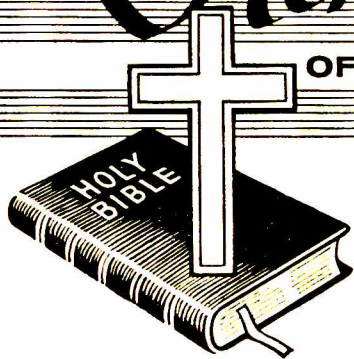


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God was moving a nation from Egypt to Canaan across a parched desert land. Under the merciless heat of a blazing sun, amidst choking clouds of dust, the people were starving for water. Suddenly, miraculously, water was there in their midst. **SO THEY DRANK.** Why, of course, they did. What a perfectly simple, sensible, and satisfying thing to do! There was much that was mysterious about that water in the desert. But this did not deter them from enjoying its benefits. They drank and were satisfied.

This Old Testament incident was written for our spiritual in-

THEY DRANK!

General Superintendent Powers

Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

I Corinthians 10:1-6

struction. The rock was a type of Christ, from whom our spiritual needs are met. There is much about His great scheme of salvation which is difficult to understand, and many have stumbled at these difficulties. Like Nicodemus, the timid intellectual of another day, they continually say, "How can these things be?" while they perish from spiritual thirst. Better is the childlike simplicity of faith and obedience that recognizes the desperate need and accepts the provided remedy than the sinful sophistication of unbelief that makes the "head" rather than the "heart" the final and only test, and condemns the soul to starve with its needs unmet. Do you have a thirsty soul? Christ is the Water of Life. Trust and obey Him now. Salvation is that simple.

I had preached on holiness. At the invitation several knelt at the altar, among them a fine, intelligent minister of another denomination. When I knelt by his side and inquired if I could be of service to him, he told me he was burdened to be sanctified. Said he, "I do not understand the theology of what you have preached tonight, but I do understand the deep need of my own heart and life. And if the Bible does not teach what you have preached, it should, for I need it so desperately."

The gospel invitation to all such thirsty souls is, "Drink. Drink until your thirsty, sin-parched soul is satisfied. Drink until every needed grace is supplied and every longing satisfied." Though millions their thirst are now slaking, and millions may still come partaking, the wonderful stream of salvation will NEVER run dry.

LATE NEWS

Telegrams

Calgary, Alberta, Canada—Willard Taylor of Chicago unanimously elected president of Canadian Nazarene College, succeeding Dr. Arnold Ayrhart, who will on July 1 complete five very successful years as president of that institution. We ask the prayers of our people everywhere for the continued blessings of God upon our college and her new president.—Edward Lawlor, Chairman, Board of Governors.

Fairbanks, Alaska—Seventh annual Alaska District Assembly and indoor camp meeting held at Fairbanks First Church, May 5 to 12. Our beloved district superintendent, Rev. Bert Daniels, unanimously elected for one- and three-year terms. Given for General Budget, \$10,571; total giving was \$112,255. Sunday school enrollment stands at 1,181; Sunday school average weekly attendance is 709; church membership is 364, an increase of 31. Per capita giving is \$398.39. Dr. G. B. Williamson, Dr. John E. Riley, and Rev. Harold L. Volk at their best in preaching. All Alaska Nazarenes marching forward under banner of holiness.—Charles C. Powers, Reporter.

Phoenix, Arizona—The thirty-sixth annual assembly of the Arizona District opened at 9:00 a.m., May 15, in East Side Church with Dr. Samuel Young presiding. Our hearts have been deeply moved to a greater love and appreciation for Dr. Young and the wonderful leadership he gives to our beloved church. The assembly has been marked with one high point after another. It was a great moment for all of us when Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Mann, our beloved district superintendent and wife, were re-elected for the fourteenth time as leaders of our district; he received 153 votes out of 155. The assembly showed their love and appreciation once again by giving Brother Mann an almost unanimous three-year recall. Dr. Young presented the Golden Anniversary issue of the "Herald of Holiness" to the assembly, and the churches enthusiastically subscribed for 31,500 copies. We in Arizona are looking forward to the greatest year in every year in the Golden Anniversary year.—R. A. Noakes, Reporter.

Santa Cruz, California—Fifty-second annual assembly of the Northern California District just closed (May 17), with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding on this his home district. Dr. George Coulter's report showed the following statistics for the year: Sun-

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day school enrollment 23,749; Sunday school average attendance 15,448; church membership 11,308, a net increase of 388; 884 members received on profession of faith; giving for all purposes \$1,577,222, an increase of \$98,273 over last year; General Budget giving \$115,684, an increase of \$12,178, making Northern California a 9.4 per cent district. The unity that prevails in Northern California was reflected in the vote for district superintendent; out of 403 votes cast, Dr. Coulter received 401. He was then extended a three-year recall with only

4 negative votes. Eight young men ordained to the ministry—John Bullock, Ernest H. Clayton, Monty M. Davis, M. Dean Hellinga, Melvin B. Rayborn, Bertus A. Rhodes, Melvin R. Wright, and John Sherwood. In observance of the denomination's Golden Anniversary celebration, these goals were enthusiastically accepted for the coming year: 12 new churches; 2,000 new members on profession of faith, and a net gain of 1,000; \$40,000 for missions; 5,000 gain in Sunday school, and 40,000 witnesses for Christ during the week of October 5 to 12. Northern California moves forward with vision and determination.—Rob L. Staples, Reporter.

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania—Washington-Philadelphia District paused to look at glorious past as it celebrated fiftieth anniversary. District looks forward to greater victories as an overwhelming majority of assembly voted to divide: E. E. Grosse elected superintendent of Washington District, and William C. Allshouse elected superintendent of Philadelphia District. Good gains made in all departments as highest amount ever raised for all purposes reported. Good spirit of unity in assembly under general excellent leadership of presiding general superintendent, Dr. Hugh C. Benner.—Neil Hightower, Reporter.

Pasadena, California—Organized Littlerock Church with twenty-eight adult charter members; Palmdale church co-operating; Rev. John Ramsay, pastor.—W. Shelburne Brown, Superintendent of Los Angeles District.

After nearly three years pastoring First Church in Tyler, Texas, Rev. E. Roy Darden has resigned to accept a unanimous call to pastor First Church in Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Pastor Oscar F. Reed sends word from Alhambra, California: "Far-reaching and penetrating revival came to our church under the ministry of Evangelist Louis McMahon. We are convinced that prayer, fasting, and genuine concern brought a real renovation to our fellowship."

Rev. Robert A. Moran sends word from the church in Kahului, Maui: "We are happy to report an average attendance of eighty-seven in a four-day pre-Mother's Day rally at our church in the Territory of Hawaii. We thank God for the increase."

NEWS FLASH

1958 Golden Anniversary Special Issue of the "Herald of Holiness" orders for the first five district assemblies have increased 154 per cent over last year.

Why Be a Nazarene?

I. The Privilege of Christian Fellowship

By James McGraw

Professor, Nazarene Theological Seminary

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18).

Bud Robinson stood in the midst of a group of his fellow Nazarene ministers one day as they discussed the other denominations with their similarities as compared with our own church. Some suggested if they were not Nazarenes they might be members of a certain other church, as second choice. Others would choose yet another if they could not be Nazarenes. Finally one asked Bud Robinson, who had not yet said a word on the subject, "What would you be, Uncle Bud, if you were not a Nazarene?" His reply to the question was the classic remark: "Well, Sir, if I were not a Nazarene I'd be—ashamed of myself!"

In this delightful anecdote is shown one of the many examples of the keen wit of this man known to multiplied thousands as "Uncle Buddy," but it shows something even more significant. It shows the strong sense of church loyalty which existed in the hearts of these great men who pioneered in the founding of the Church of the Nazarene. Robinson, Bresee, Reynolds, Goodwin, Williams, Chapman, Nease, Miller—call the entire roll with names like Jernigan, Hoople, Cornell, and Cagle, and you will feel as you read their sermons and their biographies that they loved Christ and they loved the church!

Our great leaders, from Dr. Bresee to Dr. Benner, have been men of loyalty and devotion. Our leaders of the future must be consumed with the same spirit, and that sense of appreciation for our cause must characterize our people. We believe in our church. Here are some reasons we are glad to be a part of the Church of the Nazarene.

It offers us the privilege of Christian fellowship. Our church is made up, of course, of people. Just what kind of people are these folk called Nazarenes?

For one thing, *they are few but their number is growing.* A backward glance reminds us that forty-eight years ago there were only 228 churches in

our denomination, and there were 4,435 in 1956. Only 599 ministers, licensed and ordained, were on our rolls in 1908, but their number was 7,361 by 1956. Ten thousand, four hundred, and fourteen church members in 1908 had grown to the robust number of 287,866 by 1956! And from the modest number of 6,756 Sunday school enrollees in 1908 our number has increased almost a hundredfold—611,319 in 1956. Somebody has been doing some work.

They are poor, but they give liberally. It is common knowledge that there are very few wealthy people among us, and our numbers are composed largely of the working class, the laborers, the white-collar men, and some professional people of modest economical status. But our giving for all purposes has grown from a total of \$141,000 in 1908 to \$37,500,000 in 1956! In per capita giving, that means \$129.94, the amount averaged for every man, woman, boy, and girl who is a member—the active and inactive, the faithful and the spasmodic, the tithers and the non-tithers, the saintly and the—well, those not quite so saintly—they gave an average equal to that figure per person. Compared with fifty-six other denominations who reported, we rank seventh. Forty-nine of the fifty-six were not able to equal us. Four of the top seven are holiness churches. One of the top seven *requires* its members to tithe—they have no choice. It is the only one in the top seven with a membership comparable in size with ours. The other five are smaller, some as few as 5,000 members, and likely to show a better per capita figure than a larger church.

They put their faith into action. Cicero once said, "The test of any virtue is in the practice of it," and the people called Nazarenes believe in *practicing* their religion. They now have a total of 347 missionaries pouring out their lives in the task of presenting the Good News to those who have never heard it on 33 mission districts. Just last year they voted to enter 4 more fields, and 2 of them are now being probed with the first beachheads by the Knoxes in New Guinea and the Millers in Formosa. Those without Christ in central Africa

Quote

"Many Christians seem to think that they have no responsibility towards church work. They feel that the pastor has been 'hired' to do the work. Nothing could be farther from the truth."
—W. J. Werning, in "Investing Your Life."

can be on the lookout, if they wish, for we are coming there soon. And the natives in Okinawa will soon hear the voices of Nazarenes singing, praying, and preaching holiness of heart and life.

