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The Timeless Cross

General Superintendent Young

THERE is only one redemptive Cross—the middle cross of Golgotha. That it affords the basis and meritorious cause for our redemption, no one who accepts the Bible revelation would deny. “God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them” (II Cor. 5:19). But that this Cross also has a moral counterpart in our lives, no one who would follow Jesus may ignore.

Jesus made the way of the cross the entrance into His kingdom. “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matt. 16:24). This is the minimum, inescapable requirement. “Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:27). For Jesus, it is plainly a way of life. On more than one occasion He relates the call of the cross to selfless living. It is more than self-denial; it is the denial of self. “For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life . . . shall save it” (Luke 9:24).

Because we recognize two unique and distinct crises in Christian experience—initial salvation and entire sanctification—we are prone to divide the way of God into a lower and a higher way. Then we deftly make

the higher way desirable but optional, only for the favored few. But Jesus lends no support to such an approach. In the heart of His teaching He makes purity and perfection the divine standard and points out that poverty of spirit is the chief requirement for finding the way. His claims are so unqualified and the commitment so vigorous that the way seems narrow. Listen to Him spell it out: “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:26).

But this is the secret to His radiant life. Unless the corn of wheat dies, it abides alone. This He demonstrated.

Paul was quick to relate the resurrection power of Jesus to the way of the cross. He sought to be made conformable unto His death and desired the fellowship of His sufferings, that he might know Him and the power of His resurrection. He even dared to rejoice in his own sufferings for the Church, which he recognized as the body of Christ. He constantly related the future reign of triumph to the present suffering of cross-bearing.

May the shadow of that timeless Cross haunt us today!

TELEGRAM

Austin, Texas—The San Antonio District, under the able leadership of Superintendent "Bill" Davis, has just descended from a mountain peak of inspiration at the Crusade for Souls convention held at First Church, Austin. Dr. Roy F. Smee, Rev. Leslie Parrott, and Rev. Andrew Young spoke to us with hearts of burning love for Christ and lost souls. Their spirits were contagious, and every preacher and layman who heard them resolved to work harder for Christ's kingdom. This convention will greatly affect the San Antonio District.—HOWARD BORGESON, Reporter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

President L. T. Corlett of Nazarene Theological Seminary sends word that, as of March 7, their office had received a total offering of \$8,492.00 for the landscape fund; total envelopes received—1,677.

After having served as pastor of Central Church of the Nazarene, Colorado Springs, Colorado, for nine years, and with one more year to go on a three-year call, Rev. R. E. Bridgewater and wife are re-entering the evangelistic field, beginning a meeting in Kansas on June 9.

Rev. E. Everett Kimball and wife have resigned as pastors of the church in St. Louis, Michigan, to re-enter the field of evangelism, about August 1.

In a personal letter received from Evangelist Billy Graham, he states that on March 21 they "begin the all-Scotland evangelistic crusade," and he requests that we ask our Nazarene pastors and people to pray, saying "that, if hundreds of thousands of people all over the world will join in prayer, it could be the beginning of a genuine spiritual awakening."

Word has been received from George Hudson, secretary, First Church of the Nazarene, Washington, D.C., that in addition to the unanimous call extended to Pastor Wm. C. Allshouse for another year (and only one negative vote on a three-year recall), the church further expressed its love and appreciation with a very fine offering; and adds, "God is marvelously helping our national city church to move forward for Him."

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; . . . (Rev. 12:11).

"A World-wide Spiritual Offensive" was the theme of the Third Annual Prayer Breakfast for members of the Senate and House of Representatives, government officials, members of the National Religious Broadcasters, the press, delegates to the conference, and representatives of International Christian Leadership groups, held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., February 3.

Senator Frank Carlson, of Kansas, presided at the prayer breakfast, which was the opening meeting of a three-day convention of outstanding leaders in government, industry, radio, the clergy, and the press. Participating in the program at the prayer breakfast were Vice-President Richard Nixon, Governor Sherman Adams, Chief Justice Warren, Lieutenant General Willard Paul, Senators Alexander Wiley (Wisconsin) and A. Willis Robertson (Virginia), Congressman Brooks Hays (Arkansas), Conrad Hilton, and Dr. Billy Graham. President Dwight D. Eisenhower had planned to attend, but pressing business kept him away; however, he sent a letter of greeting.

Billy Graham seemed to set the pattern of the convention when he urged upon the nine hundred in attendance the importance of a changed nature—a born-again experience and a cleansed heart. Throughout the convention outstanding spiritual messages were brought from such men as His Excellency Dr. Charles Malik, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lebanon; Dr. D. Elton Trueblood; Mr. John Broger, president of Far East Broadcasting Co. and special adviser to Joint Chiefs of Staff; Governor Frank Clement, Tennessee; Congressman

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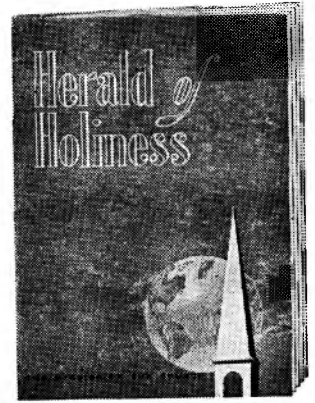
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EVERY GOOD

By Nona Keen Duffy

*Every good and perfect gift
Is given from above
And comes from God, who is all
Power,
All Life, all Light, and Love!*

*Every good and perfect gift
That enters through your door
When shared with other hungry hearts
Makes room for many more.*

*Take each good and perfect gift
And thank the One above
Who sends us happiness and peace
And fills our hearts with love!*

The Cross of Jesus Christ

By BERNIE SMITH*

PILATE, the political puppet, called for a vessel of water. In a feeble attempt to absolve himself of his responsibility for the death sentence he had approved, he publicly washed his hands and tried to believe he was free of the whole matter. But the governor could not wash away his own guilt; nor could he wash Jesus from the pages of human history or human conscience.

THE CROWD

The spectators demanded the spectacle! This crowd knew how Pontius Pilate feared repercussions from Rome if current conditions continued in Judea. Fires of insurrection had been spreading across the province, and rumors of provincial troubles had found their way to Rome. So this confident crowd began to accuse the Master. Pilate was as clay in their hands and they knew it. False charges filled the air. Patience wore thin. Then came the deafening roar, "Crucify him."

The crowd crucified Christ and they would do it again if they could get their hands on Him. This hostile world never has been a friend of grace. The crowd and their leaders—the scribes and Pharisees and their ilk—saw and heard before and during the trial the Personification of humility, strength, and peace. They had openly refused to become "followers of the way." Their lives did not measure up to His teachings; they could not distort His teachings to meet their lives; so they dared to plot His death. How they reviled Him! Oh, the hate that was poured out upon Him as the crowd condemned Him!

THE CROSS

The supreme thought in the mind of the Saviour was the will of the Father. The suffering and sacrifice must be if He would purchase our souls.

The Cross offered something that Judaism, paganism, and the pantheistic idealism of philosophers had never been able to offer. Here was *the Propitiation!* Here was *deliverance!* Here was *salvation!* Here was an open door into the throne room of heaven, and now all could come boldly before Him and make their petitions known.

The Cross portrayed divine love. The love of God is the only answer to all the mysteries of Calvary. We may ask questions one after the other. Why did God demand it? How could Jesus bear it? Why pay such

a price? Why place such a high value on the souls of mortals? There is only one answer to these questions. Love—divine love! Even such boundless love is a mystery. It is beyond our comprehension; we can never fathom it. But what we do understand about divine love is enough to humble our hearts, drive us to our knees, and fill us with an unspeakable thrill.

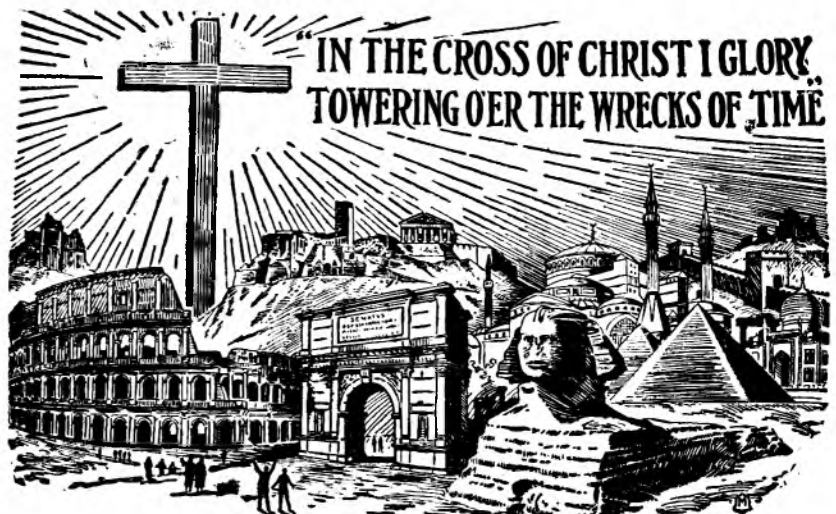
The Cross also revealed divine hatred. He hated the *cause* and *curse* of sin, so He provided a *cure* to save men from its *consequences*. The message of the Cross is never complete until we remember His hatred of sin. Think of it! He so hated the sins that were twisting and contorting the souls of men that He permitted the cross to rise on Golgotha and stand as an everlasting reminder of His attitude toward sin. And the Cross was not a failure; it was a glorious success! We need never circumvent the sin question. The Cross provided forgiveness and cleansing from the cause and effect, the root and the fruit of sin!

THE CHRIST

Legend tells of a colored woman who watched the funeral procession of President Lincoln. As the casket bearing Lincoln's body approached, she held her little boy high above the crowd and said, "Take a long look at him, Son; that's the man who died for you." And I want you to take a long look at Him on Calvary, broken, bruised, bleeding, despised, and forsaken—see Him hanging there.

*Alas! and did my Saviour bleed,
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?*

How the Church needs to see Christ and the Cross anew—see Him suffering for a blighted world! Oh, let us draw near to Calvary and stay



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there until our poor hearts are broken and our very souls are stirred! Let us stay close by the Cross until we again catch a glimpse of His compassion and concern. We *are* concerned, but are we concerned enough? We *do* love souls, but do we love them enough? We *are* working, but are we working enough?

The world is on fire and some modern Neros are fiddling while it burns. The Church cannot afford to be asleep at the switch. In this fateful hour, may we draw near to Calvary and listen to the groanings of the Son of God and see His very blood dripping to the base of that cruel tree. Let us watch Him there until we realize that we are ambassadors of Christ, plenipotentiaries of the Divine, heralds of God sent out from the very courts of heaven, as it were, to win men one by one.

And may it fan the flame of evangelism in every heart until we move forward in personal and mass evangelism and thus fulfill His commission: "Go—Teach—Win!"

The Easter dawn brought liberation and hope to a confused world. It is the world-wide responsibility of the Church to proclaim that message today. REMEMBER the Easter Offering on April 10!

Making by Unmaking

By Grace I. Miller*

AS THE Easter season draws near, we are reminded of the words of Jesus: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone" (John 12:24). Death must precede life. The principle of making by unmaking is a law which governs all life.

In the beginning God made the earth out of a mass of chaos. It was without form and void, and the Spirit or breath of God brought order out of it, and produced the beautiful world. Man was also formed out of the dust of the earth.

