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### General Superintendent Williamson

**T**ODAY Dwight D. Eisenhower took the oath of office as the thirty-fourth president of the United States of America. Upon his shoulders now rests the greatest responsibility borne by any man. Americans know that the fates and fortunes of their future years are in his hands. But in a measure beyond our ability to comprehend the welfare of the world is his burden.

To people of spiritual understanding the most encouraging aspect of this day's ceremonies has been the new President's evident reliance upon God. This is seen in the fact that he and his official family attended a religious service before the inaugural events began. At the conclusion of that service of worship the entire group stood for a full minute of silence. Then they joined in repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Worship inspired another thought. The man who was to accept such great responsibility hurried to his hotel room. There he wrote in his own words a simple prayer which he offered in the hearing of millions before delivering the inaugural address.

The last words of his first message as president were these: "This is the work which awaits us all, to be done with bravery, with charity, and with *prayer* to Almighty God."

In commenting on the address H. V. Kaltenborn said, "It was free from political partisanship and from nationalism." This means that religious people of all parties, all nations, and all faiths can unite in prevailing prayer that God shall give the new President courage, strength, wisdom, and divine guidance that he may lead this nation and the world into a new era of righteousness, peace, and mutual understanding.

A leader who sincerely prays and who asks his fellow citizens to join him in prayer should not be disappointed in the response.

Let us pray for the President in secret, at family altars, and in the services of our churches. Let us pray without ceasing and in an earnestness inspired by the faith that God hears and answers prayer. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

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

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# Campaign Winners for 1952 Honored Maritime, South Dakota, North Dakota



The district superintendents of the winning districts in the 1952 "Herald of Holiness" subscription campaigns were presented Stetson hats by general superintendent Dr. Hardy C. Powers. From left to right they are: Rev. J. H. MacGregor, Maritime District; Rev. Harry Taplin, North Dakota; Rev. W. H. Davis, South Dakota; and Dr. Powers.

## Superintendents Presented Hats At Conference

### 11 Districts Make Quotas

**T**HE MARITIME DISTRICT for the second consecutive year leads the denomination in the tabulation of subscriptions for the HERALD OF HOLINESS and has been declared the winner in Zone III. This tabulation, just completed, is based on the number of subscriptions in proportion to membership and is taken at the end of each calendar year. The Maritime District heads the list with an impressive 104 per cent.

Next in line and very close is South Dakota, the winner in Zone I, with 101 per cent. The victor in Zone II is North Dakota with 81 per cent.

Stetson hats were presented the winning district superintendents, Rev. J. H. MacGregor of Maritime, Rev. W. H. Davis of South Dakota, and Rev. Harry Taplin of North Dakota, by general superintendent, Dr. Hardy C. Powers, at the Superintendents' Conference at Kansas City First Church, January 15. Just after the

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The campaign managers of each of these districts will be given a three-day, all-expenses-paid trip to Kansas City. They are: Rev. E. H. Brewer, Maritime; Rev. Vearl Fisher, South Dakota; and Rev. Claire W. Kern, North Dakota.

Eleven districts made or exceeded their quotas of a subscription list equal to 60 per cent of their membership. Other than the three winning districts listed above, they are:

Canada Central, 79 per cent; Rev. T. E. Martin, superintendent; R. Bradley Harrison, campaign manager.

New York, 72 per cent; \*Dr. O. J. Finch, superintendent; Rev. Harold Kling, campaign manager.

Central Ohio, 71 per cent; Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, superintendent; Rev. Joseph F. Nielson, campaign manager.

Albany, 76 per cent; Rev. Renard D. Smith, superintendent; Rev. L. S. Boardman, campaign manager.

Oregon Pacific, 65 per cent; Rev. W. D. McGraw, superintendent; Rev. Edward L. Dowd, campaign manager.

Northwestern Illinois, 62 per cent; Rev. Lyle E. Eckley, superintendent; James E. Hazelwood, campaign manager.

Arizona, 62 per cent; Rev. M. L. Mann, superintendent; Rev. J. Erben Moore, Jr., campaign manager.

Western Ohio, 60 per cent; Dr. W. E. Albea, superintendent; Rev. Howard Sylvia, campaign manager.

COMMENDATIONS TO ALL.

A complete listing will be given in following issues.

\*Succeeded by Rev. Robert Goslaw

### HIS LOVE:

Let us adore Him for His love, that love which has a height, and depth, and length, and breadth, beyond the grasp of our poor conceptions; a love that moved Him to empty Himself, to take on Him the form of a servant, and to be obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.—JOHN NEWTON:

# A Visit to Mexico

General Superintendent Benner

**E**ARLY in December Dr. G. B. Williamson and the writer visited Mexico to supervise the assemblies "below the border." Throughout this trip we had the invaluable assistance of Rev. Ira L. True as interpreter. The North District assembly was held at First Church, Monterrey, and the South District assembly at Fourth Church, Mexico City. These districts have been under the respective superintendencies of Rev. Enrique Rosales and Rev. David J. Sol.

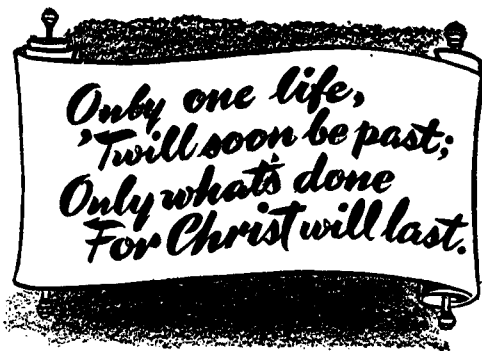
The progress and prospects of the Church of the Nazarene in the Republic of Mexico are most gratifying. The combined membership of these districts totals more than 8,000, counting probationers. Practically every church reported a gain in membership. The presence of God was manifested in the assembly sessions. The people were warmly responsive to the messages of the general superintendents, practically all of which were devoted to various phases of scriptural holiness.

The district organization was revised in the interest of more effective supervision and more rapid progress. Portions of the two districts were set off to form the Central District, with the district leadership as follows: North Mexican District, Rev. Carlos Stopani, superintendent; Central Mexican District, Rev. Enrique Rosales, superintendent; Southeast Mexican District, Rev. David J. Sol, superintendent.

The closing assembly service was held at Mexico City First Church, of which Dr. Alfredo Santin is pastor. The auditorium was filled, and many could not be seated. Special music was furnished by the choirs of Mexico City First Church and Guadalajara First Church. As we heard our Mexican Nazarenes sing and pray, as we sensed their response to the messages, we rejoiced in the grace and power of "the glorious gospel of Christ."

In that gathering were those from Mexico City with its 3,500,000 people. There, too, were the Indians from some of our fine mountain congregations. In that service were those who daily risk their lives for the sake of Christ and the gospel. In spite of opposition and some persecution, the spirit of our Mexican Nazarenes is aggressive, and their faith is firm.

We owe a large debt of gratitude to Dr. Williamson for his wise and capable leadership of this work during the past six years. In assuming the responsibility for jurisdiction, we desire to carry on the policies which have been so successful. We urge our people to pray for this great harvest field. With the blessing of God, the best days of Mexican Nazarene achievement are just ahead.



## Trying God's Plan

By Raymond C. Kratzer\*

**O**NE SUNDAY night the husband of one of our good members yielded to the invitation to be saved. It was a glorious service because of many prayers which had ascended to the throne of grace in his behalf. Not that he was not a good man, for one could not lay a finger upon his exemplary life, but still he had not experienced the saving grace of God in his heart. He was a member of a formal church and yet had not entered into that sacred fellowship with Christ until that Sunday night when in the midst of earnest prayer he took Christ as his own personal Saviour.

Not long after this occasion I was talking with him on the street near the bank where he was assistant manager. He told me that he was doing some income tax work after banking hours, and that he had decided to try God's plan of tithing on the profit that he made from this extra work. Of course, he did not feel that he could tithe his salary at the bank, but he was willing to take a chance and promise God that all of his extra income would be tithed.

As time went on his "extra" work began to pyramid so much that he confessed to me that he was thinking seriously of quitting his job at the bank and going into full-time business for himself. Trusting the Lord for His aid, he took the step, still continuing God's plan of tithing all this extra income, and within about four months of tithing his business he had earned as much money as a year's bank salary. Today he has a lovely suite of rooms in one of the finest office buildings in the city, and has two extra employees a good part of the year to help him carry on a fine accounting business.

It has been a joy to see this man walk in the light. There have been times when unwholesome businesses have sought him to keep their accounts, and he has turned them down in order to keep his conscience void of offense toward God. However, every time God has turned other good business toward him which has more than repaid him for his sacrifice. Needless to say, he is becoming one of God's spiritual giants.

It always pays to follow God's plan in life!

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# HOME MISSIONS

**T**HE ARTICLES on home missions in this issue have been planned by Dr. Roy F. Smee, the general home missions secretary. They concern the great task of planting the church in new communities across our country. We are striving for one thousand new churches this quadrennium, and Dr. Smee is ably leading the church in this

responsibility. For other home-mission news, including the overseas home mission fields, read Dr. Smee's column in the *HERALD* each week.

The *Nazarene Pastor* reported an article on church building also in this issue. Instead, it will appear in the home-missions column next week.

## The Young Preacher and Home Missions

General Superintendent Benner

"So you have a home-mission church? How fortunate you are! What a privilege! What an opportunity!"

This is my reaction to the situation of any young preacher in a home-mission church. In this regard I speak with sincerity and conviction born of experience, for my first pastorate was of the home-mission variety, the property being maintained only with the aid of home-mission funds.

There were just fifteen people in that first Sunday morning service. Twenty-three were reported in Sunday school that day. My salary was twenty-five dollars per week, with no parsonage furnished. We faced all the problems common to such situations. But Mrs. Benner and I agree that we have found no period of service more satisfying or rewarding than those five years in that first pastorate.

(Just to keep the record straight, I wish to add that at the completion of our first year there, we asked that the home-mission assistance be discontinued, and the church became entirely self-supporting. No church or pastor should expect to be subsidized for any very long period of time.)

### THE ADVANTAGES

There is no better situation in which a young preacher may begin his ministry than a home-mission pastorate. In the first place, the young, new church constitutes the true "growing edge" of the Church of the Nazarene. Certainly it is gratifying to see new people coming into any of our churches, but there is an unusual sense of satisfaction that attends the establishment of our work in a new community, to see it develop and take its place as a new center of spiritual life and of soul-winning effectiveness.

Again, the young preacher in a home-mission field can begin his ministry without a background of local church history against which he may be judged unfavorably. In the older, larger churches such comparisons, odious as they may be, are inevitable. But in the new church there is no such issue, and usually one finds a spirit of charity toward the young preacher because of the obvious problems involved. Every step of progress is evident and serves to build the appreciation and confidence of the people toward the pastor.

Not the least of home-mission advantages is the opportunity of the young preacher to "find himself" as to effective methods of contact and promotion. In the home-mission church he can experiment to his heart's content with plans, ideas, and projects, and can determine what is valid and useful, and what is without value, with no great risk such as would be involved in an older, established church.

Finally, and outstanding as an advantage, is the opportunity for the young preacher to develop his own ministry. No amount of formal preparation really makes the preacher successful. Sometime, somewhere, he must "work out his own salvation," and must, by intense study, earnest prayer, and actual preaching, beat into effective shape his own ministry on the anvil of experience. No better opportunity for this will ever come than is afforded in the new, small home-mission church. There, before the heavier responsibilities of a larger pastorate are upon him, he can have the time to do this which he must do if he is to be an effective and "good minister of Jesus Christ."

### THE RESPONSIBILITIES

It should be kept in mind, however, that there are serious responsibilities that devolve upon the home-mission pastor. Too many times churches are judged merely by their size and age, with the result that often home-mission churches are not considered in the light of their true importance.

