

The Heart of Christian Civilization

General Superintendent Williamson

THE HEART of Christian civilization is the home and family life. Churches and schools fill an important place, but unless they are reinforced by the powerful influence of the home, their effectiveness is seriously discounted.

The first and most enduring unit of society is the family. That devotion to this basic cell can be fanatical in its exclusiveness is granted. An extreme emphasis upon the coherence of the family can lead to indulgence of pride and selfishness, culminating in ancestor worship, or indifference and hatred toward all others. The saving factor is the knowledge and worship of the God revealed in Jesus Christ. This leads to a clear understanding of the fact that there is one God and Father of us all and that by faith in Christ and obedience to His will men of all races are included in the "family of God." Home religion fostered at a family altar, by the Word of the Lord, prayer, and by the hymns of the Church, will nurture faith, build character, and produce fruitful lives for selfless service.

As the home is the heart of civilization, so a mother is the heart of the home. Without her example of devotion to God, her personification of ideals of truth and righteousness, her spirit of self-forgetful service, her understanding counsel, and her never-failing comfort and forgiveness, a house is not a home.

Motherhood is a vocation, most rewarding when its golden opportunities are recognized and its solemn duties faithfully performed. Treated as a secondary avocation it may be very disappointing.

If the dignity and glory of being a mother are abused by sinful indulgence in infidelity, drunkenness, smoking, profane and obscene language, immodesty and indecency in dress and behavior, society has begun to rot at its very heart. The subordination of her queenly position as a mother to her social interest in lodge or club, theater or bridge party is a confession of her lack of spiritual insight as to the significance of her highest and noblest calling. Neglect of her home and family in order to hold a position for the sake of material gain or a more pleasant occupation of her time is to yield to a social trend in our day which prophesies the disintegration of the home and the destruction of Christian civilization.

Mothers, in your hands is the destiny of your child, your home, your country, and your world.

TELEGRAMS

Dayton, Ohio—Easter rally Sundayschool attendance hits new peak on district—29,404. One hundred per cent report received immediately after rally, thanks to fine work of zone chairmen.—W. E. ALBEA, Superintendent of Western Ohio District.

Yakima, Washington-The greatest Easter Sunday-school attendance of history in the churches of this area: 1,889 people in attendance as follows: First Church, 901; Bethel, 527; Trinity, 170; Selah, 140; Union Gap, 151. First Church while organizing new churches is forging ahead with J. Paul Downey, pastor, receiving a class of 21 new members Easter morning, the largest of his entire ministry. Dr. E. E. Zachary, district superintendent, also reports the greatest Easter attendance in the history of the district.-BOB CONDON, Publicity Director of Northwest District.

Ft. Thomas, Kentucky-Newport church just closed great revival, with workers, Evangelist L. W. Conway and Singer A. C. Wakefield. These men are some of God's best. 652 in Sunday school, all records in new building broken; outstanding victory. They are a 10 per cent church with a check going weekly to Treasurer John Stockton. We give God all the praise. -D. S. SOMERVILE, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Word has been received that Dr. Peter Wiseman, holiness evangelist of Amherst, New Hampshire, died on March 28.

Pastor William C. Allshouse sends word: "Rev. Leewin B. Williams, retired elder of the Washington-Philadelphia District, died Wednesday night, April 6, at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C. He was eightyseven years of age. Funeral services held at Washington First Church, April 9."

Pastor Neil Hutchinson sends word from New Bedford, Massachusetts: "Albert G. Lee, father of Rev. Earl Lee, missionary to India, was stricken Thursday (April 7) while attending communion service, and at 12:15 a.m. Saturday 'all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side.'"

Rev. Don Crary has resigned as pastor of the church in Rosholt, South Dakota, and is now pastoring the church in Mason, Texas. Rev. Donald C. Moore has resigned as pastor of Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City, Missouri, to accept a call to pastor the Arden Church in Sacramento, California.

Rev. Carl C. Pratt has resigned as pastor at McCune, Kansas, to accept a call to pastor Calvary Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Pastor Ben D. Lemaster sends word from Leavenworth, Kansas, "Church of the Nazarene broke all previous Sunday-school records with 284 present on Easter Sunday."

Rev. Robert L. Ozment has resigned as pastor of the Connor Avenue Church in Joplin, Missouri, to accept the call to pastor the church in Mc-Cune, Kansas.

Pastor Lowell L. Foster sends word from Council Bluffs, Iowa: "Community Church, organized last July 26, broke all attendance records Easter Sunday with 169 in Sunday school."

ONE SURE LIGHT

By L. M. Hearn

The lights of evening come and go Like fireflies flitting to and fro;

And when they say a last good night.

They leave no lingering afterlight. I think they are like people who Can find but selfish things to do:

The flickering souls of little men,

Departing, shall not shine again.

Yet one sure, steadfast light I see

That shall shine on eternally;

For, Mother, you are like a star, To point me upward—where you are!

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Rev. Danzil Roper, Bethany College student, has accepted the call to pastor the church in Buffalo, Kansas.

Pastor Don Peterman sends word from Yakima, Washington: "Easter Sunday greatest day in history of the Church of the Nazarene in Yakima. This church is three and a half years old and had fifty-two in Sunday school, with the Easter offering for missions five times that of any previous year."

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ross Emrick, Sr., celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on March 29, with a reception for family and friends at the Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, Y.W.C.A. They have seven children, four of whom are in the ministry. The children are: Howard, pastor of First Methodist Church, Ellwood City,

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"Jesus Christ alone can save the world, but Jesus Christ cannot save the world alone." He must have a channel.

Last week I visited a city that had organized dozens of small prayer groups in every section of the town. They met once or twice a week and prayed for revival.

A convenient time and place was chosen. A leader was appointed for each group. They began promptly on time. A prayer chorus was sung. A scripture on prayer was read; then each member of the group presented one item for prayer. They formed a circle. Each member prayed in turn for the prayer request presented by the participant at his right hand. In this way everyone had an opportunity to pray at each meeting. They reported much good accomplished.

LOUISE R. CHAPMAN

The Intangible Wage of Mother

By Preston J. Theall*

Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages (Exod. 2:9).

PERHAPS one of the most disputable questions today is that of wages—the employee trying to gain as much as he can and the employer endeavoring to pay the smallest possible wage. Because of this dispute there have been a lot

of sit-down strikes which have crippled the nation and been costly to society. In my foolish imagination I have wondered what it would be like if all of America's mothers would go on a sit-down strike for higher wages, more reasonable working conditions, and shorter hours. We certainly should thank God that He made mothers with a spirit of devotion and self-denial that does not demand tangible remuneration.

However, though we know that mothers are not demanding wages in

the scale of material wealth, there are intangible wages I believe every true Christian mother desires. She is not outspoken in her wants and desires and she is not on the verge of a sit-down strike, but we must meet her demands if we are to be obedient to the command of God which says, "Honour thy father and mother; . . . that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Let us name only three of the wages which mothers desire to receive.

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First, for all her sacrifices she asks only that her child receive protection and a wholesome environment from society. She suffered much that she might bring her child into the world; she cradled him in love through his infant years; she patiently taught and instructed in his tender years; she spent sleepless nights and sacrificed many personal comforts that his needs might be met as he grew to maturity. For all this she asks only that her child have a chance to live and to live abundantly.

A scene in Solomon's court reveals the heart desires of Christian mothers. Two women were in controversy over a child. In solution to the problem, Solomon offered a suggestion which would bring harm to the child. The true mother cried out, "Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it." Mother's universal desire is that the child may live. Mothers are not asking for beautiful sentiments or empty emotional expressions, but only that the child may live and receive what is best for him at the hands of society. Therefore we owe to mothers an atmosphere where the child can grow and mature in moral

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conduct and with the protection from physical harm. We owe to mothers a spiritual atmosphere where their children can grow up with thoughts of the things of the eternal. We are duty-bound to pay to Mother the intangible wages of wholesome environment for her child.

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Second, for her hours of prayer Mother asks only that her child find his place in the will of the Divine. By precept and example she endeavors to exemplify Christ; she has but one desire, and that is to bring her child to know and love God. No Christian mother will be content until she leads her child to God, and the greatest joy and satisfaction come as she sees him faithful at worship and active in the work of the Lord.

One of the beautiful prayers of motherhood is recorded in the Book of Samuel. The words of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, were these, "For this child I prayed; . . . therefore also I have lent him to the Lord: as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." It was said that when John Wesley told his mother of the urgency of the call to go to America preach the unsearchable riches of God, to Susanna Wesley said, "Had I twenty sons I should rejoice that they were so employed, though I should never see them again." There is happiness even in separation when a mother is conscious that her child is fulfilling the will of the Divine, and is so living in this life that in the life to come they shall be together with the Lord.

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Third, for the late hours Mother has spent that the child's days might be happier, for the careful planning that his life might be fuller, and for the many services beyond the limits of sheer duty, she should receive a little overtime pay. This truly is the most intangible of all wages which we can give to mothers.

To a Christian mother, what could be more like overtime pay than for her child to respond in love? Love expressed in words and deeds, a bit of appreciation which is expressed from the heart of her child, or just a word to express our thanks, makes her believe the extra hours of care were worth it all. Also, to show respect for her convictions reveals that she so lived before her children that her standards and convictions became a part of their characters.

Every mother desires that her child receive a place of respect in his community and, certainly, there is joy if he receives a position of trust

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Wants to Help the Home

By A. F. Harper*

THE CHURCH is God's chosen instrument to foster spiritual life in His people. She must therefore concern herself with every influence which destroys or builds the life of God within the soul.

The home stands at the top of the list when we name the influences which determine personal destinies. The poorest marriage risks come from broken homes. Warped personalities are often the children of warped parents. Eight out of ten of today's Christians are the children of Christian parents. It is gloriously possible for one to be saved and sanctified in spite of unsaved parents. But the stubborn fact remains that the best assurance for the salvation of a child is to give that child a Christian home. The church must therefore concern herself with building and maintaining homes that are truly Christian.

Parents are the first teachers of religion—first in point of time and first in importance. When the divine law was given, God appointed parents to be vitally religious and to pass on their heritage of faith. "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (Deut. 6:6-7). God's plan has not changed.

Although the Sunday-school teacher has only forty minutes on Sunday, the church has a wellplanned program and spends thousands of dollars to help her use those minutes well. Christian parents, on the other hand, spend many hours each week with their children. The church now seeks to encourage these parents and to help them know how to become more purposeful and effective teachers of the Christian faith.

The 1952 General Assembly placed responsibility for this work with the Department of Church Schools, adding to the department objectives this statement: "To help the home become more effective in teaching the Christian faith." The General Assembly also made the local church school board responsible "to elect a director of Christian family life."

In carrying out these responsibilities the department has prepared for parents a set of four books known as the "Christian Home Series," advertised elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD. Each month under the heading "Family Life," the *Church School Builder* carries articles of special interest to Christian parents. Other materials and programs are in process of preparation.