It was necessary for our Saviour to die on the cruel cross and go to the grave that we might have eternal life (I Cor. 15:20). A mother goes through the valley of the shadow of death that a new life may be born. The pretty speckled eggs in the bird's nest must be broken before the baby birds can come forth.

Grains of corn or wheat are shiny and clean and will remain that way for a long period of time if put into a glass jar, but the germ of life in them will lie dormant. To make them multiply they must be placed into the cold, damp earth and decay and burst open, that the speck of life concealed in each grain may come forth—useful to man and beast for food. While in the glass jar they were pretty to look at but of no use; but after dying, as it were, they bring forth thirty,

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sixty, one hundred fold, and man and animals obtain physical life and health from them.

Another example of making by unmaking occurs when we see a field covered with grasses and pretty wild flowers, and remark about its beauty. We would like it to remain so always; but a few days later, if we pass that way again, we see nothing but chaos. The plow has gone through it cutting deep and has turned the dark, ugly earth over. We say, "What a pity to spoil that lovely picture!" But again in a few months we pass that field and see golden grain or tall stalks of corn with their tassels waving, ready to be harvested and used to feed the hungry—so the unmaking of the flower-covered field resulted in the making of a field of ripened grain.

Even in our everyday living we find this principle of making by unmaking. For instance, in the spring of the year the housewife says, "It's time to clean house." When her husband and other members of the household leave in the morning, everything apparently is in order; but on their return several hours later, they find everything in a chaotic condition—curtains and drapes down, rugs up, furniture out of place, and perhaps painting and paper-hanging equipment about. But a few days later, all is in order—fresh, clean, and more attractive than before the time of seeming destruction—a new home, as it were.

We often see a bolt of pretty material in a window or on the shelves of a store. It is of no use there, but a seamstress buys some of it, takes the scissors, cuts into it, and it seems as if it were spoiled; but later a garment of beauty and usefulness is the result.

In the spiritual realm we know that before we can have the experience of the new birth, or full salvation, we must die out to sin, self, and carnality (II Cor. 5:17; Rom. 8:6, 10, 13).

Christ had to die that humanity might have eternal life, and He arose from the grave and ascended to the Father, where He "ever liveth to make intercession" for us (Heb. 7:25). We who have accepted the sacrifice He offers, and have taken Him as Saviour and Lord of our lives, now have the blessed hope of spending eternity in His presence—blessed thought of Easter.

LOOKING TO CALVARY

By Isabel D. Watson

*I'm looking back to Calvary,
Where Christ for sin was slain.
If He had died for me alone,
'Twould not have been in vain.*

*But, praise His name, He died for all,
Arose, and went above
To intercede at God's right hand,
And draws us with His love.*

Between Bethlehem and Calvary

By Edward L. Dowd*

FROM the standpoint of the distance in traveled miles, one has not far to go on a trip between Bethlehem and the hill called Calvary. Six miles of Judean road mark the distance between them.

From the standpoint of distance in years between the historic events which cause those two places to hold abiding world significance, the period is not long. Thirty-three years of the life of Jesus Christ mark the distance in years between these points. He was born at Bethlehem and died at Calvary.

Suppose for a moment that this were all the account we had. Suppose we knew nothing of Jesus during the years between Christmas and Good Friday, between Bethlehem and Calvary. If we knew nothing of His life, we would be at a loss to comprehend the profound meaning of His birth and His death. It is the person and life of Jesus, unfolding as it does in the scripture accounts between the first Christmas and Good Friday, which lends everlasting significance to His birth-day and His day of death.

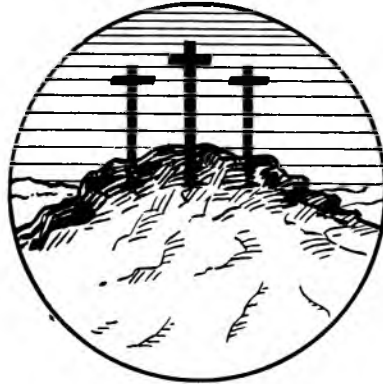
Between Bethlehem and Calvary is seen a perfect manhood. A warped and twisted human race, looking into the simple gospel story, views a straight and stalwart Man. Men who have fallen prey to temptations both of the flesh and of the spirit survey the Man who overcame. They mark His refusal to submit himself to fleshly gratification, to unwarranted miracle-power, and to selfish and illegitimate world dominion. Though His person was laid open to every snare and lure of sin which turns other men away from holiness to do evil deeds, Jesus came off the field of temptation without taint or tarnish of soul. His sinlessness may be seen to be due, not to any favoring protection from His Heavenly Father, for He was "in all points tempted like as we are," but rather to His positive ethical character. In deed and in truth He grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Between Bethlehem and Calvary is revealed a knowable Godhead. What things Jesus did by the power of His spirit, together with the things He spoke regarding God the Father and the Holy Spirit, bring into sharp focus the essential and infinite Persons of the triune Godhead. At His baptism, the Holy Spirit "like a dove descending upon him" (Mark 1:10), a voice from heaven spoke, "Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (11), after which the Son was driven into the wilderness to be tempted of Satan.

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Jesus said of himself, "Before Abraham was, I am" (John 8:58); "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:18); and, "No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man" (John 3:13). Of the Father He said, "I shall shew you plainly of the Father" (John 16:25); and, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (14:9). Of the Holy Spirit he said, ". . . the Comforter . . . whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me" (John 15:26).

By His mighty deeds Jesus demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit and the will of His Heavenly Father. He turned water into wine, storms into breezes, blindness into sight, weaklings into world-winners, sinners into saints, sickness into health, and death into life. Through the Spirit of God He cast out devils, changed men's fears into faith, and set up a Kingdom that will never end.



Between Bethlehem and Calvary we recognize a sacrificial providence. In the life of Jesus Christ we view a Man of Sorrows, and a God who cares about us. We watch Jesus at the tomb of the dead Lazarus, weeping. He cries out in a compassionate voice over the sins of Jerusalem

with a warm heart beating to the willing melody of divine love.

As He nears the hill of shame where He must die for guilty men, Christ struggles on His knees at the thought that He must become sin for us by means of a cross. His life of willing humiliation in becoming man is crowned by His willing self-sacrifice because His Heavenly Father commanded it. Here is evidenced the infinite love of the Father. There was no other way for Jesus to go but the way of the Cross; and the silence in the garden of intercession, the silence at His trial, and the silence at the Cross testify that the Heavenly Father held no other plan for the rescue of a wrecked and sinful humanity.

What happened between Bethlehem and Calvary gives credence to the virgin birth of Christ, plausibility to the fulfillment of prophecy, and validity to the claims of His resurrection from the dead and His promise of His own personal and visible return in the ending of the ages of human history.

God says, "Provide yourselves [money] bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth" (Luke 12:33).

Your Easter offering is a treasure in the heavens that faileth not—give willingly April 10.

The Sin Nobody Talks About

By Leslie Parrott*

V. WHEN YOU Are the Victim Of Jealousy

IN SPITE of every effort to live humbly and without offense, you probably will be victimized by jealousy if you ever rise above the crowd. Men are never jealous of their subordinates, or people around whom they feel secure or equal. But they can be as cruel as the grave in their jealousies of those who have outstripped them.

Do all you can to avoid creating jealous feelings among your friends. However, do not move out of the community, nor resign your job, nor become antisocial the first time you are victimized by jealousy. It has happened to many a good man and woman.

There are three reasons why people may be jealous of you.

I. JEALOUS OF YOUR SUCCESSES

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (. . . And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) Inasmuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, . . . and were filled with indignation [the marginal reading is 'jealousy'], and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison" (Acts 5:12, 14-18).

Like the priests who were jealous of the religious accomplishments of the early Christians, so men today are jealous of the successes of their contemporaries in business, at church, in government, in athletics, and in every other phase of life.

II. JEALOUS OF YOUR GOODNESS

Strange as it may seem, men even may be jealous of your piety. Persons who have allowed themselves to be victimized by sinful habits become jealous of those who have kept themselves pure. The writer of Ecclesiastes says, "Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbour" (Eccles. 4:4). "They envied Moses also

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in the camp, and Aaron the saint of the Lord" (Ps. 106:16).

If men were envious of Aaron, "the saint of the Lord," how should we expect to escape the green-eyed glances of those whose minds are carnal? The devil, who once lived with the angels, became jealous of God and incited an insurrection in heaven. If God was the victim of jealousy, certainly His children shall not pass through life unscathed by the emerald dragon.

III. JEALOUS OF YOUR POSSESSIONS

"Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him" (Gen. 26:12-14).

But what can you do about it? Actually very little. Here are some suggestions:

1. Be gracious in trying to overlook the jealousy.

2. Be kind to the jealous person. He or she is most unhappy and needs a friend. Never fight back and never incite more jealousy. A one-sided war soon becomes disinteresting.

3. Pray for the jealous person, sincerely.

4. Pray for yourself. "And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him" (Acts 7:9). I like that phrase, "but God was with him." God does not forsake us in the trying experiences of life. As He cared for Joseph, so will He watch over you.

5. Keep a big spirit. Every man or woman who has made an enviable accomplishment has been victimized by jealousy. Either he becomes greater by keeping a good spirit, or he stoops to the same level of his adversaries in employing weapons of defense. Sir Thomas Brown said, "Let age, not envy, wrinkle thy cheeks; be content to be envied, but envy not."

Is It Nought to YOU?

By Ovella S. Shafer

*Is it nought to you that sinners are dying
For want of soul winners, praying and crying?*

*Is it nought to you that throngs have not heard
The name of Jesus in song or God's Word?*

*Is it nought to you that we who profess
Have neglected to tell of the faith we possess?*

*Is it nought to you when so many need "Bread,"
We fling them a broken, burnt crust instead?*

*Is it nought to you that the harvest looms white
And that NOW we must work, ere cometh the
night?*

*Let's show by our Easter praying and giving
That Christ is truly abiding—and living!*

Seven Wonders Around the Cross

By J. J. Steele*



First wonder: It was a wonder how deeply religious men could be so cruel and blind and prejudiced that they could promote the death by cruel crucifixion of the very Person some of them had professed to love. But such is the blindness of a dead religion without the Holy Spirit to enlighten the mind. Many today, who profess to be His followers,

are crucifying the Son of God afresh by their worldly, selfish, hypocritical living. But they, too, are very religious people.

Second wonder: It was a wonder how all ages of human beings could gather on a hilltop for the purpose of seeing the bloody spectacle, and gaze in morbid curiosity while three men writhed and groaned in agony before the multitude. Such is the nature of sin that it kills the sensibilities, hardens even little children to the suffering of others, and makes sport of the miseries of our fellow men.

Third wonder: It was a wonder how utterly indifferent human beings acted toward their fellow human beings who were enduring such unspeakable agony. Human nature hasn't changed. We can go on living self-centered lives now while multitudes suffer, and while Christ is put to an open shame before the world, and feel no sting of conscience or ripple of feeling.

Fourth wonder: It was a wonder how God the Father could possibly allow His beloved Son to suffer such shame, exposure, humiliation, and physical torment when He could have stopped the carnage at any moment and annihilated from the earth the miserable creatures who were murdering His Son.

The only reason He did not do it is found in the words: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). My soul and yours, dear reader, were more precious in God's sight at that moment than the comfort, life, and welfare of His Son. Who can fathom such love as this? Do I love anyone on earth enough to let one of my sons endure such a hell for him? No! I might be so treated myself, but I cannot imagine permitting such a thing to one of mine. But "God so loved . . ." It's too much for human minds to grasp.

