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The Christian statesman is first a Christian and second a statesman. He prefers persecution for righteousness' sake above praise for evil-doing. He would rather be judged stupid for being honest than clever for being deceitful.

Furthermore, the Christian statesman is the unselfish servant of those who follow him. Charles B. Aycock, distinguished leader of North Carolina, said, "There is but one way to serve the people and that is to do the right thing." The need for Christian statesmen in church and nation was never greater than today.

Any successful attempt to promote the common good requires

Christian Statesmanship

General Superintendent Williamson



organization. A corollary of that axiom is that the organization must have competent leadership.

There is persistent tendency to extremes in the attitude taken toward leaders. Some men recognize no human leadership. They, being wise in their own conceits, submit to no will, personal or corporate, above their own. "Everyone is a law unto himself, accountable only to God," is their thesis. Often they come to think what they do is even none of God's business.

The opposite extreme is the acceptance of dictatorship. It is surprising how many will follow, for a time, one who poses as having all the answers. It is no less amazing how frequently a short-lived autocrat arises. He is conscious of rank, demands abject obeisance, uses the purge method on all who question his procedures, and offers promotion to those who dance when he pipes.

Between these poles there are many who trust and gladly follow honest, fair-minded, dedicated leaders. They give co-operation for the sake of a great cause. Their interest is in rewards that "moth and rust" cannot corrupt nor "thieves break through and steal." They respect leaders who are faithful in spite of obvious faults. Their motivation comes from love of Christ and those for whom He gave His life. Such persons provide the balance and the potential for success in any organization. They voluntarily respond to worthy leadership.

LATE NEWS

After serving six years as pastor of First Church in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Rev. R. V. Bridges has resigned to accept a call to pastor the Edgemont Church in Dayton, Ohio.

"River Oaks Church, Fort Worth, Texas, celebrated its first anniversary, Sunday, January 12, with a record-breaking 242 in Sunday school. The church is deeply grateful to the Lord for His blessings this first year.—L. C. Carter, Secretary."

On January 8, Rev. Dallas Hudspeth, Nazarene pastor at Benton, Arkansas, was elected as president of the Saline County Ministerial Alliance for 1958.

Word received on January 17, from Tampa, Florida: "Rev. Herman G. Stunck passed away January 15; funeral service January 17 at 2:00 p.m.—Maude Allen Stunck."

Rev. Walter B. Greek sends word: "After serving the fine people of Winchester, Indiana, for seven and one-half years, we resigned as of January 12 to accept a call to our South Side Church in Muncie, Indiana. We look forward to a good ministry with this forward-marching church."

After pastoring the Clearwater, Florida, church for two and one-half years, Rev. Howard W. Hill has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Birmingham, Alabama. He began his work in Birmingham on January 23.

A portrait of

My Pastor

My pastor is my spiritual leader. He is ordained of God for this high calling. He is anointed of God to minister unto the needs of His people. A friend to all . . . He stands ready to console the sorrowing, comfort the sick, and point the way to Christ to all who are in need. He is my pastor . . . I will show my love and appreciation to him by being faithful in attending all of the worship services. I will lighten his load by co-operating with the program of the church. I will do my best to let him know of those who are sick or in need of special prayer and attention—unless someone tells him, he will not know. I will pray for him, that he might better be able to withstand the criticism of those who misunderstand. He is my pastor . . . I thank God for him.

—MARION COBB

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Gleanings

from the Office Editor's Desk

It was a pleasure for my sister, Anna Lea, and me to have a ten-day vacation at Christmas time, spending a few days in Pasadena, California, and two days in Denver, Colorado, en route home. It was a joy to have Christmas in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis and their lovely family in Pasadena—very precious friends indeed. We enjoyed their fellowship and were blessed in attending Christmas Sunday services at Pasadena First Church. Rev. J. W. Ellis is an outstanding young pastor, has a splendidly organized church in every department, and we enjoyed the fellowship of the people, the wonderful preaching, and the spirit of the services.

We were privileged to visit with a number of former Kansas City friends in and around Pasadena, among them, Rev. Louis McMahan and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sid Stock, Dr. and Mrs. D. Shelby Corlett, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Chapman; also spent an enjoyable hour visiting with Dr. and Mrs. Haldor Lillenas. In spite of much suffering he still manifests a beautiful, radiant spirit.

Sunday, December 29, we spent with our brother in Denver, attending services at our Southside Church. We heard an excellent message by their fine young pastor, Rev. James D. Hamilton. Also we had the privilege of driving out to see two of our newer churches and their fine young pastors (former Kansas Citizens); Rev. "Bill" Sullivan at Denver Westminister Church, and Rev. Morton Wright at Derby.