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On February 15, Rev. Earl C. Wolf, of Oxford, Pennsylvania, joined the staff of the department as national director of the Division of Christian Family Life. He is devoting one-half of his time to planning and promoting this phase of our church work. Local and district directors, as well as pastors and parents, are invited to write the Division of Christian Family Life if you have problems to which you have been unable to find the answers.

In this most important task of leading our children into the Christian life there are no rules which infallibly assure success, but there are some ways that are much more sure than others. It is the prayer of our new director, and of all who have a part in this work, that God shall use our efforts to help Christian parents discover and use these better ways in order that they and their children may walk together with God.

DAYBREAK DEVOTIONS

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin

In the early morning hours As I think of a busy day, Refreshment comes, as dew on flowers, When I stop awhile to pray.

Taking time to read a chapter,

Or perhaps a verse or two,

From the Book of God, such rapture From the heav'nly world breaks through.

Though the day be dark or sunny, Though the hours of toil are long, Blessings come as sweetest honey; Life is filled with gladsome song.

Devotion time—at daybreak coming— Calms the soul and drives out fear.

Sets the heart with music humming, Seeks another soul to cheer.

THESE Belong Together By Earl C. Wolf*

... one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue (Acts 18:7).

It was in an upper room of an Oriental home where the Holy Spirit came and the New Testament Church was born. There in that Jerusalem



home the tarrying worshipers were transformed from weak, fearful followers into effective, dynamic witnesses. For the first two hundred years the only places available to the Christians for worship were private homes. The church and the home, therefore, walked together in those early centuries.

Satanic forces have endeavored to effect a divorce between them. In our modern society the jungle growth of materialistic secularism has brought about a separation of the church and the home. The illnesses which afflict the society of our day—juvenile delinquency, alarming divorce rate, youthful crime, and the abandonment of rightful moral foundations—should shock us into the realization that the breach between the home and the church must be healed.

The church and the home belong together. When Paul was having difficulties in establishing the church in Macedonia, he went to the house of one, Titus Justus. The New Testament allots to this devout man a single verse which reads: "And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, whose house joined hard to the synagogue" (Acts 18:7).

Not literally, of course, but in spirit and in interest, every home should be like that of Titus 'General Director of Christian Family Life, Church of the Nazarene Justus, "next door to the church." The home apart from God is destined to failure, but with religious faith it is full of glorious promise. It was never the intention of God that the home should be a secular institution. The home needs the church in order to fulfill its high destiny, and the church needs the Christian home to enable it to accomplish its lofty mission.

Better than merely crying out against the evils of our day is to do something about them. Dwight L. Moody said, "The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it or spend time denouncing it, but to lay a straight stick alongside it." The best way, perhaps, to fight the secularization of the home is to demonstrate the superiority of Christian home and family life.

There seems to be a renewed emphasis throughout the church world on the importance of the relationship of the church and the home. We are awakening to the fact that the social and moral ills of our day find their roots in the breakdown of family life. The foundation principles on which a true family life is built are being stressed—faith in God, worship, love, unselfishness, responsibility, mutual respect, understanding, integrity, industry, consideration, cheerfulness, ideals, and courtesy.

Parental stewardship involves more than guidance in the physical, intellectual, and social development of children. Those who are entrusted with children must tie them to the things which are eternal and to the enduring verities of our faith. Parents must have the church's assistance in fulfilling their high and holy calling, for without it they are certain to betray their spiritual trust.

The church is responsible also for guidance in the realm of the Christian family. The very future of the church is threatened by the breakdown in modern family life. Through the preaching and teaching ministries of the church, the family must be reinforced and the bedrock prin-

"Please, Daddy, Let's Go"

A little girl with shining eyes, Her little face aglow, Said: "Daddy, it is almost time For Sunday school. Let's go! They teach us there of Jesus' love, Of how He died for all Those who on Him will call." "Oh, no!" said Daddy, "not today. I've worked hard all week; I'm going to the creek, For there I can relax and rest, And fishing's fine they say. So run along; don't bother me. We'll go to church someday." Months and years have passed away But Daddy hears that plea no more— "Let's go to Sunday school."

Those childish days are o'er. And now that Daddy's growing old, When life is almost through, He finds some time to go to church— But what does Daughter do? She says: "O Daddy, not today— I stayed up almost all night; I've just got to get some sleep. Besides, I look a fright." Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand To brush away the tears, As again he hears the pleading voice Distinctly through the years. He sees a small girl's shining face

Upturned, with eyes aglow, As she says, "It's time for Sunday

School—please, Daddy, won't you go?"

-Author Unknown (National Sunday-School Association) ciples of making a home Christian must be emphasized.

The month of May affords special opportunity for stressing Christian family life. May 1 to 8 is "National Family Week," which climaxes with Mother's Day on Sunday, May 8. The month of June follows with Father's Day on Sunday, June 19. Mere sentimental platitudes are not sufficient and accomplish little at these times. It is an excellent season to highlight the relationship between the church and the home and to stress urgently the interest which each must maintain in the other, for the church and the home belong together.

God Calls a Young Mother

By Mrs. W. M. Franklin*

REBA was in her middle twenties when a heart attack sent her to the hospital. The little girl who was soon born brought a great amount of joy to that mother-heart, and yet Reba sensed that God was not going to leave her here to rear the baby. She thought of the other little girls at home, three of them, and wondered who would care for the family.

Then she thought of times when she wished she had been more faithful to her Lord. She thought of the friends in her home town, and wanted them to know that everything was clear between her soul and the Saviour. She remembered her pastor and wrote a last letter of testimony to God's grace in the dying hour.

Then taking up her copy of the current issue of *Come Ye Apart* and her Bible, she read the scripture and comment for the day. Joy filled her soul, and in spite of the intense pain in her physical heart, she felt peace spiritually. In prayer it seemed that Jesus came to be more precious than He ever had been before, and she wrote on one of the pages of the *Come Ye Apart* devotional quarterly the following words:

"My Jesus

"When in sorrow, when you are sad, Just come to Jesus, He'll make you glad. He never leaves nor forsakes you— He's just the same life's journey thro'. We must keep in constant prayer If we would met Him in the air.

"I love my Saviour more than anything in the world. He is the most precious Friend I ever have had."

Reba Widmeyer slipped away to be with Jesus on August 6, 1954. She was laid to rest at Chelan, Washington, and is awaiting the coming of her loved ones. I am sure that Reba would like to have others know the trust in Him that it is possible for a young mother to have when God calls her home.

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MOTHER LOVE

By Jessie Whiteside Finks

Mother-love is strange . . . It glorifies the plain feature, And a twisted bone makes it more kind. A sick mind but makes it cling the more! Mother-love is a tender thing . . . Very earth-essence of God's love!

And mother-love is wise . . . It does not pamper all desires, but denies That which would ensnare unwary feet. Nor does it answer every whim, But teaches self-reliance. It knows—full well—chance teaching Will not instill a sublime faith in God; And so spends hours by precept, line, example. Nor does it let the comic books Displace God's Word.

Wise mother-love . . . in the world's ways, Will not display to public gaze A small child's nudity . . . Then hope to keep . . . inviolate The modesty God planted in its breast. True mother-love is wise—and so Will seek to train a little child In the way that it should go.

And mother-love forgives . . . No matter what the cause. This tender, wise, forgiving love Will strangely supersede all laws And see her child in innocency . . . Forgive—and hope again! Mother-love is a tender thing . . . Very earth-essence of God's love!

DAD and the CHURCH^{*}

By Jesse C. Burt, Jr.

How CAN Dad help the church? And how can the church help Dad? These two questions are equally important, and never more so than at the present time. As one minister declared recently to a visitor, "When Dad is interested in the church, its importance increases a hundredfold in the home."

What the minister declared is matched by an opinion expressed by an attractive, gray-haired lady who has visited in "literally hundreds of homes." She declared with real enthusiasm: "Regardless of the furnishings of the home, when Dad, as well as Mom, is behind the church, it is a rich home. I would go so far as to say that Dad is the plus factor in the home-church relationship."

Far be it from the present writer to offer gratuitous advice to fathers. Probably they get enough of that, anyway. Yes, fathers have their hands full at the present time, paying the bills, making a living, and just trying to be good dads.

Even with this on the record, it appears to many church workers that in some cases the church is not exactly a live and vital matter to fathers. It may well be, as some fathers protest, this deficiency is not their own doing. Yet the fact is, seasoned workers are saying that Dad is needed to help bring the church into the home, and to help further the values for which the church stands.

Agree or disagree with the contention that sometimes Dad "slips up" in the matter of church. What Dad can do for the church, and what the church can do for him, are of paramount importance in this era. Let it never be forgotten that the Christian home often is like an island in an alien and angry sea, swept by waves that generate from the casual living practices that we see everywhere around us.

Dad can help the church because he does have high leadership in the home, even if he scarcely seems to exercise this prestige of his. A sociologist explained: "Dad is the male of the family. He supplies the answer from his own experience. He goes out into the world and makes a living. He is looked up to, respected. His opinions, attitudes, and actions often determine those of his children."

Also, Dad can help the church by completing the partnership between home and church. Often 'Courtesy of National Sunday-School Association he can do this more effectively than Mom. But church workers report many instances in which it is Mom, not Dad, who really is alert to the privilege of church. The point is, she cannot do it alone! On the other hand, experience shows many a dad who is a tireless worker for the church. Indeed, seeing whole families coming to church is a thrilling and moving experience.

Dad through his church activities shows the importance of God and Christ in his daily living. It is by Dad's acceptance of Christ in his own life and by learning about Christ in the church that he shows the spiritual implications of fatherhood. These implications are what a dad needs to ponder and weigh and take into his life.

For the home, the Church is the one institution that seeks to help, and this help is given in an absolutely unique way. The unique mission of the Church is to forward the teachings of One who gave His life for us. He said to bring the little children to Him.

If Dad has any doubt about the functions of the Church, the reason for its being, he should get out his Bible and read the letter to the Colossians, especially the third chapter, where Paul reviews the dismal story of the casual Colossians. After Dad thinks about these Colossians, he might note particularly these words of the Apostle: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16).

The question finally comes down to this one point of emphasis: Dad can set a powerful and persuasive example in his daily Christian living.

It is this example, growing out of Dad's realization of the spiritual side of fatherhood, that is far more important than just being the proverbial "good provider."

verbial "good provider." When Dad in his daily living puts the church and its values into "top priority" rating, the church achieves a great significance in Dad's home. Example is so strong it is almost beyond belief. All of us have been gently amused at the way a little boy imitates his father's walk. We can understand this. But we need to realize children also take on the spiritual traits and attitudes of their parents.

Consequently, when Dad studies his Sunday-school lessons, goes to church, studies his Bible, plans and carries out his contribution to the church budget, when he conducts family prayers, when he shows by his daily living he is a spiritually alert father—he furthers enormously the partnership between church and home. Experience reveals that often the difference between an average home and one that is a "joy" is a churchgoing dad.