The home-mission church is no place for the young preacher with a superiority complex—the preacher who feels that such a place is not really worthy of his talents, and is but a convenient (or inconvenient) detour on the way to "First Church." The home-mission pastor faces the responsibility for adequate and sound beginnings. In those early days he is setting the pace and the pattern that will affect the church, possibly for many years to come. It is his responsibility to place the new church in a proper light before the community. The appearance of the church property, the attitude of the church toward financial obligations, the spirit of friendliness, all are a part of the relation of the church to the community, and don't forget: the church must have friends to succeed as it should.

There is also the responsibility of the home-mission pastor toward the church and its people. It is his business to give to the work the best he has, not waiting for some larger opportunity to preach well, to conduct effective services, to administer the church affairs adequately. Let him preach, plan, and work at his very best. His own future is at stake, and is largely in his own hands. If a young preacher will do an unusually effective piece of work in that first, small pastorate, it will "get out on him," and there will be a growing place of opportunity in the Church of the Nazarene.

Furthermore, in relation to his people, such a pastor has the responsibility of making real Nazarenes out of newcomers. This involves not only our doctrines and standards, but includes developing the "Nazarene spirit" of freedom in worship, the true "demonstration of the Spirit," the vision of the broad mission of the church, a sacrificial zeal in giving, and a consistent loyalty to the whole program of the Church of the Nazarene. The home-mission pastor is responsible for the proper early organization of the church, the encouragement of participation in all phases of the work, and the setting of standards of reverence, worship, and evangelism. In the latter he should be using every available aid provided for the promotion of the *Crusade for Souls Now*.

#### CHALLENGING THE CHURCH

Today there are 1,500 young people in our Nazarene colleges and seminary who testify to a call to Christian service. They are willing and eager to take home-mission churches. It is the responsibility of Nazarenes to see that openings are provided to match the call and consecration of these young people. The need is clear: an increasing financial support for the home-mission program. New churches, adequately manned, mean more Nazarenes and more resources for foreign missions, home missions, education, evangelism, and all the other interests of our world-wide outreach. *On with the "Crusade for Souls Now!"*

## Home Missionary Incentive

By Roy F. Smees\*

**B**ACK of every successful adventure there must be a driving force. Whether one is painting a rose in the garden or exploring the frozen wastes surrounding the poles, there must be an absorbing incentive within his heart which gives him a sense of the worth-whileness of his objective.

In every Christian service the love of Christ in the heart of the child of God is that incentive. When that love becomes diluted with the love of money, the love of position, or the love of self, then the incentive for sacrificial service dies. It is here that the real romance of giving oneself in unstinted devotion is lost. The professing Chris-

tian may continue to attend church, give a portion of his earnings to the cause, and persist in giving his regular testimony at prayer meeting, but the real joy that he once knew has dried up.

We must put directed effort into keeping the love of Christ alive. Love unexpressed soon dies. Many a husband and wife have grown apart and homes have been broken because the love for each other has been too long taken for granted. The giving of each to the other in unselfish sacrifice keeps love fervent. Likewise our love to God is quickened and strengthened by genuine sacrifice and devoted service to God and the church.

There is no field where real love to God is better demonstrated by an entire congregation than for that congregation to parent a new church in the neighboring city, town, or suburb. It is easy for a church that has paid its property out of debt, has a comfortable church building and parsonage, and carries its budgets without too much strain to settle down, become absorbed in itself, and assume its standing with God because of its past endeavors. The incentive of love has died.

This incentive was never better demonstrated than by our First Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Rev. Harold Daniels is pastor. A few weeks ago it was my privilege, on the invitation of the church board and their pastor, to preach in a Sunday morning service and raise money for the purchase of some valuable lots in a new suburb. The people gave liberally and joyfully far beyond the goal. In a letter received this week from Brother Daniels he has this to say: "I wish you could have been here yesterday. At the close of the morning service we called for those to come forward that wished to join the new church on the east side. Twenty-one wonderful adults stepped forward. It was really wonderful. I believe before it is over thirty-five will join. In the group there were seven heads of families, all good titheers and earners. Our people feel good about it and are determined to buckle in and build again."

God bless Albuquerque First. Watch that church and you will see a demonstration of that home missionary incentive that will bring full altars and a glowing light of salvation throughout the whole city.

## CO-OPERATION

### In Home Missions

By Leo C. Davis\*

**N**EXT TO THE faithfulness of God himself we count the spirit of co-operation within the established churches as the outstanding reason for the success of Southwest Indiana District in getting into the adjacent town or city and planting new churches. This spirit is so outstanding throughout the district that I describe it as an

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"amazing" co-operation. Out of the thirty-two home-mission campaigns conducted have come twenty-eight new churches.

On a few occasions I have drawn together three or four nearby churches and assigned them the task of getting the new church; but, for the most part, the sponsoring churches have numbered one or two. I have met the church boards and pastors preceding the campaign, worked out the details, and enlisted their co-operation. On several occasions the established church and pastor have been charged with the duty of serving as the evangelist for the campaign, erecting the tent or renting the hall, furnishing the singers, getting out the advertising, and paying *all the bills*. (Cruel, indeed!)

The only duty I assigned myself was to be present at the close of the meeting to focus the organization and to pronounce the new church in existence. As a result, many of our new churches of the past quadrennium have not cost the district a single dollar and our district home-mission funds could be used in other places. Many of our established churches have also stood by after organization and helped "mother" the new babe and even contributed heavily in their building programs. This attitude has, in turn, greatly enriched the sponsoring church in grace and glory.

Last week I received a letter from Rev. Floyd Farnsley, pastor of New Albany East Side, a new church. He writes in part: "We had such a grand service Sunday that I wanted to write you. There were eighteen at the altar in one (regular) service. The blessed Spirit of God was so real that everyone present was moved. People did not leave until long after noon."

The work of this new church started in July, 1950. The venture was truly a Crusade for Souls. The established New Albany First Church, pastored by Rev. J. C. Collins at that time, spearheaded the entire project. They erected the tent (furnished by the district) in a populous area of their city, called Rev. C. G. Bohannon to serve as the evangelist, and paid the bills. At the close of the meeting I received fourteen members into the organization, all of whom were freely and unselfishly relinquished by the First Church and all of them out of their membership. What a contrast between such an attitude and the little



East Side Church of the Nazarene, New Albany, Indiana, on the first anniversary, July 29, 1951, with 179 present. At the last rally, they had 274 present.

"peanut brand" that schemes and plans how to "hold onto them"!

Rev. Floyd Farnsley was appointed pastor of the newly named "New Albany East Side" and operations were started. He has proved over and over to be the right man in the right place. The picture shown tells the rest of the story. There are now 48 members and the weekly average Sunday-school attendance for the past six months has been 125. A peak attendance was reached in a special Sunday-school program with 274 present. A plot of lots 194 feet deep and with an 180-foot frontage on a good street and in a splendid location was purchased, with a parsonage and another residence used as an auditorium and Sunday-school rooms located thereon. Present plans are to wreck the last named building and to erect the new church edifice on the identical location.

The pastor and people are extremely happy, while First Church looks on proudly and rejoices that their "baby" is now growing up into young manhood and that he is well able to fight his own battles and to give a good account of himself. Are they chafing because they paid out of their own coffers to start the new work and because they gave of their members? *No!* They have been too busy having revivals, taking in new members, and shouting the victory under the blessed manifestations of the Holy Spirit that have been theirs to enjoy, and they have long since forgotten about any original sacrifices or losses that they incurred! The present pastor of First Church, Rev. Marcellus Crider, is preaching to larger crowds and ministering to more people than ever before. The bread broken and divided has multiplied!

## THE CHURCH That Became a Parent

By R. T. Williams, Jr.\*

**T**HIS IS a thrilling story about the beginning of a new church. It is not the result of one man's efforts or even the efforts of one church alone. It is a success story because the pastor and people of the mother church and the district superintendent joined hands and hearts to begin a new work in a section of the city that was unchurched.

The story starts in the fall of 1948 when a community in the southwest part of Oklahoma City was surveyed and a community census conducted by the mother church. It was discovered that a number of unchurched families lived in that area. A 100 x 120-foot lot was bought and paid for by the people of the mother church. The lot was surrounded on both sides by unpaved streets and a large area, as yet unbuilt, that would be in homes and business, and was across the street from the grade school site.

We erected a large sign on the corner telling the folks of that neighborhood that a Church of

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the Nazarene would soon be built there, sponsored by the First Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City. Only one First Church family lived in that area.

After the approval of the plans by the district superintendent, a First Church contractor started building the new home-mission church. It was completed in the spring of 1950 at a cost of \$7,000.00. The Southwest Oklahoma District borrowed \$4,700.00 on the property, and First Church in the entire process from beginning to end put \$3,200.00 cash into the project. This money was spent with the approval and supervision of the district superintendent.

The first six months the church was operated the mother church subsidized the pastor's salary \$50.00 per month. The church started the pastor at a salary of \$25.00 per week and this was met each week without any subsidy from the District Home Mission Fund. The Southwest Oklahoma District assumed \$40.00 per month payment on the mortgage of the church for two years.

Rev. Charles Attaway, a young GI graduate of Bethany-Peniel College, started the church the same month he graduated. He began visitation in the community in May, 1950, and the first Sunday-school service was held June 3, 1950, with thirty-five present. Rev. W. T. Johnson, the district superintendent, at the close of a two-week revival, organized the new Grand Boulevard Church of the Nazarene June 18, 1950, with nine charter members. The first Sunday-school superintendent was a young man who lived nearby and who had recently been saved and sanctified at the altar of First Church, and he was challenged by the thrill of helping organize a new Church of the Nazarene.

In 1951 a parsonage was built and financed by the home-mission church.

The Grand Boulevard Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City is now two years and eight months old. Approximately \$1,000.00 has been given by District Home Missions to this new church, according to the pastor, and it is now self-supporting.

Further expansion was necessary as the Sunday school and church rapidly grew. In July, 1952, they lifted the church off its foundations and finished a full basement, at a cost of only \$2,000.00.

The church immediately assumed the payments on that debt. The church is now on a beautiful hillside, across the street from a recently enlarged public school and looking out over rows of new GI homes.

The budgets for this church in 1952 amounted to \$460.00. Since the beginning they have raised for all purposes a total of \$10,788.00 including \$7,544.00 in 1952. A total of 269 seekers have knelt at the public altar since their existence. Their Sunday school now has 150 enrolled with an average attendance of 130. They have 41 church members. The property evaluation is \$22,500.00, with a debt easily handled.

The present pastor, Rev. Charles Attaway, who organized the church and who has been with it from the very beginning, now receives a salary of \$55.00 a week and a fine modern parsonage.

Here is the thrilling thing about this home missions story. The church that became a parent now is further up the road than it was before it shared of its influence, time, and money. The district superintendent is happy with a fine, active, growing church. A graduate of a holiness college now has a place of service to God and the Kingdom. And best of all, unsaved people in the community have heard the gospel and souls are in the Kingdom who would otherwise have been lost.

Does it pay? ". . . as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children" (Isa. 66:8).

San Pablo, California, Church of the Nazarene on the first rally day, soon after the building was completed. The attendance of 150 is now the average attendance of this young church, not yet two years old.

## THE CHALLENGE Of the Suburbs

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Of New York District



**I**S THE ratio of increase between population and churches keeping pace? It has not in our city and we have set out to do something about it! Our cities are alive with youth and adults who need someone to take Jesus to them. Can "one"

Lamplighters' base save as many to the kingdom as "two" or "three" or "ten" growing, spiritual Nazarene churches? In many of the growing cities of America there are numerous "areas" without a neighboring church. There are new

residential developments springing up, and small adjacent communities are rapidly becoming thriving towns.