Fifth wonder: It is a wonder how all nature, except the perverted nature of humanity, under-

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stood who the Man on the middle cross was. The heavens above and the earth beneath trembled at the sight. Only perverted mankind bore the sight with equanimity. Is there any greater evidence of the utterly fallen condition of man?

Sixth wonder: It is a wonder how anyone who hears the story of the Cross and believes it can help falling on his knees and crying out, "O Jesus, I love Thee because Thou didst first love me! I give my life back to Thee, unworthy though it be."

Seventh wonder: The greatest wonder of all is that if I had been the only poor, lost soul in the whole universe, He would have suffered thus for me—just for me. This staggers my poor mind! How can I help but love Him!

REMEMBER the millions for whom Christ died—millions who never will hear the gospel unless the Church of the Nazarene gets it to them.



Tarry until . . . then go.

WE ARE in a Crusade for Souls. From Easter to Pentecost is to be a time of special effort in soul winning. The place of beginning in soul winning is on our knees. One has said, "You cannot talk to man about God until you first talk to God about man."

Man cannot come to God except the Spirit draw him. He knows whose hearts are hungry. He knows what method would be effective. He desires to direct us. Prayer is His method of communication.

One time in Swaziland, Africa, we had a very productive *Every-One-Win-One Revival*. First, we organized prayer bands that met in any convenient place from cornfield to schoolroom or home. Every Christian asked God to help him win a soul during that revival campaign. We spent long seasons in fastings and waiting. We went only after we had prevailed with God in prayer. More time was spent in praying than in going.

We were surprised to find that the Spirit of God led us to homes and to individuals that we would not have otherwise thought of visiting. He knew where the hungry hearts were. The methods He gave us were unique and different and the abundant harvest was above all our expectations.—
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The Great Tribulation

Third article in a series of six on "The Second Coming of Christ"

By E. E. WORDSWORTH*

Then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened (Matt. 24:21-22).

A GREAT school of premillennial scholars teach that the awful days described in the sixth to nineteenth chapters of Revelation will constitute "the great tribulation" which, in their thinking, follows the Church age. It is believed by many that the first three chapters in Revelation set forth the Church age, closing with the period of the Laodicean church. This seems to be now. The opening words of chapter four are: "After this." Dr. W. G. Heslop says on these words, "The fourth key to the book of Revelation is 'After this,' i.e., after the Church age. After the Church has run its course."

However, some teach that we are now in the beginning of the awful throes of the tribulation period. That the Church always has been in tribulation cannot be denied. Since the days of the apostles until now the Church has known unspeakable suffering, ignominy, and woe. Those conversant with church history are familiar with this truth. The Early Church suffered, and thousands were martyred in the bloody amphitheater of Rome, fed to hungry lions or other wild beasts, and the catacombs and Colosseum of Rome bear silent witness even to this very day. The Dark Ages of a thousand years came on apace.

Fox's Book of Martyrs, a book that will never die, a great English classic, gives a history of the lives, suffering, and triumphant deaths of the early Protestant Christian martyrs. The author recounts the persecutions, sufferings, and martyrdoms of Nero burning Christians in his Imperial Gardens; of those stretched on beds of iron to roast over slow fires beneath, limbs pulled out by mechanical force; the massacres of St. Bartholomew; the beheading of many saints; of the Seine, a French river, flowing with martyr blood; of Huss and Jerome of Bohemia, triumphantly going to the place of execution and dying at the stake in the flames; of Bishop Ridley, Bishop Latimer, and Archbishop Cranmer of England and thousands of others welcoming a fiery death rather than recant and surrender to the papacy. And the same can be said of Germany, Scandinavia, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and other lands seeking religious freedom from the shackles, tyranny, and oppression of papal Rome.

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Furthermore, in our day we are witnessing the merciless persecution of the Church. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., says; "Fifteen million Chinese have been liquidated under the regime of Soviet Russia." And millions are in concentration camps. If the martyred dead of poor Korea could speak, they would tell of unspeakable atrocities. Surely tribulation is in the earth in these days! But when "the great tribulation" is on in its full strength and satanic power, "the rivers shall be full of blood, as in the days of Napoleon when the horses could swim in the streams of coagulated blood."

Dr. Heslop says: "During the Great Tribulation God is going to allow sin to work out its natural and inevitable consequences. The gracious and protecting hand of God is to be lifted from man and beast. The fear of man will depart from the brute creation and every dog will seek to devour its owner; every cat will seek to destroy its mistress; every horse will run away from its rider; and birds, and beasts of the forest, desert, and wilderness will pounce upon man, woman, and child. By war, hunger, famine, pestilence, and mad blood-seeking beasts one-fourth of the race will be destroyed." Add to this the scorching heat of the sun, which will be intensified greatly in those days. "And power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues" (Rev. 16:8-9).

The great tribulation will be a time of universal bloodshed, covering the whole earth; all the vile, hateful passions of the race will go unbridled; the finer feelings of civilized society will be dulled to brute force; there will be no sympathy for the dying, for "mourning," says Wimberley, "will be unknown."

It will be a day of reckoning, a day of wrath and divine judgment, a day of vengeance and retribution. Darkness will be like the Egyptian night of blackness, with stars falling, islands moving, earthquakes bringing terrifying horrors, and rocks shaking the earth until it rocks and staggers like a drunken man. Nature will be lashed into fury by the angel of the bottomless pit.

The gates of darkness will be opened wide, and the prison house of the damned spirits, as it were, will belch out its minions of night. Demons will be let loose in the earth among men, swarming like locusts and stinging like

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scorpions. One has said: "Mother Earth has seen many a dark day; she has listened to many groans of the dying; she has heard the tales of awful woes; she has turned a listening ear to the drop, drop, drop of many a bleeding heart, but her darkest days are yet to come; her lightning will be more satanic, and her thunders will be more diabolical when the great midnight of darkness—the Tribulation—has come."

The great tribulation is primarily for the world. The whirlwind of God's fury will go forth; the vials of His wrath will be poured out; the man of sin will be revealed; "200,000,000 demons from hell, fierce, swift, resistless, unconquerable, intelligent, wise, beautiful, ferocious, stinging, poisonous, and persistent," will produce a state of affairs that would make death a relief; but men will not be permitted to die under these judgments of God, at least for the present. They will seek rocks, caves, hiding places in vain to hide them from the face of an angry God. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" (Ps. 9:17).

If time and space would permit, we would call the roll of nations and depict their iniquitous practices, sins, and hatred of God and holiness. Look at Spain, China, southern Europe, Soviet Russia today! Witness the world-wide infiltration of communism! Hear the pitiful groans of millions suffering, starving, dying in concentration camps! Look at the starving multiplied millions while rich men become richer and richer! Thousands are on the streets of Calcutta, India, every night huddled together like spoons for a little warmth and protection from the night's cold, and the carts come along every morning to take to the potter's field the many who have died. Hear the heart-rending cries of millions behind the bamboo curtain and the iron curtain! Surely a just God must punish wicked nations for their sins. The day hastens when He lifts His hand of mercy and the vials of His wrath are poured out like water upon a wicked world.

May God help you and me so to live that we shall escape those things that are coming on the world.

Have you heard about June 5?

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt. 11:28).

Perplexing problems are the experience of us all; but the true Christian has found a solution for them all—in Jesus Christ.

Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (II Tim. 2:3).

As Christian soldiers, we must face all the hardships and inconveniences associated with the life, but with the promise of God that we will survive the war.—EARLE F. WILDE.



World Need CALLS For OUR Gifts

By Harvey S. Galloway*

THE PAST week has brought disturbing news. To a world already caught in the anguish of fear over the development and use of the A-bomb and over the tremendous destructive potential of the H-bomb, has come still more disturbing news. Public statements have been made that to set off a C-bomb might release a wave of radioactive "fall out" that would sweep over a continent and perhaps the entire earth, bringing death to all. Coupled with this is the world-wide struggle now engaging the attention and energies of men. It is the struggle between an atheistic and enslaving communism on the one hand and the older social order with its heritage and developments of freedom on the other.

To the man acquainted with the Word of God all of this has a familiar sound. That Word speaks of the judgment of the nations. The similarity of the predictions of scientists and statesmen to those of the inspired prophets of God cannot be ignored. Sin seems to be coming to its fruition and in that to be reaching a climax heretofore thought impossible.

Out of the desperation of our day thoughtful men are crying, "There is only one hope—that hope is in God!" This cry comes from the leaders of government, leaders of military might, and leaders of scientific development. The world has desperately needed God all across the ages but now that need, made more desperate as sin and the spirit of anti-Christ reach their climax, is thrown into bold relief by world conditions and the possible release of destructive energy surpassing the most hellish imaginations of a depraved mind.

The world desperately needs God, the God revealed through Christ in the Cross and in the Resurrection. That need as a voice in the darkness calls for the message of hope through the gospel.

To those of us who have come to know Christ the need is even more tragic. The world is made up of myriads of men and women, boys and girls, each of whom is a human personality with the right to be considered as such and with a soul whose value is beyond estimation by material yardsticks. It is of each of these that Jesus said, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" These are the ones caught in the maelstrom as sin rises to its climax. These are the ones who are in dire need and in immediate danger. These are the ones for

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whom Christ died. These are the ones whose need of Christ calls out as voices in the night!

We of the Church have the message of hope for the world and for each of the souls who make up the world. It is our task to give that message—to give it in a crusade of world-wide evangelism.

The Easter Offering is a part of our answer as Nazarenes to this call. By it as a part of our overall program of world evangelism we send that message for which an individual need is calling. The Christ of the Cross and the Resurrection challenges us to give Him to the needy world. *What shall our answer be at Easter?*

Over 300 missionaries and more than 1,200 native workers in 30 foreign fields are praying that our response to the Easter Offering will be an expression of our love for God.

DO People Care?

By Mrs. A. L. McElyea*

THEY didn't know that I didn't need help as I sat in my car parked on the shoulder of a little-used highway. They passed, pursuing their own courses, with minds, no doubt, intent upon themselves.

I sought the place solely to be alone with God and in a small way with nature. At least the trees, vines, grass, and even the underbrush along the way provided a measure of relief to my eyes and mind. Here was calm. Everything seemed still and quiet. I heard the sound of a woodpecker earnestly seeking a nesting place, saw twin yellow butterflies fluttering in the warm March sunshine, tiny new pine burs coming to replace the old as they turn loose and fall, and a bird perched on the very top of the highest height of a tree as if there just for me to write about. Would that I were an artist to paint in colors the beautiful pictures before me, but I came to gain strength and rest for my own soul today!

The bird is gone and my eyes rest upon the mass of gray moss hanging from the trees, and I wonder—How does it continue to hang winter and summer, and how does it feed? Everything must have food. Why is it there? Questions I cannot answer, but perhaps the answer is to help me stand in awe at the mighty hand of God. I see some trees asleep, waiting the bursting forth of new life. Next week I may come back and see new green buds and leaves, for it's bursting-forth time. Yes, the Easter season is here again.

Today I rejoice because of a risen Christ—Someone to care. What blessed relief we feel when we stop to realize that there is One who is never in such a hurry that He will not stop to bind up a wound or heal a broken heart—One who does not look upon our problems as insignificant, but who sees even the sparrow! Today He lives. Thank God, He lives, and careth for me!