The Division of Church Extension is now successfully functioning within a limited area of service. That money can be loaned and repaid has been proved. The expansion of the assistance given for church building projects to include larger amortized mortgages waits only for increased resources. Every dollar given on June 5 in the church-wide offering will make three dollars available for lending. It is my prayer that participation in this project will be enthusiastic and unanimous.—GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT G. B. WILLIAMSON.

Will you lose your soul because of

GOOD READING?

By E. Wayne Stahl*

"I believe many people are going to hell because of good reading." What occasioned that severe statement which I made to my wife yesterday?

Just this: I had received by mail from a friend a copy of a certain informational magazine; of fascinating interest and exceptionally wellwritten, it contained articles of tremendous allurement. The very titles were enough to make one ravenous to read what followed.

Not a great while later I was perusing one of those articles. Coleridge's "wedding guest" who "listened" to the ancient mariner, "like a three years' child," could hardly have been more under a spell of interest than I was in that reading. It was an account of unpublished events that took place about a decade and a half ago—events that eventually reverberated through the world.

Finishing the article, I was scared, but not because of the fearful scenes that had been portrayed. Almost a little panic became mine as I realized it was possible for one to give so much time to contemporaneous reading that one would fail to read for eternity—that is, to neglect perusal of precious literature that will minister to spiritual victory and will enhance our glory during the everlasting ages.

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I would be emphatic in stating that I feel one should keep informed of current events and do some reading of the best secular magazines and books; but here is a real, a deadly danger. This literature is of such surpassing interest that a person may become so engrossed in it that there will be a failure to concentrate on adequate reading of the Bible and devotional books and papers.

I am fully persuaded that a great reason for much backsliding, or at least for symptoms of spiritual "T.B." (in other years people having tuberculosis were spoken of as "going into a decline"), is overattention to secular reading.

So this is what I meant when I declared that the population of hell is increased by good reading. In other words, certain folks who once had a fine experience of salvation did not "give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13) of the best spiritual literature, and thus failed to "maintain the spiritual glow"; and eventually they entered the darkness of an eternal night. That is, while they read worth-while literature, they let their good, or even their better, become the enemy of their best in this respect, and they became Satan's victims and were not the Saviour's victors.

For instance, take the daily paper. It is important that we read it. But it is imperative that we read for eternity. I once heard a Nazarene preacher confess that if he spent more than fifteen minutes on the daily paper he felt condemned. It is my fervent opinion that if the average professing Christian spent as much time daily reading the Bible as he or she does in reading the aforesaid diurnal publication, this country would see "a mighty revival sweeping this way."

"Reading maketh a full man," wrote Sir Francis Bacon, he of the gigantic intellect. And spiritual reading helps immensely to make and maintain a Spirit-filled man. Tell me what you chiefly read, and I will tell you what you are.

It is my conviction that there is a tragic dearth of holiness books in the libraries of many readers of this paper. I was talking recently with a Nazarene pastor, and he expressed his doubts if any of the homes of his people had Wesley's *Plain Account of Christian Perfection*, that dynamic little book on the tremendous subject which is the keystone in the glorious arch of Nazarene doctrine.

That pastor's statement is as saddening as it is astonishing. I greatly fear it is true of many congregations. May "the great, illustrious day" come when the reverse will be the fact.

Concluding, may I tell of a waking vision that is mine? I see our beloved general superintendents conferring about and deciding on *twelve books that should be in every Nazarene's home*. Then I see our publishing house issuing this "One Foot Bookshelf of Spiritual Classics" in a uniformly bound set. And the glorious climax of my vision is seeing orders for fifty thousand sets rolling in!

What "transcendent triumph" individually and denominationally would ensue! I pray that God will "make my dream and its fulfillment one."



"And they were *all* filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4) (italics ours).

In its beginning days, the Church of Jesus Christ was a glorious, growing fellowship. These Christians had an experience they could share with others. Not only had they met the Master in conversion, but "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost." This was the key to their unity, spirit, and growth.

In becoming members of the Church of the Nazarene, we agree "to seek earnestly to perfect holiness of heart and life in the fear of the Lord." Yet there are many Nazarenes who have never received the Holy Spirit. They know they ought to be sanctified, they intend to be someday, but they have just put off making that complete consecration to Christ.

Why not follow the disciples to the Upper Room this Pentecost season, and tarry until you too have received the Holy Spirit?—GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

MY MOTHER-

My mother was a preacher, beginning at the turn of the century. At sixteen years of age she covered much of eastern Oregon alone with horse and buggy, holding services in schoolhouses and abandoned churches. Souls were wonderfully converted in almost every service. Later she joined the staff of Peniel Mission and worked up and down the Pacific Coast as a flaming herald in street meetings and mission halls. In 1909 she married Rev. A. H. Smith and together they invested their lives pioneering for the Church of the Nazarene.

My mother was a temperance enthusiast and joined the W.C.T.U. upon entering any new community, always boosting any temperance rally and opposing every move of the liquor traffic with a determination of unearthly strength. She often related experiences of her rescue work, tracing the cause of moral collapse to drink, which she unceasingly despised.

My mother was a champion of the oppressed until we knew that she almost automatically took the side of the "underdog." Once when an elderly lady was committed to a state institution through fraud, my mother persistently worried officials with her "much coming" until release was granted. The poor and sick always gave her such concern that mother even went beyond her means to provide.

My mother was a prayer warrior, and not only kept family prayers going but joined every prayer group in the vicinity. She often exhorted on prayer, and practiced private prayer which often kept her in nightly vigils at the jeopardy of her health. Mother's last public appearance was in prayer meeting at Central Church, Portland, where she was smitten with fatal paralysis just as she concluded an unusually passionate prayer for lost souls. Her children and friends knew beyond any doubt of the genuineness of her intercession.

My mother was a homemaker, and while she was a copastor and active church leader, her home came first and counsel and love abounded for her flock. She turned every stone possible to help me through school during depression, and a dollar bill in a letter during those "tough" days was just like Mother.

My mother was a victor in death, for her homegoing was marked with assurances of hope and life to come. Mother was speechless and a helpless invalid for nineteen months after her stroke, but especially toward the last she nodded responsively as my untiring, attentive father would read to her from the Bible about the better world. Her face carried a gleam; her resignation was complete as she neared the end. No one who knew Mother could deny that she was following Jesus even in death as she commended her spirit into the hands of our Heavenly Father. Heaven, about which she so often preached, at last became Mother's everlasting habitation on March 11, 1952.

Mother means much more to me each year as I reflect upon her well-rounded Christian life and the militant spirit that characterized her work for Christ, the church, and her home. On this Mother's Day, I salute Christian mothers everywhere in honor of my own.

-HERMAN L. G. SMITH, Pastor First Church of the Nazarene, Oakland, Calif.

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The Intangible Wage of Mother (Continued from page 3)

and responsibility. But the greatest of all wages is given to a mother when she knows that her child is one of high moral character and one of Christian convictions and principles. Let us give to Mother the wages she desires and deserves, although she might not be boisterous in her demands or unreasonable in her conduct if the conditions are not met.

"HIS MOTHER TAUGHT HIM"

By A. S. London*

THESE words registered in my thinking today, as I read them in the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs—"His mother taught him." What wonderful words of advice and warnings followed in this chapter commonly read by millions!

Jesus said to the disciple, "Behold thy mother." Ilis mother was the first to greet Him in this life, and the last one to leave Him in His death, Napoleon said, "The future destiny of the child is the work of the mother." Next to *Jesus*, the word *mother* is one of the most sacred to all people. It is commendable for us as a nation to stop long enough in our hurry along the path of life to pay tribute to all true mothers.

John Quincy Adams said, "All that I am, my mother made me." George Herbert declared that "one good mother is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters." No home is stronger than the mother that guides it. Satan strikes his hardest blows against the womanhood of all nations. A mother's love surpasses every other earthly element. It was she who felt the first quickening pulse of the new life. It was she who saw the eyes uplifted, and heard the child speak for the first time.

It was Mother who waited at midnight when the candle of life flickered, and when the pendulum swung between life and death. Mother's love is the connecting link which binds humanity together. And we are never so near the divine as when maternity is wrapped in holy, mother love.

The world turns its back on the haggard, disgraced man—but Mother loves him still. I have known her to kneel outside prison walls and pray for God to bless the wayward son, as preparation was being made for the boy's execution. Her cry would be, "God bless my darling boy."

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LORD, HELP ME!

By Ovella S. Shafer

Lord, help me to remember As years are speeding by, Memories uplifting, Noble thoughts and high,

Daily deeds of kindness, A friend who offered prayer, Cooling words of comfort, A song that thrilled the air.

But, Lord, help me to forget A hurt, word wounds, disgrace. May they be buried ever— For a grave is a silent place.



Another "FIRST" in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Church Extension Offering is one more opportunity for us all to join together to launch the much-needed general church loan fund. It is a real investment on our part in a greater future for our church. The ever-growing Crusade for Souls means an ever-increasing number of churches. More and more will the general church loan fund assist in a tangible way to the growth of our denomination in its outreach for souls.

With every pastor and church participating, we can make a wonderful start in this great project on June 5.

On with the Crusade!—V. H. LEWIS, Houston District superintendent and member of Church Extension Special Commission.

We Face the Future

By Justa Lee Allen*

A BOUT the most fascinating mollusk type of little animal which lives in shells is the nautilus. It lives chiefly in the South Pacific and Indian oceans. Its shell is spiral-shaped, and pearly inside, hence its name: *pearly nautilus*. The animal has four gills and four earlike lobes on the exterior. It has a short body and a large head. But the most interesting thing about the nautilus is the way it builds its shell house.

At the beginning of its life, it has only a very tiny shell—a one-room house. But as it grows, it builds a larger room onto the first room, and moves in, being sure to close up the one it has just vacated. From time to time, as it continues to grow, it continues to add a larger room for its accommodation, never failing to close fast the smaller room it has left behind, and to which it does not intend to return. The nautilus always goes forward, never backward.

One day when the American poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, studied a nautilus shell, he saw more there than the discarded house of a little sea animal. He saw a spiritual suggestion. Later, he wrote these inspiring lines, which most lovers of poetry carry in their memories:

'Tallahassee, Florida

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul, As the swift seasons roll!

Leave thy low-vaulted past!

Let each new temple, nobler than the last,

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free,

Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

The Apostle Paul, too, said the same thing in different words: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). Paul realized that in the past he had made mistakes—some of them serious mistakes—but to improve his life, and especially to make his time count in service to his Lord, he must not spend precious, rapidly-fleeing time regretting the past. The way of happiness and service was, for him, in a higher and bigger future, as he pressed on toward the goal set for him by God the Father.

It is God who determines the goal for every person's race for eternal life; but each of us, in the power that is ours, through Christ, must press on, struggling and building for that part of eternity which, for us, lies in the future, not in the past.



Q. Recently, an unsaved friend and I were speaking of a relative of mine whose body is cancerous. We agreed that this woman is faithful to her home and church. My friend said that he could not understand how God would allow the dread disease of cancer to fasten itself upon the body of a person who is a Christian. Could you give me some light on this question, so that I could help my friend, who is in confusion about it?