It was good to have these few days of relaxation and to see so many friends, new and old. Thank God for the people called Nazarenes. Also, it is good to be home again, back in the routine and helping to get the gospel out by means of the printed page.—VELMA I. KNIGHT.

Special Notice

As of January 17, 1958, the Thanksgiving Offering has just reached \$901,308.79. The total Thanksgiving Offering last year was \$766,474.82. We are very grateful to all of our loyal people for this wonderful offering.

JOHN STOCKTON
General Treasurer

EDITORIALS

Stephen S. White

Facts and Figures from the REPORTS TO THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene is elected by the General Assembly, which meets every four years. The General Board, under the leadership of the Board of General Superintendents, has general supervision over the Church of the Nazarene during the time when the General Assembly is not in session. Of course the General Board carries on its work under the rules set for it by the General Assembly. The General Board is made up of preachers and laymen and meets annually in January. At that time reports are made to it by the executive secretaries of the various departments as to the work during the past year done by the departments which they represent. It is my purpose now to give you some facts and figures from these reports.

General Secretary

First, I present statistics from the report of Dr. S. T. Ludwig, *general secretary*. These give the gains for the past year:

Number of Churches

United States	4,225
British Commonwealth	255
U.S.A. Possessions	17

Total (Domestic)	4,497
Net Gain	62

Church Membership

United States	281,646
British Commonwealth	9,793
U.S.A. Possessions	755

Total (Domestic)	292,194
Net Gain	(1.5%)

Membership of Auxiliaries

Sunday School	632,125
	(Gain—20,806)
Junior Society	34,173
	(Gain—2,340)
Young People's Society	90,294
	(Gain—1,015)
Foreign Missionary Society	137,441
	(Gain—11,550)

Value of Church Property

Local (Church Buildings & Parsonages)	\$147,066,200
District (Parsonages, Centers, & Other)	6,369,235

International Headquarters	518,932
Nazarene Publishing House	703,127
Educational Institutions	9,547,397
Foreign Mission Fields	5,429,389

Total	\$169,634,280
Net Gain	10,114,058

General Treasurer

Dr. John Stockton, *general treasurer*, in his report, gives these significant figures:

"The total income for the past fiscal year amounted to \$1,115,290.49. This compares with a total of \$3,957,075.41 for the year before, giving an increase of \$158,215.08. The funds were sent in as follows:

General Budget Receipts	\$2,586,931.67
Direct Fund Receipts	1,111,830.23
Organizational Contributions	91,658.93
Interest on Investments	119,853.70
Rent	54,271.69
Subscription Income	81,907.91
Legacies	36,004.38
Sundry	20,205.13
Interdenominational Funds	12,626.85
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	\$4,115,290.49

"You will note that the income from investments this past year exceeded \$100,000 for the first time and the income from legacies and foundations amounted to \$36,000. During the year we have received hundreds of letters asking for information and assistance on wills. Some have their wills drawn by a local attorney and others have had our church lawyer prepare the will for them. The income from these wills should be of great assistance to the church in the years to come.

"The faithfulness and loyalty of the Nazarenes across the church is very gratifying. In response to the challenge to raise \$14,000,000.00 for world evangelism our people sent in the largest Thanksgiving Offering ever recorded in our church. It amounted to \$766,474.82 and the Easter Offering which followed was also the largest on record, amounting to \$907,376.06. At the date of this writing of this report it appears that the thank offering which we are receiving at present will be much larger than the previous one, since we have received \$149,000.00 more than we did the first fourteen days last year."

Foreign Missions

Three important paragraphs from the report of Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, executive secretary for *Foreign Missions*, are called to your attention:

"The work on foreign mission districts includes almost every activity of the home church. The 368 missionaries of the church, with their 1,490 national workers, maintain and promote 1,422 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 79,287, 396 N.Y.P. Societies with 10,867 members, and 824 N.F.M. Societies with a membership totaling 17,573. These workers also operate 26 Christian Bible colleges, where they have been training 600 students during the past year. The mission districts function in much the same manner as our home districts. Home mission programs, revival campaigns, and personal evangelism characterize their efforts. In addition to all of this activity our missionaries run 120 day schools with 9,363 children enrolled, and 44 medical centers where 164,364 patients were treated last year. Then, we must not forget to include the building and mechanical work they must do. One is made to exclaim, 'Those amazing missionaries!'