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EASTER OFFERING

*Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul,
my life, my all.*

It is that kind of consecration which takes our missionaries to foreign soil. There, away from home, loved ones, and many comforts of life, they invest their time and strength to give the gospel light to others and bring the healing ministry of Christ to the wounded souls that live in pagan darkness.

But I ask myself—and I ask you—Is not my consecration as complete as that of the missionary? Does God have one standard for those who “go” and another one for those who “stay”? Let us answer these questions in the light of God's full revelation to us. Surely, then, we cannot be unmindful of the “hurt” of the world about us. For at home as well as abroad there are millions of our fellow beings in this generation who will be saved only if the Church of the Nazarene gets the gospel to them quickly. Our response on April 10 will make a difference!—G.S.C.

Is June 5 on your calendar?

Just Waiting for an Invitation

By Robert H. Scott*

IT WAS another Sunday morning. I stood at the door of the church to greet the people as they arrived for the Sunday-school hour. It was with considerable surprise that I saw entering the church a couple, prominent in the community, whom I knew to be of Catholic affiliation. As I welcomed them to the church and called an usher to direct them to a seat, I could not help wondering what it was that had prompted them to come.

Then just as quickly as the question had come to my mind, I had the answer. Coming in behind them was a godly little woman, only visiting in our community, but who had been attending our church. She was visiting her son and daughter-in-law, who lived in an apartment building owned by this Catholic couple. She was beaming as she told me of having invited them to attend with her this Sunday morning and of their accepting the invitation.

As the couple was led on into the church by an usher, I detained the little lady who had been

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instrumental in their coming and said to her, "You are to be congratulated. Perhaps some of our own folk need some instruction from you." Her reply was not of the sort that made me feel very comfortable, for she said: "Oh, it was not a big job. I just invited them, and they seemed as though they were waiting for an invitation; and they came."

Those words plagued my mind all that day, and as I began a new week of activity on Monday morning, I asked the Lord for new courage to go out "into the highways and hedges, and compel

them to come in" (Luke 14:23). And I wondered how many others whom we had been hesitant or whom we had deliberately failed to invite, thinking it would be no use, were "just waiting for an invitation."

Of course, the business of soul winning is not an easy job, but are we letting ourselves be convinced that it is an even bigger job than it is? The old prophet said there were "multitudes in the valley of decision" (Joel 3:14). Let us go quickly to them, and contact them all, for perhaps many of them are "just waiting for an invitation."

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by
STEPHEN S. WHITE

Q. Some people seem to teach that many, if not all, mental illnesses are caused by demon possession. Do you believe this?

A. No. Mental illness is a form of sickness just as truly as physical sickness is. In fact, it is in some instances due to a physical condition.

Q. Do you believe that it is wrong for a person to consult a psychiatrist?

A. Not if he is recommended by a reputable physician. I say this because a person should know that he needs one and that the psychiatrist he goes to is reliable and not just a "quack."

Q. I wish you would clear up a certain preacher's theory about the soul of man. He contends that at death the soul of man dies, and is unconscious till the resurrection day.

A. No preacher in the Church of the Nazarene should teach this. The Church of the Nazarene, as well as most other churches, does not believe in soul-sleeping. Further, the Bible doesn't teach any such theory. The body returns to dust when a person dies and is resurrected before the consummation of all things, but the same cannot be said of the soul and spirit, or the inner man. It remains active and conscious. There are only a few fringe sects that teach soul-sleeping. They must have some off-color idea with which to get the attention of the people.

Q. What do you say about tithing one's old-age pension?

A. I know of people who do it. Nevertheless, it is not my business to sit in judgment on the person who does not do it. Surely it is wonderful for those who feel that they can to tithe their old-age pensions.

Q. What do you think about reading religious literature from other denominations?

A. First, read the literature of your own denomination before reading that from other denominations. Then, if you have time, as some no doubt will have, read that from other denominations. There are many churches which put out good literature. However, what literature you do read from other churches, be sure that it is what you want to read. There are a few denominations—small ones—which do their best to get reading matter into your hands which is heretical and dangerous without letting you know where it comes from or what its real nature is.

Q. What do you think about ball games? I don't believe in them. I'd rather be in a red-hot prayer meeting.

A. I'd rather be in a red-hot prayer meeting, myself, than a ball game. However, that is partly due to the fact that I am older than I once was, and it may be that your age has something to do with your preference at this point. I have always especially liked to watch basketball games, although I have seldom attended one during the last thirty or forty years, except in our Nazarene schools, when I have watched our own students play. Our schools have always been careful not to permit any of these games to interfere with the religious services. All of our church people, young and old, should take this attitude or else such games will in the long run become a curse. Our duty to church activities must always come first with regard to everything except sickness and emergencies.

Q. Is it permissible for non-professing individuals to take up time, and comment in Bible classes? They do not, as a rule, attend the other services of the church.

A. We are always glad to have anyone attend our Sunday-school and Bible classes. Also, we are not against anyone's taking part in the discussions. Of course, it is up to the teacher to keep his hand on the situation and not allow the discussions to go astray. He will have to do that sometimes with our own people. The discussions must be directed and thus be kept on the subject.

Q. Is there such a verse in the Bible as this: "The wicked shall not live out half of their days"?

A. In Ps. 55:23, we have these words: "But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee." This is not a general principle. It is only a threat, or warning, directed against the wicked which were then in the writer's mind.

CLOTHED WITH HUMILITY

By Anna M. Gilleland

*With the garment of humility,
Lord, clothe my soul today;
By the spirit of Thy holy love
Keep me in the narrow way.
Search my heart and try my thoughts,
And let Thy will be known;
Make my life to speak the words
Of wisdom from Thine own.
Make me patient, strong, and brave,
And let me rest in Thee,
Till the closing of life's little day,
When death's summons comes to me!*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

MANY of our churches will be observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the weeks preceding Easter. This is as it should be. If there is ever a time in the year when our thoughts should be turned to the Cross, it is now.

Jesus instituted this sacred ceremony himself. These words give the account: "Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God" (Mark 14:22-25).

As we partake of the bread and the wine we should pray for a new vision of the actual facts; that we may see, as never before, the broken body with its quivering flesh, and the shed blood as it pours out. We talk about the Cross until I am afraid it becomes common. There was nothing common about it for the Master, even though He knew ahead of time that it was coming. Never before had anyone suffered as He suffered. His physical suffering was most intense, and His mental discomfort cannot be comprehended by finite minds. Physical ills touch only the body; the Master's concern went to the deepest recesses of His soul. He literally bore the weight of the world's sin, without and within. God help us, as we take the sacrament, to realize more than ever the actual facts involved in the crucifixion of Jesus. May we see them with a depth we never have known before. We cannot commemorate the experience which Jesus had on the cross except as we, at least in some measure, enter into it.

This means that we must envision anew the need of the lost. We must glimpse afresh the peril of those who are without Christ. Our commemoration must be vicarious. Our consecration to our task as His children will partake of that same spirit which He had when He said, "I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified." But you may say, "I am sanctified, I already have made that dedication." Perhaps so, but it will help you to become more conscious of it than you have been. It will not be out of place for you to tell the Christ who died for you, and tell Him from the depths of your heart, that your determination to go all the way with Him still holds good. This, you must assure Him, is true, even though it may mean that you will have to go through some Gethsemanes. No Gethsemane that you ever go through can equal the one that He endured.

There is yet another word which I add. Our observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper should be reverent. I remember how impressive it was when as a child I saw the Christians go

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forward to the altar and partake of the bread and the wine. They went forward with solemnity and reverence, as some of the great hymns of the Church about the Blood and the Cross were sung; hymns that those who believe in the broken body and the shed blood of Jesus Christ can never give up. How sacred the hour of this celebration! How meaningful to every soul who participated! No one should ever take part in the observance of the Lord's Supper without feeling that he is engaging in holy exercise, and stands on holy ground. If God ever comes near to the Christian's soul—and He does come near—it should be when he partakes of the bread and the wine in memory of the broken body and shed blood of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. It is a ceremony, and yet in the truest sense it never should be a mere ceremony.

It Will Fold Up!

A FEW WEEKS ago with several others I visited a large and beautiful church. We were told that it is usually well filled for one service each Sunday. Also, we learned that it is the largest church of its denomination, and there are but few churches of that particular faith. Further, we found out that this church is not committed to a definite missionary program, either home or foreign. This last fact caught my attention. Denominations live by conquest. Those which do not provide for missionary activity dwindle away. They "fold up," and I'm afraid this will be the history of this denomination.

What is true of a whole denomination is true of any local church—no matter what its denominational character may be. Any local Church of the Nazarene which takes no interest in home or foreign missions will not grow and develop. More than that, sooner or later it will go out of business. In addition, the measure of its enthusiasm for missions, both home and foreign, will, to a large extent, indicate the growth which may be expected from it in the future.

What I have said about denominations and the local church is true also of the individual Christian. He who would live and grow in the grace of God must be missionary both in spirit and in deed; he must have a passion for the lost that will express itself in giving and in other forms of Christian activity. So long as our church keeps missionary in spirit, so long as our people keep missionary in spirit, I can feel easy about our future. I need to keep this in mind when I think of the Easter Offering which will soon be upon us.

The same is true of you. Thank God for the way our people have come up in the past at Easter and have shown their interest in a world-wide gospel! So long as we continue to do this we will not be in danger of "folding up."

Missionary work is necessary not only for those who need to be saved and sanctified, but also for those who are saved and sanctified.

The Omnipresence of Man

WHAT IS meant by the omnipresence of God? It has been defined as the power to act anywhere immediately. In this day of modern inventions, it seems that man has all but acquired this ability. He can send his voice and picture around the world almost instantly. Moreover, it looks now as if he will soon be able to come very near doing this with himself. Who will dare to prophesy as to the limits of rocket travel? Thus man is fast approaching the place where he, like God, can annihilate time and space.

But I am not thinking of these or any other of the many marvelous inventions which man has made. Rather, I have in mind what we sometimes speak of as "the almighty dollar." Through money man can become omnipresent. This is true more of money than of any invention man has made. Certainly man's inventions stand ready to assist him in his omnipresent activities. On the other hand, it takes money to travel around the globe at high speed, to send one's voice or picture around the globe, and it will require plenty of money to go to the moon in a rocket ship. These inventions which extend the presence of man cannot be created without money. Also, they cannot be put into action without money. Still, this isn't what I mean when I speak of money in relation to the omnipresence of man.

By the "everywhereness" of man I refer to the missionary activity, both home and foreign, that is being carried on by the various denominations, and especially by the Church of the Nazarene. I can't be everywhere in body at the same time, even with the best inventions that we have, but I can be everywhere in spirit. I can circle the globe with my prayers. But these petitions wouldn't have much value if I couldn't also circle the globe with my money. How may I do that? By sending missionaries to the ends of the earth. In this sense I can be omnipresent.

While actually, in body, I am in America, I can also be in India, Japan, Africa, Haiti, and many other nations, by sending someone there to represent me. This is not something new. The churches

of Jesus Christ have been omnipresent in this respect ever since the beginning of Christianity. No doubt these new inventions help our representatives to get around faster and do more with the money we give. But the "everywhereness" of man can be more truly thought of in connection with his money than with reference to anything else. If you want to be omnipresent, working with God, then do everything you can to spread the gospel. The most effective way to do this is to give of your money.