While the Nazarenes have always been keenly interested in foreign missions, they are just as zealous in their interest here at home. New additions in the suburbs of our cities are catching the eyes of our wide-awake district superintendents. Again and again our laymen respond with their

cash and pledges to raise the money that it takes to organize new churches, support the pastors until the churches grow strong enough to assume the responsibility, and pay for the price of lots upon which to erect chapels where our churches can proclaim the full gospel that there is power in the blood of Jesus to forgive our sins and cleanse our hearts! During the past four years we averaged the organization of another new Church of the Nazarene every other day!

What kind of people are these Nazarenes? Take it from one who grew up in a Nazarene parsonage, a son of one of that number that joined in the "Hallelujah March" in Pilot Point in 1908, these are some of the choice people such as Jesus addressed when He said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." These are people such as believe God means it when He promises, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Revelation 3:8).

These Nazarenes have given me the privilege of Christian fellowship with them, and I am glad to be counted as one of their number.

Our Great Doxology and Its Author

By H. H. SMITH, Sr.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

It may well be called our great doxology, for, as a hymnologist says, "This is *the Doxology* of the Christian Church in all parts of the world where the English language is spoken. . . . It is doubtful if any stanza of religious poetry ever written has been so often, so universally, and so heartily sung in the worship of the Triune God as this."

Of the thousands who sing it, perhaps only a few know anything of its origin or authorship. For the benefit of those who would like to learn something of the history of this great doxology, here are a few facts gathered from various sources.

It was written by Thomas Ken, a bishop of the Church of England, born at Berkampstead, England, in 1637. It forms the closing stanza of each of his three famous hymns: *Morning, Evening, and Midnight* hymns. Bishop Ken is referred to as "one of the gentlest, truest, and grandest men of his age." He was appointed chaplain to Charles II in 1680. In this capacity "he fearlessly did his duty as one accountable to God alone, and not to any man." He reproved the "merry monarch" for

his vices in the plainest and most direct manner. "I must go and hear Ken tell me my faults," the king used to say, good humoredly."

Macaulay says: "Before he became bishop, he had maintained the honor of his gown by refusing, when the Court was at Winchester, to let Nell Gwynn, the king's mistress, lodge at the house which he occupied as prebendary. The king had sense enough to respect so manly a spirit. Of all the prelates, he liked Ken the best."

Bishop Ken retained the confidence of the king to the last, and was his faithful adviser on his deathbed. He also attended the Duke of Monmouth at his execution.

In 1688, with six other bishops, he was imprisoned in the Tower of London for refusing to publish the "Declaration of Indulgence" issued by James II. After three weeks' imprisonment, he was brought to trial and acquitted.

Macaulay seems to have been deeply impressed with the noble Christian character of Bishop Ken, and paid him this high tribute: "The moral character of Ken, when impartially reviewed, sustains a comparison with any in ecclesiastical history, and seems to approach, as near as any human infirmity permits, to the ideal of Christian perfection."

The Nearness of God

By KATHERINE BEVIS

As we sing that old hymn that has blessed the world down through the years, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," do we ever think about how *really near* God is to us? As we think of the words of Tennyson, "Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet," we are made to realize that our God is *near*.

Yet someone asks, "How close is near?" To this question one famous man has answered, "Our God is never so far off as even to be near."

Such an answer may seem startling at first. Can "near" be "far off"? Yet this is true! So long as there is distance between cup and lip, thirst is not satisfied; a hair's breadth between paper and pen, and the contract is not signed.

Jesus tried to teach us the meaning of the nearness of God when He said, "The kingdom of God is within you." He was telling us that God is not merely *near*, He is *here*. He did not tell us to have faith *about* God, but to "have faith *in* God."

There is a book, just a little book of forty-four pages, written by an unlettered layman living in a French monastery in the seventeenth century. It is called *The Practice of the Presence of God*. The words written by this man, known as Brother Lawrence, will thrill you as you read them. He was

a simple man who lived simply. One winter day he saw a tree bare of leaves and thought of how in the spring it would put out its leaves again, and he caught such a vision of the goodness of God—of His complete nearness in that the Spirit lived in his heart and soul—that his entire life was changed.

From the first moment of that vision, this man wanted nothing on earth but to please this loving God, his soul's Companion. Untroubled now, he ceased to think about terms of theology, about ceremonies, even about the rules of his superiors and associates in the Carmelite Monastery, where he lived. He talked to God quietly, he listened to God, until this became as much a habit as his breathing. His peace and joy were so complete and perfect that they surpassed the understanding of his human companions, and at times his own.

As we read his little book we are made to feel that it is possible for us, too, to be lifted to a new level in living; a new plane on which life is free from all fear, secure from pain and sorrow. A life overflowing with happiness—ours for the taking; for at any moment, in the midst of any occupation, the soul that wants to know the "nearness of God" can know it. It requires neither talent nor training, only that we know that "His likeness" and "man's likeness" make them one "in earth, as it is in heaven."

God is not *near*; He is *here!* His life, love, wisdom, and power flow into and through us every moment. Then shall we say with the Psalmist: "In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul" (Psalms 94:19).

Praise and thanksgiving occupied a prominent place in the spiritual life of the author of the great doxology. For many years before he died he headed all his letters with the words: "All glory be to God," and these are said to have been the last words he ever uttered.

A hymnologist says, "The composer of the tune, 'Old Hundredth,' which is so invariably associated with the doxology, was Wilhelm Franc, a German, whose work may have been revised by no less a hand than that of Martin Luther."

As to the doxology itself, one only need be reminded that every clause of it is based upon important scriptural truth admirably expressed. The Triune God is the source of every blessing; then

let all creatures here below unite with the heavenly host in praising Him.

The Methodist Hymnal Annotated gives this interesting note: "The author was accustomed to remark that it would enhance his joy in heaven if when he reached that happy place he might be permitted to hear his songs sung by the faithful on earth:

*"And should the well-meant song I leave behind,
With Jesus' lovers some acceptance find,
'Twill heighten e'en the joys of heaven to know
That in my verse, saints sing God's praise below.*

"If saints in heaven can hear the songs of earth, surely then the good Bishop's joy is very great."

The gospel of Jesus Christ has been preserved and passed on to this our generation because from its beginning the best of men have been willing to give their best and by sacrifice of life,

effort, and resources, have given us a great heritage. Let us, in the same spirit, give so that generations still unborn might receive this great gospel.
—Noel Whitis.

Participation Pays

By R. J. Lush

No one disagrees with this statement. We all strive to prove it. Why even discuss it? What pastor and assistant aren't working toward this goal? What church isn't working for more people? Our main objective in Sunday school and church is an increase in people, thereby increasing the number who find salvation.

Notwithstanding, there is a prevalent thought today that could be harmful in the church music program. Consider this statement: "Participation versus perfection." This creates the question, Which is more important and more beneficial to a church?

Perfection contends that the best musicians do all the work in limited choirs and exclusive cliques. Formal tendencies and ritual seem to show forth in this school of thought. This prevails in some places and excludes the majority from activities. Growing youth must be extremely talented to step into the program that is presented, thus eliminating the average young person. New friends are set aside to fend for themselves without an opportunity to use their talents. Musical training is the end rather than the means. This objective hinders our general goal of winning souls, for it closes the open door of service for our youth, who need these opportunities to develop their personalities.

This high standard of perfection is ideal and wonderful for those that participate, but what of those that it neglects? It would be a delight to serve a church this way, but the main goal is lost when we exclude the majority.

What a pleasure it would be to work only with those who read music, only those who are old enough, only those who can handle new arrangements, and only those who are vitally interested! To be free of such common problems as vocal and instrumental membership and discipline would be fine; however, we must not advocate a high standard of perfection in music at the expense of the souls and the spirituality of the church.

Participation pays in enough ways to outweigh the idea of perfection. The music groups, orchestras, and choirs are a tremendous channel for soul saving and church membership. It is the open door for members of the church to invite a friend to join the activity. The spirit of fellowship will

increase as well as the spirit of the service. Parents want their children in a program that uses their talents. Young couples (the hope of the church) are constantly searching for this place of expression and they will find it someplace. Why not in your church?

Let all—old and young—take part in some service that will fit their ability. Growth and grace will be the fruits of the individual who is active in the work. The more voices, the more volume; the more volume, the more enthusiasm; the more enthusiasm, the more spirit; the more spirit, the more unity; the more unity, the more quality; the more quality, the more perfection; the more perfection, the more blessing; the more blessing, the better the church.

It is a known fact to an evangelist that an audience that participates in the first part of the ser-

Thumbnail Sketches

A Scientist in a Home Mission Church

ROBERT E. WILFONG, PH.D., *Technical Superintendent of the Du Pont Dacron Plant, Kinston, North Carolina*

One cold, snowy day in Spokane, Washington, I hurried into the public library and found a huge book: *American Men of Science* (The Science Press, R. R. Bowker, publisher; edited by Jacques Cattell). On page 2098, I found some very interesting information:

Dr. Robert Edward Wilfong, born January 3, 1920 (wonder if he looks young too!); gained his bachelor of science degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1941; earned his master of science at the same university in 1942; completed his Ph.D. in physical chemistry in 1944. Then began his climb in the Du Pont chemical organization: research chemist, 1944-48; research supervisor 1948-51; technical superintendent at the Du Pont Dacron Plant in Kinston, N.C., since 1953.

His achievements were listed: worked as a civilian with the Office of Scientific Research and Development; did important work with infrared spectroscopy, modified rocket propellant, and was among the developers of orlon, nylon, and dacron.

Now add this. Hear the words of Dr. Lloyd Byron, superintendent of the North Carolina District: "Dr. Robert E. Wilfong is a charter member of our home mission church at Kinston, N.C., where he is treasurer, Sunday school teacher, and important church officer. He is a faithful tither, dependable member, and genuine Christian. I endorse him. I believe in him."

—Evangelist Paul Martin

vice will participate in the last. Why not the best form of perfection that participation can afford? Let me repeat, "Why not the best form of *perfection that participation can afford?*"

Participation in anything brings greatest interest, interest gathers crowds, children gather children, youth gather youth, parents gather parents, and support will be forthcoming where the children are used. It is more important to have many with less ability serving Christ than a few with great ability.

It is true that we must reckon with public appreciation. Appreciation comes from doing; an idle audience cannot enjoy to the full when they merely listen. Perfectionism eliminates audience participation, which will minimize appreciation. Music becomes stilted and formal when the audience is omitted in the activities.

Let us give our music fervor and simplicity, realizing that the genius of our church music program is not form and perfection, but rather warmth and spirit with dignity.

When God Forgives

By H. M. von Stein

A man's feelings are too closely identified with his digestion to be a reliable barometer of his spiritual condition in relationship with God. But it is just as true that our feelings can no more be separated from our spiritual well-being than you can separate flesh from blood and live. If you are alive you feel it. If you are dead you don't.