A. You have asked one of the most difficult questions which the human mind ever has faced. The theologian and the philosopher often put it this way, What is the explanation for natural evil, or why does God permit even good people to suffer? Job suffered: Paul didn't get rid of the thorn in the flesh, whatever it was. Some of the best people I have ever known have been hounded by suffering and misfortune. Richard Baxter, of the seventeenth century, transformed a community through his godly life and wonderful ministry. Also, he wrote The Saint's Everlasting Rest, one of the great books of all ages. Nevertheless, he seldom went through an hour without excruciating pain. God does not guarantee that those who follow Him will be free from disease. There are higher values than health, yea, even than physical life itself. A sinful heart is far more horrible than a cancerous body. Physical death is not to be feared nearly so much as spiritual death, or sin. But still I have not answered your question.

First, I would say that this woman's cancerous condition is not immediately due to sin. In other words, it has not come upon her because of her sins. There have always been those

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throughout the centuries who have tried to connect all sickness and suffering immediately with sin. This answer had been refuted both in the Old and New Testaments. The classical refutation is in the story of Job. It is clearly brought out there that Job's misfortune and suffering were not due to his sins. In John 9:3 Jesus declares that the blindness of the man born in that condition was not the result of his or his parents' sins.

Second, disease and trouble have a disciplinary value. If we take the right attitude toward them, they can be made to glorify God. Thus natural evil becomes good in the long run if this view is taken as the ultimate explanation of it. But I can't believe that we have here the final and total cause of sickness and suffering. God hasn't allowed this cancerous condition to come upon this Christian woman just for the development of her character.

Third, some try to tell us that natural evil is only the result of the working out of natural laws. God has caused us to be enmeshed in a mechanism of existence which, on the whole, works for our good, but in certain instances may play havoc with our health or lives. There may be some truth in this view, but I do not believe that it is an adequate reason for the existence of natural evil in its entirety. I still take this position, although some may assert that this trouble comes only when we in some way disobey, or cut across, these natural laws. Several other explanations of natural evil might be given, but I shall mention only one more. It is that.

Fourth, all natural evil, sickness and suffering, result either directly or indirectly from moral evil, or sin, on the part of other wills than God's. This Christian woman's cancerous condition is not caused by her sin, by sin directly, but by the fact that she is a part of a fallen race or lives in a world which has been marred by the sin of fallen angels and fallen human beings. Just as physical death is the consequence of man's fall, so disease and all suffering come from the entry of sin into this world either by human or angelic beings. If our world were free from sin, it would also be free from sickness, suffering, and death. I believe that plenty of ground is given for this answer in Gen. 3:14-24 and Rom. 5:12-21. In a world where sin has not entered, free moral agents could develop character without sickness or suffering, without battling against obstacles within and without as we know them now. Further, in such a world, natural law as we understand it now would be no more. In essence, this view which attributes all natural evil directly or indirectly to moral evil, or as part of the curse of sin's entry into God's world, has been the answer the Christian Church has given to the problem before us for centuries. And I do not believe that any other theory which has been offered is as scriptural and reasonable. This places the blame finally on free, finite beings and not on God. Also, we have no more right to blame God for the cancerous condition of this Christian woman than for the death of a Christian. Moreover, God through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection has made it possible for the Christian finally to triumph over disease and death.

The Doorbell Rang

S ome four weeks ago, a short time after breakfast, the front doorbell rang. I responded and found a messenger from the Western Union Telegraph Company. He asked me if I was Stephen S. White, and then handed me a telegram with the request that I sign for the same.

This telegram was from my nephew, Alfred White, in California, and told of the death of his father-my oldest brother, Howard W. White. Many telegrams have come to me across the years, but this was only the fourth time that I had received one which told of the passing of a member of the family in which I was reared. This group was made up of ten persons, a father, mother, and eight children. Two of the children died in infancy—one before I was born, and the other while I was still a boy at home. The family circle of eight-father, mother, and six childrenremained unbroken until all of the latter had grown up and found their places in the activities of this life. The first break came in the passing of my father. He went suddenly while I, the youngest son and next to the youngest child of those who grew to maturity, was in my first regular pastorate at Olivet, Illinois. My mother followed several years later. Then a few years ago my oldest sister answered the summons; and only a few weeks ago, as I have indicated, my oldest brother died.

My oldest brother's recent passing turned my mind back to him and my boyhood days. I was permitted to do certain things with him as I grew up which otherwise wouldn't have been my privilege. I recall, especially now, my visits to the old swimming hole and some fishing and hunting trips. Besides, it was always convenient to have either of my older brothers around if some other boy tried to make trouble for me.

But I am thinking now largely of that family circle of which I was a part as we grew up together, for the most part in Walnut Springs, Texas. Once again I am constrained to conclude that there is no other earthly group which can equal that of the family in importance. Ours was an ordinary small-town family home. It was not perfect, but it had many qualities which the families of today must have if our nation or any other nation is to survive.

The marriage of my father and mother was successful, to a large extent because both of them had similar backgrounds. They came from wellto-do farm families in north Georgia. These families had common ideals and interests. The parents of my parents were old-fashioned Methodists. They believed in God, religion, the church, the Bible, and Christian living which carried with it honesty, truthfulness, and clean living morally. They believed in work, in each person making his own way in life. They didn't believe that the world owed any of them a living.

Today there are many young people who think that they can marry those who have had very



different backgrounds and who do not have the same ideals and interests and still make a success of marriage. Good homes may sometimes be built on such foundations, but as a rule this is not the case. Success under such circumstances requires much prayer, patience, and effort.

With my parents having so much in common as they did when they were building their home, I am not surprised that all of us children grew up with the understanding that we were to attend Sunday school, church, and often even prayer meeting. Preachers were frequently invited to our home, and I cannot remember ever being taught anything but the highest respect for God, the church, the Bible, religion, and the oldfashioned virtues. Character was placed far above position or money, and we were given to understand that if we honored God and lived right we had, by far, achieved that which was most valuable in life.

I thank God for the family and the home, and I especially thank Him for the three family circles to which I have had the privilege of belonging. These are the family into which I was born, the one into which I married, and the one which I have done my best to build. In essential ideals and interests, they have not differed.

A Mother Outwits a King

PHARAOH, the ruler of Egypt, was afraid lest his slave nation, the people of Israel, would get out of hand. They were multiplying too fast. Therefore, he ordered his midwives to see that all male children born to the Israelites were destroyed. But the midwives did not always cooperate. Moses was an outstanding example of their failure to obey Pharaoh's command.

Moses was a promising child, and his mother hid him three months, or as long as she could. Then she went to work to save him from the cruel and untimely death which still might befall him. She made an "ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch" (Exod. 2:3). Next, she put the child in it, and "laid it in the flags by the river's bank" (Exod. 2:3). She didn't stop here; she sent his sister along to see what happened to the ark and the baby.

What was the miraculous outcome of this undertaking? Here's the answer: "And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when

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she had opened it, she saw the child: and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children" (Exod. 2:5-6). As a woman, Pharaoh's daughter had the heart of a mother. She could not resist the cry of this baby!

Moses' sister, according to her mother's plan, was on hand when Pharaoh's daughter found the baby. Quickly she spoke up and said: "Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?" (Exod. 2:7.) The princess agreed to this suggestion, and Moses' sister ran and called her mother. Thus Moses' mother became his nurse.

As we read between the lines of this story, it is easy to draw some conclusions as to Moses' mother. She must have had intelligence. I am confident that if she were living today and given an intelligence test, she would rank very high. She had foresight, looked ahead, and thus permitted her hopes for the future to enter into and modify the present. This is one of the most important marks of intelligence. This foresight of Moses' mother is proved by her bold plans. She outlined a daring scheme by means of which she hoped to save the life of her newborn son.

Moses' mother was practical, a woman of action. She didn't just create blueprints; she began at once to build on them. She built the ark, put the baby into it, set it adrift, and stationed her daughter near to await the results. There are minds that can conceive unusual ideas, but they do not have the power to bring them to birth. Moses' mother was a genius; she could plan and theil put her plans into action.

Jochebed also had the gift of teaching. Moses was taught in all of the wisdom of Egypt, but he was not left in the dark as to the religion of his fathers. Think of it, there was only one woman against all of the teachers of Egypt!

This unusual woman was tactful; she had common sense. Many a mother, trusted with the care of her child under such circumstances, would have made a mess of it; she would have been too fast, or too open, in achieving her purposes, and thus would have ruined everything. Nowhere do we have any hint of such being the case fiere. Jochebed must have had superior ability for g. ting along with the princess, others in the palace, and perhaps even Pharaoh. She eshowed wisdom and succeeded in a very delicate situation.

So far, I have left God out of the picture, but He was there. Moses' mother had been brought up in the faith of her fathers. She was a woman of prayer and faith. She had fellowship with the God of Israel every day. It was not unusual for her to commune with the Father of Lights. This means that she knew how to get assistance from God. He came to her rescue in her great hour of need!

Thus "A Mother Outwits a King" should be "A Mother and God Outwit a King." It was easy for Jehovah to help the mother of Moses in one of the greatest tasks ever undertaken by a woman. Why? Because she had not only the necessary spiritual qualities—a living contact with God through prayer and faith—but also several of the most significant natural gifts foresight, planning ability, power to put her plans into action, the gift of teaching, and tact, or common sense.

What is the final proof of the truth that Jochebed and God outwitted Pharaoh? It is given in these significant words: "Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:24-27).

Should We Throw the Bars Down?

SOME people have an idea that the best way to stop wrongdoing is to do away with all restrictions as to it. Some months ago a university professor suggested that the government make narcotics available at reasonable prices as a step in curing addicts. Likewise, there are those who advocate a wide-open field for the sale of intoxicating liquors on the premise that if you pass laws against their sale you thereby stimulate traffic in the same. Tell people not to do anything, and they are going to do it! From the standpoint of this kind of reasoning, it's a shame that we have any kind of laws against lying, theft, or murder. Also, several of the Ten Commandments are mistakes—the "thou shalt not's" should be repealed.

Now I don't have any mania for negatives, for laws against this or that. Further, I am sure there is value in giving people something worthwhile to do; and I'm also just as certain that you can't cure wrongdoing unless you provide opportunities for right doing. Nevertheless, I think that it is perfectly ridiculous for a person to rule out all negatives, to take the position that we must never have any "don'ts" or "thou shalt not's."

The United States Narcotics Commissioner, Harry J. Anslinger, answered the suggestion which I gave first, that narcotics be made available at reasonable prices as a means of curing addicts, by saying: "If a plan like that is given any serious consideration at all then a state and federal building should be constructed, on the first floor of which should be a bar for alcoholics, on the second floor a narcotics dispensary, on the third floor a department store for kleptomaniacs, and on the top floor a brothel for sex deviates." I say, "Hurrah for U.S. Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger!" He shows much more common sense than this university professor who would have us do away with all restrictive, or prohibitive, regulations in order to make this world a wonderful heaven (?).