Our city is a part of the great metropolitan Bay Area with its multitudes who need Christ. About two years ago God began to unfold to this pastor and people that San Pablo needed a Church of the Nazarene. Our bus was bringing a full load from this suburb of Richmond of some 20,000 people. We began to pray God to give us vision and faith for another soul-saving station whose "beam" could more adequately reach this suburb. Our district superintendent, Dr. George Coulter, was consulted and we found that he had seen the challenge of this field long before we had. He assured us that the home-mission resources of this great district would be available. By now the vision was clear. We called prayer meetings to seek God's leadership and power. We preached home missions. God came, revival fires broke out in our church, and in the next twelve months fifty-six members were taken in on profession of faith. Our facilities were taxed to the limit. Simultaneously God led us to the lot, permits were acquired, plans drawn, and the burden of this work was laid on the hearts of Rev. and Mrs. N. Warren Haines, who left their fine established church to move to San Pablo. The building began and our people were caught up in the romance of home missions.

Who would go to this new church? We asked everyone to pray, "Lord, do You want me to go to San Pablo?" This was a real "test" of consecration for the people as well as the pastor. When the day of organization came we organized the San Pablo church at the altar of the Richmond Church, amid the blessings of God on pastors and people. As soon as the building was completed forty-two members of our church went out as God's home missionaries. About seventy average attendants from our Sunday school made up the new Sunday school. Now we have two churches to be soul-saving stations. Now we have two pastors to pray, preach, and minister. Now we have more Nazarenes carrying responsibility and effectively serving God! I just must stop and express the feeling of our people, "Praise God!"

I can almost hear someone exclaim, "What! Lose forty-two members and an average of seventy in your Sunday school? It will kill you!!" Let me just answer this way, "No, it did not kill us because we believed God's Word!" In fact, I am confident that it would "help" many a First Church! Here is the promise of God:

*There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also (Prov. 11:24-25).*

It's true! In one year's time we came to the District Assembly with a new church of nearly 50 members and an average of 102 in Sunday school for its first ten months. That's not all. Richmond First Church had made up those losses

and had a net gain of 12 members, an increase in Sunday-school attendance, and a record 330 yearly average!

Are we going to be satisfied? Are we going to sit back and take it easy? Are we through trying to reach the suburbs of Richmond? Here is the answer! At our last annual meeting we presented the challenge of starting a new church in South Richmond. The members voted unanimously to start the church and to give \$1,000.00 toward the purchase of the lots. The challenge was before us!

I must stop long enough to express the love and appreciation of our people for our district superintendent, Dr. George Coulter, the N.Y.P. Societies for their home-mission giving, the host of sacrificing Nazarenes who gave to the R. T. Williams Revolving Fund, and layman G. L. Speier, who gives a carload of lumber for each new church. We are all on God's team. With such beautiful co-operation, devotion, and sacrifice, we can do all things through Christ.

While I was driving, surveying possibilities, and praying, I felt like a gospel prospector who saw "gold in them thar' hills." We found a choice location at bedrock price. Once again God had just the couple for this particular job in Rev. and Mrs. Leland Salisbury, who came to pastor and build the church. Their faith, devotion, and sacrifice have captured the hearts of our people. We found a temporary meeting place so they could begin holding services on a limited scale, and have members to pay their tithe so that they will be supporting Brother Salisbury while he leads the building program. This will enable us to build a more adequate building on less money from home-mission funds.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving 67 of our people knocked on 3,000 doors in this area, giving them literature and an invitation to worship at Southside Church. In their inadequate temporary meeting quarters they averaged 33 for December and their night attendance was even better. Soon we plan to organize this second new church at the altar of First Church and will have at least 20 members joining now and others will come when the building is completed! Praise God!

Is it killing us? Since Southside began God has come in a fresh way and revival is breaking out without a regular revival effort. Prayer meetings are spontaneously opening up in homes, and our Sunday night services have not had barren altars, but rather glorious times of salvation. I am sure we will take in enough new members this month to compensate for those going to Southside. Our people are challenged to go out after new people to fill up our church, that we will be able to start another church. The whitening harvest field of our suburbs is before us; there are El Sobrante, Richmond Annex, and Rodeo.

What about your city? The hour is late. It is time for all of us to prove that we love Christ and souls more than anything else. You can't outgive God!



# Evangelizing the Negro

Alpin P. Bowes

**F**EBRUARY 20 is the World Day of Prayer, on which the Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society is asking every Nazarene to pray especially for our work among the colored people of the United States. That day is also the closing day of the annual conference for the colored work, in Institute, West Virginia. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, the supervising general superintendent, will be helping to improve our organization to evangelize these people more effectively.

Prayer is vitally needed in the task to which God has called us. In the last ten years, America has been on the move. Rural people have moved to the cities, city people have moved to the suburbs, and nearly everyone has moved somewhere. This is true of the Negroes as well as of the rest of our population; but the Negro migration has been principally northward and westward. Between 1940 and 1950 the Negro population of seven Southern states decreased about 250,000 while the white population was increasing more than two million. This meant a change in the Negro population of the South from 23.8 per cent of the total population of the area in 1940 to 21.6 per cent in 1950. Where did they go? Half a million of them went to the industrial states of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Another half million went to Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan. Nearly 300,000 of them moved to California. Others have gone to nearly every state of the Union.

As the Negroes have moved to our Northern and Western cities, they have frequently had to move into already crowded areas and push out into other residential sections. They have found work in factories, offices, shops, and homes, but many of them have found no religious moorings. Some have gone into deep sin, unfortunately following the example of some of our white citizens.

Our Negro population now numbers over 15,000,000. We have been working at our responsibility to help evangelize these people through our general church home missionary program for less than ten years. In that time we have built our Bible school for Christian workers at Institute, West Virginia. We have organized a number of churches. Some splendid ministers have joined with us and are laboring at personal sacrifice. We have made some mistakes and been disappointed in some pastors to whom we gave responsibility.

In these beginning years we have been able to secure 16 organized churches on 11 districts with a total membership of 435. We have an average of 775 in our Sunday schools each week. We have property valued at \$265,000.00 with an indebtedness of \$47,000.00.

Several guiding principles now seem clear to us for the future of this work. *First*, we cannot make much progress with our present corps of

colored pastors. Their quality is fine, but they are just too few for the size of our task. If we are going to succeed in helping to reach our colored people for God, we must get them on our hearts and have at least one hundred churches go out and establish colored Sunday schools this quadrennium. Here is missionary work to be done right at home. There will no doubt be disappointments, misunderstandings, and discouragement; but with God's help, and using all the wisdom we have, surely we will have some successes and see souls saved and sanctified.

We are going to keep on promoting Nazarene Bible Institute. Thus far we haven't had many students, but we have faith in the future of this institution to train a sanctified, loyal ministry. Our present colored churches, plus the 100 Sunday schools we are expecting during the next few years, will provide a source for students. Teams will be sent out from the school to advertise it and contact prospective students.

We will also continue to organize churches as there are opportunities. In the Southern and Southeastern states, additional supervision will help these churches to find pastors, secure property, get on their feet, and become familiar with the standards and doctrines of the church.

The prayers of our people are urgently needed to bring this work to success and to help us to avoid mistakes. We see the need, we want to do something about it, and we believe God will bless our efforts.

Our money is also needed. Part of the Home Missions allocation of the General Budget is for our colored work. Districts, missionary societies, and churches are also helping. Following the January meeting of the General Board, these home missionary specials have been approved by the Board of General Superintendents:

\$1,000.00 to complete parsonage for our colored church at Meridian, Mississippi

\$2,000.00 for needed library and dormitory equipment at Institute, West Virginia

\$3,000.00 to assist our Detroit church to purchase property

Any church, missionary society, or individual desiring to take any of these approved specials, above their General Budget giving, should write to the Department of Home Missions and Evangelism. As we all work and pray together, God will bring us success in this great field.



# Stay On, Layman!

By Louis McCurdy\*

**N**EARLY every church has a member which in some way measures up to our ideal of a perfect layman. We shall endeavor to take the good qualities of these indispensable laymen and put them all into one composite character whom we shall call Mr. Right-Hand Layman.

This layman is the pastor's ready assistant, always dependable and faithful to the extent that he really is our right-hand man. He is always ready, capable, and willing to help in any church project, yet he is never offended if anyone else does it. He is very capable, yet never boasts of his superior wisdom, or ability for any task, or position. In the first stages of our acquaintance with him, we did not realize that he was a man of leadership or influence. But we soon found that his spirit was so contagious that others in the church were following him in both spirit and example.

Among other virtues, he is a faithful tither, is regular in attendance at the services, and subscribes to the church periodicals. He is faithful in lay visitation, and fills his car with children on his way to Sunday school. He has won several boys to the church as a result of his weekday activities with them in his basement workshop.

Of course that church is a growing church. It couldn't well be otherwise. Its board meetings are a real inspiration, and a tonic to a pastor's faith. Any matter of business is given undivided attention. If a project is under discussion, and anyone mentions past failures of some similar project, one glance at the objector from the shining face of Mr. Right-Hand Layman usually brings

silence and restores optimism. He is always daring to try some new church project with faith in God for results.

This layman was such a booster for his pastor that, when the time came for pastoral recall, he had almost everyone convinced that their pastor was the best to be had anywhere. So, even though the pastor was young and inexperienced, the people voted him back for another year. They had helped him to pray through some difficult problems, they had helped him to strengthen some weak places in his ministry, and they wanted to help him to be a better pastor in the future.

Mr. Layman's church is in a small town with not so much room for expansion, yet its influence has been widely felt. Mr. Right-Hand Layman has influenced his associates and they have made each one of their pastors into a better one. For four of these pastors it was their first church. One of them is now a district superintendent, another is in full-time evangelism, one is a Seminary graduate, while the fourth pastors a growing church in a state capital. Truly this layman is like Joseph—a faithful branch whose influence runs over the wall into other churches.

Stay on, Mr. Layman. Your relatives may tempt you to move into some large city and retire, but God needs you where you are to be a blessing to those young pastors. They need your help and the inspiration of your faithfulness.

Good-by, Mr. Right-Hand Layman. I'm called to a larger field of service for which you have helped prepare me. I shall always cherish the memory of your co-operation, your optimistic spirit, and your faithfulness. Laymen like you have what it takes to make both your church and your pastor grow.

\*Pastor, Bowden, Alberta

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## Prayer Achievement

By Mary Alice Holden

*I think God loves to answer prayer,  
To bear on eagle's wings  
The children of His love and care,  
Who trust Him for good things.*

*How it must grieve His heart to see  
Us groping in the dust,  
When faith could carry us along  
On wings of hope and trust!*

*I know God loves to answer prayer,  
If we will lean on Him.  
His strong arm reaches out to grasp  
Our hand, through shadows dim.*

*And He will lead us through a land  
We scarcely hoped to see,  
Where trust can make achievement be  
God's hand for you and me.*

## Possibilities of Television

By E. G. Theus\*

**A** SHORT time ago I listened in on a sales talk to a group of businessmen. Speaking of advertising, the speaker said he had opposed advertising by television on account of the heavy expense. However, after giving television a trial resulting in a rapid succession of telephone calls and sales piling up far beyond his expectation, he was completely sold on television advertising.

Today we all believe in personal evangelism and house-to-house visitation, as is prevalent among some churches, including our own. However, if we ever reach the masses of the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ, we must also have mass evangelism. During His days on earth, Christ laid the foundation of His Church by doing mostly personal evangelism. Although just before His crucifixion He said to His disciples, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and

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greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

Just before His ascension when a cloud received Him out of their sight, Christ charged His disciples "that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me." Then, after this, when the 120 had tarried in the Upper Room and Peter had preached, "the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." This was mass evangelism!

The greatest missionary movement that the world has ever known is now in progress, and still a large per cent of mankind have never even heard the name of Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Today largely populated heathen countries have barely been touched with the gospel of the Son of God.

Then, naturally, the *great question* comes as to *how* to get the gospel of the Kingdom over to the teeming millions of all the world. False religions have the great masses sound asleep, bedded down in the blackest of darkness and carnal security, hedged in by ghostly illusions, to where the dupes dare not even attend places of worship where they can listen to the preaching and teaching of the Bible.