It is an exhilarating experience to watch the sheep come in at evening, down over the mountain from a day's wandering over the wild upland pastures. They come pouring out of the shadowy timber like fat white ants, down the steep mountain trail as though something was after them. The lambs are buck-jumping, sunfishing, and otherwise threatening to disjoint themselves, the ewes humping along at a gallop pell-mell, with a jangle of bells and the rattle of tiny hooves. How they keep from breaking their necks is a mystery.

With us there is always a shade of anxiety—of apprehension. Will they all come in? Sometimes they don't. Sometimes we count the lambs over and over, trying to make twelve out of eleven, and finally give up. The wild coyotes are also feeding their young now, and spring lamb is an excellent tonic and so good for their puppy teeth.

But the lambs do not dwell upon the "shadow of death" under which they pasture. A lamb is pure joy. Life is one blissful succession of happy events and he sees no reason for suppressing his delight. He is not concerned that someone might look around if he says, "Amen! Glory to God!"

We look upon this exuberance with a tolerant smile and call it "animal spirits." We wish we could really feel that good in all innocence.

Once in a while we do, and more seldom still we take time to thank God and sing a song because we feel like it and not because the song leader tells us to. More often than not when we feel a spell of lightheartedness coming on we think at

once of the "pressures of life" and heave a sigh instead of a song.

I would not like to be like a lamb. A lamb has only five senses to feel good in. He has no conscience. There are many people all around like that. They are spiritually dead and the only thing their consciences can do for them is make them feel bad.

Since I am a Christian, in all the grace I know how to come by, I think I ought to be better off than a lamb of the pasture.

Studying the Sunday school lesson last night I read in Jesus' prophecy of the Judgment that God did not say to the sheep on His right hand, "Enter thou into the knowledge, the power, or the glory," but, "Enter thou into the *joy* of thy lord."

I do not believe such holy joy as this is to be compared to the pleasurable ecstasy of a healthy lamb. But God has given the lamb the joy he has and the way of expressing it. You see a lamb moping along, back humped and head down, and you are seeing a sick lamb. He will probably die soon. *But if he doesn't, he stops growing immediately and never does catch up again.*

There is a joy belonging to sanctified Christian people and it is usually conspicuous for lack of expression (if anything could be). If we do not have a joy we need it, and it is identified with, though not dependent upon, our physical feelings. If we do not exercise it I believe our spiritual growth is hindered as much as the sick lamb is stunted when it no longer feels like playing.

Now just the eternal fact that, according to God's own Word, when He forgave my sins He forgot about them is enough to make me join the lambs dancing in the meadow in the warm sun of His righteousness!

No less a dignitary than David did it!

Who Says Home Mission Churches Don't Pay!

By GEORGE ALCORN, Layman, Springfield, Vermont

Eleven charter members stepped out on June 21, 1953, to form the Claremont, New Hampshire, Church of the Nazarene. Their action was a step of faith, for the immediate prospects were not bright. Their services were held in the V.F.W. hall. It was dirty and cold and had to be cleaned of cigarette butts and beer cans from Saturday night parties before each Sunday afternoon service.

This arrangement was far from satisfactory and the congregation began to look for property of its own. A six-room house and carriage barn were purchased on a two-acre lot in a good location in this town of about 12,000 population. The house served as parsonage and meetinghouse until the

carriage barn was remodeled into a modern chapel. It was a congregation grateful to God and strong in faith for the future that witnessed the dedication of this chapel in March, 1954. Since that time much-needed Sunday school rooms have been added in the basement.

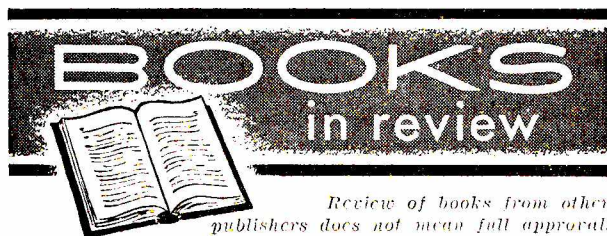
The Lord has abundantly blessed this little work and the fire of the gospel is spreading. Edward Boggis, a former wrestler and identification officer of the Vermont State Prison, together with his wife, were saved in the parsonage one prayer meeting night and are now in the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene.

Peter Gunas, a "babe in Christ" of two weeks when he first came to the chapel, has inspired young people across the country to lives of deeper devotion and has awakened them to action by the stirring testimony of his conversion from a lost soul to the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Upon graduation from Dartmouth he has entered our Seminary in Kansas City in preparation for Christian service.

Chic Shaver, another Dartmouth student, was saved in our little chapel and a short time later sought and received the blessing of sanctifying grace and is really living it in that worldly environment. God is calling him to preach and he also plans to attend our Seminary in September. The Lord is using him in blessing other young men in that college who have gotten help in our little chapel; this is in spite of the fact they must drive twenty-six miles to attend church in Claremont. Pray that a building for worship may be secured and that a work may be started in Hanover, New Hampshire, at Dartmouth.

Clyde Cossingham, a local businessman, found salvation and has closed his place of business on the Lord's day, and, together with his good wife and family of three young boys, has been honoring God with his tithes and devotion. This young couple have been an unusual blessing to us in the little chapel.

Many other persons have attended, of whom a few are Vasco Fernandez, of India; Kito Tatsuzo San, a young Buddhist from Tokyo who obtained a peace he had never before experienced (this was



Review of books from other publishers does not mean full approval.

THIS HOLY ESTATE

By JOHN E. RILEY

(Beacon Hill Press, \$1.25)

The subtitle of this book, "Guidance in Christian Homemaking," gives the clue to this very attractive, practical, and interesting book. Dr. Riley is the president of Northwest Nazarene College and has had a very successful career in dealing with young people, both in the pastorate and on a college campus, and speaks with authority regarding the problems of young homemakers.

This book deals with a wide variety of issues, but all of them are pertinent to the Christian home: the problems of marriage, finance, the coming of children, the family altar, saving our children, the relationship of the home to its environment. Every chapter will be found full of well-written and helpful information.

The author is hard-hitting. He does not compromise convictions or truth. His pen carries with it a warmth and a literary touch that will make you want to read the book all the way through.

This is beamed toward young married couples with their own particular world of blessing and battle.

—NORMAN R. OKF, Book Editor

This book may be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House, 2923 Troost Avenue, Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. . . . Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh (Jas. 5:7-8).

the first Christian service he had ever attended); Mayor Phillips of Claremont; Marjorie Chapman, a teen-ager who was saved and is now in her second year at Eastern Nazarene College; and Don Hall, brother to our new missionaries to Nyasaland (he received his call to preach while attending Dartmouth). The influence of the work has spread to Vermont State Prison, where a number of outstanding conversions have taken place.

The latest victory for Christ is fresh in our minds as this is written. Last Sunday a young Dartmouth student was saved from Mormonism.

Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Ferrioli, converts from Roman Catholicism, have been a great blessing and their lives of selfless devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, have constantly encouraged and inspired hearts to seek Him. Mr. Ferrioli conducts a Bible class at the prison every Saturday.

The present valuation of the church property is approximately \$17,000 with a total indebtedness of \$5,700.

Who says home missions don't pay!

Sometimes the Lord says,

"DO IT YOURSELF"

By Lois Kendall Blanchard

From one week end to the next my husband was away in Seminary. With three boys to care for, an eight-room parsonage to maintain, and all the extra duties that fall to a pastor's wife, I did not always find it easy to keep ahead of the work.

Our oldest boy sensed the pressure that was occasioned by his father's absence, so he added a special petition to his evening prayer, "Lord, help Mother to get her work done tomorrow."

His younger brother put a stop to the oft-repeated plea by remarking, "If you think Mother needs help with her work, why don't *you* help her?"

The child gave evidence of an insight that many adults lack. How often we have asked the Lord to do something that is really our personal responsibility!

A friend is ill or in serious trouble. We pray, "Lord, strengthen and sustain her," and arise from our knees convinced that we have discharged our obligation. If we should listen, we might hear the Lord say, "Do it yourself." There are ways *we* might strengthen—a visit, an encouraging letter, financial help, relieving her of some household care.

"But," you object, "these are only *temporal* helps. The help she really needs is spiritual." But



NINE YEARS OF PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. The Ralph Duckwall family (l. to r.: R. J., Donald, Mrs. Duckwall, and Mr. Duckwall), of Stillwater, Oklahoma, First Church. Their activities in the local church include membership on the church board and church school board, choir membership, and teaching a Sunday school class.

our Lord thought these matters so important that He used them as the criteria in His prophetic illustration of the dividing of the sheep from the goats, "I was sick, and ye visited me."

Revival seasons bring their quota of this sort of prayers. We *do* want to reach the unsaved. So we pray earnestly, "Lord, send them in." The hard fact is that they are not usually *sent* in; they are *brought* in. The Lord's answer to this prayer is, "Do it yourself. Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in."

The let-the-Lord-do-it attitude reaches its peak in our table graces. Often we hear this blessing pronounced over an abundant meal, "Lord, we thank Thee for Thy many blessings. Help those who are not so fortunate as we are." I always wonder just *how* we expect the Lord to answer this prayer unless *we* are willing to reach into our pockets and our pantries. I can hear Him say: "Do it yourself. 'Freely ye have received; freely give.'"

We earnestly assent to the lines, "Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today." But in our praying we often forget this important fact and leave to God's hands the task He would delegate to ours. The truth is that many of my prayers will not be answered unless *I* answer them.

Some sobering words for—

People Who Have Everything

By MRS. J. C. WALLACE, *Huntington, West Virginia*

I was privileged to assist the manager of a lovely gift shop during the past holiday season. I was deeply impressed as I heard over and over again from distressed and perplexed people this same statement: "I am looking for a gift for someone who has everything." At first I was sure that this was just a passing expression. However, as I attempted to help the customer select a gift, I realized this was not just an expression but a sobering truth. It was a truth that burned its way into my heart: "people who have everything."

We do have everything. We as a nation have untold blessings. First, we have blessings that consist of an abundance of wealth. No longer does poverty stalk our nation. Our wealth has increased until, not only do we live in plenty ourselves, but to nations around the world we have extended a helping hand.

Second, we have blessings which consist of unexcelled medical knowledge. We no longer face grim statistics telling us to expect a life span of thirty-five years, but due to our advanced scientific knowledge every man, woman, boy, and girl can look forward, in the providence of God, to three-score years and ten.

Third, our blessings of commerce and travel are by far the greatest in history. Where once days and weeks of weary travel were necessary to complete a certain journey, now in only a few short hours one can travel the globe and still feel relaxed and fresh.

Another of our riches is that of our army and naval equipment. Our army, navy, and air force are so unexcelled that America is called the strongest nation in the world.