We See Ourselves

SOMEONE has said that the great waste in life is that God limited the prize of youth to the young people. Another has countered, "Old age is not so bad when one considers the alternative." And so the banter goes on. Unfortunately the church is not immune from the conflicts which arise between age groups. The young people feel that the oldsters are too slow; the oldsters fear the young people will run away with the church.

Paul had a very significant statement to make in this regard. Evidently there were problems like these in the Early Church also. He brought up the subject when writing to a young man, his son in the gospel; hence it has that particular slant. These words have for thirty-two years been the motto of the Nazarene Young People's Society. They are words which I should like to discuss in detail with our young people during the next few months. Here they are:

> Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (I Tim. 4:12).

Paul first sought to direct the young man's attention to himself. Timothy was young. (He could not help that.) He was trying to be a Christian, stepping out to be a leader in the Early Church. His youth was becoming an issue. Paul was saying: "Don't let the fact that you are young throw you. Don't let the aspersions which are cast about your age defeat you.

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Don't let anyone look down on you as a young Christian. After all," he was saying, "it is not the age of a person, but how well he lives for Christ, that determines his size."

It is well for each of us to take a good look at himself. Perhaps as older ones we have been guilty of looking down on youth; perhaps we as young people have been guilty of careless living and inattention to the important things of life, bringing reproach and criticism upon our age group. Let us all see that age in and of itself is really not to blame for anything. There is a call to all of us to reach out for the essential factors of Christian life and through them be truly "an example of the believers."



Nashville Community Mission



February 6, 1955, marked the beginning of the first revival effort in the Community Church of the Nazarene Mission in Nashville, Tennessee. This mission is located in a very select part of the city just four blocks

The preaching evangelist for the meeting was Elder D. A. Murray, of

ROY F. SMEE, Secretary

New Orleans, Louisiana, and the song evangelist was Rev. Joe Edwards, of Memphis, Tennessee. The picture was taken when there were only twelve persons present, but crowds as large as twenty-three were in attendance during the week. There was a unanimous feeling that the revival was successful. The work which was started November 28, 1954, is being supported by College Hill Church in Nashville. Mr. Walter White is the director.

Pastoral Changes

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Hopkins have returned to the States from Seward, Alaska. Brother Hopkins was seriously ill and his trouble was diagnosed in Portland, Oregon, as virus polio that settled in the brain and affected the heart. However, prayer has been answered and he is recovering remarkably well. Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey Ponce, of Columbia, South Carolina, have accepted the call to the Seward church and flew from Seattle to Alaska on April 11.

Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Meadows, of Harrisonburg, Virginia, have accepted the call to the Kailua church, on Oahu, in the Hawaiian Islands. The Meadowses succeed Rev. and Mrs. where not held for the past three Reeford Chaney, who are beginning our new work in Kahului, on Maui. have a vacation Bible school can be

V.B.S. Pioneers

The Department of Church Schools is encouraging Vacation Bible School Pioneers this summer. A Pioneer Award will be given to every school

where not held for the past three years. Churches that now regularly have a vacation Bible school can be pioneers by helping put on a vacation Bible school in a neighboring church or in an unchurched community. These contacts can be vital helps in the Crusade for Souls Now. Let us use them to the fullest extent.



Continue to Pray

Miss Della Boggs, missionary to Africa, who was recently flown home because of prolonged illness, reports that the specialist has operated and removed "many, many pounds of infected tissue." He stated that he hoped this was the final operation, but would make no promises. Please pray for this devoted servant of Christ, who wants to return to Africa as soon as health and strength are restored.

Victory at Chilchinbito

Our attendance has shown a steady increase since Christmas. To date we are running around 65. At Christmas time we had a full house of 225 with almost that many outside. The Holy Spirit is dealing mightily with our people and in the last few weeks we have seen some of the hardest men in our community in the house of the Lord for the first time. We are waiting on the Lord and watching Him move. It is a thrill to see the Lord work with men in pagan darkness.

Recently we have seen a tremendous victory in the conversion of Keyannie Yazzie, our local tribal councilman. In the early days of the mission Kevannie came to the mission drunk and dragged Sister Jones across the mission grounds with the threat that he would kill her. On Friday, March 25, I flew Keyannie to Flagstaff to make funeral arrangements for his son-in-law, who had been killed in a truck accident. We have felt that Keyannie was coming closer and closer to the Lord. Recently he told us he was thinking about being a Christian. While he was in Flagstaff last week end he went to a local mission, and when the invitation was given Keyannie gave himself to the Lord. He came home with a testimony on his lips and a new Bible under his arm. He is an outstanding leader and we feel that this may be the key to a real revival here at Chilchinbito .-- JACK FOWLER, North American Indian District.

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary anything short of God's command

Chamelco, Guatemala

A few days ago we visited a large Indian town. For two hours hundreds of Indians listened to the gospel via the public-address system and the personal testimony of believers. These Indians eagerly bought gospel literature offered to them, even those who could not read, so they can have it read to them in their mountain homes. We rejoice in being able to give out the Word and we are glad people show an interest.

Greetings from Trinidad

March 10 marked the end of my first six months here. I can truthfully say I like the country and am enjoying the work. But I think the English language has more varieties than Heinz. I can understand most of what is said to me, but my Southern accent still brings laughs from missionaries and nationals alike.

Naturally, my work consists of various things. I preach, help in Sunday schools, sort old used literature and distribute it to the workers, do the marketing for the school, supervise study hall and student recreation, and direct the St. James choir. I am now teaching six hours a week and will probably be giving a few private piano lessons in the near future.

I certainly could not have asked for a nicer house in which to live. It is neat, cheerful, and convenient, and far surpasses what I had expected. The view of the mountains from my living room windows beggars description!

The other missionaries are very congenial, and I enjoy their fellowship. They've made me feel almost as though I have three families besides my own. Naturally, I've had some homesick moments, but not for anything short of God's command would I want to leave here. It is so good to be in the will of the Lord and feel His presence near.—RUTH SAXON, Trinidad.

A Thought for the Day By Bertha Munro

"To Be Remembered By" Monday:

A Choice. Esau choosing the mess of pottage labeled himself forever the "profane" (secular) man who didn't care about God. Jacob, setting up the altar at Bethel and wrestling with the angel at Peniel—mean as he was, he knew he had to have God and was willing to be changed into a prince. These men tell me to keep "things" in their place.

Tuesday:

A Commitment. Orpah "kissed" but went back; Ruth "clave." "Whither thou goest, I will go; . . . thy God [shall be] my God." There is a reckless, once-for-all commitment to the best, and an identification of the best with the will of God.

Wednesday:

A Way of Life. "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world"; but "Luke . . . is profitable to me for the ministry," and Timothy is ready to "endure hardness, as a good soldier." Foolish to choose for the short run, when the long run is so long.

Thursday:

An Influence. Here is Jeroboam, the man "who made Israel to sin," as against the young King Josiah, who "read in their ears all . . . the covenant" of the Lord. "And all the people stood to the covenant." One influence turns toward self and golden calves; the other, toward God and nationwide revival. The set of your soul determines the set of many lives. (Continued on page 17)



By J. GEORGE TAYLORSON

Topic for May 8: Financing God's Work Scripture: II Chronicles 21–24 (Printed: II Chron. 24:4, 8-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: Bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the Lord (II Chron. 29:31).

At every juncture of history there has been someone who was prepared to step out ahead of the crowd and walk with confidence and faith in God's light. It might be a Moses eyes ablaze with indignation against the idolatry of his people; or a Luther, nailing on the Wittenberg cathedral door his theses of defiance against the abuses of the church. Here in our lesson we see the priest Jehoiada giving to King Joash courage and faith to rebuild the neglected Temple.

Parallel with the need for keeping God's house in good repair comes the lesson on stewardship and the responsibility to guarantee careful, honest handling of church funds. While we know that stewardship far exceeds the dollar sign, yet it is good to note that it does not bypass it. Our Master spoke repeatedly on the subject of money; at least one-third of His parables revolved around this theme. We are Christians! That is, through the grace of God, who gave His Son to be a Sacrifice on Calvary, we live with sins forgiven, possessors of eternal life. It follows, then, that we should be careful stewards of funds that have been entrusted to us. Surely it is not asking too much of the followers of Jesus, who have been redeemed through infinite sacrifice, to suggest that a tithe of all income be allocated for the spreading of the good news. We too can do no less than follow the example of Joash' people in rejoicing as we lay our gifts at the Master's feet.

Those to whom is delegated the responsibility of handling the funds of the church must give this the most earnest care. Absolute honesty is the only policy. There is no room for misappropriation of funds through arbitrarily redirecting money given for one purpose to another, no matter how worthy the end may be. For instance, moneys given during revival campaigns are given with the thought and intent that it is for this purpose alone, and no deviation is excusable. This principle should be meticulously adhered to.

Joash displayed careful wisdom in matters of finance. He appointed two tellers to handle all moneys received. This principle does not bring into question the honesty of the treasurer, but rather provides a system of good, sound finance which safeguards character and reputations. It is the finest protection for every honest man. We cannot be too businesslike in the handling of church funds. It is sadly true that when there is an "incident" involving finances which casts shadows over the testimony of the church, and destroys its inner effectiveness, it is usually traceable to slovenly methods. There is no bigger business in the world than the business of the Church of Christ; let us treat it so.

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On Being a Mother—

To BE A good mother one must be willing to be on call at any time, whether it be midnight, midday, or morning early. She must carefully seek to pass on to her offspring anything of learning she may possess. She knows full well that every child should know as much as she; so she hopes and prays, as she passes along her knowledge, that her child will have a seeking mind and will thus want to learn more and more, becoming an efficient person.

Being a mother means daily watching the growth of a child. Daily she must train and teach and mold. Soon her chances will be over and what she has done will be done. What she has left undone will be forever left undone.

Conducted by GRACE RAMQUIST

A mother is someone who is ever interested in "small" things although always keeping her eyes on the larger. She is interested in the grades her child makes; she is interested in the food, the amount and quality, he eats each day; she is interested in that runny nose and that dirty little face; she is interested when a stone bruises his foot or when his friend throws mud-balls at him; yet all the while she is looking past the dirty, little, freckled-faced boy or girl and seeing a man grown tall and strong or a woman, efficient and beautiful; a man working in the church or a woman reading the Bible to little ones gathered around the Sunday-school table.

A mother never knows how well she has done until it is too late to change her method of teaching or her way of living. She never knows if her principles of living have caught fire until the child is away from her, and then she gets an indirect look into his ways and ideals.

A mother must nearly always work in the blind, yet not in the blind, for she has her Book to follow and her God to guide. It is hard to be a mother, but it is such a rare treat to have entrusted into one's hands, life life which must be molded and then set aside to go through the heat of trials alone.