In the providence of God, by close communication and fast travel, the world has shrunk to a vast neighborhood. With the rapid progress of television, destined to girdle the globe, the possibility of penetrating the iron curtain of unbelief and infidelity with the gospel seems close at hand. Too, with the use of this means of communication, there will be a demand for a universal language, and as these means are brought to bear there will be unlimited possibilities of reaching all the world with this glorious gospel of the Son of God. And when the people can both hear and see the preaching and effects of Christianity, many will be drawn toward the Kingdom and no doubt great numbers will be saved.

The possibilities of television are immeasurable. As a great instrument in helping toward a world revival, we must not let commercialism and the promoters of evil take over the entire use of this marvelous discovery, but let us pray and help bring television into the use of helping spread this glorious gospel of our Christ over the entire world.

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#### PRAYING AMISS:

The misconception that praying consists of our talking to God is prevalent. Prayer is communion, but not a one-sided one. This accounts for the statements that for one soul who exclaims, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth," there are ten who say, "Hear, Lord, for thy servant speaketh."—D. CARL YODER.

## "I Sent You to Reap"

By Alpin P. Bowes



**W**HEN Jesus was once questioned by His disciples concerning his lack of hunger, He said to them, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." This was the

stewardship that Christ felt so deeply that He could not eat, and with breaking heart He went on, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. . . . I sent you to reap . . ." The responsibility that was His, He was passing on to His disciples. He reiterated it in His final command, the Great Commission.

Sometimes we think of stewardship as relating principally to money, with a lesser emphasis on our time and talents. But why are we stewards of our time and possessions and abilities? Is it not because of our larger stewardship of the gospel of Jesus Christ? It takes men's time and money to fulfill this responsibility, but let us never forget that our stewardship of these more tangible things is only for the ultimate purpose of winning souls in the great harvest field. We cannot escape our own personal obligation ("I sent you to reap") by paying our pastor's salary and giving to foreign missions.

Soul winning as the very heart of stewardship was expressed again in the statement of our founder, Dr. Bresee, in words we know well: "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it." And it is the deep sense of our responsibility and stewardship that has been expressed in our task to Crusade for Souls Now! The harvest is ready. The storms are coming. We have been sent to reap. Will we fail the Master in His call for laborers?

When the Christian believer calls upon God for the baptism with the Holy Spirit, he makes an entire consecration. He puts everything on the altar, "friends and time and earthly store," and says, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." What is involved in that consecration? What is His will? Certainly it includes our money, our time, our talents in the work of the church. Just as essentially does it include our own service in the harvest field, sowing and reaping at every opportunity. Let us not fail Him in this part of our stewardship. "I sent you to reap . . ."

*NEXT WEEK read: A Stewardship Interview.*

## World Day of Prayer

# EDITORIALS

**F**RIDAY, February 20, is the World Day of Prayer. Nazarenes ought always to be in favor of anything which will promote the spirit of prayer. Therefore, we should join heartily in the observance of this day.

We live in an age of power, the power of man-made machines. In the field of matter and things so much progress has been made that it all but makes the human mind dizzy to think about it. In my lifetime the world of scientific power has been revolutionized.

The sad part about all of this is that many of the inventions which have added power to our day have been used more for evil than for good. Matter is not evil in itself, but machines as the product of material advancement may become the instruments of the devil in the hands of wicked men. This is the case to such an extent that someone has said that there has been more destruction and savagery since the beginning of World War I than during all of the preceding years of the Christian era.

We need as never before to pit the power of prayer against the power of machines. We must recognize the fact that there is no more powerful activity that any human being can engage in than genuine and sincere prayer to an all-powerful God. Through prayer we can release the power of God, which is greater in strength than man and all of his wonderful machines.

I thank God for Friday, February 20, the World Day of Prayer. Let's make it a day of prayer! Let's pray in our homes, our churches, and in every place and at every time that we have an opportunity to send up a petition to our Heavenly Father!

## A Spirit of Prayer

**T**HERE seems to be an increasing spirit of prayer around the Christian world. Only yesterday I heard an outstanding religious leader say that not in his memory had the candidates for the presidency of the United States referred so often to their need of God. They did not hesitate to let it be known that they were ready and willing to call on God for help. This spirit of prayer on the part of our leaders was emphasized again when General Dwight Eisenhower was inaugurated president of the United States. He began his inaugural address with a prayer which he is said to have written himself on the inaugural day just after attending an early morning religious service.

This fact that men who believe in the Christian God are feeling more and more their need of God's help should make the World Day of Prayer, Friday, February 20, more significant than ever.

Christians around the world should join as never before in making it a day of prayer—not just a day when they talk about praying. Too often when people meet together on such special occasions they spend most of the time talking about the need and value of prayer rather than in praying. God help us not to do this on the World Day of Prayer! As we come together in our homes, and churches, let's really pray for ourselves and the nations of the world.

**I** CLOSE this brief message with President Eisenhower's inaugural prayer. Before presenting it, I quote two significant paragraphs

about it from  
**President Eisenhower's Prayer** the *Chicago Daily Trib-*

*une*: "The head of the Freethinkers of America, an organization of atheists, agnostics, and rationalists, has issued a statement complaining that President Eisenhower's inauguration prayer was 'wholly uncalled for,' 'a vulgar display,' and 'an undignified performance.' Few Americans will agree with this criticism. It was apparent to all who heard the President that he was speaking with great sincerity and that he thought that it was important to make a public profession of his faith. There was nothing vulgar or undignified about it.

"Speaking on behalf of all the new members of the government's executive branch, Mr. Eisenhower asked for aid in dedicating his administration to the service of all of the people, for help in discerning right from wrong, and for co-operation from those of differing political beliefs. Most of his countrymen will join in hoping that the President is successful in these aspirations."

With these editorial comments, I agree one hundred per cent. And now here is the prayer itself:

"As we stand here, at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the government join me in beseeching that Thou wilt make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

"Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our works and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

"Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race, or calling. May co-operation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs, so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. Amen."

# Stephen S. White

## Home Missions & Evangelism

**I**T WAS Sunday afternoon, and I had agreed to spend some time in house-to-house visitation. The pastor gave me four names, with two of them at the same address. This meant

**Three Stops** three stops, and altogether I took from one to two hours in making the calls. My special purpose in this work was to give these people a personal invitation to the last service of our revival meeting, which was to be that night. Being in a city, it took some time to locate the residences and to drive from one to the other. The first was a small, one-family home; another was a large mansion sitting back quite a distance from the street and now being used as a college dormitory. The third was an apartment hotel.

I found my first stop easily, but received no response to the ringing of the doorbell. No one was at home. My intention there was to tell the parents of two children who usually come to our Sunday school about the night service and urge them to come. The mansion which had been turned into a dormitory was not so easily located. However, after some delay, I was in the large parlor trying to get someone to take note of the fact that I was there. I could hear voices, but for a time no one paid any attention to my presence. Finally, a young man came and stated that the men whose names I had, stayed there and were students at the University of Kansas City. He was well acquainted with them and knew that they had attended our church a few times. After trying for ten or fifteen minutes he failed to locate the men. Evidently they had gone out for the afternoon. Nevertheless, I do not believe that my visit was in vain. The young man I met was very friendly, and we had an interesting talk about religion and the Church of the Nazarene. I have long since learned that more than one thinks is often accomplished by such accidental conversations. God will do His part if we do ours.

The third stop was at the apartment hotel. I had the name of a young woman who had attended our church some. I called her from the lobby and invited her to come to the closing service of the revival. I am not sure that she came, but I am certain that the invitation was not out of place. As a rule, people appreciate personal invitations to attend church.

**T**HIS AFTERNOON of personal visitation has been presented in order to emphasize one phase of the work of home missions and evangelism. The Church of the Nazarene believes in foreign missions, and all of us are justly proud of the way God has led us in this field. Still,

### Personal Work

most of us have to be foreign missionaries by proxy—we can go only as we send others. We are not thus limited when it comes to home missions and evangelism. We can participate in this field of Christian activity both by proxy and in person. We can and should give liberally to home missions and evangelism, but this is not enough. We must actually do home missionary and evangelistic work ourselves. It is not enough for us to give as much as we can to forward home-mission meetings and help finance property for home-mission churches; we must also personally strive to get people to Sunday school and church and to God.

God expects us to employ pastors, but He does not permit us to hire them to do all of the winning of souls for us. Every layman has a responsibility here which he cannot shift to the shoulders of his pastor. Further, your duty as a soul winner can't all be taken care of in the church house, or in the public services. It is not enough for you to be at every service that you possibly can and pray around the altar with those who may kneel there. You ought to do this, all right, but you dare not stop with this. You must literally go out into the highways and hedges and bring the people within reach of the gospel of Christ. Also, you must find times and places when you can yourself personally talk to the unsaved and unsanctified about their needs. Home missions and evangelism demand the service of laymen as well as preachers. Co-operate with your pastor and church in the Crusade for Souls Now. Be quick to offer your services when volunteers are called for.

## "Take My Life"

*Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee;  
Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee;  
Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold.*

*Take my will and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own!  
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.*

As this hymn of consecration indicates, stewardship means much more than God's ownership of

money. Stewardship has to do with all that we are and have. Nothing that we are or possess is ours; it is God's. As stewards we are to use ourselves and all that we have for Him, or according to His orders.

When a Christian consecrates his all to God, he is only recognizing that what he is and has belongs to God. From then on he does his best to live up to this commitment. His hands are to move always at the impulse of God's love. When they do this, they cannot be raised against anyone nor be misused in improper touching or handling. They will always be the ministers of grace. His feet will be swift and beautiful for his Master. As such, they will not stray from the path of right or be lazy when doing God's errands. His voice will sing only for his King, and his lips will be filled with messages for the Lord of Glory. This stewardship of the tongue is a mighty respon-

sibility. Would to God that all who claim to be wholly His would guide the tongue which He has given them more carefully for Him! The Christian pledges that all of his silver and gold shall be used for Him—not a mite would he withhold. Not only are we to give the tithe and offerings to the church to help forward His cause, but we are also to follow His directions on what we spend on ourselves.

As we read the whole hymn, we note that it includes along with the outer man—hands, feet, voice, lips, and gold—the inner man; the will, heart, and love. Thus one's whole self and life are laid at the feet of Jesus to do His bidding, to be used only as the Son of God leads. Indeed, the poet means by this hymn of consecration:

*Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.*

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## THE QUESTION BOX

*Conducted by Stephen S. White*

**Q.** Are the words "Spare the rod and spoil the child" in the Bible?

**A.** This statement is not in the Bible. However, the thought which it embodies is in the Bible. Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13; and 29:15, 17 no doubt provide the basis for this saying. Two of these verses which are perhaps most suggestive of this truth are as follows: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes" (13:24); "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (29:15).

**Q.** What about Ananias and Sapphira, who kept back part of the price and were punished by the sudden judgment of death (Acts 5:1-11)? Were they saved? Do people today commit the sin which they did?

**A.** If you will read the beautiful story of the spontaneous liberality of these early Christians—the bringing of all of their possessions into a common treasury—you cannot help but believe that Ananias and Sapphira were members of the group. Please remember also that there is not the slightest hint that any member of the group was in any way compelled to bring all into the common fund. Those who gave all did it gladly and solely because they wanted to in order that the poorer members of the group might share alike with them. Their newly found love for Christ and their brethren moved them to this unusual liberality. Further, there is no absolute proof that all of those who belonged to the multitude that believed did give their all. Again, there is not the least evidence of any criticism of

any who did not. Therefore, the sin of Ananias and Sapphira, who undoubtedly belonged to the multitude that believed, was not that they refused to bring all of their possessions into the common treasury, but rather that they claimed to do it when they did not. They lied to the Holy Spirit. They wanted the publicity which went with giving their all, but they were not really willing to give their all. They were caught between their love for their possessions and their desire to appear to give all, and thereby fell into sin. Yes, they were Christians who underwent a severe temptation and sinned. They could have resisted the subtle temptation, but they did not. Also, I would say that there are people who commit the same sin today, but there is no reason to believe that they are dealt with so quickly in judgment as Ananias and Sapphira were. As Dr. G. Campbell Morgan says in his book on Acts, the light back there was very pure and intense, and it was in a sense more dangerous to resist it then than it is today. The Christian Church, or multitude of believers, was more unmixed with the world then than it is now and, therefore, it was more perilous to sin against the light which God gave through it.