We are also rich in the church world. Most cities have a church of some denomination on almost every corner. If you don't like the doctrine and methods in one, you can take a few steps and try another one. A nation of churches is a marked improvement over the small band of Pilgrims that set foot on American soil many years ago. They even dared to risk their lives in order to worship God in freedom.

Finally, we of the Church of the Nazarene have untold riches. As we worship in our beautiful church buildings and live in our lovely parsonages, we are reminded over and over again of the early

warriors of the church who gave their lives for a cause they felt must be advanced. Many of them faced persecutions, misunderstandings, and suffering. More died from overwork than has ever been recorded. They did all of this and more because they were dedicated to a task that would make us spiritually rich.

Our great world-wide missionary program, our beautiful church buildings, our trained clergy, our educated laity announce to us that we do have everything. This statement goes beyond any earthly suggestion. It reminds us that we now have in our possession the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and its power to save. We have the riches, the knowledge, the power, the facilities, and the resources to save a lost world.

Jesus brought an indictment against the church of His day. He said that they were increased in wisdom, knowledge, and riches, but they were still poor, naked, and needy. I pray that as we stand on the threshold of a rich and prosperous age we will remember this fact: We *do* have everything—everything we need to save lost humanity—and we are indebted to give as we have received.

Life Begins at Forty

—or Does It?

By PAULINE E. SPRAY

Some say, "Life begins at forty." Others have claimed, "Life begins at eighty."

According to these assertions, have you begun to live yet?

In Prov. 8:35 we read, "Whoso findeth me findeth life, . . ." Again Solomon declared: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Christians everywhere joyously proclaim, "The fear of the Lord is *the beginning*."

We who have experienced it know that life really began when Jesus came into our hearts, forgave

all our past, and assured us of eternal happiness.

There is no need for one to wait until he has celebrated his fortieth or eightieth birthday. This abundant salvation is free to all ages—children, youth, young adults, middle-aged, and elderly people, as well.

How well do I remember the day when I really began to live! I was just five years old, but that was an experience I shall never forget. When Jesus came into my heart, heavenlike joy flooded my soul and I moved in an ethereal atmosphere as I skipped about in childish glee.

Life really began for Ronnie while he was in his teens. He was raised in a home far from Christian, but a school chum told him the story of salvation. His heart grew hungry for the knowledge of sins forgiven, and Ronnie surrendered his all to Jesus Christ. Now his face bears radiant testimony to heartfelt religion.

Frances was the young mother of three darling

children—all blond-headed little girls—when she began *to live*. In a revival service which she attended with a friend, she knelt and confessed her sins, and peace of heart and mind instantly became her possession. Returning home, she testified to her husband and was the means of winning him to the Lord also.

A factory foreman was attracted by the Holy Spirit to our little church. After several visits he knelt at the public altar and was saved. Life began for him after he had lived almost half a century.

During a revival meeting a seventy-six-year-old man was converted for the first time. How fortunate that he should be privileged to really *live* the few remaining years of his lifetime!

How old are you? Five? Fourteen? Twenty-three? Forty-seven? Seventy-six?

Have you really begun *to live*? Whatever your age, the Heavenly Father is waiting to give you *abundant life, today!*

REVELATION OR REVEALED

By B. V. SEALS, Superintendent, Washington Pacific District

When Peter cried out, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 16:16-17).

No doubt many of us had all kinds of wrong notions about God before we met Christ. Some thought of Him as a tyrant and severe, others as being all love and void of justice. After Christ came He could say, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." When He came, He had power enough to raise the dead, pity enough to heal the leper, justice enough to drive the money-changers from the Temple, but forgiveness enough to say to the woman, "Go, and sin no more," and time enough to take the little child upon His knee. To this day when Christ really comes to a service, children are usually the first to respond.

He revealed God's forgiveness when He prayed on the Cross, "Father, forgive them." On and on we could go. The more we know about Christ, the better we know the Lord. We now need a revelation of Christ through the church to the world. I know now what Christ is like, for I have seen some of His saints.

A good holiness layman in our community, affectionately called Uncle Jimmy Mathis, revealed to me (as a lad) the love of Christ shining through his life and giving light to every dark valley he passed through.

I saw a man during the depression who lost all of his wealth overnight, but he never missed a

prayer meeting. I walked the hospital lawn with a young father whose wife had just died, leaving him with two motherless little girls. He said, "She was sweet and good to me and the girls, but now she is gone." Then I heard him half whisper, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Then he suddenly turned to me and said, "Pastor, am I taking it like a man?" I'll tell the world he was! It seemed there was a Third One walking with us like unto the Son of God.

I've met enough lovely people to convince me that there is a loving Christ. Their lives have reflected His likeness to me. I saw a good, godly pastor have some rough going, for his enemies all came out to vote in spite of the weather. But he was there long enough to tie his friends so securely to the church that they didn't even follow him over to his next pastorate to spend the week ends. I saw in him such character and caliber and Christlikeness as to cause me to want to serve the Lord forever. After that I could say, "I know what Christ is like, for that pastor is Christlike."

Some men have so much Christlikeness that you are fortunate to meet them, for to know some people gives you an even greater appreciation of Christ. We have had a revelation of God through Christ to the church. We now should have a revelation of Christ through the church to the world. Even so, Lord, let it be!

The Easter Message Stared at Me!

It was Easter Sunday, and I was in the auditorium Sunday school class in Kansas City First Church. The teacher was Dr. Roy E. Swim. At the beginning Dr. Swim had us read together I Corinthians 15:12-23. As we did this, the words of this passage stared at me. They presented the following truth as they burned their way into my mind and heart.

"If there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen." To reject the resurrection of the dead is to reject the resurrection of Christ. Next Paul moves on to show the implications of such skepticism—a dead Christ, a Christ who is still in the tomb. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain" and also our faith. If the crucified Christ did not rise from the dead, we might as well tear down our churches and go out of the preaching business. Yea, more, we might as well throw away our faith in Christ and Christianity. An entombed Christ is a powerless Christ. But Paul goes a step further: "Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not." In other words, we've been preaching and testifying lies when we have declared that God raised up Christ. After all, what can a bunch of liars expect to do for the cause of God?

"If the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised" (v. 16). That is a repetition of the thought of verse 13. "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (v. 17). As he has already said, a dead Christ undermines our faith, and now he goes further and asserts that without the living Christ we are yet sinners. It is only a living Christ who can transform the sinner and make it possible for him to do the will of God. The Christ who came forth from the tomb, and who now sits enthroned at the right hand of the Father, alone can save.

And the end is not yet. Paul believes in a future, in a world to come. But such faith is futile without the risen Christ. "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished" (v. 18). We are all a dying people—that we must admit—and our only hope to overcome everlasting death is in a Christ who has overcome death. And then Paul's thought at this point finishes with this hopeless statement—"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (v. 19). It means that evil will at last defeat good and darkness will overcome light. Not even a ray of hope will be left!

Now the picture changes; Paul does not leave us in the night for which the enemies of the resur-

rection of the Christ argue. He says, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (vv. 20-23). I believe in the resurrection of Jesus; I believe in the resurrection of the dead. I believe in a God who has all power in heaven and in earth and who will finally triumph, even over our last enemy, Death!

Editorials

What We Believe:

14. The Lord's Supper

"We believe that the Memorial and Communion Supper instituted by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is essentially a New Testament sacrament, declarative of His sacrificial death, through the merits of which believers have life and salvation and promise of all spiritual blessings in Christ. It is distinctively for those who are prepared for reverent appreciation of its significance and by it they show forth the Lord's death till He come again. It being the Communion feast, only those who have faith in Christ and love for the saints should be called to participate therein." (1956 *Manual*, Church of the Nazarene, pages 33-34.)

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ himself. Every time it is observed it voices anew the truth of the death of Christ on the Cross. Since it is by His blood we are saved and sanctified, the Communion Supper is a constant reminder to us of the extreme price which the God-Man paid in order to make our full salvation possible.

Again, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be participated in only by those who can reverently appreciate it, that is, those who have been born again. This means that Christians alone should participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. They do it not only in memory of the fact of His death but also as a reminder to them of the truth that He is coming back to earth again. The Lord's Supper is both retrospective and prospective; it looks backward to the death of Christ and forward to the second coming of Christ. There are two scriptures that I especially want to give in this connection. They are similar of course, but one is the actual statement of the beginning of this

The Sunday School Lesson

MELZA H.
BROWN

Topic for
June 16:



Facing Family Tensions

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 37 (Printed: Genesis 37:3-8, 23-24, 28, 31-34)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you* (Ephesians 4:32).

The lesson for this Sunday is from the thirty-seventh chapter of Genesis and the entire chapter should be read. There were reasons why Joseph was a favorite son. He was obedient, kind, tenderhearted, forgiving, and of an excellent spirit. However, favoritism is bad in any home and will always bring trouble. The home of Jacob's parents had been disrupted by favoritism and now his own home is invaded by this same subtle enemy of harmony and peace.

One of the laws of our world, unchanging in its compensation, is, "Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Jacob deceived his father relative to obtaining the blessing which Isaac intended to give to Esau; now his sons deceive him and cause him to believe that his favorite son, Joseph, has been killed by some wild beast.

Righteousness is not always rewarded with kindness and love here. Sometimes it only creates jealousy and hatred in the hearts of wicked men. Joseph's life was blameless and in many respects is a type of the life of our Lord. But as our Lord was rejected and crucified by His own, so Joseph was despised and sold by his brethren. No doubt Joseph's obedient and reverent life put his cunning and deceitful brothers under conviction and men do not like condemnation. "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19).

Joseph was rewarded by the love of his earthly father and also by assurance from his Heavenly Father. These rewards could not be taken from him by the planning of his brethren. Jesus pronounced a blessing on those who suffer for righteousness' sake and said, "Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which

were before you" (Matthew 5:12).