Missionary offerings present a very practical way to manifest our omnipresence through the power of "the almighty dollar." By means of it each one of us can in deed and in truth circle the globe with salvation! ". . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). These words surely teach the possibility of the omnipresence of every Christian. The Easter Offering is at hand!

Bobbie Changed His Attitude

A FEW DAYS ago I drove in home after a day's work. A neighbor's three-year-old boy came over to greet me with a mud ball. He looked straight at me and raised his arm to throw. Naturally, I didn't want the mud on myself or the car, and yet I didn't care to have any trouble with the boy. He's a fine little lad, and was only demonstrating his boyish activity. I thought quickly, What can I do? A moment's reflection gave me a cue. I remembered that a few days before he had been at our place with his mother, and we had given him some cookies. As he stood there, poised to throw the mud ball, I said: "We're pals. You don't want to throw that at me. Don't you remember, I gave you some cookies the other day? You wouldn't want to hurt your pal." His arm dropped and he began to smile: then he and his dog came running over to me. He began to talk, and, among other things, he soon brought up the subject of cookies. He said, "Have you got any more cookies?" I had to answer, "No"; but I hastened to tell him that if we did have any he would be welcome to some. We talked a while; then I went on into the house, and he returned to his own yard.

That made me think, "A soft answer turneth away wrath," we are told by the writer of Proverbs. In line with that, I might say that a non-belligerent attitude often will change an enemy into a friend. If I had begun to reprimand the boy for what he was about to do, I probably wouldn't have gotten anywhere. He likely would have thrown the ball, and certainly it wouldn't have stimulated any love for me if I had scolded him. I need to remember in dealing with grownups that I don't have to show a belligerent attitude because my neighbor or fellow church member may show one. More trouble than we think has

been averted by one of the involved persons taking the right attitude toward the other. Bobbie changed his belligerent attitude because I met that attitude with a friendly spirit. Only a few days ago, in our city, some quarreling between

two neighbors resulted in one killing the other. If we will love our enemies and turn the other cheek, this will result, more often than we think, in a happy ending of what might have been a very serious incident.



THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for April 3: The Cross and Christian Discipleship

Scripture: John 12:20-26; II Cor. 5:14-19; Gal. 2:20-21; 6:14-17 (Printed: John 12:20-26; II Cor. 5:14-19)

GOLDEN TEXT: *But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world* (Gal. 6:14).

Perhaps after all, in the truest sense, the cost of following Jesus is so offset with greater riches that it is all clear gain. It is surrendering dust for diamonds. However, keep in mind that there is a very active denial in Christian living. The pianist must deny himself many hours of free pleasure. The athlete practices self-restraint to a fine degree. Self-denial in this respect is not negative repression, but the price one willingly pays for positive achievement. Paul gives personal testimony to this truth in his letter to the Philippians, the third chapter, commencing with the seventh verse: "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but

dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him . . ."

No one can possibly dodge or escape the law of self-denial—it is inescapable. If we fail to deny ourselves a dissipated physical life, then we shall deny ourselves a healthy body and clear mind. If we should refuse to deny ourselves immodesty, uncleanness, and sexual impurity, then by its very token we have denied ourselves a self we can respect and the love of a Christian home. If we will not deny ourselves the cheap lusts and sins of life, then we do deny ourselves the redeeming fellowship of Jesus Christ. Yes, if we will not deny ourselves hell, then we have denied ourselves heaven and a joyous reunion. Once a vision of Jesus is clear, the cost we pay for such communion is not worthy to be considered. It is God's gift to us through free choice; we may obtain the very highest by the simple denial of that which is the very least desirable.

Yes, it does cost to follow Jesus. Now take a look at sin with all of its accomplishments; there is a high

cost to be paid for rejecting Christ—for the questionable privilege of following Satan. Think of the love, manhood, self-respect, and personal freedom one forfeits for the reward of being damned. The real difference in life lies, not in the fact of self-denial, but in what is denied and what is gained. Life is an open book of men who denied themselves of decency and marital fidelity for the reward of being forever crushed, beaten, and broken by the gods of lust. Happily, too, life records myriad examples of men who denied themselves of free love, infidelity, and mistrust for the privilege of being trusted and loved by those who count most.

Choose with care your goal, then make your denials clear and final. We gladly join our Saviour, who accepted personal sacrifice as a privilege; "Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame" (Heb. 12:2).

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Religious News and Comments

By A. K. BRACKEN

"Conscience of Cincinnati"

The National Council of Christians and Jews recently paid tribute to Alfred M. Segal, seventy-one, who has been on the staff of the *Cincinnati Post* for fifty years, thirty-four of which years he has written the column "Cincinnati." The Council's citation said that his writings and personal life had been the aims of their Council. The *Post's* staff, in a surprise party in an editorial office,

presented him with a gold wrist watch, with the inscription, "To Al, the conscience of Cincinnati." In his column he avoids the cheap, low, and sensational. An afflicted and suffering child will claim his attention. The funeral of a ninety-year-old or the imprisonment of a breadwinner for a payroll robbery will be noted. In this latter case it was to call attention to the innocent wife and children who would now likely suffer. (The com-

pany that was robbed called the wife and mother to tell her that she was on their payroll at \$20.00 per week—she would earn her salary by caring for her children in her home.) (*Newsweek*.) Any community needs such citizens.

More Bingo

One hundred representatives of the State Council of Churches in New York visited their Governor Harriman

to present their side of the case against legalized gambling. They were especially opposed to bingo in churches and in other meeting places. The governor had proposed a law that would immediately remove all penalties for breaking the laws against bingo. Governor Harriman is reported to have denounced the Council for treating this as a Roman Catholic issue. The Council denies this. Most Catholics in that state may favor bingo but some are opposed. The governor seems to have conducted himself like a shrewd, if not ethical, politician. To bring countercharges is a neat but a very old political trick. The great tragedy is that both political parties in New York as well as many churches, both Protestant and Catholic, favor legalized gambling in churches. The Reformation, far from being merely a sixteenth century matter, is rather a perennial need (*Christian Life*).

BRIEFS

Boom. The church building boom is said to be the biggest since the days of Solomon. Departments of Labor and Commerce estimate that, in 1955, \$675,000,000.00 will be spent on church buildings. Those who are sold on the idea of a "church that looks like a church" are having to give way to those who are interested "to save the Lord's money." Modern architecture is cheaper.

"Good and Evil." Major-General Charles I. Carpenter says that a check of air force enlistees at induction centers shows they "lack an understanding of what is good and evil. They lack familiarity with the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer." The Executive Committee of the Military Chaplains Association met in Washington recently to launch a nationwide program of preparation for those who would enter the armed services (*Washington Religious Report*). The program of the Christian Church in preparing men to be good soldiers in the army of the Lord would do much in this area.

Low Flying. Paul Harvey states that the Italian plane that recently crashed against the mountainside, killing twenty-nine persons, would have made a safe ending of its journey if it had been flying only fifteen feet higher. Millions, in the realm of religion and morals, are flying *too low*. The results are that multiplied millions are thus making wrecks of their individual lives and of their homes. Men are, in a measure, earth-bound; but in important areas they are built for the upper air.

Again "Skid Row Bill." He was reported on February 21 to have been

on the job for one full month and to have kept sober. Wonderful! I wonder if he is going to church. Human weakness is such that it needs the strength that comes from religious faith—faith in an almighty Saviour.

"With Dignity." A recent number of *Newsweek* quotes a headline from *Montreal Gazette*, over an article comparing the United States and Canadian prosecutions of subversives. It read, "Subversion in Canada Handled with Dignity." We congratulate Canada but we also feel that such is the case usually in the United States. Often it is the *unusual* that makes news.

A Thought for the Day

By Bertha Munro

DIARY

(As I look back over the week, how they flash out, those bits of living truth—or shots in the arm—giving me the energy for the moment!)

Monday:

First was the word quoted by one of my Sunday-school girls yesterday. "After the Fall, God took from man His fellowship, but He left the *hunger* for it. This is God's grace at work in every human heart." A big lift today as I mingle with apparently indifferent men and women, boys and girls, inviting them to Christ, testifying, praying for those who seem unmoved. I can count on that hunger as my ally. (John 6:35.)

Tuesday:

The preacher had talked about the glories of heaven, reminding us that heaven ahead should be a powerful motivation in our daily living. Was heaven real enough to me? I asked the Lord about it. And at once the Voice reminded, "Now you see through a glass darkly; *then* face to face."

But in the very next service two lines leaped into life as we sang, "God's abiding peace is in my heart today. Mine for all eternity!" Heaven was real! (I Cor. 13:12.)

Wednesday:

Today's stir of the heart came by way of one of W. W. Clay's good stories in the *Bible School Journal*. The Indian chief from America, present at Queen Victoria's coronation by special invitation at the queen's expense, when asked what impressed him most, said only, "The thing that

impressed me most was that I was there." Amazing grace—so it will be with me. "Just to be there and to look on His face" will be glory forever, and marvel. (Rev. 22:3-4.)

Thursday:

Today I am feeling a double pressure of spirit: the pressure of problems—people whose lives are frustrated, tangles that call for a divine hand, undertakings requiring wisdom far beyond my own—and the pressure of an inner persuasion that God is depending on me, my falling short would be crucial. I pray for power. And I remember my good pastor's definition: "Power is [God's] grace under pressure." Life's very pressures on the Spirit-filled heart develop the power to run the engine. (Acts 4:29-31.)

Friday:

Today in the weekly all-college intercessory-prayer gathering I found myself slow in getting at the job. (No group prays; individuals connect in prayer.) I knew the way for me to pray is first to realize God, and the practicable way to realize God quickly is to begin to thank Him.

I set myself to thanks-giving. For what most? The Spirit gave the prayer: "I thank Thee, Lord, that the size of the difficulties counts nothing with Thee. It is nothing for Thee to help, by many or by few. I thank Thee that I have Thine own word, 'Ye have not, because ye ask not.'" No more minutes wasted; I was praying. (I Sam. 14:16; Jas. 4:2.)

Saturday:


Another (faculty) prayer meeting, and the message comes: "God, the Initiator." We fancy we are urging Him, but all our good desires started with Him. The best we can do is try to keep up with His blessed thoughts for us. "Prayer is not conquering God's unwillingness; prayer is laying hold of God's willingness." Without this faith prayer would be heavy strain and hard sledding, working our way; this gives it wings. (I John 4:10.)

Sunday:

Just an ordinary week—but how like God to send me day by day exactly the supply He saw I needed! Thank God for the Spirit's ministry. Just as promised, He brings to our remembrance what Jesus himself said—no new gospel, but ever fresh applications. I will gather them up, His gospel to me, and live them out, His gospel according to me.

And today I will listen again. (John 16:13-14.)

CRUSADE *for* SOULS



PROGRAM CATCHES FIRE!

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

FROM EVERY quarter new requests are coming in for Crusade for Souls Conferences. It is impossible for me to personally attend all that are being arranged. We are glad that we have a number of outstanding speakers who have succeeded in a marked way in promoting the urgency of personal soul winning in their areas and who are effective speakers, able to stir the hearts of our people with enthusiasm for this work. We are also thankful that the general superintendents are assisting whenever possible in these conferences. I have yet to attend one conference that was not ardently received by those who attended. If there was no other proof that the Crusade for Souls Now is in harmony with the divine will than the manifestation of His presence as we meet together, that in itself would be sufficient. In every conference the overwhelming testimony is, "God met with us."

This was true in a marked way in both the North Carolina District and the Virginia District Crusade Conferences, which were held consecutively the first part of February.

The North Carolina Nazarenes gathered at Concord in First Church, where Brother Glen Vanhook is the pastor. District Superintendent Lloyd Byron had advertised the Conference well. Almost every pastor became a co-operating factor, so that from the first service the house was well filled, and more than once it was impossible to seat those who came. What was more significant, the glory of the Lord filled the place as newly inspired Nazarenes promised God that they would walk in the light of the urgency of personal soul winning.

It was my privilege to have as co-workers, in North Carolina, Rev. Wright Strong and Rev. Robert Goslaw. Both of these men spoke from personal experience as to what personal crusading had done for them and their churches. They portrayed the actual work of the Crusade: how it blessed the hearts of their people who co-operated in visitation, how it filled the pews and brought the unsaved into church, many of whom found their way to an altar of prayer.

The splendid co-operation which was apparent and the love shown by the pastors and people for their dis-

trict superintendent, Dr. Byron, speaks well for the Church of the Nazarene in North Carolina.

The following week it was my privilege to have as co-workers in Roanoke, Virginia, General Superintendent G. B. Williamson and Rev. Wright Strong. These men literally poured their hearts out in messages that moved the hearts of their hearers. New resolutions for personal soul-winning service were voiced everywhere. Pastors testified to a new vision for this kind of work. The entertaining pastor, Rev. C. W. Ellwanger, and District Superintendent Littrell had everything splendidly organized and almost 100 per cent of the pastors were there. The night services packed the church to its capacity, and scores of people promised us and promised God to do a better job of witnessing for the Master.

The Virginia District is united; they "love one another with a pure heart fervently." With the spirit of full participation in an aggressive district program under the wise leadership of their good district superintendent, the Virginia Nazarenes march on.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

TELEGRAM

Belvedere Mexican Church (California) had two great Sundays, February 13 and 20, with Mrs. Louise Chapman. February 13 had 93 in Sunday school, over 100 both preaching services, 26 in the altar. February 20 had 107 in Sunday school, 126 for preaching service.—S. FRANCO, *Pastor*.

All Night in Prayer

Since revival, many of us, both nationals and missionaries, observe an all night of prayer the night of the full moon each month. There is no set pattern or place, nor any specific group that meets. Sometimes we gather in the church or a chapel, sometimes in a pastor's home, sometimes in a mission bungalow. Sometimes one prays alone; often a group prays together.

It is a rich and rewarding experi-

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

ence. We live in a land of interruptions, but through the night hours after ten, there is no one about. Oh, the blessing of hours of waiting on the Lord, looking into His holy Word, listening to His voice, pouring out my soul to Him! What a privilege!

And Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."—MARY ANDERSON, *India*.

NOTE: In Cape Verde Islands, also, the missionaries and the nationals spend the night of the full moon in an all-night season of prayer, often going down to pray on the shores of the ocean.

Change in Addresses

Dale Sievers and his family are now in Bolivia. Please address all mail to

them at: Casilla 1056, La Paz, Bolivia.

Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Stockwell should now be addressed at: Missao Nazarena, Tavane, Manjacaze, Gaza, Portuguese East Africa.

Youth Camp at Bremersdorp, Swaziland, South Africa

In January we had our Bremersdorp-Stegi zones youth camp at Bremersdorp. This took up a week of our time but it was certainly well spent. We had an outstanding camp this year. There were close to one hundred young people there, and it seemed that everyone joined in wholeheartedly. We tried to use as many as possible of our own African teachers this year, supervised by missionaries, of course. How it pleased and blessed

us to see how they entered into the work with their whole hearts, right from early morning devotions, through classes and games during the day, until the close of the evangelistic service and altar call at night! Besides the social and fun part of the camp, some real and definite spiritual progress was made. Even yet, the young people are talking about the great time they had, and are looking forward to next year. The real climax of the camp was on the third night when forty-three young people knelt at the altar. They all seemed to know exactly what they were there for, and

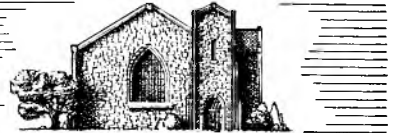
prayed very definitely—which many times is not the case. All but about six gave very definite testimonies before we left the church that night. It was a beautiful sight to see.

Birthday Offering

Last year we introduced birthday offerings in the Stegi Sunday school. Of course many people do not know when their birthdays are, nor how old they are. So on the Sunday before Christmas we arranged that everybody who felt he wanted to give a gift to God's work by bringing an

offering regardless of the fact that he did not know just how much to bring, would put in a birthday offering of some amount on that Sunday. We hardly knew what to expect, so we were very much pleased to see about twenty-five people march to the front on Christmas Sunday and put an offering into the "birthday bottle." They received a blessing from it, too. Of course others give offerings through the year as their birthdays come. We received \$14.75 in that first birthday offering in the Stegi church.—*VELMA MISCHKE, Swaziland, South Africa.*

NEWS of the Churches



Pensacola, Florida—The Lord is specially blessing here at First Church. In January we broke all records for Sunday-school attendance. Our new high record is 262 on January 9. We closed the month with another record-breaking average of 215. Our average this year to date is 188 compared to last year's 133. We owe much of our increase to the very capable leadership of our pastor, Rev. Gordon Winchester. The spiritual condition of the church is wonderful with progress being made in all departments. We are planning to erect a new church building soon. We are trying our best to go 10 per cent for missions also.—*Sam Hindman, Reporter.*

Shreveport, Louisiana—Queenborough Church recently closed a revival meeting with Rev. W. M. Tidwell and Professor J. E. Moore as the special workers. The Holy Spirit used these men unusually. With a record attendance each night, and wonderful altar services, some called it our greatest revival in many years. Of special value to my people were the morning services, which also attracted unusual attendance. Brother Tidwell helped us as no other evangelist ever has. By the aid of the Holy Spirit he instructed and enlightened our people each morning, and reached the unsaved and unsanctified each night. No better team of workers can be found than these true men of God. We march on to victory as the Master leads us.—*W. E. Carruth, Pastor.*

Caruthersville, Missouri—On January 26 we closed a good revival with Rev. P. R. Bynum as the evangelist. He is a good preacher and the Lord used him here in giving a number of seekers at the altar to be saved or sanctified; also there was a fine class to unite with the church on the last night. The church was good to us during the meeting, giving us a good love offering and a five-dollar-a-week raise in salary. This is our

seventh year with this good church and they have been blessed of the Lord. During that time we have received ninety-seven new members into the church, and last year we were able to set a new, all-time high record in Sunday-school attendance. This year for the first six months our average has been twenty-one per Sunday more than the same time of last year. God is still on the throne.—*Curtis F. Cook, Pastor.*

Rev. Merrill G. Bassett writes: "After five years of an enjoyable and fruitful ministry in the pastorate of our fine church in Longmont, Colorado, we came to Reno, Nevada, last October to assume the pastorate of our First Church here. The people have received us royally and already several doors of opportunity have been opened to us where we may be of real service to hungry hearts. There have been a number of times since coming that the Lord has graciously moved in upon us with real blessing and benediction in the regular services of the church. Although the financial obligations of our people have been unusually heavy, they have responded beautifully in our commitments to world evangelism as well as to the local needs of the church. Our Thanksgiving offering amounted to almost \$200.00, which is the best response to the special missionary offerings the people have made for some time. A recent revival campaign with Rev. C. T. Corbett was an occasion of unusual blessing and fruitfulness for the church. Brother Corbett, by his gracious and kindly spirit and by his Spirit-anointed messages, won his way into the hearts of our people. The response to the gospel appeals was very gratifying indeed—there were almost fifty who sought and found the Lord at an altar of prayer during the meetings. An outstanding feature of our meeting with Brother Corbett was the emphasis placed on reading the Bible. A total of 75,003 Bible verses were read during the meeting with one person reading the entire

New Testament through during the twelve days of the revival. This was our first time to have Brother Corbett as an evangelist; his work and ministry are of the highest caliber. At the present time we are in the midst of all the activities that have been planned for Youth Week, in which our young people have taken a great interest. We have within the membership and constituency of First Church in Reno an unusually fine and consecrated group of young men and women."

Kelloggsville, Ohio—We recently closed a wonderful revival with Rev. George Anderson as evangelist. Under his anointed preaching, God answered prayer and gave forty-six seekers at our altars, for which we give Him thanks and praise. There is a wonderful spirit of unity among our people and we are looking forward to a great year in building the Kingdom here.—*R. A. Wright, Pastor.*

East Liverpool, Ohio—LaCroft Church recently closed a wonderful revival sponsored by the young people during Youth Week. Rev. J. O. McCaskell and his wife, Pauline, were the evangelists. In spite of much sickness among the people, the meetings were well attended and over twenty went to the altar. Brother McCaskell is a good preacher and his messages stirred the hearts of the people. The revival did not close when the meetings ended, for on the following Sunday night 24 people prayed through at the altar. I believe this to be a carry-over of conviction from the Sunday night of the close of the meeting. On the closing Sunday of the revival a nice love offering was taken for the pastor's wife, toward helping to buy her a new pair of eyeglasses. In November we were in ninth place in our Sunday-school attendance for the district, and in December we were in tenth place with an average attendance of 226 for November and 214 for December.—*LeRoy M. Hastie, Pastor.*

Red Oak, Iowa—Our church recently had an eight-day revival with Rev. T. H. Stanley as evangelist. He is a dynamic preacher of the Word, and his messages were deep and searching. A goodly number of souls were saved and sanctified, and the church stirred to answer the challenge of this needy community. Each morning from ten to eleven o'clock was given to prayer and Bible study, which proved to be a great blessing. Brother Stanley is a man of God who prays, fasts, and carries a burden for souls. To God be the glory for what has been wrought in our midst.—John A. James, Pastor.

Greentown, Ohio—Our church recently closed one of the greatest revivals of its history, with evidence of the presence of the Holy Ghost night after night. Evangelist Fred Thomas was at his best, doing all he could to help the church and lost humanity. Night after night people sought God for pardon from sin and entire sanctification. There were only three services with no seekers at the altar. Greentown church became a tithing church last May 23, and since that time the church has grown in every department. There were many things the church had to adjust to after our coming here as pastor, but God has helped both pastor and people to seek the mind of the Master. Since coming here as pastor eighteen months ago we have received seven new members.—J. O. McCaskell, Pastor.

Alexander, Arkansas—Collegeville Church recently had a good revival with Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Twining as special workers. Brother Twining preached with great zeal and caused our hearts to burn within us to do greater things for God. The church was helped, young people drawn closer to God, a family altar begun in a young couple's home, and we have received two into church membership. Thank God for His many blessings.—Reporter.

Evangelist J. L. Woolman writes: "Because of a change in my slate I have an open date May 18 to 29. I will close May 15 on the Eastern Michigan District and begin on the Missouri District June 1, so I would like to slate this time in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, or Illinois. Write me, 223 North Hammond, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Salem, Ohio—Ten years ago we accepted the call to pastor this church and each year seems to be a better one. We have been recalled for another year. We have a group of people who love God and the cause; we enjoy ministering to them. Every department of the church is showing gains. We have just closed one of the best revival meetings of the church with Rev. and Mrs. Allard Kuschner as evangelists. Brother Kuschner preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and Mrs. Kuschner sang with unction and power.

We had forty-six seekers, with many new people finding God. The spirit of these fine workers was wonderful, and our people greatly appreciated their ministry. We thank God for a place to work in the Church of the Nazarene among some of the finest brethren to be found in the church.—E. M. Parks, Pastor.

Loudon, Tennessee—Coming here some nineteen months in response to a unanimous call, we found a fine group of Nazarenes. Through God's help and the co-operation of the people, we have been able to see some definite progress made. Our Sunday school is departmentalized, and averaged 120 last assembly year. Our N.Y.P.S. has had an increase of 10 in membership, the N.F.M.S. has received 14 new members, a Junior Society has been organized, and 21 new members have been received into the church during this time. We have begun and continued the publishing of a church bulletin which is mailed weekly. All budgets were paid in full last year and some were overpaid. Our General Budget was doubled. We accepted a raise in General Budget and plan to double it again this year. Our aim is to soon become a 10 per cent church. Also, several noticeable improvements have been made on our building lately, and an electric bulletin board was erected. The spirituality of the church has been gaining momentum as a result of the profitable revivals with J. E. Ray, George Blanchard, "Uncle" Joe Tyson, Spencer Johnson, and recently, George Cocoris as evangelists. All of our revivals have been good, but our recent revival with Rev. George Cocoris, converted Greek, has been outstanding in that it helped the church internally. Several also found victory at the altar. Our people are in a better spiritual condition than they have been in some time.—William S. Stone, Pastor.

Kehoe, Kentucky—We recently closed our youth revival with Rev. E. Justice as our evangelist. We can't say we had record-breaking crowds; but with weather like we had, for this hilly section of Kentucky, they were good. We can say we thank the Lord for evangelists like Brother and Sister Justice. They sing in the Spirit and he is a wonderful young preacher. He preaches second-blessing holiness. We desire the prayers of the saints as we labor in the field of the Lord at Kehoe. Our third year here seems to be the best yet.—Allen Frederick, Pastor.

Burlington, Iowa—Sunday morning, February 6, First Church was privileged to have our district superintendent, Rev. Gene E. Phillips, with us as speaker for both the Sunday school and worship service. The report of his recent evangelistic work in Trinidad was both enlightening and challenging. His morning message was appreciated by the church congregation, and also by the vast number who

listen over our local radio station each Sunday morning. Nearly fifteen years ago, while in revival services here, Brother Phillips suggested that our morning worship services be broadcast, and since that time "The Nazarene Hour" has been heard regularly every Sunday morning directly from our church auditorium. At the close of our Sunday-school hour, Brother Phillips conducted the pastor's recall. The unity of the church and the spirit of the people are best expressed by the very fine three-year recall vote that was extended to Rev. George M. Lake. During the past three and one-half years of Brother Lake's pastorate we have seen many things accomplished. Through his leadership, we have realized the plans for a new church and are now in the process of building. Already this fiscal year we have received twenty-two into church membership by profession of faith. The average Sunday-school attendance is twenty-seven per Sunday above the same period of last year. For the last seven Sunday nights there has not been a barren altar service. Burlington First Church is moving ahead, and we thank and praise the Lord for His blessings and presence.—Mrs. Verda Asbury, Reporter.

Evangelists Jack and Ruby Carter write: "On account of a cancellation, we have an open date, June 15 to 26, and would like to slate this time in the Midwest, since we will be in that section. Any church needing our services as preacher and singers, please write us at our home address, 609 N. Mueller Street, Bethany, Oklahoma."

"A World-wide Spiritual Offensive"

(Continued from page 2)

Brooks Hays, Arkansas; Congressman Walter Judd, Minnesota; Rear Admiral E. B. Harp, chief of navy chaplains; James Moore, religious chief, "Voice of America"; Senator Ralph Flanders; Mr. Ralph Hardy, vice-president, National Association Radio-Television Broadcasters; John W. Young, industrialist, Boston; John G. Ramsey, director of Community Activities CIO; and many others.

Our own interests in this world-wide spiritual offensive were represented by Dr. T. W. Willingham and the writer, of our "Showers of Blessing" program. We returned to Kansas City feeling that it was an outstanding meeting and greatly encouraged by the deep spiritual tone. It was heartening indeed to see these great national and international leaders so concerned that everyone know Christ as his personal Saviour. Let us all pray much for these Christian leaders, and that a world-wide spiritual offensive may indeed be launched in every city, town, and hamlet.

S. N. WHITCANACK

Nazarene Theological Seminary



One of the big problems today, in every line of work, is the parking problem. This is true at the Seminary, as at least 90 per cent of the students and all of the faculty come in cars. The Seminary has no housing facilities, so most of the students must drive short or long distances to come to their classes. Also, the city ordinance requires a certain amount of space for off-street parking facilities. The parking lot at the Seminary must be large enough to provide space for at least 100 cars. Part of this area was graded last spring and the base rock was put in, but the space must be enlarged at least 50 per cent and then it must be black-topped and a curb put in around the lot to protect the asphalt paving.

In this picture some of the problem is presented. Usually a lot more cars are parked to the right of the lot, but the picture was taken just after a rainy season and the ground was too soft for parking. Also, when it rains, the mud and slime are tracked

into the building, increasing greatly the cost of proper maintenance in the building.

This parking lot and the street directly in back of the lot must be paved this summer and be ready by the time school opens in September. This is included in the project the ministers are sponsoring for the landscaping of the Seminary grounds.

The response has been good, but the project is so great that we need the co-operation of every licensed and ordained minister in the church if we receive the necessary funds to complete the work.

Again we invite the laymen to join us in prayer that 100 per cent of the ministers will co-operate and send their \$5.00 at once.

L. T. CORLETT, *President*

Rev. B. H. Cleveland writes: "I am now giving full time to the work of evangelism, and have some open time; feel that I have a program that will increase the Sunday school as well as the church attendance. I will be glad to 'fly' anywhere for freewill offerings, and try to make the services interesting for both young and old. Write me, 6771 Orange Ave., Long Beach, California."

Blountstown, Florida—Our church recently closed a wonderful youth revival with Rev. T. A. Shirley as special speaker. He is a sound holiness preacher, and preaches a well-rounded gospel. The greatest crowds of all were had in this revival. Since our coming to Blountstown, God has certainly blessed us in a marvelous way. The attendance has almost doubled that of two years ago. The church has been redecorated and a new nursery has been added. We certainly have some of the finest people to be found anywhere in this church. We have recently received our second unanimous call, which will begin our third year as pastor.—J. A. Blackwell, Pastor.

Evangelist J. M. Gleason writes: "Due to an unexpected change in our schedule, we have an open date in April, which we would like to slate somewhere in the central states. Write us, 935 N. Mueller, Bethany, Oklahoma."

Honolulu, Hawaii—Seven months have flown by since our arrival to pastor Central Church here in the Islands. We are about to make the adjustments to missionary life as it is here. One of the most trying phases of the work is the snail's pace with which it moves. We love the Island people dearly, and how thrilled we are when we see them move toward the Lord! The fellowship of our brother pastors and their families is very precious, and we appreciate our good district superintendent and his family. The response to our last letter to the HERALD concerning servicemen in this area was very gratifying, and we would like to hear from others who may be stationed here, or who will pass this way. We request your prayers in behalf of the Kingdom work here. My address is 1819 Makiki Street.—Joe Chastain, Pastor.

Galveston, Texas—Sunday, February 20, closed what many said was the greatest revival ever witnessed in the Galveston church. Revs. Jack and Ruby Carter were graciously used of God in their ministry of singing and preaching the gospel. Every service was characterized by the mighty presence of the Holy Spirit, and the closing service was a glorious climax for so wonderful a revival. Sinners prayed through and then went inviting others until nearly all had found Christ. Our people are revived and are pressing the battle for Christ in the upbuilding of His kingdom.—Harold L. Maiden, Pastor.

Broad Top City, Pennsylvania—Our young people's society recently sponsored a twelve-day revival meeting with Rev. Ralph A. and Lillian Mickel as evangelists. Everybody enjoyed the fine musical talent of Sister Mickel displayed on the piano, vibraharp, solovox, and accordion. This revival was preceded by cottage prayer meetings and accompanied by visitation, prayer, and fasting. God gave the results. Revival fires reached out to surrounding communities. The attendance was good and many souls were helped; sinners, the unsanctified, and backsliders prayed through to glorious victories. God is blessing the Nazarenes here. They believe in old-fashioned, Heaven-sent revivals and are praying that God's blessings will remain on the church. Our church recently redecorated the interior of the sanctuary and purchased new hymnals.—Lewis S. Guiles, Pastor.

Evangelist A. J. Hoff writes: "God has wonderfully blessed since we entered the evangelistic work; given a good slate and souls everywhere we have gone. I have an open date, June 1 to 12, also several good dates in the fall. Will be glad to slate this time with any pastor or church. Write me, 1610 S. Grand Street, Monroe, Louisiana."

Rev. J. W. McGuffey writes: "We are entering the full-time evangelistic work the first of April, and have some open dates for this spring and summer. We are willing to go anywhere for our entertainment and freewill offering. We sing as well as preach. Write, 1629 North Central, Tyler, Texas."

Centralia, Washington—The N.Y.P.S. recently sponsored Youth Week services with Rev. and Mrs. Darrell B. Teare, of Maple Leaf Church in Seattle, as the special workers. The entire church was blessed by their heart-searching messages in sermon and song. Some of our young people found victory at the altar and others raised their hands for prayer. The activities of the week were concluded with a banquet on Saturday evening.—Reporter.

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Evangelist Mackey J. Brown writes: "I am without doubt one of earth's happiest and most thankful men, though most unworthy. After years of physical weakness due to impaired health I am able to hold week-end meetings and preach wherever God opens the way. We arrived in Nashville from our home in Twin Falls, Idaho, January 12 and secured as our colaborer Rev. Robert A. Sullivan, well-known minister, soloist, and singer. We had our first service at Centenary Church. The following Sunday night a man and his wife were gloriously reclaimed. We conducted a week-end campaign at Morris Hill Chapel. It seems so good after being sick for many years and we did keep busy doing personal evangelistic work. If you desire a week-end revival or longer, write us, 208 Eighth Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee."

Evangelists W. W. and Wilma (Raker) Geeding write: "Because of a change in pastors, we have an open date, July 6 to 17. Any church or pastor desiring our services for revival, tent, or camp meeting may contact us at our home address, 376 W. Pine Street, Canton, Illinois."

Charleston, West Virginia—North Side Church recently closed a successful revival with Evangelist Clarence "Tiz" Jones. Music was furnished by the Elk River Trio. Brother Jones took up an offering for the pastor and his wife to take a vacation before our expansion program began. Souls were saved and sanctified from the first night and we had large crowds at the services. We received five new members into the church at the close of the revival. We give God all the glory for these accomplishments. The church as a whole has moved up closer to Jesus' feet as a result of this meeting.—C. F. Beckett, Pastor.

Mrs. Lillian Robinson writes: "Since my husband's death last October 2, I have felt the call to full-time evangelism. I am a commissioned evangelist on the Abilene District and will be glad to hold revivals or do vacation Bible school work. I have had years of experience in vacation Bible schools and will be glad to go where God directs. God has blessed me in winning boys and girls to Him. Many have been saved in my schools, and the burden of my heart is to reach the boys and girls and win them for Christ. Write me, 506 S.E. First, Perryton, Texas."