A friend of mine received a little note from her daughter who is now far from home. The note written in the handwriting of that daughter meant so much more than the trim little verses which our card companies so kindly write for us. I'm sure my friend was astonished to know that her daughter knew what she had done for her. The daughter? Well, she's in her early twenties now. DEAR MOM:

The older I get, the more I realize what a competent job you've done in bringing me up. Because of you I'm semi-skilled in things such as sewing, cooking, and knitting, all of which are important in preparing for adult life. Even more important, you have taught me an appreciation of fine things. My life is rich because of you. But most important of all, you and Father have raised me to be a Christian. For that I will ever thank God for you.

Lots of love,

BETTY RUTH (California)

His Flower for Mother

There was quite a stir in the basement one night in February. Jimmy was looking for a small flowerpot one which would hold one tiny petunia plant. Oh, it was a long time before the plant would bloom, but it was a plant anyway, and Jimmy had chosen the healthy little green slip from all those in the window box at school.

"Now, children," the teacher had said that day, "each of you go home and quietly look in your basement for a small flowerpot. I know it is a long time before May comes; but if we are going to have flowers for our mothers in May, we must plant these little seedlings in the pots this very week. The greenhouse man told me this. But don't let your mothers know what you are looking for." Then the teacher paused a moment. "On the other hand, if you cannot find a little flowerpot without the help of your

mother, perhaps if you tell her your teacher asked you to bring one to school, she will help you and not remember that Mother's Day will be here in a few months. That's right, she will probably not remember nor think of Mother's Day when it is so far away."

Before Jimmy found a little flowerpot, he was so glad the teacher had told them to ask their mothers. Although he looked everywhere before calling Mother, he could not even find one little earthen jar. Mother came downstairs when he called and went right to the metal cupboard where there were four little flowerpots carefully cleaned and stored.

The next morning, Jimmy carried his treasure with him. The little green slip was transplanted to the flowerpot, and daily J i m m y watered and watched it and the sun shone down on it. It grew larger and larger; and one day while Jimmy was watching, the sun caused the first little bud to blossom out, and there stood a brightred petunia. A few days later there was another bloom; and wh en Mother's Day finally came, there were three bright-red flowers on the little plant in Jimmy's flowerpot.

That afternoon after school was out, Jimmy carefully wrapped the little flowerpot with an old newspaper. He carried it home, and because Mother was sitting in the living room reading, he took it to the dining room table ever so quietly, unwrapped the plant, and then slipped up behind his mother.

"Mother," he said, "look what I brought you! It tells you that I love you."

And then Mother looked. Her eyes filled with tears of joy, and gathering

her son in her arms, she thanked him over and over. That petunia plant was the very sweetest flower she was ever given. She knew Jimmy had tended it so carefully and that made it more valuable than all the other flowers in the world. Her son loved her and the flower reminded her of his love.

A Thought for the Day

(Continued from page 15) Friday:

An Attitude. Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus, worshiping, listening. Or Martha, working, bothered, and blaming. Both loving, but only one understanding. Well for us that work and worship are not contradictory. Though I must have Martha's hands, I [can] have a Mary mind.

Saturday:

A Loyalty. "Thirty pieces of silver" and a "Judas kiss" tell one story. "Lying on Jesus' breast," or "Went out, and wept bitterly" tell the other. Today no one names his son Judas; there are many Johns and Peters. But Judas became the traitor of all time only because he let covetousness grow on him and edge out Jesus.

Sunday:

A Cog. Andrew found his brother Simon and brought Christ a great disciple. Ananias, the "good" (after all, it is the deed and not the name that counts!), laid his hands on Paul and set him on his way to greatness. A boy's lunch opened the way for Jesus' greatest miracle. Hospitality shown a prophet made a woman "great."

Perhaps today is *the* day for being remembered. Then, "What I have written I have written." And "God is not unrighteous to forget."

MY MOM

By Lois F. Blanchard

- My mom got up when the house was cold And the sun was not yet shining;
- And she stayed up long after we were in bed, Mending socks or a torn coat-lining.
- Yet she found time to pray with us children each day And to read to us out of the Bible;
- She was never too busy to take us to church Or to help us if we were in trouble.
- My mom had eyes in the back of her head; She could see around a corner;
- When things weren't going as they should, Some instinct seemed to warn 'er.
- And you just knew she'd be on hand If trouble started brewing.
- It was part of a mother's task, she said, To know what her children were doing.

My mom had a switch about three feet long On top of the kitchen cupboard.

That part of the cupboard was never bare,

Like it was for poor Mother Hubbard. The switch was replaced ev'ry week or so

Because of its frequent use.

Mom said it was there for discipline; We thought it was there for abuse.

- My mom had a will that was made of iron And a heart that was made of gold.
- My mom had a voice that could pray God down Just as well as it could scold.
- My mom had a task that was hers to fulfill And a God who would someday judge her;
- She had set her heart to do God's will, And nothing on earth could budge her.

My mom used to make me awful mad (Though I loved her above any other)!

How strange that today I should feel so proud When they tell me, "You're just like your mother!"



NEWS IN BRIEF

(Continued from page 2)

Pennsylvania; Charles Ross, Jr., Nazarene evangelist; Robert, Nazarene pastor, Portland, Oregon; Nellie Mae, Nazarene evangelist; Mrs. Frances Bondy, Detroit, Michigan; Samuel, of Wilkinsburg; and Capt. Alvin, of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Augusta. The parents are members of the Wilkinsburg Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Billy J. Lakey has resigned as pastor of the church at Buffalo, to accept a call to pastor the church in Oswego, Kansas.

Pastor Virgil M. Hutcheson sends word from San Anselmo, California----"Church breaks all previous records on Easter Sunday; 190 in Sunday school; \$300.00 missionary offering."

Rev. W. N. Durham has resigned as pastor of the church in Oswego, Kansas, to accept a call to pastor the church in Granby, Missouri.

Special prayer is requested for Rev. D. J. Waggoner, retired Nazarene elder; he suffered a stroke on March 19 and is unable to talk. His address is 508 S.W. First Street, Bethany, Oklahoma.

Richmond Hill, New York-At the first of the year our church gave a unanimous call to Rev. T. J. Crawford, following the resignation of Rev. R. J. Shoff. Rev. and Mrs. Crawford had been serving the church in Compton, California, for several years. They were warmly welcomed to New York at a reception on February 25 held in the Y.M.C.A. hall, where District Superintendent Robert I. Goslaw, fellow pastors, and representatives from the Richmond Hill Church School Association and the Clerical Union extended words of welcome. Mr. Raymond Spencer was the toastmaster. On March 9 a welcome-home service was held for Mrs. Gertrude Tracy, pioneer missionary to India, who celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her first arrival on the field by an extended visit there through the winter months. In November she attended the dedicatory ceremonies of a new administration building at the coeducational school of the India District, erected in memory of Rev. L. S. Tracy. She told us of the great revival still going on, and the camp meeting, showing colored slides of the work. -Reporter.

Evangelist R. D. Grubbs writes: "Since last reporting it has been my happy privilege to work for my Lord on nine districts. I have seen more souls pray through than in any other period of similar length. All praise is due His holy name for the victory I enjoy just now. It is my earnest prayer that His eternal Spirit will burn all dross out of me, burn His fire into me, and burn me up for Him till Jesus comes."

Warren, Ohio-The Meadowbrook Church recently held an evangelistic campaign with Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Younce and family as the special workers. They were mightily used of God in making this revival a success. Throughout the week many souls sought and found victory in Christ. A number of contacts were made for the church through this campaign. The last Sunday evening of the re-vival, Evangelist Wilma Jean Ingland was God's servant as the meeting closed with an altar lined with seekers, some of whom had been the object of prayer for years. The blessing of God was upon all these services and our church was greatly benefited. When we came here as pastor last October we found a wonderful group of people and a great work that had been realized through the vision of my predecessor, Rev. George Gales, and the people of the church. God is blessing every department. The Sunday school reached a monthly average of 156 in February and recently had over 200 in attendance. The church has recently purchased a lovely parson-age. We have a beautiful church located in the midst of hundreds of homes and therefore affording a wonderful opportunity and challenge to pastor and people. We appreciate the response the people are giving to this challenge and for their thoughtfulness to their pastor and his wife .-- Robert M. Ingland, Jr., Pastor.

Pana, Illinois-On March 13 First Church closed one of the greatest revivals in its history. Rev. Morris Scutt, of Spencer, Indiana, was the evangelist. Souls began praying through in the Sunday morning service before the evangelist arrived. A total of forty-two seekers at the altar were saved and sanctified. The music was furnished by local talent. The whole church has been blessed through the preaching of Brother Scutt and the mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Our pastor, Rev. Ruel Braswell, and wife received a generous love offering. Brother Braswell is in his fifth year at this church. With God's help we have been able to pay off the indebtedness of the church. On January 16, 1955, we were privi-leged to have Dr. W. S. Purinton,

district superintendent, to come and conduct the burning of the church mortgage.—Lucille Oller, Secretary.

California, Pennsylvania – During our pastorate with this church for nearly three years, we have found a group who were anxious to improve their building facilities. Considerable repairs in the sanctuary and basement have been made and the building painted. A wonderful gift was given to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith—seven-piece, solid oak pulpit furniture, at a cost of \$500.00. The sanctuary has been reseated with solid oak, circular pews and the floor redressed. The church entrance was redecorated with redwood paneled doors and new outside lighting. On the front lawn we built one of the most beautiful and outstanding wayside pulpits you will find anywhere. The churches of our city have appraised it as an asset to the religious life of the community. A gas furnace was installed in the parsonage at cost by Ed Hollowood, contractor. The working force of the church have been most loyal. Several wonderful poundings have been given us, and a few nights ago the parsonage was crowded to capacity with friends; a fine program given and wonderful eats made our leave-taking even more difficult. A generous purse was given the pastor and wife. This church has shown itself to be a wonderful people to their pastor. The new pastor, Rev. Everette O. Altic, is a fine man and we know the work will succeed.—James H. Garrison, Pastor.

Pastor James F. Siglin writes: "A branch Sunday school was opened March 27 at Seneca Falls, New York. Seneca Falls is approximately fifteen miles from the Sampson Air Force Base and will be the nearest Nazarene work to the base. Services will be held Sunday afternoon and a midweek service on Wednesday night. If you have servicemen at the base or friends in the Seneca Falls-Geneva area, please contact me at 24 Seminary Avenue, Auburn, New York."

Tampa, Florida—Drew Park Church is only a little more than two years old, and the work has made great strides since last August. The Sunday school has been built up, and the congregation greatly increased, with a revival spirit prevailing in the services. A neon sign has been installed on the front of the building, and we have finished ceiling the auditorium, also installing an oil burner in place of the wood heaters. We appreciate the work of Pastor Rogers, and we thank God for His blessings.—Reporter. L. T. Edwards and wife write: "Following a heart illness we were privileged to pastor the Prospect, Oregon, church the past nine months with substantial gains. A recall for another year was given, but we feel the Lord has restored our health to where we can re-enter the field, following our assembly in May. We are now slating for the fall of '56 and on. All time before that is taken with camps and revivals. We also have a children's program. Write us, Prospect, Oregon."