In fact Jesus told His disciples to expect opposition and trouble. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

The test of anyone's religion is how

he behaves under pressure. The Golden Text is the true reaction of the spirit of Christ.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	April, '36	April, '37	No. Increase
NORTHWEST ZONE:			
Idaho-Oregon	5,979*	6,674	695
Oregon Pacific	8,491	9,121	630
Minnesota	2,226*	2,585	359
North Dakota	1,729	1,936	207
Rocky Mountain	2,763	2,931	168
Nevada-Utah	1,013	1,103	60
South Dakota	978	934	-44
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Northwest, Washington Pacific, Alaska			
CENTRAL ZONE:			
Central Ohio	15,905	18,122	2,217
Indianapolis	10,229	12,072	1,843
Western Ohio	17,640	19,126	1,486
Illinois	9,723	10,587	864
Eastern Michigan	10,142	10,939	797
Iowa	7,064	7,640	576
Northeastern Indiana	11,676	12,147	471
Northwestern Illinois	6,140	6,556	416
Southwest Indiana	10,773	11,171	398
Chicago Central	6,134	6,507	373
Wisconsin	2,491	2,804	313
Michigan	10,117	12,127	1,010
Missouri	8,450	8,257	-193
<i>District not reporting:</i> Northwest Indiana			
SOUTHEAST ZONE:			
Florida	7,813	9,472	1,659
West Virginia	12,987	14,035	1,048
Virginia	3,550	3,987	437
Tennessee	9,133	9,510	377
Eastern Kentucky	5,606	5,895	289
Georgia	6,531	6,755	224
East Tennessee	6,332	6,480	148
North Carolina	4,207	4,344	137
Mississippi	3,056	3,181	125
Alabama	8,162	8,121	-41
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Kentucky, South Carolina			
EASTERN ZONE:			
Washington-Philadelphia	10,665*	13,113	2,448
Pittsburgh	9,825	10,308	483
Akron	13,493	13,974	481
New England	7,780	8,166	386
Albany	3,904	3,541	-363
<i>District not reporting:</i> New York			
BRITISH ISLES-CANADIAN ZONE:			
Canada Central	1,925	2,438	513
British Isles South	3,228*	3,701	473
Canada West	4,923	5,334	411
Maritime	1,028	1,268	240
Canada Pacific	1,299	1,364	65
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> British Isles North, Australia			

District	April, '56	April, '57	No. Increase
SOUTHERN ZONE			
North Arkansas	3,865	4,255	390
Kansas	8,975	9,307	332
Northeast Oklahoma	4,461	4,767	306
South Arkansas	4,467	4,741	274
Southwest Oklahoma	6,481	6,726	245
Kansas City	10,403	10,614	211
Nebraska	3,084	3,120	36
San Antonio	4,011	4,004	-7
Northwest Oklahoma	6,398	6,369	-29
Dallas	5,613	5,532	-81
Southeast Oklahoma	4,301	4,167	-134
Houston	4,229	4,075	-154
Abilene	7,148	6,150	-998

District not reporting: Louisiana

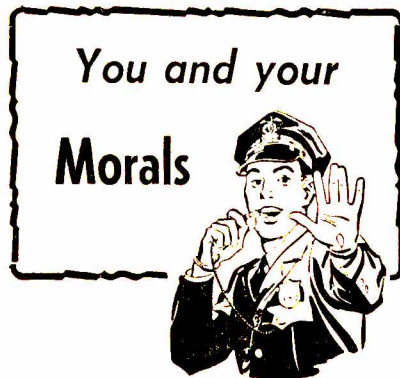
	SOUTHWEST ZONE		
Southern California	12,903	14,200	1,297
Northern California	16,590	17,823	1,233
Los Angeles	11,089	11,666	577
New Mexico	3,347	3,612	265
Colorado	7,088	7,182	94
Hawaii	744	771	27

District not reporting: Arizona

Estimated average for April, 1957	471,853
Increase over average for April, 1956	25,070
Percentage of increase	5.6

ERWIN G. BENSON, Field Secretary

*Average attendance last year



A New Low In Liquor Advertising

The liquor industry, in an amazing new development, is planning to advertise liquor as a therapy for old folks, claiming that it keeps them spry and alert. Liquor executives are scheming this new approach believing it will boost consumption among adults over-forty considerably.

There are legal and moral taboos that prohibit the use of the therapeutic themes in liquor advertising. Regulations set up to enforce the Federal Alcoholic Administration Acts specifically prohibit any advertising of curative and therapeutic effects of alcoholic beverages. However, the liquor industry is not concerned about this and is willing to push law beyond its legal limits to make another dollar.

If you have not done so, write Senator Warren G. Magnuson at the Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., today, urging him to act favorably on S. 582, a bill submitted by Senator William Langer to prohibit the interstate transportation of alcoholic beverage advertising.

Kenneth S. Rice, Secretary
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC MORALS

as a contact language. Officially we must teach English. We plan to study one of the dialects in our area as soon as we have time to get down to language study. In the meantime we must operate through Tal, our interpreter. Tal is a Segangi and we have two tribes in our area—the Kumas and the Segangis. To interpret in Segangi is not the most ideal arrangement on account of the historical animosity of the Kumas, but they can understand him and we get by that way.

The Blessings Continue

God continues to bless in the church in Lima, Peru. We had record crowds at the Easter services. Friday was the best attended—all the seats were filled and benches brought in were also



REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Back to the Field

Miss Irene Jester left England on May 2 for Africa; Miss Neva Flood went to Nicaragua on April 30; and Miss Evelyn VerHoek arrived in Guatemala on May 10.

Recently Furloughed

Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James arrived in the U.S. from India May 7, 1957, and Rev. and Mrs. James Hudson reached the States May 1 from Guatemala.

Greetings from Acornhoek

By RUTH MATCHETT, Africa

You have probably heard that Miss Cochlin has arrived. Miss Pate and I went to Johannesburg to meet her. Miss Pate had not been out to a city since she came to Africa a year and a half ago, so she enjoyed the trip.

Our T.B. ward is coming up quickly and looks very nice. The roof is being put on now. We are also building an addition to the church. It will be nice to have a little extra room but we probably won't have it for long, as the Sunday school and church attendance is growing all the time.

I do not attend here on the main station much, as I spend all day Sunday out at Mica. We now have four preaching points there. Last Sunday at the two places where I was we had twenty-three out to pray. I do not know how many Miss Pate had at the two places where she was. We go out together from here and each go to different places around that section for the services. Our annual meeting will be held in May and we are praying that a full-time native pastor will be put there. We also hope to get the church up sometime within the next few months.

We just received the results of the final examinations which our nurses in training wrote in February. There were nine who wrote. Three of them received honors in the written examination, and three also in the practical examination. We were especially pleased with the written honors, as they were the first ones here to receive that. All nine passed. All but one are going to mission hospitals to work.

New Guinea Looks Ahead

In our schools the language taught will be English. We use pidgin only

crowded. There must have been at least 200 people present.

Since the restrictions of the previous government have been lifted by the new one, we have been going out into the open air to hold meetings. We go into some of the apartment houses which surround the church and the people flock out to listen. We are mobbed by the children. Of course there is opposition: some of the parents come to drag their children away from the heretics; others turn up their radios to drown our feeble efforts; still others throw water and spit on us from above. One night nasty-smelling fish was pitched at us and left its undesirable odor on my shirt and coat collar.

This is something new for most of our believers. Some have gone with fear and trembling, others have not even ventured forth yet, but those who have done so have had a really big blessing. Some of the people who hear us follow us along to the service in the church, and others have asked us to visit them. Pray that God will help us to win some.

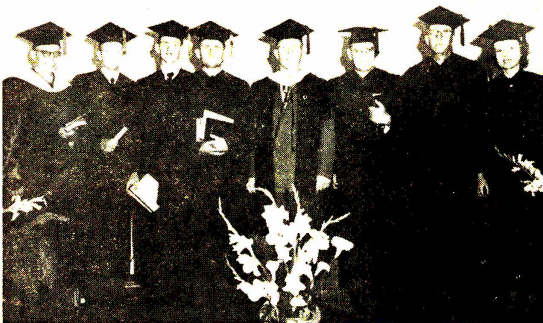
Next month we will have a series of holiness meetings with Brother Gollifer as speaker. So few testify to the blessing of holiness! Pray for these services.—SAMUEL HEAR, *Peru*.

HOME MISSIONS

NEW CHURCHES OVERSEAS FIELDS CHURCH EXTENSION MINORITY GROUPS IN U.S.

ROY F. SMEE, *Secretary*

South Africa Bible College



Last winter (summer in South Africa) Nazarene Bible College in Potchefstroom, Transvaal, South Africa, had a graduating class of four splendid young ministers. We are glad to present their picture, for this school has been made

Servicemen's Corner



Fruits of Labor

Chaplain Melvin H. Shoemaker writes from Fort Knox, Kentucky:

"Easter Sunday morning (my first service) the chapel was filled to more than capacity (206) and many were turned away because of the lack of room. Last night in Bible study, I preached evangelistically and gave an invitation; 11 young men stepped forward and gave their hearts to God. The field here is unlimited, there is no limit to the amount of good we can do. Only time is prohibiting us from doing more.

"We love the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene and hope to represent both to the best of our ability while in the chaplain's service."

Note from a Post Pastor

"After spending an afternoon at Otis Air Force Base in contact with the men whose names your office forwarded to me, I feel compelled to sit down and drop you a note of report and appreciation for the services of your office.

"I found one young Nazarene lad just recently

arrived, who is a Christian but still needs considerable help. He is now in touch with one of our churches near the base.

"This church is without a pastor, and he is beginning to take a vital part in its leadership. He is growing in grace and receiving spiritual help as he serves this church in many ways.

"Then I met another one of our young men, a Chinese boy from our work in Los Angeles. We had prayer with him in the car, and made a date with him to come and speak to our N.Y.P.S. about his own home church. Our folk will see that he has some home-cooked food to take back.

"The main reason for writing is to tell you of the enthusiastic remarks of the appreciation for the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission by several officers with whom I talked. They stated they wished all denominations were as active in this much needed ministry as ours. So keep up the good work and God bless you.—NATHAN A. ADAMS, Jr."

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION
Louder W. Gilliland DIRECTOR

possible by the General Budget giving and the prayers of our people everywhere.

The graduating students are the four young men on the left: Stanley Theron, Arthur Nash, R. S. T. Smith, and Nicol J. Smit. Mr. Nash is working toward a master's degree and plans to be on the teaching staff of the school. The other three men are now in pastorates. In the center of the picture is Rev. Floyd J. Perkins, president of the college. On the right are Rev. C. D. Botha, our pastor at Vanderbijl Park, who was the commencement speaker; Rev. J. MacLachlan, chairman of the district advisory board; and Mrs. Floyd J. Perkins.

New Zealand Easter Offering

On Easter Sunday the first churches to receive the Easter offering were our churches in New Zealand, as they are near the international date line, where Sunday begins. The Auckland church gave thirty pounds, the young church at Hamilton twenty-three pounds, and the new church at Dargaville five pounds. Early Monday morning in Kansas City a cablegram was received from Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Griffith authorizing the transfer of \$250 for New Zealand Easter offering. This represented the amounts raised plus some 10 per cent giving of the churches. This was therefore one of the first Easter offerings received by the General Treasurer that was actually taken on Easter Sunday.

The New Zealand churches have just closed a young people's camp with excellent results. Rev. J. Davis, pastor of the Hamilton church, was the camp speaker.

New Churches

District Superintendent John I. Knight organized a church at Largo on May 5 with twenty-two charter members. Rev. E. D. Messer is supplying as pastor. This is the fifth new church on the Florida District in the past year.