"During the last fiscal year (1956-57), the department received \$1,676,569.33 through General Budget sources and spent \$1,435,701.24 in the promotion of its work. Any balance in the Department of Foreign Missions General Budget income is distributed to the various fields each January in what we term current balance allocations. It should be pointed out that this current balance distribution is not a new General Board allocation to the Department of Foreign Missions, as it has already been allocated and is simply being distributed to the fields. For the same period, Alabaster boxes netted \$299,965.53 and approved specials brought in \$333,872.83.

"The department is grateful for the \$1,665,912 allocated for its use last January from the General Budget income and the \$295,300 from the Alabaster fund. With this total of \$1,961,212 the office has been maintained and the fields have been operated. Not only have the already existing fields, with 44,036 full and probationary members, 1,511 preaching points, and 1,561 properties, operated full force, but there have been several new thrusts of the gospel."

Home Missions and Church Extension

Dr. Roy F. Smee, executive secretary of *Home Missions and Church Extension*, says in his report:

"We are now in the tenth day of 1958, our Golden Anniversary year. Although our district superintendents and many evangelists and pastors have been gathered here in Kansas City for a great conference on evangelism, I am confident that al-

ready this year ten new churches have been organized. Our districts are increasing their home mission budgets. Our district superintendents have accepted the challenge of organizing a new church a day in 1958. More of our pastors are interested in home missions than ever before. We have a great group of laymen who will gladly support the work of home missions. I have every reason to believe that we can realize our goal of 365 new churches in 1958, and we must set our sights to make the quadrennial goal of 1,000 new churches.

"We have been building the Church of the Nazarene through home missions. We have been averaging the organization of from 150 to 200 churches a year. In fact, 29.2 per cent of all the churches existing in the entire denomination in 1956 were organized within the previous eight years."

Progress is being made in special U.S. home missions among the Chinese on the West Coast, the Negroes throughout the South, and the Puerto Ricans on the New York District. The same can be said of the overseas areas. In 1948, when Dr. Smee took over his present position, there were 3 such fields: Alaska, Australia, and Hawaii. They "had 10 churches, 200 members, and total property evaluation of \$65,000." Since then 3 other overseas areas have been organized—in the Canal Zone, New Zealand, and South Africa. At the present time, therefore, we have 6 overseas areas, in which "there are 56 churches and 24 missions, 1,612 church members, 5,500 enrolled in Sunday school, and property evaluation of \$1,500,000. These churches gave back to the general church, for General Budget and other items, a total of \$18,218 last year."

As to Church Extension, Dr. Smee reports:

"In 1948 we had a building loan fund of \$42,000.00. Three years ago this fund had increased to \$204,000.00. That year, 1955, the General Church Loan Fund was launched. During 1955, 1956, and 1957 these loan funds have grown by over one-half million dollars and now total approximately \$741,350.00. This includes the reserve trust fund of \$31,000.00 in the General Church Loan Fund and savings deposits of \$330,000.00 loaned to us by our people. Through these funds we have been able during 1957 to make new building loans to thirty-three churches on twenty-seven districts in the amount of \$234,252.45. In spite of this great growth we cannot keep up with the demand, and we have continually a waiting list of approved applications of over \$100,000.00.

"We are glad to report that so far we have not lost one cent of principal or interest during the entire period this fund has been in operation."

Department of Ministerial Benevolence

Rev. Dean Wessels, executive secretary of the *Department of Ministerial Benevolence*, reported:

First, for the *Board of Pensions*:

"There are now 4,351 group life insurance

policies in force on the lives of our ministers. Recently an annual premium of \$44,565.02 was paid for this coverage. In the first two years of the insurance program there have been thirty-three deaths, and \$27,000.00 has been paid to the beneficiaries.

"Social Security waivers have been signed by 5,012 of our ministers. Of the number who have signed, 661 are not active enough as yet to be eligible for Social Security participation."

As to *Ministerial Benevolence*, Mr. Wessels says:

"It is interesting to note that ten years ago, April 30, 1947, there was a total of 254 on our roll: 174 elders, 80 widows. Ten years later, April 30, 1957, we had 510 on the roll: 319 elders, 191 widows. Ten years ago \$81,902.35 annually was sent in monthly payment to our recipients. Ten years later, this figure has raised to \$215,654.27. It will be near \$300,000.00 when the first full year of increased assistance has been completed."

You will notice he speaks of "increased assistance" here. This means that 134 individuals have received an increase in their monthly allowance; also 59 have received medical emergency assistance, in a total amount of \$8,847, "for an average of more than \$150 per case." This is a very essential part of our work.