**Q.** Would it be all right for a person to attend a moving picture show which is based upon the Bible?

**A.** No. This is one of the best ways the devil has of getting people to start on the wrong path. By this I am not ruling out all moving pictures on the Bible, but I am excluding those given in the regular moving picture theater.

**Q.** Is there a scripture anywhere which says that the world will stand a thousand years, but not thousands?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Does the Bible say that Ham was cursed by having his color changed to black?

**A.** No. Ham was cursed, but the color of his skin is not mentioned in connection with the curse. Read Genesis 9:18-25.

**Q.** Should any person join the church before being converted? Isn't the church supposed to be made up of saved people in order to have something to offer the unsaved?

**A.** No person who is unsaved should join the church. You are right in saying that the church should be made up of saved people in order that it may have something to offer the unsaved. One trouble with many churches today is that anybody can get into them. Thus they lose their distinctive character and become ineffective.

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Until Christ comes in, we are empty, automatic machines walking the streets of time.—DOROTHY B. KIDNEY.

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### Daily Prayer

By Ila R. Monday

*Grant I'm not a passive Christian,  
Lord, I always want to be  
Burning with love's precious fire,  
Kindled, nourished just by Thee!*

*Let me not be willing ever  
To grow lax, and carelessly  
Drift along, till, empty-handed,  
I stand fruitless before Thee.*

*Let me work with humble fervor,  
Sacrifice where need I see,  
Finding joy in giving wholly  
Heart and mind and all for Thee!*

# The Young People's Society

*L. J. Du Bois, Secretary*

## God's Possessions In Our Hands

**T**HIS IS the time of the year when our minds are turned to a consideration of the meaning of stewardship. It is a time when we are urged to recall what is our true relationship to God and to those various elements of our lives which we commonly call our own. It is fitting that one month be set aside in the church to give special attention to our group and personal responsibilities in this regard. Of course, it must be kept in mind that, just as the idea of stewardship touches all areas of our lives, it must be pursued every season of the year.

There are many current philosophies with regard to talent, abilities, resources, and possessions. Communism says that these belong to the state and that no individual has a right to claim them for himself. Materialistic philosophy and extreme individualism say that things belong to the person who can obtain them and that, once obtained, they are his with the right of sovereign ownership. Christianity says that God is the Owner of all and that the individual is the manager, the tenant, the steward of that portion of it which falls to his hand.

We are stewards of our money and other possessions, of course. We recognize that stewardship by returning the tithe for the carrying on of God's kingdom. We manage the nine-tenths with diligence and with care as honest stewards, releasing that portion for God's cause which He might designate at a given time, and caring for our own physical needs with the balance in harmony with His will. In all of this we discharge our responsibilities in the fear of God.

But also we are stewards of the other resources which come to our hands—our talents, our time, our energies, our abilities, our opportunities. We are stewards of our lives, realizing that we are not our own but we are "bought with a price." We are stewards of the gospel and we are debtors to give it "to every man in the same measure as we have received it." We are stewards of our church and the unique contribution which God expects it to make to this generation.

Let us move into this year with a consciousness that we are indeed stewards of all we have and all we are. Let us covenant with God that

we will discharge our responsibilities faithfully, knowing that there is coming a day when He will call us to give an account of that stewardship.

## Prayer Tower Requests

February 15-21 *Hawaii*

"The Paradise of the Pacific" is one of our newer home mission fields but it has already witnessed the power of a holiness ministry. Brother Cecil Knippers is the superintendent of the work, assisted by five other full-time pastors. This past year a new church was opened in Hilo, on the Island of Hawaii, and a new building has been

put up. There are other opportunities in the islands for Nazarene churches. Let us pray for this work, for the pastors and workers, and for the wonderful group of laymen God has given us. Let us pray for the great group of young people who have the burden so heavily upon their hearts for the salvation of their relatives and friends.

February 22-28 *New Zealand*

Only since last June at the General Assembly was New Zealand set up as a home missionary field. Rev. and Mrs. Roland Griffith have been evangelizing on the island for the past year. The work is in the beginning stages. Let us pray that through their labors contacts will be made and revivals break out. God is able to raise up the holiness message here as He has elsewhere.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS

*Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary*

### Now in Africa

On January 22, Miss Dorothy Beville and Miss Irma Koffel cabled from Africa: "Arrived Capetown safely. Had wonderful trip. It is good to be back in Africa."

On January 10, word was received from Rev. W. C. Esselstyn, mission field superintendent of Africa, that Miss Avinell McNabb and Rev. and Mrs. Philip Steigleder arrived safely.

### God Still Blessing

You will be glad to know that God is blessing here at Islington. Two weeks ago we received into membership six candidates. It was a great joy to our hearts and we do praise Him that we have been privileged to reap some of the fruit of our labors.

We covet your prayers that God will continue to have His way in all things. There is evidence of a mighty working of the Spirit and our one prayer is that there might be a mighty outpouring here in Eastern Transvaal. Warmest greetings to all the saints in America.—MR. ERIC A. COURTNEY-SMITH, *East Transvaal, Africa.*

### Former I.H.M. Missionary Reports

We are looking for a great harvest of souls this year, in spite of the fact that we know the enemy is fighting every inch of the ground. Our God is able, and *He will!*

The past four weeks I have been alone at the hospital, but again He has proved His grace is sufficient. Now Miss Rennie and Miss Hewson

have arrived, so we shall be able to get into proper harness again. We are very conscious of the fact that you are all upholding us in prayer, and we in turn remember all of you at the throne of grace daily.—MISS A. JOAN BRADSHAW, *East Transvaal, Africa.*

### Guatemalan School Opens

Today, January 2, is the opening day of our day schools in Guatemala. Vacation time seemed all too short. My husband and Mr. Hess just left for Tactic, where our new school is opening. Opposition has risen up against the school there, but we do not believe this will cause us much harm, for many people are in favor of the school and are enrolling their children in it. Not many children have registered here in Coban as yet, but no doubt many will come before the day is over. We enjoy the work of our day schools. This year I plan to teach English to the lower grades, and Mrs. Bryant will teach English to the higher grades.

We are having beautiful weather for this time of the year, which makes me feel like traveling. Personally, I feel like traveling on spiritually; I am enjoying the blessing of the Lord and His presence is very real in the secret place of prayer.

Please remember us and also the day schools in prayer.—MRS. WILLIAM VAUGHTERS, *Guatemala.*

God is taking notes twenty-four hours a day.—D. B. K.

# THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

## Topic for February 22: Conquering Deceit with Truth Scripture: Matt. 22:15-46 (Printed, Matt. 22:15-22, 34-40)

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *Never man spake like this man* (John 7:46).

We have heard it said that the best way to fight fire is with fire. But this policy does not work when it comes to fighting with mud as a weapon; for he who throws mud gets his hands dirty and maybe a lot more. That is, this is what happens unless you have some way to deflect the mud balls and make boomerangs out of them. Making mud balls into boomerangs—the mark of sheer genius!

Well, that is what Jesus did in the famous incident that had to do with paying tribute. The Pharisees and Herodians joined hands in a game of mud balls, with Christ as the victim—at least they thought He would be the victim. But as usual they totally underestimated the Master's ability to make mud balls into boomerangs.

And then we really find the would-be tormentors in a dilemma. It has become the classic illustration in all literature of turning tables on one's enemies.

Here is the story: The Pharisees believed in non-co-operation with the Romans as far as possible. Begrudgingly they paid taxes. Sullenly they gave tribute, and they hated as deeply as they could. The Herodians, on the other hand, believed in co-operation with the Roman oppressors, even to the point of currying favor, and acting friendly. For this the Pharisees and Herodians scarcely ever were on speaking terms, so opposite were their views. Yet on this day they got in bed together, trying to trap Jesus so they both could concentrate their venom and hate on His head.

For that reason they raised the question of taxes to Rome.

If Christ said, "Sure, pay taxes," it would alienate the Pharisees; if He said, "Refuse to pay," it would be fuel in the hands of the Herodians to stir the wrath of Rome. They thought they had Him in an inescapable trap. But, with a deft twist He turned their slimy mud balls into boomerangs and turned them back. They were suddenly forced back on the defensive. Jesus asked for a penny—and note He asked for one they had been using, and therefore getting benefit from. His answer was uncanny—yes, just the kind that proved His deity. He really said, "Pay all your just obligations: don't be sponges religiously or politically." Pay to Caesar, for from Rome you receive certain benefits—so pay your way. Then, also, pay to God what you owe Him, for all of life comes from His hands.

They found the mud they had thrown right back in their own hands—mud balls had become boomerangs!

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# THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

## Fresh Guards On Each Side

**T**ODAY a new President was inaugurated. He rode to the Capitol Building, took his pledge, and then spoke. After lunch, he again got into the official car and started on the long parade through the streets of Washington, D.C.

The whole ceremony was beautiful. I enjoyed it all. Perhaps I was most impressed when, as the parade started, I saw a car staying close to that one in which the new President rode. In this second car there were a number of men seated as well as two standing. But on either side of the car in which the President rode, a man walked. The announcer told us that these men walking along the street beside the automobile were secret service men. They were men who were in their positions for but one purpose and that was to see that no harm befell the President.

One in the group with whom I was enjoying the ceremony asked, "What do you suppose those secret service men would do should someone try to harm the President?"

The response was quick. "They would gladly give their lives in protecting him."

The announcer then told us that when any two guardsmen became tired, they were replaced by two others from the car following the main automobile. Always the two secret service men walking alongside the President's car were fresh and alert. They were anxious to do their work well and determined not to fail.

## B I T S

By Dorothy B. Kidney

Pieces and patchwork—  
This is my life  
Strewn on the floor  
Of everyday living.

Fragments and tatters—  
May they be joined  
To make up a tapestry  
Fit for the heavens!

Odd bits and remnants  
Haphazardly dropping  
Through the small hours  
Of every day.

Prayers . . . and pies baking . . .  
Sick calls . . . and mending . . .  
Bright sunny patches  
Mixed in with the gray.

Fashioning colors,  
Working out detail,  
Weaving a pattern  
Too varied to see.

Cross-stitch and backstitch,  
Slow, quiet, steady—  
Assortment of pieces  
All falling together.

Making my tapestry,  
Knitting my afghan  
Out of the broken  
Snatches of life.

Days from the hours,  
Years from the blending—  
O Lord, may it *mean something*  
When it is finished!



there is such a great number of them that they would relieve one another, for I know that never a moment am I left without a fresh guard at my side. My God has arranged that these guards protect me through all ills and through all dangers.

Think of it! One in so lowly a position as I having fresh guards looking out for his welfare all of the time! What a blest assurance to know that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them" (Ps. 34:6).

## The Spider Who Obeyed

(A Jewish Legend)

THE BIBLE tells us that Saul, the first king of Israel, became jealous of David, the young man who was chosen to succeed him. Although at first David was beloved by Saul, yet as the people of Israel began to sing his praises, making them stronger and better than their praises of Saul, Saul's evil heart began scheming. He decided to kill David and so be rid of him forever.

At first he tried to have David killed in the palace. David soon had to flee for his life, leaving his wife, who was the daughter of Saul, behind.

Now David had grown up in the field and mountains, for in his youth he attended his father's sheep. He had killed lions and bears and all kinds of wild beasts with his little slingshot. He had climbed the mountains and explored the caves and rocky places of the land.

After he left Saul's palace, he felt right at home out in the wild, uninhabited places. But he was not left alone in peace for long. Saul went out seeking him. One day he came to a very narrow valley. There were very few places in which he could hide, and it was easy for him to be trapped in that part of the country, even as it would be for someone to be trapped in the mountain passes of our own land.