District Superintendent Mack Anderson organized a new church at Callhoun, Georgia, at the close of a revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Nesmith. This work has been established through the efforts of Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Mngledorff. This is the fourth new church for the Georgia District since the General Assembly.

Three new churches have recently been organized on the Gulf Central District. Rev. Leon Chambers, district superintendent. Rev. Lawrence Reddick is pastor of the Overcoming Church in Miami, Florida. Rev. Aubrey Martin is supervisor of our new church at Calvert, Alabama. Rev. C. Johnson is assisting

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Is it your understanding that the General and Special Rules for Nazarenes as outlined in the Manual are really obligations for the church member? Or are these rules only an added group of recommendations subject to such widely differing interpretations as to become practically optional? Also, do you feel it would serve any good purpose to delete all such specifications for conduct from the Manual, leaving only the statements of doctrine and organizational plans?

I believe that the General and Special Rules for Nazarenes as outlined in the Manual are really obligations for the church member. They are not placed there just as recommendations. When I joined the Church of the Nazarene, I agreed to keep those rules and in so doing I obligated myself to do it. I am convinced that it would serve no good purpose to delete such specifications for conduct from the Manual, leaving only the statements of doctrine and the organizational plans. I can remember that about the time I entered the ministry one of the larger denominations was debating whether to eliminate some of its negative rules. I also recall that

one leader in that denomination was arguing for such a move, not because he was for the things which had been forbidden, but rather because it would be better in the long run, he said, to leave such matters to the individual's conscience. Several years later this church voted out such rules, or most of them. Now some of its leaders are beginning to advocate taking people into the church who drink or indulge in other types of conduct which in the early years of this century they would not have thought of sanctioning. Membership in too many churches today means almost nothing; let's not follow in that path.

After Easter several people sent in questions as to why we usually think of Jesus as being crucified on Friday in the grave three days and nights.

Usually at Easter time we have questions along this line. This means that some take exception to the fact that Jesus' crucifixion is thought of by many as having taken place on Friday. Certainly it is not a sin to raise this question. Nevertheless, there are some very good reasons for celebrating the crucifixion of Jesus on Friday. This view has been handed down almost from the first in the church. It is difficult to believe that such a tradition would have been passed on if there had not been some reason for it. But aside from this fact I quote a brief answer to this question which Dr. Ralph Earle, professor of New Testament in Nazarene Theological Seminary, has recently prepared for me. It reads as follows:

"Mark 8:31 reports Jesus as saying that 'after three days' He would rise. Matthew 16:21 and Luke 9:22 say 'on

the third day.' In the Septuagint [the most celebrated Greek version of the Old Testament and the oldest complete translation of it] and in late Greek writers those two phrases are used interchangeably; they mean exactly the same thing. (For instance compare Esther 4:16 and 5:1.) The reference in Matthew 12:40 to 'three days and three nights' seems more difficult. But the passages in Esther show that in Jewish thinking three days and three nights could go by before the third day. If Jesus was crucified on Friday, as the Synoptics [Matthew, Mark, and Luke] seem to say, Sunday would obviously be 'the third day.' But the Jews would also say that three days and nights had gone by. The passages in Matthew and Luke clearly indicate a Friday crucifixion."

Will you explain Matthew 13:44? To some of us it appears that the man who found the treasure should have informed the owner of the field in order to be strictly honest.

This is a parable, a story which has a spiritual meaning, or sets forth a truth about the kingdom of Heaven. It is not a statement of a specific fact which happened. Further, the one law for the interpretation of parables is that they are to present a single truth and,

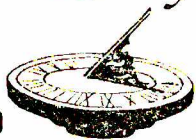
therefore, we must be careful how we try to go beyond that teaching. The one truth taught in this parable of the hidden treasure is that the kingdom of Heaven is the supreme value—worth giving all that we have in order to get it.

How can a person be a member of a labor union and be received into the Church of the Nazarene?

Union membership does not exclude one from belonging to the Church of

the Nazarene. Labor unions are not oath-bound secret societies.

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

Seasoned Timber

Monday:

With every magnanimous attitude, stronger and more usable—it happens so. Always the larger decision, never the smaller—so, one grows larger in soul. At the time it seems self-denial; in the long run it proves self-enrichment. The true and the good are always the beautiful—there is no exception. (II Peter 1:5-8.)

Tuesday:

One man let criticism beat him, and he shrank, whipped, tighter and tighter into himself. Another let criticism embitter him, and he grew sour and unlovely. A third let criticism get under his skin and fester there; his nature

turned to poison. A fourth resented criticism, and struck back; he became an outcast, his hand against every man, and so every man's hand against him. (Hebrews 12:3.)

Wednesday:

One man warded off criticism with alibis, and made himself weak and shifty. But another accepted criticism, weighed it, applied the balm of Gilead, turned over the unjust part to God for handling, used the sound part constructively—and grew healthy and sweet and tall and strong. (Hebrews 12:11.)

Thursday:

I saw one woman decide not to be small enough to be laughed out of her self-respect. At a social gathering she had suffered a rather ridiculous minor accident and left the room to repair it. As she went out she was followed by uproarious laughter over a "joke" at her expense, with an edge that cut deep. Instead of considering herself humiliated, she refused to hear, returned, and finished the evening with gracious unconsciousness. Ever since, she has been immune to insult, too tall for slurs to reach her. (Isaiah 54:17.)

Friday:

I saw a girl stretch out the boundaries of her life. "I can't be bothered with remembering offenses," she said. "They clutter up my mind." Today, though a busy housewife and mother doing professional nursing on the side, she finds

time for an endless chain of missionary boxes. (Philippians 4:8.)

Saturday:

I have watched capacities grow with responsibilities accepted instead of shirked. One woman could not afford to hire her housework done. Frail in body, but stout in heart—at first house cleaning seemed a weight of tons; she kept at it, and today can toss off work casually and scarcely feel it. Another woman considered her home a talent to be shared; she opened it to every need and every good cause. Today she can get a dinner for twenty unexpected guests in a matter of minutes and scarcely throw her day's schedule off balance. In fact, that elastic schedule has no breaking point. (Galatians 6:4-5, 9-10; Matthew 25:23.)

Sunday:

The faculty for prayer grows with use. I have seen a raw recruit develop into a prayer warrior—by praying. And the faculty for mountain climbing—spiritual muscles strengthen and spiritual lungs expand as each new height is tackled.

We are captured by the lovely words,
Let me not stoop to be a clod;

Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.

Lord, give us courage—and love for Thee—to offer ourselves as timber to be seasoned for Thy use. (II Timothy 2:21.)

in supplying the new church at Brookhaven, Mississippi, until a pastor can be secured. There are four new churches on the Gulf Central District this quadrennium.

District Superintendent W. S. Purinton organized the Eastside Church at Mattoon, Illinois, on April 17. Mattoon First Church has assisted in making possible this new church. Rev. Melvin Davis has been appointed pastor. It is the third new church on the Illinois District since the General Assembly.

On February 17, Rev. R. E. Griffith organized a new church at Dargaville,

New Zealand. Rev. Phillip Burton has been appointed pastor. Dargaville is about one hundred miles north of Auckland. Property has been purchased for the new church with the aid of Alabaster funds. This is our third church in New Zealand and the second this quadrennium.

District Superintendent Leo C. Davis organized the Eastlawn Church at Jeffersonville, Indiana, on Sunday morning. The labors of Rev. and Mrs. C. B. McCaull laid the groundwork for the new church, the second on the Southwest Indiana District this quadrennium.

revealed the great amount of work that had gone into the plans for this convention.

District Superintendent Lyle Eckley not only boosted during the day but is a constant inspiration in the local and district work of the Nazarene Junior Society.

The morning and afternoon sessions were for local leaders. These local directors took part in the program. Instead of listening to someone tell them what they should do, they shared with each other their problems, ideas, and victories.

Our hearts were touched again and again by their reports, papers, and discussions.

A large junior choir from churches of the Peoria area sang several numbers in the evening service.

I am giving the schedule for the day and I hope that other districts may take this means of pushing the vital work of Nazarene Junior Society.

PONDER W. GILLILAND
General Secretary
N.Y.P.S. and Junior Society

Nazarene Young People's Society and

Nazarene Junior Society

PONDER W. GILLILAND
Executive Secretary

Junior Convention

On April 12, it was my privilege to attend the Third Nazarene Junior Society Convention of the Northwestern Illinois District.

Rev. J. V. Marsh, the capable and enthusiastic district director, had planned a full day of worthwhile activities. Posters, banners, displays, bookstands, supply tables, and charts

Agenda of Nazarene Junior Society Convention

Northwestern Illinois, April 12, 1957
Morning Session—10:00 a.m.

- 10:00-10:15 Devotions—Mrs. Z.elda Howter, Director, Ellsville Society
10:15-10:20 Call to Order and Introduction—District Director
10:20-11:10 Local Directors' Reports from Societies

- 11:10-11:30 "Making the Junior Program Interesting"—Mrs. Monagle, Director, Peoria First
11:30-12:15 Message—Ponder Gilliland
Afternoon Session—2:00 p.m.
2:00-2:10 Singpiration
2:10-2:35 Local Directors' Reports Concluded
2:35-2:50 The District Superintendent Speaks—L. E. Eckley
2:50-3:10 "The Value of a Junior's

- Soul"—Mrs. Peck, Director, Pekin First
3:10-3:25 The District Program—Junior Committee
3:25-3:45 Question Time
3:45-4:30 Message—Ponder Gilliland
Evening Session—7:30 p.m.
Singpiration
District Camp Announcements
Greater Peoria Area Junior Choir
Honor Roll Read of Bonds and Certificates
Concluding Message—Ponder Gilliland

NEWS of the Churches



Evangelist Twyla Pittenger writes: "Due to illness in my home that demands my constant care, I have had to cancel my slate for the summer; will announce my return to the field as soon as possible."

Palisade, Colorado—On April 21 we closed a very good revival which was of great benefit to the church. Rev. and Mrs. James Atkinson of Canon City were the special workers. Brother Atkinson preached the old time gospel in the power of the Spirit, and God gave several seekers and definite victories. The ministry of the Atkinsons was much appreciated. On the closing Sunday we had 103 in Sunday school. A nice love offering was given to the pastor and his wife. The spirit of the revival continues. —HAROLD L. PEARSON, *Pastor.*

Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep report: "On Easter Sunday we closed a revival at Sciotoville, Ohio, with Rev. Gordon Maywood. There were 415 in Sunday school—breaking all records for the past eighteen years. This is a great church with some choice workers. At this writing we are in our third revival with First Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and already 67 have sought God at the altar in the old-fashioned way. We still have two dates open for this fall; also one summer date could be worked out. Write us at our home address, Box 238, Losantville, Indiana."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "Pastor H. C. Hutton is now in his twelfth year with our First Church in Sterling, Illinois. He has 165 members, with a Sunday school of 300 and a beautiful property valued at more than \$200,000. The church is favorably known throughout the city, and the pastor and his wife are loved by the people. Recently a second church was started by the people of First Church. We gave eight days to this church, the week nights being directed to Christian Service Training. There was an average of 70 in attendance, with 40 receiving credit. On Sunday we had a good altar service, and also 25 people pledged to do personal visitation work each week. This pastor and people are aggressive and devout, with vision and ability."