Our churches, as Mr. Wessels indicates, are doing better in their offerings for this phase of our work. "However, 957 of our churches did not pay anything on their N.M.B.F. budget last assembly year. This amount alone would have added \$135,000.00 to the Benevolent Fund and could have enabled those on the roll to receive nearly \$25.00 per month more than they are now receiving. Added to this, a number of other churches did not pay their budget in full last assembly year. We must do more to present this challenging cause to our people."

Nazarene Publishing House

Dr. M. Lunn, manager of the *Nazarene Publishing House* and executive secretary of the Department of Publication, reports that in 1912 the publishing house started on all but nothing, and now we have assets equaling nearly 2½ million dollars. Also, there were more than 42 million periodicals published. The church owes a great debt to Dr. M. Lunn for the years of valuable service which he has rendered to the cause that he loves so much. Dr. Lunn closes his report with these words:

"The House is co-operating in every way to make the 1958 celebration an outstanding success.

"Orders for the Fiftieth Anniversary edition of the *Herald of Holiness* (48 pages and two-color cover) will with the regular subscription list total well over two million copies. It requires 514,347 pounds of paper (13 freight cars) and 2,820 pounds of ink. The production of this large edition will

require 6,640 man hours, which is equal to one man working 830 days of eight hours.

"Each year at this time we enjoy the opportunity to voice our appreciation and thanks to the members and friends of our church, all of whom helped to achieve our current stature.

"This is *your* Publishing House, so tell us your desires. We will sincerely appreciate your help in making your House what you want it to be."

Department of Education

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, executive secretary of the *Department of Education*, gave his report for the work of the past year, which showed marked progress in every phase of the work of this department. This report is summarized in the last three paragraphs, which read as follows:

"Highlighting some of these statistics we note the following: (a) total enrollment in our educational institutions stands at 5,002, an increase of 126 students; (b) the total number registered in our liberal arts colleges shows an increase of 178 students; (c) 370 students are enrolled in high school; (d) 253 are enrolled as GI's.

"The total property valuation is \$9,547,397, an increase of \$171,127. Our total indebtedness amounts to \$1,188,576, showing a decrease of \$123,447. At the present time there are no new buildings under construction although several are in the planning stages.

"The total income from all sources amounts to \$3,609,940. It is interesting to note that nearly two million dollars comes from student income in the form of tuition, board and room, and fees. This means that from all other sources, including church support, the amount is about \$1,500,000. This is considerably below the level of the average operating income of the small church college. It simply means that our church support needs to be increased by at least one-half million dollars for all of our colleges before we come near to the average support of other church colleges which they receive from their church constituencies."

Department of Church Schools

Dr. A. F. Harper, executive secretary of the *Department of Church Schools*, carries a heavy responsibility with his many-sided task. We can give only a few paragraphs from his interesting report, and then mention the many other fields in which God is blessing this department. In the first paragraph he says:

"God has been helping His people through the teaching ministry of the church and it is my privilege to report to you the story of that help.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE

	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Average Attendance</i>
1956	611,319	397,509
1957	632,125	404,869
Increase	20,806	7,360

"Our gain in Sunday school enrollment is nearly 21,000 and 7,400 in average attendance. These are far ahead of last year but they are still below the average of the past decade. We are on the way up but we still have distance to go. We must find ways to help our pastors and church school workers reach more new people, because as the Sunday schools go, so goes church membership. Last year our Sunday school enrollment gain was the lowest in twelve years. This year, one year later, the church membership gain is the lowest since 1945. Our Sunday school gains of 21,000 this year and our drive for every class to enroll four more in '58 will mean church members in '59 and '60.

"We are pleased to report an enrollment of 77,000 on foreign fields—a gain of 4,000."

The Church Schools literature includes many periodicals, and the report states there was a "net circulation increase of 35,000 per issue" over the previous year. A very fundamental piece of work is being done in connection with the publication and spread of our Sunday school literature.

In regard to the vacation Bible schools, Dr. Harper writes thus:

"After a recession in the General Assembly summer of 1956, our vacation Bible schools are again on the march. The total enrollment was 217,259, a 22 per cent gain over the previous year and 28,000 more than our highest previous enrollment. For the first time teachers and pupils are reported separately, so that we cannot be sure how many teachers have been included in previous figures. We do know, however, that this year's pupil enrollment alone is nearly 7,000 higher than last year's total enrollment.

"More than 30,000 pupils found Christ during the two weeks of vacation Bible school—that is one for every 7 enrolled.

"We note with pleasure an increase of 69 schools on foreign mission fields and a total enrollment of nearly 17,000 in our foreign schools."

Next we have two paragraphs as to the "Family Outreach Packet":

"The *Family Outreach Packet*, our major project in this area of work, has been well received. To date our pastors have distributed packets to more than 50,000 families.

"In the second year packet, four new items were included: (1) a leaflet of guidance to pastors, (2) a list of Bible passages for memorization in the home, (3) a tract on *How to Lead Our Children to Christ*, and (4) a selected list of books recommended for use in the Christian home.

"In April we published our first book in the field of Christian family life, *This Holy Estate*, by Dr. John E. Riley; 2,500 copies have been sold in the first eight months."

Space forbids that we give any more of Dr.

Harper's report, except to mention the different sections: branch Sunday schools and their very important work; the *Nu-Vu Bible Stories*; the *Intermediate Activities*; the Cradle Roll work; Caravans and camps; the promotional activities, which include district church school board conferences held during the year and the regional conventions.

Department of Evangelism

Dr. V. H. Lewis, executive secretary of the *Department of Evangelism*, reports on the Crusade for Souls, as follows:

"There have been thirty Crusade for Souls tours or conferences conducted in which the department has had a part or been consulted with. I have personally labored in twenty-one of these, sometimes alone, at times with others. It may be a bit too early to accurately estimate the value of these crusades but one figure today stands out—of the fourteen districts in the North American continent that showed a loss in membership, none of them had a Crusade for Souls emphasis within their district areas or zone, except one that did have a partial contact in two areas. This Crusade for Souls has expression in organizational focus. Constant attention should be given to this end. It is also a spirit—the spirit that motivated the early followers of Christ and made the Church victorious. To have that spirit is essential. Without it we cannot succeed in winning souls and maintaining the blessings of God."

Dr. Lewis has served the cause of "mass evangelism" through the *Directory of Evangelists*, in listing open dates for the commissioned evangelists, and in promoting city-wide Nazarene campaigns where there are several Nazarene churches. Also he is anxious to help our people to make the most of city-wide campaigns, like those of Billy Graham. Added to these activities is the work done by this department in a brochure of suggestions for the Sunday night service, as well as promoting special work in trailer cities, and an attempt to keep up with "moving Nazarenes."

General N.Y.P.S. Secretary

Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, *general N.Y.P.S. secretary*, reports for his organization:

"GOOD NEWS!

"The Nazarene Young People's Society tops the 100,000 mark in membership. Add to that 39,591 juniors and you have 140,000 reasons why mine is one of the most genuinely satisfying and exciting tasks you can imagine.

"These 100,380 N.Y.P.S. members are spread throughout the world in 3,956 societies, an increase of 2,078 members and 167 societies. Of this total, 10,086 members are in 397 societies of the foreign fields.

"These young people make it impossible for any-

one to take a 'So what?' attitude to their size—for they do things! For instance, in the past year they gave a total of \$566,604 for all purposes. Of this amount, \$265,000, or almost 50 per cent, was given to others. The amount of \$214,135 went to district interests—primarily Home Missions. The amount for general interests was \$51,153. This is an increase of 18 per cent in giving to general interests. . . .

"AND MORE GOOD NEWS!"

"*Conquest* has the largest subscription list of any evangelical youth magazine. Our people's increasing appreciation for this youth magazine—judged at the top by unprejudiced and unrelated professional journalists—has given us a large increase the past year, to a total of almost 40,000 printed last month. . . .

"Congratulations to Editor Fred Parker!"

Camps and institutes have a great place in our church. They promote especially fellowship and evangelism, and reach our young people for Christ in an unusual way.

Junior Topics, *Teen Topics*, and *Young Adult Topics* represent "Programs with a Purpose." These program materials are planned—

"(1) To give real purpose to the work of the N.Y.P.S. and N.J.S.—to develop strong Nazarene churchmen.

"(2) To get every member of the group to participate regularly in these programs.

"(3) So that all members of a family will be having programs on the same theme at the same time.

"(4) All of our societies, throughout the world, will be doing the same thing at the same time."

Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, general president of the *Nazarene Foreign Missionary Society*, reports:

"The statistical report for 1957 shows a net gain in membership of 11,550, bringing our total to 137,441. This represents 47 per cent of the church membership.

"Add to this the membership of the mission field districts, which is 17,573, and we have the grand total of 155,014 N.F.M.S. members.

"We have accepted the challenge of our general superintendents to add another 25,000 to our membership during 1958, our Golden Anniversary year."

The N.F.M.S. raised for all purposes, for the year 1956-57, \$1,777,386.91, an increase of \$181,364.53 over the previous year.

The *Other Sheep* subscriptions now total 147,618, a gain of 2,974.

Readers of the prescribed course 72,409, a gain of 12,101.

Prayer and Fasting members 96,931, a gain of 7,070.

"God has helped us to direct the prayers of our

people through the use of Prayer Charts. This definite, prevailing prayer has begun to produce in many instances. Some of the things for which we are especially grateful is the help in our American Negro work, the victories at our Negro Bible Institute in West Virginia, and the reports of unusual blessing upon our thirty Bible schools around the world both in increases in young people called into full-time service and in outpourings of the Spirit of God upon the different schools. For His gracious help we praise Him."

Nazarene Junior Society

Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, general N.Y.P.S. secretary, reports on the *Nazarene Junior Society*—the numbers reaching nearly the 40,000 mark, including the members on the foreign fields. These juniors gave a total of \$63,392 for all purposes in the past year. They are on the move, as Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges continues to have immediate direction of this branch of our work.

Nazarene Servicemen's Commission

A very important arm of our church is the *Nazarene Servicemen's Commission*. It is directed by the general N.Y.P.S. secretary, Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland. He reports:

"Today almost 10,000 Nazarene homes have a son, daughter, husband, or father in a military uniform. More than 3,000 of these boys are now overseas—spread around the world. Every month about 100 more Nazarene boys are sent overseas."

What has the Church of the Nazarene been doing for these boys? Too much to tell you here. Suffice it to say that we are doing more every year. I quote from the general N.Y.P.S. secretary's report to help you to get the picture:

"A young person from a Nazarene church enlists or is drafted for military service. Before he leaves home, his pastor gives him a Servicemen's Kit, which contains many items: a card informing him he will soon start receiving our youth magazine, *Conquest*, without charge; a card on which he may order other free periodicals, such as the *Herald of Holiness*, *Standard*, and *Come Ye Apart*; a directory of our Nazarene churches near military bases throughout the world; a radio log of 'Showers of Blessing,' world-wide; a special tract on his chaplain; change of address cards, so that he can keep us informed of transfers; identification card; tracts for his devotional life.

"When this young person is transferred overseas, he receives another letter from us. He is given the names and addresses of our missionaries in his area. He is entered for a free subscription to the *Other Sheep*."

When he writes to the Servicemen's Commission his letter is answered. Every time he is transferred, he is communicated with. In other words, it's the

business of the Servicemen's Commission to keep up with Nazarene servicemen.

We now have twenty-nine chaplains, an increase of four for this past year. These Nazarene ministers are making themselves felt for God in their various fields of activity.

By this time most of you know that we are planning the first Nazarene Servicemen's Retreat to be held in Berchtesgaden, Germany, in March. Many servicemen and their families plan to be there for this great convention.

Christian Service Training

The work of the *Christian Service Training* Commission was presented by Dr. Kenneth S. Rice, secretary and director. This year's statistical record as compared with last year is as follows:

	1956	1957
Churches participating	1,763	1,994
Number of classes held	2,165	2,265
Number of persons earning credit:		
Church-sponsored classes	27,557	31,767
(extra credit allowed for		
Second Series)		1,028
N.Y.P.S. Institutes	8,267	5,690
Home Study	227	275
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Total credits earned	36,051	38,760

The program is being expanded through new courses which have been offered and new texts which have been written. There are now 131 courses in our total training program. The work is also being expanded through the "Basic Training Program," the 6:30 p.m. "Programs with a Purpose," Institute Training, and the 9:30 a.m. Training, or training at the time of the church school hour.

"The goal in Christian Service Training during the Fiftieth Anniversary year is 50,000 credits earned. We plan for this to become a reality largely through a church-wide training emphasis during the month of September, with every church studying the text written especially for this purpose by Dr. William Greathouse, entitled *The Fullness of the Spirit*. What could be more appropriate than for every Nazarene to participate during September in this Biblical study of the Holy Spirit with particular emphasis on His work in the Early Church as a preparation for the Nazarene 'Week of Witnessing' in October? What a church trains its people to do, they will do."

General Stewardship Committee

Dr. S. T. Ludwig, secretary of the *General Stewardship Committee*, in his report, mentions our per capita giving for last year—\$133.77. This is a gain of \$4.83 per person over last year. Also he states that our Easter Offering in 1957 went beyond the \$900,000 mark and, according to the latest figures, the Thanksgiving Offering is nearly

\$900,000. It promises to go beyond even the Easter Offering for 1957. Dr. Ludwig concludes with two important paragraphs:

"The Stewardship Committee is not only concerned about these church-wide offerings, but increasingly we must raise the month-by-month giving of our churches to sustain the regular lifeline budget for our world enterprise. This can best be accomplished, we believe, when each local church sets as a minimum standard of giving to world evangelism 10 per cent of the total amount received each year. Thank God, the number of churches adopting this plan is increasing. During 1957, 833 churches reached or exceeded the goal. But suppose during our anniversary year 75 per cent of our churches would reach the minimum standard of 10 per cent, think what this would mean in a great forward advance in our home and foreign missionary program.

"The Stewardship Committee is not only concerned with the material gifts of our people. The Early Church, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, gave 'first themselves.' When one's whole personality and ransomed powers have been consecrated to God, then all one has and is belongs to the Lord for sacrifice or service as He directs. Therefore, basic to our whole program of winning souls is this all-out commitment of each individual Christian to the plan and program of God. As that concept increasingly grips us, the Crusade for Souls will become a living reality to many thousands of Nazarenes around the world."

Nazarene Radio League

Dr. T. W. Willingham, executive director of the *Nazarene Radio League*, after giving a summary of the finances of his organization for the past fiscal year, reported the work of the Radio League, as follows:

"As of December 16, 1957, 'Showers of Blessing' was being broadcast on three hundred and fifty-eight stations (358) in forty-three (43) states with fifty-four (54) overseas outlets; a total of two hundred and seven (207) of these stations carried it as a public service feature.

"The Spanish language program, 'La Hora Nazarena,' was being broadcast on twenty-three (23) stations in thirteen (13) countries, and eleven (11) of these outlets carried the program as a public service feature.

"The total savings in reduced air time rates and free time for both programs for the last fiscal year was \$267,359.00, which is \$3,241.03 more than in any previous year.

"Both English and Spanish programs are now produced on tape, and in most instances the same program is aired within the week for which it was produced. This makes for much better pro-

graming, and requests for copies of sermons are more easily filled.

"In addition to our regular broadcasts we are working on a series of six special, fifteen-minute, transcribed anniversary numbers, on each of which a general superintendent will bring an appropriate message. We shall seek to secure as much free time as possible for these special features and where that is not possible seek to get church sponsorship. We hope to make this a widely used feature in 1958.

"We have a tentative commitment from the Columbia Broadcasting System for a thirty-minute 'Church of the Air,' coast-to-coast program on our Anniversary Sunday, October 12, 1958. We hope to get a firm commitment of this date in February."

Nazarene News Service

The report of the *Nazarene News Service* was given by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, its director. He says:

"With the assistance of Rev. O. Joe Olson of Wellington, Ohio, (who has prepared the releases) we have greatly expanded the service to our local churches. Into this planning has gone the appointment of area publicity chairmen in each of the 87 metropolitan cities over 100,000 in population. This person becomes the local contact (for news releases) from Nazarene News Service to the 140 newspapers serving these areas. As a result of this strategy we have good working relations with the religious editors of these metropolitan dailies. Furthermore, to the 3,400 other pastors in the church not covered by these areas, we are making available releases which they can take to their own newspapers and tie in with local news items.

"The response to this service has been extraordinary. In the press we are getting space never before accorded us. A few comments from pastors will underscore the value of such publicity:

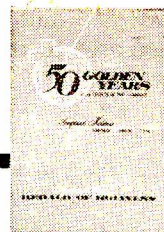
"From a pastor in a county seat town—'Our paper will take anything you send us'; from a pastor in a large city—'Mr. A, Religious Editor, said he would be glad to use our Anniversary releases because the Nazarenes were making news'; from a pastor in a home mission church—'We are a small, struggling church and have never been accepted in this town. The releases you sent have opened the door and I notice a difference already' (two weeks after release was printed); another pastor writes—'I was surprised at the welcome I received when presenting the news story.'"

American Bible Society

The *American Bible Society* report was presented by Rev. Ponder W. Gilliland, general N.Y.P.S. secretary. Our responsibility here will be better understood and responded to if we quote these paragraphs from his report:

"The American Bible Society does not stand apart from our church as something to be supported by our church. Rather, it is an arm of our

*A Pastor
Looks at . . .*



The ANNIVERSARY ISSUE of the "Herald of Holiness"

I THRILLED to the historic record; marveled at the comprehensive coverage of all church interests, and was humbled by the accomplishments of men who scorned the mediocre where spiritual things were concerned.

This *Herald* tells the whole story of our church intelligently and with that spiritual urgency characteristic of our church. In appearance and content it is a *Herald* you will be proud to give to your "up-and-out" friend, or your down-and-out friend.

I saw the anniversary *Herald* and it thrilled my soul.