Saul and his soldiers could see David as he ran in and out among the trees and dark, shady places. David ran as fast as he could. When it seemed he could never escape Saul, he came to a little cave and quickly he darted into the welcomed hiding place.

Not long afterwards, Saul and his soldiers came along the same path. They knew that David had been before them, for there was no other way he could have taken. When they came to the dark little cave, they started to enter and investigate, when Saul noticed a spider web covering the entire opening.

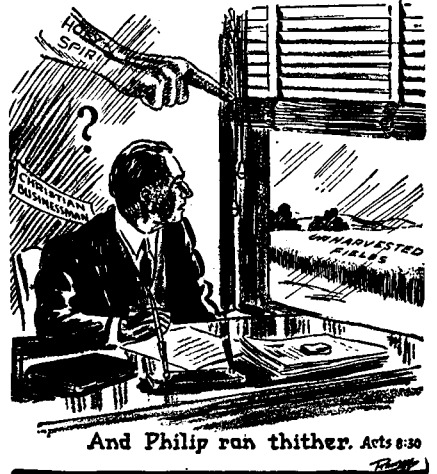
"Why, David could not be there," King Saul exclaimed. "There is a spider web completely covering the entrance to the cave. That could not have remained whole if anyone had entered it. Let us go on."

But, you see, God had taken care of His child David. As soon as David entered the cave, God sent a spider to that spot and the little creature went right to work. Although the web had not been there when David entered, it was there a short time afterwards, and thus was the means of saving David's life.

That little spider was a worker for the Lord! He didn't know why he was sent to work, but he went to work without asking *why*. And that's what we as God's children must do sometimes. We must do the work which we are asked to do and not stop to ask for reasons.

God demands the best there is in the least of us.—H. T. BEYER.

The Spirit said unto Philip, "Go." Acts 8:29



## NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

### NEWS IN BRIEF

Pastor Robert Shoff of Richmond Hill, New York, sends word: "Rev. Henry Elsner, age eighty-three, elder on the New York District since 1908, and member of the Richmond Hill Church, went victoriously to be with Christ on the morning of January 25. Pray for Mrs. Elsner and the family."

Pastor Clyde C. Dawson of First Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, sends word: "Rev. George A. Moore, elder on the Indianapolis District, died January 7."

Pastor Archie Woodward of Van Dyke, Michigan, sends word: "Joyce and Margie (daughters) in head-on car accident with two other young people of the church. Joyce detained in hospital with spinal injury. Prayers of friends for all of them appreciated."

Rev. E. Stanley Hammond of Keene, New Hampshire, writes that he has accepted the pastorate of the church at Norfolk, Nebraska.

Pastor C. E. Bordelon of New Orleans, Louisiana, reports: "Just concluded a great week-end holiness meeting in New Orleans Downtown Church with Dr. Howard W. Jerrett, evangelist. All New Orleans Nazarene churches co-operated and God's presence was felt throughout the services. Good congregations attended, and the altars were filled. Several new members joining by profession of faith."

Evangelist W. E. McCumber writes that he is leaving the field to accept a call to pastor the church at Thomasville, Georgia.

Rev. Ed McConnell has resigned as pastor of the San Leandro church and has accepted a call to pastor the church in Taft, California.

Rev. Wayne Knox of Pasadena College has accepted the call to pastor the church in San Leandro, California.

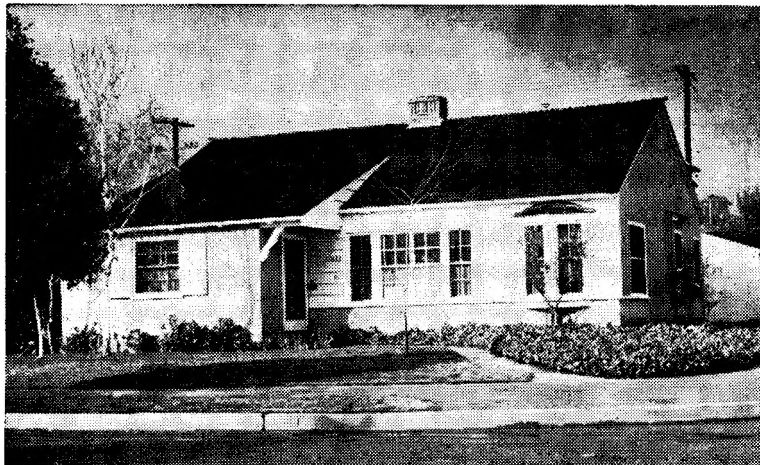
Pastor Wendell Paris of Scenic Drive Church, Springfield, Missouri, reports: "A great watch-night service with First Church and Pastor Dean Baldwin; over three hundred attending. Rev. Riley Archer brought a great holiness message and saints of God were shouting throughout the building. Pastors from surrounding communities came together with First Church. Evangelists Dick and Lucille Law were in charge of the music; also two outstanding quartets made the service a blessing."

After serving as pastor of First Church in Roanoke, Virginia, for nearly ten years, Rev. C. E. Winslow has resigned to accept a call to the church in Manchester, Connecticut.

Evangelists Ralph and Lillian Mickel write: "Because of conflicts with a city-wide revival, we have had to make a shift in two of our dates; therefore we now have an open date, April 22 to May 3. Write us, Alum Bank, Pennsylvania."

## New Parsonage, North Hollywood, California

This picture shows the parsonage recently purchased by the congregation at North Hollywood. It has two bedrooms and den, with hardwood floors throughout; with a double garage to the rear of the corner lot. This purchase was made possible by the generous gifts and loans within the congregation beyond the regular loan value. In one hilarious service our people gave, pledged, and loaned over six thousand dollars. Within two months of moving in, we have paid back one five-hundred loan, and another similar amount will be paid before March 1. The purchase of this parsonage made the former parsonage available for much-needed Sunday-school class space. This step of faith in the realm of the enlargement of our physical property is matched by our people's faith for the greater growth in the spiritual aspect of the church.—Eric E. Jorden, Pastor.



Columbia, Mississippi—There has never been a time in my life that I have had to search so diligently for words that will tell the news of the great revival which took place recently in our First Church here. The revival began Wednesday night, January 14, after the pastor, Rev. V. W. Smith, had arranged numerous broadcasts over the local radio station. People came, some hungering for the Bread of Life, some seeking a word of hope and comfort, and perhaps others out of idle curiosity; but, once inside,

there was no turning back for the Spirit of God was there and His presence was felt as Rev. C. B. Carlton, pastor of the First Church in McComb, brought messages of hope and cheer. Christ was so near that one could almost touch His garment as souls knelt in penitence around the altar. Tears trickled down the cheeks of people as testimony after testimony was made of the blessings each had received from the Father. Renewed vows were made to go forever forward as soldiers of the Cross. Joined together

with love for one another and love for the King of Kings, Nazarenes left the little church at the close of the revival with a new zest to work harder than ever in the cause of Christ.—Eva V. Beets, Reporter.

High Springs, Florida—Recently we closed a good revival with the pastor's father, Rev. J. V. Frederick, Sr., pastor of our First Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, as the evangelist. Edward and Lydia Stevenson and daughter, Shirley Ann, were the singers and musicians. The Stevensons are great workers, very spiritual, and helpful in the services; our people and the whole town really fell in love with them. The Lord blessed and honored our revival with many souls around the altar. The messages of the evangelist were sound Bible messages and had an effect on friends of the city, who came to our services each night. Our church and people have been encouraged and blessed, and we believe the Lord has much in store for us here. We have a very spiritual people who love God and the church. We appreciate their thoughtfulness and love for their pastor and family. We are on our second year as pastor of this fine group. They have given us a raise in salary since coming here, and have co-operated in everything we have done here in advancing the cause and growth of the church.—J. V. Frederick, Jr., Pastor.

Carthage, Missouri—First Church recently enjoyed a week-end holiness convention with Dr. E. E. Grosse, superintendent of Washington-Philadelphia District, as the guest speaker. God's blessings were upon Brother Grosse as he brought full salvation messages of the highest order. So much was the ministry of this good man appreciated that our church board extended him an invitation, by unanimous vote, to come to us for a similar convention next year. Pastor and people agree that Brother Grosse is among the best holiness preachers who ever have ministered to us.—Ross W. Hayslip, Pastor.

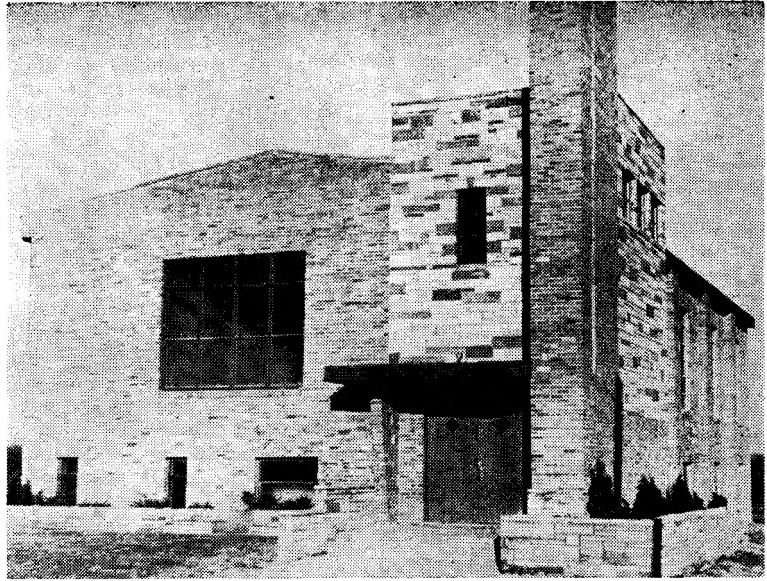


*He that winneth souls is wise.*

*Prov. 11:30*

## Garfield Heights Church, Cleveland, Ohio

This church was dedicated to the service of the Lord on Sunday afternoon, November 30. Previously it was known as the Emmanuel Church, located in a little frame building in southeast Cleveland. The new church, which was designed by George Schreiber, Nazarene architect from Columbus, is of brick construction with Briar Hill stone in the tower. The church contains three departmental rooms in the basement with rooms for nine classes. On the main floor the sanctuary will seat over three hundred. Located, too, on the main floor are a nursery room, church office, choir room, and adult classroom. The pastor's study is located in the tower. The building is heated, both up- and downstairs by radiant heat, and is furnished with harvest oak pews and pulpit. Although a contractor put up part of the masonry work, the congregation contributed nearly ten thousand dollars' worth of labor, with approximately eighty-six different persons contributing time. This is surely a good people. Indebtedness on this property is only sixteen thousand dollars. Dr. G. B. Williamson was the dedication speaker and obtained close to three thousand dollars in pledges, to be paid by March 31,



toward a new parsonage. Best of all, God is with us. Seekers have already found Him in services blest by His presence.—A. E. Woodcock, Pastor.

Pastor Lowell B. Garvin reports: "When we came to pastor our Jackman Road Church in Toledo, Ohio, on June 4, 1950, we became associated with some of the grandest people on earth. We thank God for them and God's blessings. In October, we had a splendid revival with Rev. George Brinkman. There were seekers at our altars and the church was built up in the faith. Brother Brinkman's ministry was a great blessing to our church. God has been blessing His work. Financially, since we came to this church, there has been a 67 per cent increase. During the calendar year of 1952, we enjoyed a 26 per cent increase in Sunday-school attendance over the previous year. With this church year half gone, we have a 23 per cent increase in church membership. Three lots have been purchased across from the church. Construction will begin soon on a parsonage. Plans are to finish the addition to the church, which is now under construction; then during the summer we desire to complete the superstructure."