Washington, Indiana



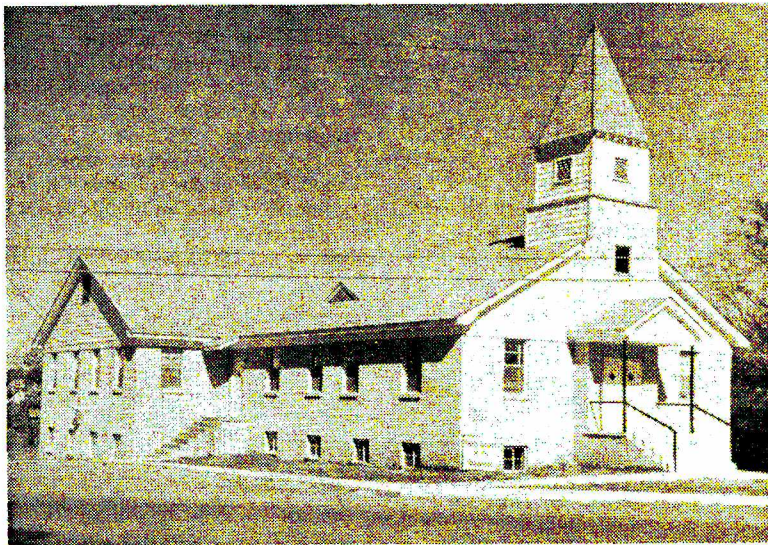
In February of 1953, Rev. Russell F. Dickinson moved his family here to start a home mission work in this town of 11,000 population. The work began with prayer meetings in the parsonage. In May a seven-room parsonage was purchased on a corner lot, 60 x 180 feet; one room was made into a lovely chapel. Services were started in June, and in July a tent meeting was held with Evangelist Cletus Franklin and Singers Wayne and June Haas as the workers. On March 1, 1954, a room adjoining the chapel was arranged for more seating space, and a five-week revival begun, with Rev. W. R. York and Rev. Wade Roberts as preachers and Brother Har-

old Breeden as singer. At the close of this meeting, on April 8, District Superintendent Leo C. Davis organized the Church of the Nazarene with 10 charter members. Construction on the new 37 x 60-foot Sunday school annex was started in September of '56; it was ready for dedication on March 10. Dr. Leo C. Davis was the dedication speaker, with Dave and Mary Humble as singers. In the evening service, Brother Dickinson was given a unanimous recall as pastor. The Sunday school has almost doubled since dedication, and a new record has been set. On Easter we had 62 present, with a missionary offering of \$58.87. —Reporter.

Saugus, California—The Forrest Park Church recently enjoyed one of its most outstanding revivals under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Dr. M. Kimber Moulton, evangelist. The people of this small, rural-type church were thrilled by the presentation of truth and blessed by Dr. Moulton's excellent spirit and sense of divine direction. More than sixty seekers sought and found God in forgiveness of sins and the cleansing of heart by the Holy Spirit. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Dr. Moulton with us. —WENDELL W. WOODS, *Pastor.*

Hanford, California—Recently we had a wonderful revival meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Orville Kleven as the special workers. By co-operating with the "Kleven captain system" we enjoyed wonderful attendance during the entire meeting. This good attendance gave the Holy Spirit an opportunity to deal with the people. All this coupled with the Spirit-anointed preaching and singing of the Klevens resulted in old-time blessing and victory. We are enjoying our ministry in California. —CLARENCE KILLON, *Pastor.*

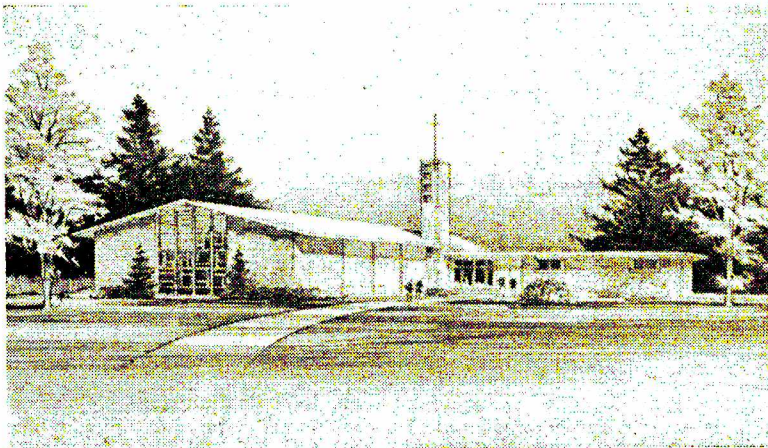
Grace Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas



In August of 1953, District Superintendent W. L. French conducted a revival in the Levy area of North Little Rock. As a result of this campaign, our church was organized under the revival tent, August 23, with 19 members; we came as pastor on September 1. We worshiped for several weeks under the tent, then in a school building. Brother French helped us to find and purchase six well-located lots. On Easter Sunday of 1954, we moved into our new but unfinished building. It has a floor space of 8,000 square feet and the auditorium, newly furnished in light oak, has seating capacity of 300. The build-

ing was made possible by temporary loans from our general and district headquarters, and much hard work and sacrifice by our people. Soon after moving to the new building we secured a loan locally, repaying the general and district, and also completing our building except for some partitions in the basement. The debt at present is \$12,850. We have received 61 into church membership by profession of faith and our present membership is 82. Our record Sunday school attendance was broken on Easter Sunday with 233 present. God is wonderfully good to us all.—BILL JETTON, *Pastor*.

Winona, Minnesota



We dedicated our new church edifice on Sunday, March 24, with Dr. S. T. Ludwig bringing the dedicatory message, and District Superintendent Roy F. Stevens leading in the act of dedication, while more than 300 people sang the doxology, praising God for another victory in this church's history. The building stands as a direct answer to prayer. In the fall of '55 the old building was sold, a location purchased in

a residential section on U.S. Hi-way 61, the building completed, and we moved into it on December 30. The new building is of modern design, L-shaped with basement under the sanctuary on the ground floor there are nine classrooms, choir loft, an overflow room used for an assembly and classroom, a modern nursery, church school office, and pastor's study. In the basement are two

assembly rooms, rest rooms, etc. A central heating system with forced-air oil burner is used. The seating capacity, including the overflow room, is 325. Construction of the building is of Waylite block with buff Roman brick for the exterior; both sides of the sanctuary are built-to-order Cathedral amber glass, and behind the pulpit is a large art glass window the full height of the building. The floors are tile over concrete. The pews, pulpit, and altar are of oak with blond finish. Other church furniture includes a new Conn organ, carpets, etc. The building and equipment has been appraised by a banker at \$100,000 and the debt is less than \$25,000; it is financed with a local bank without a mortgage. Best of all, God is blessing. In the short time we have been in the new building several new families have been reached and six have committed themselves to membership. We are now in the midst of a revival with Evangelist T. T. Liddell. We appreciate a wonderful, co-operative people and the wise counsel of District Superintendent Stevens.—S. FRANK MOSS, *Pastor*.

Nevada, Missouri—On Sunday afternoon of April 28 a \$6,000 mortgage on the church educational unit was burned in a special service, and the building was dedicated free of debt. Dr. Jarrette Aycock, district superintendent, was the special speaker. The two-story building was completed enough to use in 1949, and provides nine classrooms, a pastor's study, and a young people's auditorium. The church has shown gradual progress in these nineteen years; organized in 1938 with 7 charter members, we now have 103 members. The average weekly attendance in Sunday school for the past year was 131. The church is united, spiritual, and progressive. Three men have served the church as pastor: Rev. Keith Taylor, 1938 to 1944; Rev. Gene Hoskinson, 1944 to 1952; and the present pastor, since 1952. Future plans call for a new church sanctuary, as the present building is becoming inadequate for the needs of the congregation.—FLOYD A. HESS, *Pastor*.

Quincy, Illinois—The Emmanuel Church rejoices over the breaking of our Sunday school record. On Easter Sunday we had 160 in Sunday school—the most this church has had since its organization. This past year has been a time of revival among our young people, and we give God praise for His blessings. We are deeply indebted to our pastor, Rev. Ernest Florence, and his wife for their untiring labors among us.—MRS. BESSIE HALL, *Reporter*.

St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania—Our church recently enjoyed a successful revival with Rev. B. H. Mead as the evangelist, and music by the Hofackers' Trio. Many seekers met God at the altar of prayer, and a wonderful spirit prevailed in the services. This is one of the best years for this church. They have given the pastor a recall without one negative vote, and also voted to give us an increase in salary.—H. W. DIERL, *Pastor*.

Vancouver, Washington—We were thrilled on April 21 to have 516 people in our Sunday school at Central Church. Certainly, God has blessed us—it was five years ago on this very day that our church held its first service with 8 people in Sunday school, counting the pastor and his wife. Our services have been honored with the presence of the Lord from time to time, and the altar filled with people praying through and finding Christ. For this we deeply thank the Lord. Our pastor, Rev. Don Coonrod, has accepted a unanimous three-year call.—EVELYN BRUMFIEL, *Secretary*.

Oakwood, Illinois—On Easter Sunday we closed one of the greatest revivals this church has seen in many years, with Rev. Robert Winegarden as the evangelist. Revival fires started burning in the hearts of our people several weeks before the scheduled revival: teen-agers became concerned and started cottage prayer meetings, and seekers found victory at the altar in the regular services. Certainly, Brother Winegarden was God's man for the hour. His Spirit-anointed messages were a blessing to our people. Several people were saved and returned to be sanctified. The father of one of the teen-age girls was gloriously saved (his daughter and the church had held on in prayer for him for two years). We are encouraged and thank God for this revival. We are finishing our third year at Oakwood, and our people have given us a fine recall vote.—CARL R. WRIGHT, *Pastor*.

Evangelist E. C. Tarvin writes: "During the last few weeks we have conducted revivals at New Richmond, Ohio, with Pastor Smith; at Louisville, Kentucky, with Pastor Wyrick; at Ladoga, Indiana, with Brother Mevers; and at Monticello, Kentucky, with Pastor Switzer. In each of these meetings God gave some gracious victories. At this writing I am in Winchester, Kentucky, with Brother Rice. Thank God for His blessings."

Sioux City, Iowa—Highland Park Church, in our annual recall meeting on Sunday night, April 28, gave our pastor, Rev. Milford Schmidt, a unanimous call for another year. He has been with us for three years and God is blessing his ministry. The spiritual attitude of the church is very good.—ESTHER P. SMITH, *Secretary*.

Nashville, Tennessee—Grace Church has enjoyed one of the best revival seasons in many years with Evangelist C. B. Fugett. The meeting was preceded by weeks of group prayer meetings, and God honored His Word with more than one hundred earnest seekers. Another fine class of members was added to the church. The spring weeks saw our Sunday school at its highest attendance in years—331 average in April. Our people gave \$1,355 for missions in the Easter Offering. God's blessing is resting upon our young people's work, with 4 Caravan groups and 6 Sunday evening N.Y.P.S. groups in action. We give God the praise.—RALPH SCHERMAN, *Pastor*.

319 EXTRA stations carried the Palm Sunday and Easter programs.

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To date (May 9) 22 of these "extra" stations have begun to carry our "Showers of Blessing" program regularly.

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10 of these are sustainers where we have a church,

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**T. W. Willingham, Director
NAZARENE RADIO LEAGUE**

Columbia, South Carolina—The work at Grace Church is moving forward. Gas heaters have been installed in all Sunday school rooms, and we plan to finish the Sunday school rooms and remodel the front of the church. A branch Sunday school has been started in a new section—Eastview Acres—and prospects are bright for the work there. Our Sunday school record was broken for the third time with 214 present on Easter Sunday. Our Easter offering was \$63.40—the best since we came here nearly three years ago. It is a pleasure to work with Rev. D. W. Thaxton, our good district superintendent.—H. G. CLAYTON, *Pastor*.

Bridgewater, Virginia—The Spring Creek Church recently closed a good meeting with Rev. Raymond G. Taylor as the evangelist. His ministry was marked by his humble spirit and forceful preaching. We came to this church nine months ago and enjoy working with these fine southern folks. We are realizing worthy gains in both the Sunday school and young people's work and praise God for His blessings. We have been recalled for the coming year.—G. M. EBERLE, *Pastor*.

Hobbs, New Mexico—Recently we closed one of the best revivals we have had in our eight-year ministry here. Evangelist R. F. Lindley was the special worker. More than thirty seekers were at the altar, most of whom prayed through to God, and twelve new members were added to the church. Our new church building is near completion; sanctuary is 41 x 58 feet, and there are ten Sunday school rooms. A wonderful spirit prevails, and we have a great opportunity here. We thank God for His blessings.—JOE F. ROGERS, *Pastor*.

**Indianapolis District
Sunday School Convention
and Preachers' Meeting**

The Indianapolis District Sunday school convention and preachers' meeting was held jointly, April 22 to 25, at the West Side Church in Indianapolis. Rev. W. H. Johnson, host pastor, and his people, planned well for the entertainment.

Rev. Ernel Short, Sunday school chairman, presided wisely and presented a fine program built around the theme "Winning for Christ Through the Sunday School." The papers were well prepared and the presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested throughout. Dr. Roy H. Cantrell, special speaker, was deeply appreciated for his heart-searching messages of truth and holiness. Reports of the Easter five-week drive and attendance were most encouraging with a record-breaking attendance of 18,237 for the district.

Our good district superintendent, Rev. Luther Cantrell, presided in an efficient manner in the preachers' meeting. The theme was "Winning for Christ Through the Church." Again the papers and messages of truth thrilled our hearts, enlarged our vision, and strengthened our purpose.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, foreign missions secretary, was the special speaker. His ministry was outstanding, as he warmed and blessed our hearts by his wonderful, anointed messages. We could all sense that the Holy Spirit was leading him. Especially did Dr. Rehfeldt awaken us to the needs of "10 per cent" giving to foreign missions on the part of every church.

The attendance was good for all four days and nights—it was all a time of spiritual refreshing and inspiration. Several times the glory of the Lord came on the congregation during the messages and special singing.—EARL MARVEL, *Reporter*.

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Severy, Kansas—Recently we closed a revival with Rev. Richard Lefel of Bethany, Oklahoma, as the evangelist. His preaching and singing were anointed of God, and several souls found victory at the altar of prayer. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Brother Lefel, and this was said to have been the best revival in the history of the church.—RUSSEL R. McCOLLUM, Pastor.

Pasadena, California—On Sunday, May 5, First Church had a wonderful day, blessed of God—"Pastor Appreciation Day." It was a day filled with surprises

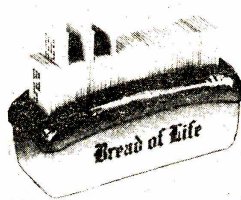
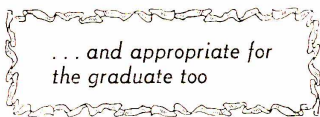
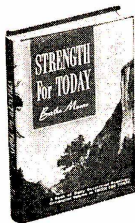
for our pastor, Rev. J. William Ellis, and his lovely family. In the opening service of the Sunday school, several members of Brother Ellis' family were present for the program, "This Is Your Life." Dr. H. Orton Wiley, president emeritus of Pasadena College, and Rev. W. Shelburne Brown, district superintendent, were the surprise guest speakers in the morning and evening services respectively. The church was crowded on Sunday morning, and more than 350 were present on Sunday night, with messages and greetings read from friends all over the United States. A personal shower and love offering for Brother Ellis, with

presentation of a clothes drier for the parsonage, was enjoyed by all, in a reception in the fellowship hall following the Sunday evening service. "God honored First Church when He sent the Ellises our way."—ANNIE M. ARMS, Secretary.

Evangelist C. H. Dooley writes: "I will be in Monticello, Iowa, the first of July; then have an open date, July 17 to 28, which I'd like to slate nearby, since my next meeting will be at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Write me, 2012 Boulevard Street, Greensboro, North Carolina."

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Evangelist Paul A. Madden reports: "Since entering the evangelistic field last fall I have been busy and am enjoying my work. I sincerely appreciate all the good pastors and laymen with whom I have been privileged to work. I have two open dates--August 21 to September 1, and September 4 to 15; will be glad to go anywhere the Lord may lead. Write me, 4210 East 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa."

Evangelists Alva O. and Gladys Estep report: "On May 5 we closed our third revival meeting with Rev. I. F. Rodeffer and First Church in Cheyenne, Wyoming; we look forward to returning. At this writing we are in the midst of a good revival at Lamar, Colorado; twenty-six seeking God at the altar over the first week end. God still gives revivals. We have one November, also one January (1958) date open. Write us, Box 238, Losantville, Indiana."

East Chicago, Indiana—Five years ago I came to East Chicago as pastor—the first Sunday we had 12 people in Sunday school. God has blessed during these five years, and in April we averaged 105 in Sunday school. Also God has helped us to pay off \$12,000 indebtedness on our basement church, install a new furnace at an expense of \$1,800, add new fluorescent lighting, new Sunday school rooms, and put Bedford stone all around the church. Our basement church is valued at \$40,000—free of debt. Recently we installed a new Hammond organ. We have a loyal, self-sacrificing people who love God and their pastor. We are now in the process of raising \$10,000 to put the superstructure on our church. Recently we enjoyed one of the best revivals in the church's history with Evangelist C. W. Brough as special worker. God blessed his ministry and gave seekers at every service. We gave Brother Brough a call to return.—GLADE HALL, *Pastor*.

Gulf Central District Assembly


The rapid growth and expansion of the colored work in the Gulf Central District characterized the blessed fellowship with Christ and His servants at the fifth annual assembly, at the Alton Park Church, near Lookout Mountain, where Rev. A. L. Hadden is supervisor of a mission work.

The entire session was highlighted by the inspiring messages given by Dr. D. L. Vanderpool. We felt a taste of what Jesus' disciples must have experienced as they sat at His feet as we sat at the feet of Dr. Vanderpool.

Seven ministers were licensed at the meeting, and the elder's orders of Rev. C. Johnson were recognized. Many distinguished guests visited the assembly and had Christian fellowship with us.

Our district superintendent, Rev. Leon Chambers, was unanimously re-elected, and was presented a love offering by the assembly. He wept for joy as he told how the District Assembly was organized five years ago with three preachers and five churches; now we have thirteen churches and eleven elders and licensed preachers.

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Oklahoma; Rev. and Mrs. Boyd Proctor of Richmond, Virginia; Raymond Harvey, student at the Nazarene Bible Institute, Institute, West Virginia; and a young man from Miami, Florida.

Our love and thoughts were expressed to the wife of our general superintendent, Mrs. Vanderpool, and to Mrs. Leon Chambers, who could not be present at the assembly.

The secretary, Rev. Alpin P. Bowes, reported an increase in membership from 107 to 153, or 43 per cent. For its first time, every church overpaid its General Budget, and larger budgets were taken for the new year.

Beautiful Christian fellowship was enjoyed, and all of us could bear witness that the Holy Spirit came and blessed us there.—MRS. LULA WILLIAMS, *Reporter*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BORN—to Rev. Forrest and Jayne McCullough of Greeneville, Tennessee, a son, Forrest Henry II, on May 11.

—to J. K. and Edna Earle Williams of Dumas, Arkansas, a son, Jaye Kay, on May 9.

—to Rev. Dale and Dorothy Worcester of Monett, Missouri, a daughter, Joyce Lucille, on May 8.

—to Professor and Mrs. Don Wilson of Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma, a son, Dane Lawane, on May 4.

—to Preston and Angie (McGuire) Moyers of Basin, Wyoming, a daughter, Jill Irene, on April 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Bannister of Prescott, Arkansas, a daughter, Barbara Elaine, on April 6.

—to Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Lord of Huntsville, Alabama, a daughter, Susan Diane, on March 22.

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by a lady in Michigan that God will give a real revival in a small country church and that souls shall accept the teaching of holiness.

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BRITISH ISLES SOUTH—Assembly, June 8 to 11, at First Church of the Nazarene, Daubill Crossing, Bolton, Lancashire, England. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to: the entertaining pastor, Rev. T. Crichton Mitchell, 334 Hulton Lane, Bolton, Lancashire, England. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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NORTH DAKOTA—Assembly, June 26 and 27, at the Nazarene Campgrounds, Sawyer, North Dakota. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Theo. Rosenau, Sawyer. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to: the district superintendent, Rev. H. F. Tamm, Nazarene Campgrounds, Sawyer, North Dakota. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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IDAHO-OREGON—Assembly, July 1 to 3, at First Church, 600 15th Avenue, South, Nampa, Idaho. Entertaining pastor, Rev. Raymond Kratzer, 503 Fourth Avenue, South. Send mail and other items relating to the assembly to: Rev. I. Younger, Box 89, Nampa, Idaho. Dr. Hardy C. Powers presiding.

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