Bend, Oregon—Our church recently enjoyed the finest evangelistic campaign in its history as months of prayer and visitation paid off in twenty-five professions of faith. The evangelists were Rev. and Mrs. Paul Martin; the ministry of the Martins has left nothing to be desired. Among those praying through were some who were marvelously delivered from tobacco and alcohol. Neighboring Nazarene churches were helped, a large group of children were won to the Lord, many new families were brought into contact with the church, and five have been received into church membership. The Sundayschool attendance has made an increase of 23 per cent. The spirit manifested in the services made a lasting impression on all who attended. The church is unitedly marching on to its greatest year of achievement for Christ.—Reporter.

Oil City, Pennsylvania—From March 4 through 13 the Oil City church had one of the greatest revivals in recent years. The Holy Spirit fell on the services each evening as Rev. George P. Woodward brought his soul-stirring messages illustrated with chalk drawings. Over one hundred seekers found God at the altar of prayer and twelve new members were received into the church on the final Sunday morning. —Ardelle Price, Secretary.

Phoenix, Arizona—First Church moves on toward real progress and victory. A most wonderful and profitable revival came our way recently with Evangelist Earl Starnes and Song Evangelist Paul Qualls as workers. They were truly God's men for the hour. Brother Starnes brought marvelous, heart-searching messages that stirred and moved our people to a closer walk with the Lord. Brother Qualls thrilled our hearts with his beautiful baritone voice and messages in song. It was one of those revivals where from the first service you could feel God moving in our midst. Many sought and found real victory at the altar of prayer. Seventy people have been received into the membership of the church since the first of September. They say the attendance in the prayer meetings and Sunday services is the best in the history of the church. Every department is on the increase, and we are praising God for real victory. If you have friends or loved ones who have moved to this area, we would be happy to contact them.-Harold Daniels, Pastor.



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Douglas, Georgia-Sunday, March 20, we closed one of the best revivals our church has had. Rev. J. O. Fuller was at his best, and night after night God honored his message with people seeking God at an altar of prayer. Mrs. Wayne Kendall was in charge of the music and the church has never had better singing. Every department of the church was helped by the revival. The Sunday-school attendance record was broken for four consecutive Sundays. The last Sunday of the revival ninety were present. A class of seven members was received into the church, which gives a net increase of 20 per cent. The first unit of our new church building, which has both auditorium and Sunday-school rooms, is already well filled. For these blessings we praise God .-- R. E. Maner, Pastor.

Montrose, California-We recently had Bill and Marguerite Flygare for a week of special services in our church, which we feel was very beneficial to us. In addition to Bill's good preaching, we enjoyed their singing in duets and solos, and their music with electric guitar and piano with organo attachment. They taught us several attractive gospel choruses of Marguerite's own composition. Two things make the ministry of these young evangelists particularly valuable: their happy, radiant, optimistic Christian spirit at all times and their constant emphasis on the soul-winning theme. They have had special training in personal evangelism and are capable of teaching others from the Scriptures and from their own experiences in dealing with people. We feel they gave a much-needed service to our church.-L. C. Miller, Pastor.

Evangelist L. B. Mathews writes: "We have recently closed a Godgiven revival meeting at Fort Scott, Kansas, where Rev. J. D. Wadley is the pastor. God came on the scene, the attendance constantly increased, souls prayed through, new people were reached, and the church was edified. Forty-five seekers came, including a man sixty-seven years old who had never sought God before. A class of nine members came into the church. Mrs. Ruth Sanford was with us as music director and special singer. She was much used of God and added to the success of the meeting. Prior to this we were at St. Joseph, Missouri, Southside Church; Rev. Earl A. Vansickle, pastor. In spite of some ice and severe cold during a part of the time, God gave good crowds and a number of seekers praying through. At present we are in a meeting at Rockford, Illinois, First Church; Rev. W. W. Tink, pastor. Crowds are on the increase, some have already sought and found God, and the tide of spiritual victory is rising. We have a few scattered dates left in 1955, as we press the battle for God, His Church, and for souls. Write us, 2105 Natchez Trace, Nashville 12, Tennessee.'

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Marysville, California-In an eightday meeting conducted by Rev. E. E. Mieras and wife, we had 150 boys and girls in the afternoon meetings; more than one-third of them were not in Sunday school anywhere. In one afternoon meeting almost the entire group came forward to kneel around the front indicating they wanted Jesus to come into their hearts. The first Sunday of the meeting we had forty in Sunday school; the second we had sixty-six, and it was a bad day, with some of our regular members absent.-Eugene Wood, Pastor.

Evangelist Marvin L. Brown writes that he has an open date July 4 to 17. He would like to slate this time in western Kentucky or southern Illinois. He uses an address system for advertising meetings. Write him, 1309 N. Main St., Kewanee, Illinois.

Evangelist D. J. Snyder reports: "I have an open date, May 10 to 22, which I would like to fill in Kansas or Oklahoma. Can furnish special singing if needed. Write me, Carl Junction, Missouri c/o General Delivery."

Evangelist C. W. Brockmueller writes that he has an open date May 4 to 15. He will go anywhere God opens the door. Write him, c/o 1318 West Mountain Avenue, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Rev. Malcolm Counsil writes: "I have resigned as pastor of the church at Waterford, California, and plan to enter the evangelistic field after May 15. I have some open dates for the summer which I'd be glad to slate in the East or Midwest. Write me, P.O. Box 323, Waterford, California.

Evangelists Lawrence and Lavona Walker write: "We have been busy in the work of the Lord. At this writing we are in a meeting on the Akron District; we have an open date, May 25 to June 5. Write us, 223 Ray Avenue, N.W., New Philadelphia, Ohio."

Ashland, Kentucky-When we came to Summit last November we found a wonderful group of people who have a mind to work and a desire to see God's work progress. We recently closed our youth revival with Evan-gelistic Singers James and Evelyn Callihan. Their messages in song were inspiring and proved to be a great asset by creating a God-sensed atmosphere before my preaching. God met with us in a mighty way with seekers in every service except one. On Saturday night God came in an unusual way-no preaching and altar lined with seekers. Some were saved for their first time; backsliders were reclaimed; and believers were sanctified. The church also acknowledged their being helped in a great way. Our young people's society recently chose as their project the purchasing of a Hammond organ for our church, which has already proved its worth in our services. We had 150 in Sunday school on the closing Sunday of our revival. The church gave us a nice love offering on the closing night of the revival, which we deeply appreciated.-Duane Landreth, Pastor.

City, Oklahoma-The Oklahoma Crown Heights Church recently enjoyed a good revival meeting with Mrs. Maridel Harding and Mrs. Dell Aycock preaching and singing. This mother-daughter team ministered with grace and efficiency. The church was blessed, attendance was good, and many new friends were won during the meeting. Night after night the Spirit of God moved in our midst and the altar was lined with seekers praying through to definite victory. Mrs. Harding's plain preaching on practical holiness and her "Fourth Proposition" will long be remembered and appreciated by our people. Mrs. Aycock was at her best; her singing was a great blessing to us and her message to the N.Y.P.S. was a great inspiration to the young and old alike. These are good days for the Crown Heights Church with substantial increases in nearly every department for the twenty-second consecutive month.-Alvin Maule, Pastor.

Swanville, Minnesota-We are closing our third year at the Lake Beauty Church here. We have seen a good increase in our Sunday school and an increase in church attendance. We dedicated the church building last September 5, and it seemed to be the turning point for the church. We have been treated as kings and I now am serving on a two-year recall.— Mark H. Vandine, Pastor.

Rev. Thurman Oren writes: "I am a licensed minister on the Northeastern Indiana District, and am now working full time in the evangelistic field. I will be closing a meeting in Middletown, Indiana, on May 8; then have open dates through May and June. My slate is filling up for the fall and winter. Write me, Box 327, Parker, Indiana."

Canadian Nazarene College

The Board of Governors of Cana-dian Nazarene College, Red Deer, Alberta, conducted their annual business meeting the second week of March. The report of President Arnold E. Airhart revealed expenditures to an amount of over \$45,000.00 for building and improvements during the fiscal year. This included the building of the new King Memorial Chapel, dormitory renovation, class-room remodeling, and campus landscaping. In reporting the spiritual condition of the school, the president mentioned the one-week revival in November, conducted by the presi-dent on Sundays, and students in chapel and evening services through the week. This revival was unusually blessed of God. In the last month the new pastor of the recently organized College Church, Rev. E. Drell Allen, conducted a week of services which were climaxed with many spiritual victories.

Dean Bernard Seaman reported significant curriculum expansion and a high level of academic work both in the junior and senior college departments.

The librarian, Grace Kaechele, in her report spoke of the expansion of the library which doubles the room



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but is yet crowded with students during study hours. A record enrollment, due primarily to an increase of commercial students, was reported by the registrar, Leo Steininger, the total being 219.

President Airhart was unanimously re-elected president for a three-year term. The officers of the board also re-elected were Dr. Edward Lawlor, chairman; Dr. Oscar Reed, vice-chairman; Rev. Wm. Baptiste, secretary; and Mr. Elgin Hallman, treasurer. Plans for strengthening of the faculty and staff were approved by the board.

Also financial plans were laid out for the ensuing year, including a tour of all the churches of western Canada for capital funds.

Further authorized developments on the campus will make this college among the best for its size by way of physical equipment. The board voiced appreciation for the academic and spiritual progress which characterized the year which is past.

LEO D. STEININGER, Registrar

DEATHS

MRS. ESTHER A. NAUGEL, age eighty-seven, orea December 27, 1954, at the home of her son in Sedalia, Missouri. She was born in St. Charles, Illinois, May 11, 1868. She was united in mar-riage to Henry A. Naugel in 1902. To this union were born two sons, Loyal 0. of Des Moines, Iowa, and Harry S. of Sedalia. She had made her home with her son, Harry, since the death of her hus-band in 1944. She lived a very religious life, being a church member from early childhood. She MRS. ESTHER A. NAUGEL, age eighty-seven, died band in 1944. She lived a very religious life, being a church member from early childhood. She was a faithful reader of the "Herald of Holiness." Besides her two sons, she is survived by two sisters, two brothers, and five grandchildren. Funeral service was in charge of Rev. R. M. Lehew, Methodist district superintendent, with burial in Corydon, Iowa.

MRS. LUCY BELL HERREN, age seventy-seven, died December 20, 1954, in a hospital in Enid, Oklahoma, after a lingering illness. She and her husband joined the Church of the Nazarene in Mulvane, Kansas, and upon moving to Thomas, Oklahoma, transferred their membership to the Enid Church of the Nazarene. She became a charter member of the Garber Church of the Nazarene when it was organized as the result of conducting services in her yard, and later under a tent. They came to Garber in 1918, living there until the death of her husband in 1948. Since that time she had lived intermittently at Garber and with her chil-dren. Survivors include six daughters; Mrs. Lily Blurton and Mrs. Homer Steiger, of Kelso, Washing-ton; Mrs. Clarence Riggs, Odessa, Texas; Mrs. Harold Anthony, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Walter Wolfenbarger, Kelso, Washington, and Mrs. Robert Carter, Adair; also three sons; Earl of Wichita, Albert of Kelso, and George of Enid; three sisters and one brother. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. F. Leach, with burial in the Enid cemetery. cemetery.