Cadillac, Michigan—On January 11 we closed one of the best evangelistic campaigns I have been in for a long time. Evangelist and Mrs. Ross Emrick were God's anointed and Spirit-led workers. From the first night, God's presence was felt in the services, even though circumstances seemed to be against us—but God came. Our people have been engaged in prayer and fasting services all during the year, and special prayer emphases were carried out throughout the meeting, with a pre-service prayer meeting each night. The gospel in song and in the preached Word went out with much prayer. Some results were noted from

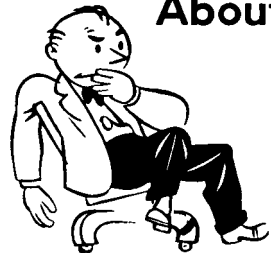
time to time during the meeting, but the climax was wonderful. Twenty-three persons bowed at the altar seeking God for reclamation, pardon, or heart purity. Our people are encouraged, and there is a good spirit of unity between pastor and people. Finances came easily, and we were able to surpass our goal for the workers. Our good pastor is Rev. Lorne J. Lee.—Myrtle Kanipe, Secretary.

Howell, Michigan—Our church recently closed an eight-day revival with Rev. P. E. Kuykendall as the evangelist. The spirit of revival was manifest in the very first service. God was certainly there and many shouted and praised His holy name. Brother Kuykendall gave his best in every service, and as a result many souls knelt at the altar seeking God for salvation and a pure heart. The young people of the church were especially stirred and the results are still evident in their faithfulness and testimonies.—Mrs. V. M. Frederickson, Secretary.

El Monte, California—The spirit of love and harmony that has prevailed in this church since its beginning in 1934, with 29 charter members, was proved again Sunday morning, January 4, when the congregation gave our pastor, Rev. Wm. L. McKee, his seventh consecutive three-year call. He is the only pastor this church has ever known and God has truly rewarded his efforts; the church has grown from that humble beginning to its present status of 360 members, with a Sunday-school enrollment of 750. A wonderful spirit of blessing was on the voting and on the communion service which followed. On October 1, 1952, the church secured the services of Paul and Mary Jester, formerly with

the Musical Messengers, to be our youth directors and ministers of music. The beautiful spirit shown by the Jesters has already won the hearts of the youth of our church. They organized a choir as soon as they arrived. It has shown steady progress and presented what everyone said was the best Christmas cantata ever given in the El Monte church. Pray for our pastor, Brother McKee, our associate pastor, Brother Spruill, the Jesters, the board, and congregation as we work together in trying to keep pace with this growing community. Plans are now being laid to build a new sanctuary that will seat 1,200 with Sunday-school facilities to accommodate 1,500. We are now operating eight buses to bring in boys and girls to our Sunday school. God is blessing, and El Monte is growing.—Reporter.

### Worth Thinking About!



**Important  
Announcement Coming**

**Natchitoches, Louisiana**—On November 9 we engaged in a giant Sunday-school rally to continue seven Sundays. We broke all previous records for the last five Sundays in succession. On December 21, we had the grand climax with 204 in attendance. Surely God moved in our midst and the people came. Our attendance has held up very well since. We closed a revival on January 18 with Rev. J. D. Stafford as the evangelist. Truly God moved in our midst and scores of people sought God; on the last night, we received twenty-one fine members into our church, eleven of whom are adults. We praise God for His manifold blessings upon our hearts and lives.—Marion D. Edwards, Pastor.

**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**—Trinity Church has recently closed a grand meeting with the Rev. J. E. Ray, who is one of our outstanding preachers. He preaches the old-time gospel, and the altar services were the best we have ever had. Some members were added to the church. We have purchased a lot for a new church. We thank God for helping us, and hope to have Brother Ray with us again.—J. D. Robertson, Reporter.

Evangelist E. L. Carter writes: "Due to the changing of dates I have two weeks open in March; also I have Easter week open, and an open date in May and one in June. Write me, Kincaid, Illinois."

**Pratt, Kansas**—We have recently enjoyed youth revival services with Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Gleason as our fine evangelists. Each service was graciously blessed with good attend-

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

After four and a half years of sacrificial and efficient service as superintendent of the New York District, Dr. O. J. Finch resigned February 1, 1953, to give himself to the field of evangelism. Dr. Finch is much loved and appreciated by all the New York District Nazarenes, and they have granted his request for release with much regret. He will make his home in Costa Mesa, California, and already has a good slate of meetings on the West Coast and in the Middle West. I am sure he will prove a blessing to our pastors and people everywhere, for his message is holiness of heart and life, and he is Spirit-filled and God-anointed. He can be reached through Headquarters address in Kansas City.

SAMUEL YOUNG  
General Superintendent

ance, and the Holy Spirit came with heavenly blessing upon us. He placed approval upon the efforts of all by giving victory to many souls around the altar. The Gleasons are two of the finest, consecrated young people to be found anywhere. Their labors of love will be long remembered and cherished by all the people of this city. The Pratt church is marching victoriously under the unfailing flag of the great King of Kings.—Ralph G. Jared, Pastor

**Irwin, Pennsylvania**—Circleville Church recently closed a successful revival with Evangelist T. H. Stanley. He is a great holiness preacher, preaches without fear or favor, and spends much time in prayer and fasting. Under the anointing of God, his ministry brings results. God gave about seventy-five seekers, some of whom sought God for the first time.—Thomas S. Fowler, Pastor.

**Madera, California**—Recently our church had a fine revival with Evangelist C. C. Chatfield and wife as the special workers. There were seekers every night except three, with a total of 48 people seeking God. Also, 170 visitors were brought into the services by the congregation. On the first Sunday of the meeting we had 127 in Sunday school—a high mark for our pastorate here; and on the closing Sunday we had 159, which set another high mark. At the first prayer meeting after the close of the revival the attendance was practically double what it had been. Our church and parsonage have been redecored by men of the congregation, and we are encouraged in the service of God here.—W. Hall Swaim, Pastor.

**Bradford, Pennsylvania**—Youth week services at the Bolivar Run Church closed with good victories at the altar and in personal experiences of the people. Those in charge, including the N.Y.P.S. president, the pastor, Rev. E. O. Altic, and the women of the music committee, described the services as a time of going deeper with God. The preachers were the zone pastors, Revs. A. R. Elsey, Viola Doverspike, Wayne Minick, Gordon Graves, John Andree, and Layman Robert Huck, each taking one night. A local preacher and member of the N.Y.P.S., Brother Otto Hahn, preached on the closing Sunday night. God richly blessed, six hungry hearts sought God for regeneration or sanctification, and two members were received. The youth revival closed with plans well laid for the regular church revival.—Reporter.

**Superior, Wisconsin**—Nearly three and one-half years ago, I felt that the Lord wanted me to come to Wisconsin to labor for Him but, wanting to be certain of His will, I waited and prayed. Last summer after serving our church in Ridgefarm, Illinois, for two years we resigned and came to Superior, Wisconsin, God having miraculously opened the way. There is a great field here—not only in this city of thirty-five thousand, but in many other places also. We have been unfortunate here, in having lost two very fine families who moved to a different climate for reasons of health, but God is with us and we are encouraged with the prospects here. This is a great industrial center, located on Lake Superior. Should the Lord lay it upon the heart of some good Nazarene layman to come here and help in building God's kingdom, I know he would be well rewarded; also if anyone has

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friends here or those who have moved here recently, we would be glad to contact them for the church. Please join us in praying for a great revival in this northwestern Wisconsin city.—Paul E. Huddle, Pastor.

Dr. A. L. Parrott has resigned as pastor of First Church, Tyler, Texas, in order to give full time to evangelism. He is now making up his slate and can be reached by addressing him, % P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri.

Westerville, Ohio—Our church recently closed a wonderful revival with Evangelists C. William and Twylah Ellwanger. In spite of much sickness and rainy weather, which caused the attendance to be small, this was one of the greatest revivals in the church. The Ellwangers are fine workers. Brother Ellwanger preaches the old-time gospel with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and conviction prevailed in each service. The blessing of God was felt in their music and singing. We are praising God, who heard and answered prayer in a marvelous way in reviving the church, and for the

young people who found victory at the altar. At the time of our revival we were, and are still, without a pastor. But the people are encouraged and we are going on with Christ as our leader, and trust He will send us just the man we need.—Marie Ault, Church Secretary.

Victoria, Texas—Lots for a new church home have been purchased, and we hope to be established in the new location soon. Foster Airforce Base has recently been reactivated, and several of the servicemen, some with their wives, are attending our services. If you have friends stationed at the airbase, write our pastor, Rev. E. Fleming Parmer, 902 E. North Street. We shall be glad to contact them for the church.—E. B. Casto, Reporter.

San Jose, California—January 4 closed our tenth year in the full-time ministry of the Church of the Nazarene, and Westside Church which we came to pastor last May is a dream coming true. The first burst of growth was evident in the Sunday school; starting with a yearly average attendance of 140, the past three months we have averaged 356. Our record

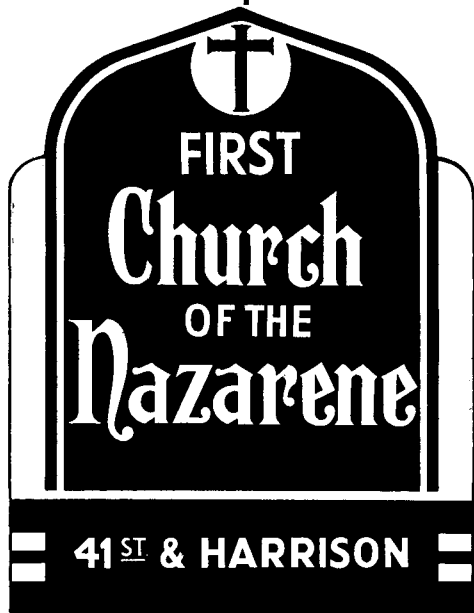
attendance was 467, and we anticipate over 500 on Easter Sunday. With the employment of Rev. Hartley Postlethwaite, a young man called to the ministry, a versatile musician and enthusiastic youth worker, we are turning our attention to the Sunday evening services. Here, too, God is blessing. The folks are enthusiastic. Much house-to-house calling has been done. Two of our laymen are working tirelessly on their respective bus routes, calling on the families every week and riding the buses to and from the church. If you have friends or relatives moving to this area, Rev. A. C. Augsburg, of First Church, and I will do our best to surround them with the love and friendship of the Nazarenes in San Jose.—Kenneth Vogt, Pastor.

Rockford, Illinois—First Church recently closed a most profitable weekend meeting with Rev. R. N. Raycroft, evangelist. He is a unique and strong preacher of the Word, and his five-sermon series on "Light" is unexcelled. We greatly appreciated Brother Raycroft and his ministry. First Church is having a good year in the things of God.—W. W. Tink, Pastor.

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Rev. David J. R. Spittal writes: "I have recently concluded my pastorate at New Westminster, B.C., Canada. As we left, the finishing touches were being added to a new parsonage there. God blessed us in the work in Westminster, but we felt led of the Lord to accept the appointment as pastor of the church in Bradley, Illinois. We have already found a warmhearted, friendly, aggressive people who love God and are desirous of having a revival. We are trusting the Lord for a fruitful ministry here. Our address is Box 372."

Frankfort, Kentucky—Last September it was our happy privilege to begin our sixth year as pastor of this church. We believe we have some of the very finest people in our entire denomination as members of our church. They are Sunday-school minded, missionary-minded, and are aggressive and loyal. We have learned to love and appreciate them during our ministry here. Our last three revivals have been rich and blessed: with Rev. A. E. Kelly and Curtis Brown; Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Peck; and Rev. Bert Daniels and Marjorie Granger. We have received some excellent members into the church during these revivals. Our thirty-minute radio program "Truth for Today" is proving to be a real blessing to the community, and people of all denominations are being helped through it. We believe our church here in the capital city of Kentucky has a great future and we earnestly ask an interest in your prayers. We appreciate our district leader, Dr. L. T. Wells, and we never

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Rev. Robert Goslaw, of Richmond, California, has been appointed district superintendent of the New York District to succeed Dr. O. J. Finch, effective February 16, 1953. This appointment has the unanimous endorsement of the Board of General Superintendents and the unanimous approval of the District Advisory Board. We covet the prayers of the entire church for Brother Goslaw as he takes the leadership of this district in their stupendous task of reaching *fifteen million souls* in this area.

SAMUEL YOUNG  
General Superintendent

loved the Lord or the church better than today.—William P. Wilhoite, Pastor.

**New York Preachers' Convention**

The Annual Preachers' Convention of the New York District convened January 19 to 21 in the Richmond Hill Church in New York City. The careful planning of Pastor Robert Shoff, and the cordial friendship of his wonderful people, proved to be the basis of a gracious period of fellowship and an inspiring and challenging conference for both pastors and laymen.

General Superintendent Samuel Young was the special speaker. His spirit, counsel, and ministry were encouraging, enlightening, and inspiring.

The other speakers included President E. S. Mann, of Eastern Nazarene College; Mrs. Nancy Strong, district president of the N.F.M.S.; and Pastors J. L. Collom, Donald Reed, George Teague, Fred Fike, Harold Kling, Robert Shoff, Sam Smith, Bruce Taylor, and Donald Strong.

A dinner on Monday evening was provided by the entertaining church in recognition of the closing of a four-and-one-half-year period of service by the writer and his wife.

These have been years of the very happiest and most congenial relationships. It was with genuine reluctance that we have closed our work with this people—one of the most noble groups of pastors and laymen that we have ever been privileged to serve. They are fully worthy of the confidence and prayers of the entire church, and God is blessing them in a most encouraging manner.

Mrs. Finch and I are now en route to southern California, where we plan to make our home. We are planning to devote our full time and ministry to conventions, camps, and revivals. Our schedule is taking shape very rapidly for both 1953 and 1954.

OSCAR J. FINCH

## DEATHS

CHARLES HARPER GRISWOLD was born November 2, 1874, in Athens, Ohio, and died January 13, at his home in San Antonio, Texas. During his life he was a charter member of both First Church of the Nazarene and also Hatfield Memorial Church. He served the church as secretary-treasurer, district treasurer, member of the district advisory board, member of the General Board, and as superintendent in both English and Spanish missions and Sunday schools in the city. Brother Griswold's life was exemplary in every respect; his rich, full life was an inspiration to all who knew him. He will be missed by his relatives and a host of friends. Funeral service was held at the Hatfield Memorial Church, with the pastor, Rev. Ernest Moore, officiating.

RICHARD WARD was born June 27, 1902, in Boyd County, Kentucky, and died November 20, 1952, in Charleston, West Virginia. In 1919 he was united in marriage with Anna Littleton. Later they moved to Charleston; here he was saved and joined the Church of the Nazarene, where he was an active member of First Church for eighteen years. He was sanctified and became a strong advocate of holiness, ardently supporting the Church of the Nazarene. He poured himself out in sacrificial love and service both to his family and the church. He lived a sanctified life and won many people to the Lord and to the church. He is survived by his wife; three sons, Walter, Richard, and Donald; and two daughters, Carol Sue and Mrs. Annabelle Phillips, wife of the Nazarene pastor at Montgomery, Alabama. Funeral service was held in Charleston First Church, with Rev. A. F. Hayes, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. E. E. Hale; interment was in Cunningham Cemetery at St. Albans, West Virginia.

FLOYD J. TURNER, a brother beloved, died November 11, 1952, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a wonderful character and a faithful member of the Church of the Nazarene for years. He was a Bible scholar, a power in prayer, and an inspiration to all who knew him. He fought a good fight, kept the faith, and finished his course. We sustain a great loss. Funeral service was held in the Elrairie Church of the Nazarene, Jackson, Mississippi, with his pastor, Rev. C. E. Lewis, in charge, assisted by Rev. Robert Stinnette and Rev. L. B. Friend; interment was in Columbia, Mississippi.

HENRY WATSON GASTON was born May 9, 1879, and died December 13, 1952. He was a member of the Johnson's Chapel Church of the Nazarene, Gilmer, Texas; a faithful attendant at all the church services. He was loved and appreciated by those who knew him. The church has lost a real friend and brother. He is survived by his wife, five sons, and two daughters. Funeral service was conducted by his former pastor, Rev. Leon Martin, assisted by Rev. Jack Shoulters with interment in Hopewell Cemetery, Gilmer.

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MRS. MARY G. MARTIN, wife of Curtis F. Martin, died December 20, 1952, in a hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, after an illness of thirteen weeks. She was a member of the West Main Street Church of the Nazarene. She had lived a constant Christian life, devoted to her God, her church, and her home. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. C. F. Pasko, with interment in the Woodlawn Memorial Cemetery at Auburn, Indiana.

MRS. JENNIE BEOUGHNER (nee Geil) was born March 28, 1866, at Celina, Ohio, and died December 19, 1952, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. A. Runyon, in Oakley, Kansas. She was converted in early life, sanctified about 1899, and lived a faithful, consistent, holy life from that time. She had been a member of the Church of the Nazarene for the past thirty-one years. Her influence is a challenge to all to live for God; as her life was constant, so was her passing victorious. Six sons, four daughters, fifty-one grandchildren, and fifty-six great-grandchildren survive her. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. I. Everette Brown, assisted by Rev. Jesse Drinen, with interment in the Orion cemetery.

I. G. MC KINLEY was born October 4, 1882, and died November 9, 1952. For twenty years he was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Mountainair, New Mexico, and for most of these years he served as Sunday-school superintendent. He will be greatly missed, as his pew in the church was never empty until he became very ill nine months before he went to his reward.—Mrs. Elzie C. Brown, Daughter.

MRS. CORA BESSIE INGRIM was born September 19, 1883, and died November 26, 1952, while visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Morris, in El Paso, Texas. In 1898 she was united in marriage to T. R. Ingram. She was a pioneer Nazarene, using her home for the first services of our church in Lyons, Kansas. Missions was the great passion of her heart, and she carried a great burden of prayer for this work. She had been visiting at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, a faithful member of First Church of the Nazarene in Wichita, Kansas, since 1917. She is survived by two sons and four daughters. She was a wonderful mother, a true Christian friend, and a saint of God. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. G. A. Gough and Rev. Harold Morris, with interment in Wichita.

A. W. MC NUTT, faithful charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Mooreland, Oklahoma, died December 4, 1952. He is survived by his devoted wife, Sudie; a son, Seigel; and a daughter, Mrs. Nina Life. He was born July 10, 1869, at Rowan, Iowa.

A Christian is never called upon to give of his money; rather, he is under a divine ought to share.—N. C. DIRKSE.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Minister of Music Harold Lawrence and wife of Howell, Michigan, a son, Keith Edwin, on January 18.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Norman E. Anderson of Beverly, Ohio, a daughter, Janet Kay, on January 1.

—to Rev. and Mrs. G. Lewis Pennington of Marietta, Georgia, a daughter, Mary Lou, on December 29, 1952.

ADOPTED BY Garnet and Wayne Scott of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a girl, Martha Jean, on December 30, 1952.

### WEDDING BELLS

Miss Ruth Arlene Reynolds of Rochester, New York, and Mr. Clair LeRoy Slipton of Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage on January 3, in First Church of the Nazarene in Rochester, with the pastor, Rev. Glen Tyner, officiating, assisted by Rev. Morris E. Wilson.

Miss Charlotte Ann Wayman of Lincoln Place, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mr. Donald H. Hennen of Eastern Nazarene College, were united in marriage on December 30, in the Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Russell E. Lewis, officiating.

Edna Snyder and Grover L. DeCocq of Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage on December 21, in St. Paul's Church of the Nazarene, Kansas City, with the pastor, Rev. Jack H. Lee, officiating.

Miss Kathryn Geraldine Mayfield of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Rev. James Dale Tapley were united in marriage on December 17, at the Sallisaw Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. E. O. Tapley, father of the groom, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a lady in Illinois that a desired adjustment and relation may be brought about with a friend, also that she may not have to leave the town where she now is and the influence of her church;

by a young man in the U.S. Navy for his "Mom and Dad" who "knew the Lord a few years ago but, due to sickness, etc., they stopped living for Jesus" and he is praying they may be saved before it is too late;

by a lady in Oklahoma for "an unspoken request for my family to the honor and glory of God."

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## SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

"I would like to tell you of our special Servicemen's Day Service held on Sunday morning, November 9. The young people's society planned and carried out the program. The evangelistic committee especially functioned in this program. We had our honor roll placed in front of the pulpit and the names of those who were veterans of World War II were read off by one of the veterans and then the boys whose names were read were recognized. Then we asked any veterans of World War I to stand and be recognized. We had two. Then an Army Reserve Officer, who is a member of our Sunday school, read the names of those who are now serving in the armed services.

"As each name was read, one of the young people pointed out on a map and told where each boy was located. The map was on display at the front left of the church and each boy's picture was at the bottom with a ribbon running from each to where on the map each one was located.

"We also had a large photograph of each boy on display at the front of the church. We make a church bulletin every two weeks and send each boy a copy of it. We have a section reserved for news of the boys. We enjoyed planning and carrying out this program and also we are glad that we can have a small part in keeping in touch with our boys and honoring them.

"We thought you might be interested to know that the young people's society of our local church is working to keep the boys closely connected to the church. This program might be of help to other societies of our church."—GLADYS EVANS, *Belle Vernon, Pa.*

"Greeting in Jesus' name.

"It sure is nice to know that someone is thinking of me during this holiday season, and to know that someone cares. Yes, I believe that the same star that guided the wise men to the Christ child of old will be shining over me and others through this Christmas season and all the year through. I am glad that at the age of fifteen I was gloriously saved from a life of sin and I have found joy in serving the Lord."—C. W. McGUIRE.

"I have certainly appreciated the material that is being sent to me by the church. I assure you that I have thoroughly enjoyed reading it. I wish to thank you again for the things you have done for me."—L. E. DRAKE.

## Life in a Nazarene Parsonage

By Paul Martin\*

### What You Do Not Know Will Never Hurt You

**D**AD SEEMED to know when I had failed. He could sense my backsliding too soon, before I was ready to confess, and sometimes before the revival was even announced. He seemed to understand my fears, and foolish strength. Yes, Dad knew everything! He knew when I was irreverent in church. Fifteen saints of the rank and file were always ready to tell. He knew when I lightly brushed a yellow truck; the green of our car and the yellow of the truck didn't blend as they should. He had an idea about my grades before he saw the card; and often knew my jokes and laughed before the punch-line. What a dad! But here are three things he never knew—and what you do not know will never hurt you.

Father never knew what a success he was. His constant companion was a strange feeling of failure. He labored hard, and worked well. His friends are many—the monuments of his work are everywhere: churches, camp meetings, schools, plans, college procedure and young preachers, and hundreds of souls. It was said of him, "He always left the work he had bigger and stronger and better than he found it." But he never fully felt that way, and just a day or so before his home-going he paced the upper hall pouring out his soul in earnest questions to his precious Lord, and he heard Him say, "Well done!" It is not humility that suffocates the soul. When

you think you are great, you are little and weak. What you do not know does not hurt you!

He did not know who his enemies were. He never tried to find out. The annual vote was about average in his case. Some always voted "no"—he would have voted with them too. But who they were, and why, he didn't seem to care. I guess it was because he loved people genuinely, served his Father carefully, and never felt he was ordained to be a "one-man Scotland yard" every spring.

*Your enemy may blight his soul,*

*Turn sour and sick, with sin;*

*But the man who loves everyone he  
meets*

*Is happy and restful within.*

For what you do not know will never hurt you. And Dad did not know he was going to die. 'Twas Christmas night, and the tree burned brightly. He had played, and prayed, and rested a time. The one he loved was close to him. It was white with snow outside, and the hills and streets of the northern town were soft and fluffy as down. When I was a boy, Dad always said he wanted to die in the West—where the trees are tall, and where mountains call, and home is quiet and blest. Well, the Lord remembered and slipped him away from loving, tender hands. He did not know it was time to go; but he was ready to die and ready to live. He was ready to die. He was ready! For what you do not know will never hurt you!

\*Nazarene Evangelist