Pine Bluff, Arkansas—First Church recently closed a good revival with Evangelist Charles Oliver. Fine interest was shown from the first service, and the church was helped by Brother Oliver's Biblical, logical, and convincing messages. A goodly number of souls were saved, reclaimed, or sanctified. Nine fine young people united with the church and are doing a good work in the different departments.

Youth Week is proving to be a blessing to the church and departments. Leaders were elected to take charge of the services of the week with a home-mission evangelistic service in Sheridan. Our church is encouraged and moving forward along all lines. Our pastor, Rev. Agnes W. Diffie, is now in her third year as pastor and has been recalled for another three years.—Mrs. W. F. Vaughan, Secretary.

O'Donnell, Texas—Our youth revival this year was quite successful. We had services Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with a total of eleven people at the altar. Our special workers were all students from Bethany Nazarene College. Clarence Jennings, a sophomore, brought stirring messages each service, and the "Harmony Trio" brought special songs which were inspirational and used of the Spirit. The trio is made up of three freshman girls, Delma Montgomery, Murna McClung, and Delta Rogers. Harold Allen, sophomore, was the pianist.—Jack C. Pischel, Pastor.

Regina, Saskatchewan — Sunday, February 6, was an eventful day in our newly organized Parkdale Church of the Nazarene. Mrs. Edward Lawlor, our district N.F.M.S. president and wife of our district superintendent, was the guest speaker for the day. Our souls were touched and blessed by her messages in word and song. Mrs. Lawlor gave a thrilling account of her visit to the General Assembly and played several recordings of the messages given by our general president and missionaries who were at the assembly. This was indeed a blessing and our hearts have been stirred afresh and set aflame to do more for Christ and missions in 1955.—Reporter.

Northwest Oklahoma District Preachers' Convention

The Northwest Oklahoma District preachers' convention was held in Woodward, February 14 to 16, with Rev. Alden Grim as host pastor.

The special workers, Dr. T. W. Willingham and Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, were very helpful and inspiring. Dr. Willingham gave a series of messages on "Prayer"; also during the convention he explained the development of the Social Security program as related to ministers, and reported on the "Showers of Blessing" program. Dr. Vanderpool blessed our hearts by his unique presentation of gospel truths.

The host pastor, Rev. Alden Grim, had everything in readiness for the convenience and comfort of those in attendance. The preachers' wives of the district had their annual banquet on Tuesday evening of the convention. A choir composed of preachers' wives furnished the special music at one of the services.

A spirit of harmony prevails on the district, and under the able leadership of Superintendent J. T. Gassett progress is being shown on all lines.

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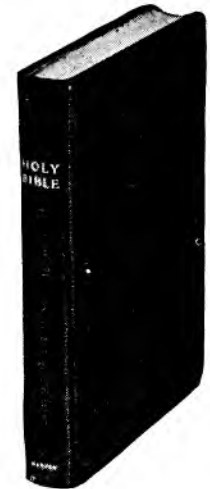
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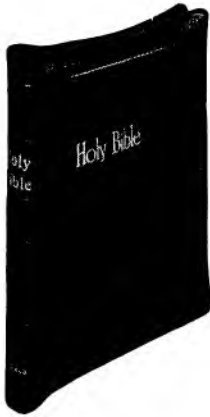
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Central Ohio District

It was an innovation and a tremendous success, the combined Central Ohio preachers' meeting and Crusade for Souls Conference which concluded at Marion, Ohio, February 17. Dr. Harvey S. Galloway again proved his sense of leadership and wisdom in the choice of workers for this occasion, Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. John L. Knight, and Rev. Robert Goslaw. These three outstanding leaders with their dynamic messages, fervent spirit, love for God, and passion for souls stirred us as never before. Central Ohio pastors cannot remain the same. Six, seven, eight "white hot" messages

a day for two and one-half days must do something! God will not let us rest! It's on for Christ, holiness, and the church with an ever quicker pace.

"Central Ohio leads the zone in its financial support of Olivet Nazarene College," said Dr. Harold W. Reed, president, who brought only good news of the progress at Olivet. God is really blessing and contracts for the new Memorial Library have now been let. Rev. Walter Eichenberger very capably represented the publishing house and, as always on this district, the bookstand was a popular place.

Some brief periods were given for discussion and for the presentation of

district interests, including the current HERALD OF HOLINESS campaign to secure 7,500 subscriptions; a ten-week Sunday-school project beginning March 13 that will bring each school into contest with another of comparable size on the district; a concerted drive to enlist over 500 new members for the N.F.M.S. this assembly year. These projects were submitted by the respective district leaders, Rev. Joseph F. Nielson, Rev. Ernest Marsh, and Mrs. Harvey S. Galloway, and were heartily endorsed by the pastors. Dr. Galloway, under the visible moving of the Spirit, challenged us to bring our membership to over 10,000 on the district by assembly time. It can be done and we believe will be.

Pastor Lester L. Zimmerman and his fine people of the Marion church did a superb job of entertaining the large crowds that attended this conference. Their commodious church and facilities were very adequate and not a thing was overlooked to make our stay in the progressive city of Marion one to be long remembered.

The outlook in the Central Ohio District is an "uplook." There's unity among the pastors, a fine spirit of loyalty among the laymen, strong confidence in our district leadership, and above all a faith in God that calls to greater things ahead. Borrowing terms from one of the speakers, this is a *crusade*, not a *parade*.

PAUL K. HAYMAN, Reporter

Colorado District Convention

Rev. Franklin M. Moore and the congregation of the Greeley church were hosts to the Sunday-school convention and preachers' meeting, February 9 to 11.

Under the leadership of Rev. James S. Barr, church school board chairman, a very helpful and inspirational program was arranged. Dr. Melza Brown, pastor of Colorado Springs First Church, was the principal speaker for the Sunday-school convention. His messages to the Sunday-school workers, enriched by his many years of experience, were deeply appreciated by all.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner stirred our hearts in service after service by his challenging messages upon prayer and the real joys of salvation as a means of winning souls to Christ. Dr. Benner's message on how one can be a successful soul winner was one of the high lights of the convention.

There were many wonderful papers presented by various ministers and laymen of the district, and each person handled his assignment in a most gratifying manner. The theme of each paper was based upon the life and responsibilities of a pastor, and we can say to each assignee, "Well done."

District Superintendent C. B. Cox was the chairman of all sessions, and his method of procedure was greatly appreciated.

Special singing by the Pastors' Quartet and others brought the sweet

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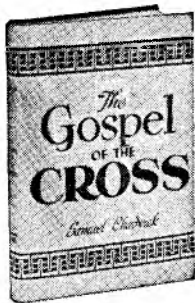
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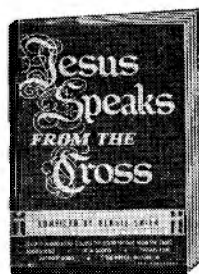
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presence of the Lord down upon the congregation.

Truly it was a great convention and the rich blessings of the Lord made it so, and we are confident that many left the meeting with renewed faith and courage to go forward in the work of the Kingdom.

FRANKLIN M. MOORE, Reporter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Earnest Schultz was for a number of years a pastor of home-mission churches on our district. He always was faithful and true to the doctrines of the church. He is a good, sincere preacher of the Word. I hope he is kept busy in the work of evangelism, to which field he now feels called. Address him, 606 Maple Avenue, Mora, Minnesota.—Charles A. Gibson, Superintendent of Wisconsin District.

Rev. Walter S. MacPherson, Sr., having made known his intentions of entering the evangelistic field, has my unqualified recommendation. He has served as pastor on the Albany District for as many years as there has been a district, and before that time for several years he served on the old New York District. He is a good preacher and carries a burden for souls, and will do any church good. Until June 1 his address will be Wilmington, New York.—Renard D. Smith, Superintendent of Albany District.

Rev. T. E. Pendleton, 2019 Greenrock Lane, Indianapolis, Indiana, is entering the evangelistic field. I am pleased and count it a privilege to recommend him. He is a commissioned evangelist and an elder on our district. His experience as pastor and evangelist will be a great asset in this field of labor. He is a good preacher and evangelist of the Nazarene style. Give him a call, and let us keep him busy.—W. E. Albea, Superintendent of Western Ohio District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Glenna Fae Harrison of Buffalo Gap, and Mr. Clayton Taylor of Sweetwater, Texas, were united in marriage on February 14, in First Church of the Nazarene, Abilene, with Rev. E. O. Jackson, Nazarene pastor of Levelland, officiating.

Alice Pearl Johnson of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. James P. Clegg of Rotan, Texas, were united in marriage on last December 28, at First Church of the Nazarene, Lynwood, California, with Rev. L. A. Whitcomb officiating.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. "Bob" Anderson of Yuba City, California, a daughter, Joan Renee, on February 26.

—to Roy and Marlene Richardson of South Norfolk, Virginia, a son, Jimmy Alan, on February 26.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Wilson D. Baker of Craig, Missouri, a daughter, Teresa Denise, on February 25.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Jack C. Leatherman of Baxter Springs, Kansas, a son, David Rex, on February 21.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rumble of Rockford, Ohio, a son, James Eugene, on February 16.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Hurn of Richland, Washington, a daughter, Valerie Sue, on February 13.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Wayne E. Welton of Pontiac, Michigan, twins, a daughter and a son, Kathleen Anne and David Wayne, on February 12.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Glenn R. Evans of Greenville, Ohio, a son, Paul Robert, on February 12.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Moore of Dallas, Texas, a son, Steven Lee, on February 8.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a reader in Pennsylvania "for my health, that I may be healed of sinus trouble," also a special unspoken request;

by a man in Illinois that "my ex-wife may be saved, and that I may take this offense without losing my soul";

by a friend in Michigan that Satan will be defeated in a certain church and that God will give a great revival—that God will help a Christian mother in a business transaction for God's glory and her good—that God will especially deal with a family of unsaved loved ones and that a terribly unhappy home situation may be changed—that God

will definitely guide a Christian to a different and better job if it be His will—that those who have so long resisted God and the prayers of God's people will be saved—that a certain pastor may stay at his church until it is God's will for him to leave;

by a lady in Illinois "that God will continue to help me in my present undertaking, and keep me free from disaster," also for the answer to a request of long standing;

by a lady in Texas that God will save her family.



SERVICEMEN'S CORNER

Chaplain William Wyland Huffman writes:

"During the month of January, I have been in Cuba, ministering to the spiritual needs of three destroyers of my destroyer squadron. It has been a great thrill to hold church services on the decks of the ships out under the blue Cuban skies. The men have expressed their sincere appreciation of the chance to worship God away from home, and especially in this inspiring setting. The greatest joy of this past month was to lead three men to Christ who have never made a decision for Christ in the past. God gives us the chance to lead men to Him sometimes when we feel that our work is in vain. It is hard to express how discouraging service ministry can become at times, but at these moments when we feel the most dejected it seems opportunities come that make us feel that God can use us. I count it the greatest privilege of my life to be a chaplain in the service of our country, and pray that I may prove myself worthy as a representative minister of my great church in all of my duties."

Chaplain Samuel R. Graves writes:

"January has been a month of blessing ever since the first few moments of the new year. Three young people and a sailor came to the altar in Waukegan church, and prayed through to victory. I also had the blessing of bringing comfort and assurance to an elderly man as we prayed about his salvation. I have never been so conscious of the power and beauty of the Word. The greatest blessing of the month came when one of my men in one of the batteries came to me after the services and prayed through to a real, Bible-based experience of salvation. I am praising God for His goodness to me, and for His grace and love."

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