MRS. LUCY E. DORSETT, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died December 24, 1954, at Nampa, Idaho. She was born January 11, 1882, in Bradley County, Tennessee; the family moved to western Kansas when she was five years old. She was united in marriage to Oliver C. Dorsett in 1907. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Luella House and Mrs. Dorothy James, both of Nampa. She was converted at an early age and joined the Church of the Nazarene when it was first organized in their community in Bethel, Kansas, in 1916. She was a faithful member of Central Church in Colorado Springs at the time of her death. Funeral service was conducted at the North Nampa Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Elton Green of Twin Falls First Church in charge.

FINIS D. ALBRO of Louisville, Kentucky, was born November 22, 1893, and died December 29, 1954. He joined the Church of the Nazarene In 1936, and was a member of Trinity Church, Louis-ville, at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Clara Raymer Albro; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Sanders; a son, Curtis Albro; two sisters; and five brothers. Interment was in the Union Church Cemetery near Caneyville, Kentucky.

MRS. ELSIE MC GAUGHEY, soul winner, woman of faith, and preacher of the gospel, died December 8, 1954, at the home of her daughter, near Wray, Colorado. She was born December 21, 1886, at Denver, Colo. Many were blessed and won to the Saviour through her falthful and effective ministry. Leaving home in 1905 to make her own way che Saviour through her falthful and effective ministry. Leaving home in 1905 to make her own way, she found the Lord in the home of a friend. In October of that year she was united in marriage to Charles M. McGaughey. They moved to Nebraska in 1910. Four children were born to this union. On Thanks-giving Day of 1920 she felt the Lord sent her out to carry the gospel. In 1921 she was left a widow with four children, but Jesus never failed her. Also, one son preceded her in death. She Is survived by two sons: Harold E. of Stratton, Nebraska; Roy Allen of Eckley. Colorado; and a daughter, Helen Myrtle two sons: narolu E. of Stratchi, vehacka, koy Alen of Eckley, Colorado; and a daughter, Helen Myrtle Hathaway of Wray, Colorado; also two brothers and one sister. Funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church, Wray, Colorado.

MRS. EMMA LOUISE SMITH was born in 1879 in Franklin, and died January 24, 1955, at her home in Fort Madison, Iowa. She was converted several years ago and joined the Church of the Nazarene in Fort Madison soon after her conversion. She was a loyal Christian and a good mother. In spite of her illness she attended the church services as long a che could. She is curvived by two daynch as long as she could. She is survived by two daugh-ters, Mrs. Glenn Slaugenbush and Dolores Smith. Funeral service was held at the Fort Madison church, with Rev. Oren Baker in charge.

MRS. LULA BRIDGES was born February 26, 1874, in Smith County, Texas, and died December 26, 1954, at her home in Cisco, Texas. Sister Bridges became a Christian early in life. She became a member of the Church of the Nazarene in the early days of the organization, and was a faithful and devoted member at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Henry Bridges, of Cisco; and six children by a former marriage: Oscar Barnhill of Cisco, Chester Barn-hill of Odessa, Cecil Barnhill of Texas City, Mrs. Carl Pence of Cisco, Mrs. Auther Yeager of Lub-bock, and Mrs. IIa Boatman of Corpus Christi, Texas. Funeral services were held at the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. D. M. Duke officiating, assisted by David Darnell of the Church of Christ. Burial was in Dakwood Cemetery. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

MRS. ALICE BARRETT, born March 16, 1881, in Nicholas County, West Virginia, died January 6 at her home in Handley, West Virginia, of a heart attack. She was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Handley, where she had lived since 1917. She was at the time of her death the church's oldest member. She had been a faithful member until confined by illness to her home several monthe ano Sumulua can the a faithful member until confined by illness to her home several months ago. Surviving are two daughters, Rev. Mrs. Eva Crist and Mrs. Mary Vance, both of Handley; one son, Jennings, also of Handley; four sisters and three brothers; and one grandchild. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John Hancock, pastor of the Handley church, assisted by Revs. Morgan Surratt and James Simoson. llne are tw Mary of Simpson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN-to Rev. and Mrs. F. Wm. Spindler of Ava, Missouri, twin daughters, Patricia Anne and Palama Ruth, on April 5.

to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Miracle of Greenfield, Indiana, a daughter, Marla Janine, on April 2.

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RECOMMENDATION-Rev. Wesley F. Crist has served acceptably as a pastor on our district for four years. During this time he has seen good gains in years. During this time he has seen good gains in his pastoral work as well as sponsoring two home-mission churches, which are both thriving and going. Brother Crist is leaving his pastorate at Klamath Falls as of district assembly time in May and will be available for revival meetings following that time. He presents the gospel in preaching, chalk artist productions, singing, and color photography. He has had ten years' evangelistic experience and will hold you a good meeting. I am glad to recommend him most heartily. Address him, 620 Martin, Klamath Falls, Oregon.--W. D. McGraw, Jr., Superintendent of Oregon Pacific District.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a "Herald reader in Pennsylvania for "two Christian families who won't join any church; also a silent request"; by a "Herald" reader for "a minister who is falling into sin--also pray for his wife and children'



T/Sgt Bill Young writes:

"I am a member of the First Church in San Bernardino, California; Clyde Rhone is my pastor. I am far away in the wonderful place called France. Oh, yes, it is very wonderful now! It is knee-deep in mud, and it rains or snows five days a week. But I have an advantage on the other men because I have a Nazarene chaplain that I can go and pray with any time I want. That is why I am writing you to tell you the wonderful work he is doing. His name is Captain John Lowell George. The place in which we attend chapel is in a long building that was built for a barracks. On the bottom floor under the chapel is the movie, which operates when the service is on. Then across the hall is the dispensary, and on the same floor in the next room is the Airmens' Bar. Sometimes there is not heat, but always lots of mud or dust. He holds good services and I must say he is putting his all into it. He has started a fellowship group and is also forming a choir. A good, Christian chaplain has a lot to worry about and a hard road to travel when in the service. I think he should be given lots of credit from the church.

Chaplain Verl L. Churchill writes:

"This has been a month of getting back on the job again. I have had to move my office twice and am at present serving the religious needs of two attached units: the 531st AAA Bn. and the Rushmore Air Force Station. I like my work and appreciate the chaplaincy as an avenue of service for my Lord. Our Nazarene fellowship is growing, for we now have fourteen Nazarene servicemen here. God is blessing the new church, and all of us are encouraged and grateful for the Lord's guidance and blessing upon us. Our nine-thirty service is growing in attendance. Fortunately Chaplain Barnett (Wesleyan Methodist) and I are working together in this service."

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District Assembly Information

ALASKA—Assembly, May 4 and 5, at Church of the Nazarene, 1220 "E" Street, Anchorage, Alaska. Entertaining pastor: Rev. M. R. Korody, 1905 East-way. Rogers Park, Anchorage, Alaska. Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

SEMINARY HONOR ROLL

Two more districts have paid or overpaid their allotment for the Seminary Building Fund and are placed on the Seminary Honor Roll. They are

Northwest District, Dr. E. Ε. Zachary

Washington-Philadelphia District, Dr. E. E. Grosse

The other districts, with the names of their superintendents, which were on the Honor Roll are:

Abilene, Rev. Orville W. Jenkins Akron, Rev. C. D. Taylor

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Wisconsin, Dr. Chas. A. Gibson

Several other districts are within 10 per cent of being paid up. Others are about in the same ratio as in the last report. The Seminary is in need of this money, as there are some outstanding obligations on construction work which must be paid soon.

LEWIS T. CORLETT President

SAN ANTONIO—Assembly, May 4 and 5, at San Antonio First Church of the Nazarene, 1418 W. Woodlawn, San Antonio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. R. W. Kornegay, 1737 Mistletoe. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. W. H. Davis, 434 Furr Drive, San Antonio.) Dr. Hugh C. Benner presiding.

AKRON—Assembly, May 4 to 6, at the Christian Church, Cleveland Avenue (Route 8) and Fourth Street, S.W., Canton, Ohio. Entertaining pastor: Rev. D. D. Palmer, 1301 N.W. Tenth Street. (Send mail and items relating to the assembly % Rev. D. D. Palmer, P.O. Box 125, Canton.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

ALBANY—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at Niagara Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 91st at Read, Niagara Falls, N.Y. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Paul S. Gilmore, 1013 91st Street, Niagara Falls, N.Y. S. Gilmore, 1013 91st Street, Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.

WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 11 and WASHINGTON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 11 and 12, at First Church of the Nazarene, 4401 N.E. Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Roy J. Yeider, 8010 N.E. 23rd Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. Arthur B. Cook, 7024 N.E. 36th Avenue, Seattle.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

ABILENE—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at First Methodist Church, 222 West 7th, Plainview, Texas. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Harold McClain, 507 Raleigh St., Plainview. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % this address.) Dr. H. C. Benner presiding.

IDAHO-OREGON—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at College Church of the Nazarene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Eugene Stowe, 411 ly Street. (Send mail and litems relat-ing to the assembly % College Church of the Naza-

rene, 504 Dewey Avenue, Nampa.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA—Assembly, May 11 to 13, at "Beulah Park" campground, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, California (two miles east of Santa Cruz on the Los Gatos Hi-way, No. 17). Entertaining pastor, Rev. J. Paul Alex-ander, 4210 Gladys Ave., Santa Cruz. (Send mall and items relating to the assembly % C. W. Morrill, 100 Beulah Park Drive, Route 4, Santa Cruz, Cali-fornia.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

NORTHWEST—Assembly, May 18 and 19, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 121 East "B" St., Yakima, Washington. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. Paul Downey, 804 South 16th Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Rev. J. Paul Downey, 121 East "B" St., Yakima.) Dr. Samuel Young presiding. Assembly, May 18 and 19, at the Mazarene, 121 East "B" St.,

OREGON PACIFIC—Assembly, May 18 to 20, at First Church of the Nazarene, Center at 13th, Salem, Oregon. Entertaining pastor: Rev. Wm. F. Clay, 1504 Jefferson Avenue. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % this address.) Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

ARIZONA—Assembly, May 19 and 20, at First Church of the Nazarene, 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson, Arizona. Entertaining pastor: Rev. J. Erben Moore, Jr., 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % Church of the Nazarene, 119 N. Highland Ave., Tucson.) Dr. G. B. Williamson presiding.

WASHINGTON-PHILADELPHIA-Assembly, Mav All a Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Centre Avenue and Fourth Street, Reading, Pennsylvania. Entertaining pastor: Rev. G. Thomas Spiker, 1209 N. Fifth St., Reading. (Send mail and other items relating to the assembly % this address.) Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding.