after the first of the year, and I'm sure any church would be pleased by their ministry. They are open for calls anywhere that God may lead; they travel by house-trailer. Address them, Box 106, Dunkirk, New York.—Renard D. Smith, Superintendent of Albany District.

BORN—to Howard and Rev. Geneva Kilgore of Merkel, Texas, a son, Robert Howard, on November 27.

—to Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Clack of Rockford, Illinois, a daughter, Jeannette Eileen, on November 24.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Margaret Louise Christensen of Altona and Mr. Lindon Clyde Payne of West Chazy, New York, were united in marriage on November 22, in Trinity Church of the Nazarene, Altona, with Rev. A. N. Christensen, father of the bride, and Rev. Elton Seaman of Lisbon, officiating.

"Susie" Huff and Louis Wilson were united in marriage on November 16, in Bethel Church of the Nazarene of Yakima, Washington, with Rev. D. R. Peterman, pastor, officiating.

Miss Phyllis McGahey and Mr. Thomas C. Gosch were united in marriage on November 8, at First Church of the Nazarene, Riverside, California, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Smith, officiating.

Miss Georgia McGahey and Mr. Don Evans were united in marriage on November 21 in First Church of the Nazarene, California, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Smith, officiating.

Miss Polly Katherine Hayes and Mr. John Henry Bohlen were united in marriage on November 1, in First Church of the Nazarene, Riverside, California, with the pastor, Rev. J. E. Smith, officiating.

Miss Phyllis Isabella Alexander of Montreal and Rev. Aubrey Roland Stanford, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, Montreal, Quebec, were united in marriage on September 13, at First Church, with Rev. Ted Martin, district superintendent, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a friend in Ohio for healing, also for an urgent silent request;

by a lady in Indiana for her husband's mother, who doctors say has incurable cancer, that if it be His will the Lord will heal her;

by a lady in Kansas that God may heal her of very painful neuritis—doctors are unable to help; by a lady in Indiana that she might be strengthened spiritually, that her sister might be healed physically if it is the Lord's will, and if not that she might be saved and ready for heaven;

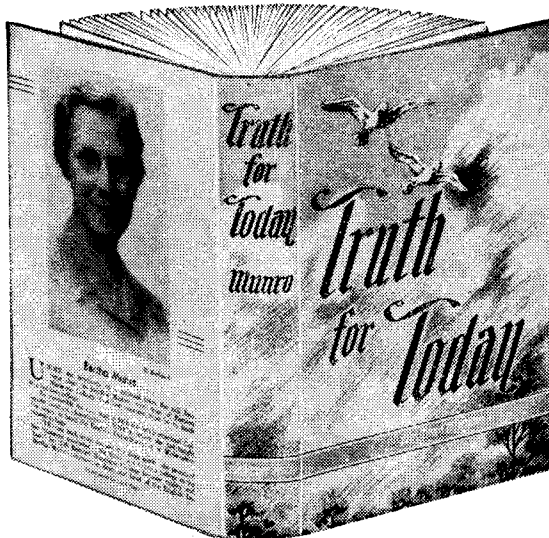
by a lady in Oklahoma for a Christian friend who is in ill health and wants to get settled in the experience of holiness;

by a friend for an old man who is unsaved, also for two unspoken requests;

by a Christian man in Pennsylvania for several unspoken requests;

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