REV. WILSON LANPHER
*Pastor, First Church
Washington, D.C.*

church, enabling us to do what we could not do alone.

"Ask any of our missionaries and you would find that having God's Word in native tongues is a must for effective missionary work. We cannot translate and print these scriptures.

"By co-operating with fifty-five other denominations, in pooling and channeling our resources for this purpose through the American Bible Society, we are able to do what would otherwise be impossible.

"This past year we gave \$13,629.14 for this cause through the American Bible Society. We should be giving at least \$18,000.00. The great tragedy continues to be that only one-third of our churches take an offering of any amount."

Book Committee

Rev. Norman R. Oke, secretary to the *Book Committee* and Advisory Committee, says:

"The Book Committee brings to you again a report of its stewardship for 1957. And a busy year it has been. Eighty-six (86) manuscripts have been evaluated. Seventy (70) of these were unsolicited, sixteen (16) were assigned. This compares with forty-nine (49) manuscripts processed by the Committee in 1956. So you see how the manuscript flow has substantially increased. Of the eighty-six (86) manuscripts, twenty-eight (28) were accepted for publication. Of this twenty-eight, sixteen (16)

were assigned and twelve (12) were unsolicited." The accepted manuscripts were then listed; we do not have the space to mention them here. Finally, we would direct attention to a major project which is being scheduled for 1960:

"In 1956 we produced *Exploring the Old Testament* and *Exploring the New Testament*—fore-

runners in a series of college-level texts. The Book Committee has launched plans for a third such text—*Exploring the Christian Faith*. A study of doctrine from a Biblical point of view, it is being edited by Dr. W. T. Purkiser and he is working with an Editorial Board representing all of our colleges. This is scheduled for 1960."

One man's report on . . .

The Conference on Evangelism

Fifty years ago (October, 1908) a tent was pitched in the little town of Pilot Point, Texas. It was the humble "wedding chapel" for three groups of holiness folk. When they married, a merger was formed that became the Church of the Nazarene. What a tent that was! The names of many who marched around it have been inscribed on our historical records. But who drove in the tent pegs? Those names have been forgotten; history does not know them.

Fifty years later. That little handful has now become a strong denomination; and it is still on the march. And, as is the custom, Nazarenes are celebrating this Fiftieth Anniversary. Not in the quiet Texas town of Pilot Point, but in sprawling, siren-mad Kansas City, Missouri, they met. Occasion—CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM—Golden Anniversary year.

I listened and it seemed again I heard the pounding of hammers on tent pegs. But this time the names of the men who drove them down were carefully recorded. Men of stature, tested leaders, men and women with warm hearts and melodious voices—these grasped the hammers and tightened down our tent pegs. Would you sum up in one crisp sentence this strategic conference? Here it is, "Nazarenes from around the world gathered in Kansas City, Missouri, to drive deeper the tent pegs." And the tent of our dwelling is more secure today because of that conference.

A large banner in front of the tent at Pilot Point bore the message of holiness. Now in our Golden Anniversary Conference on Evangelism the theme "Holiness Evangelism" was written large, not once, but over and over again by the various speakers. The same banner is ours after fifty years. It seemed that we pulled the rope a little tighter and hoisted that flag a bit higher on the mast. And nearly three thousand Nazarenes shouted as they saw it flutter in the breeze. Not one voice hinted that the wording be changed; a few suggested that we write the words "Holiness Evangelism" a little larger on our banner.

In this conference it was thrilling to watch the

five general superintendents grab the hammers. With accurate and telling blows they drove down those larger stakes that take the heaviest strain. From Dr. Samuel Young's keynote address on Monday night, "Evangelism, the Mighty Impact of the Centuries," right through to Dr. G. B. Williamson's closing impassioned appeal on Wednesday night, "Holiness and Evangelism"—the sound of hammer on tent pegs rang clear. And in between there were Dr. D. I. Vanderpool with "Rugged Cross—Rugged Gospel," Dr. Hardy C. Powers and "The Golden Anniversary Crusade," and Dr. Hugh C. Benner with "Maintaining the 'Climate' of Evangelism." These five messages were clarion calls to devotion, to fervency, to a closer alignment with the rugged aspects of our heritage. We all felt that we could go out and dwell for another fifty years under our broad canvas to carry our message faster and clearer.

But this should be said. In paper after paper we sensed that any suggestion of change was only a yearning to lengthen out the ropes, take up any slack. Pastor, evangelist, district superintendent, denominational executive—all fitted into the program.

There were high moments: moments when the emotions were borne up toward heaven. There were also many, many hours of quiet heart-searching. Solemn times were these, when a major denomination bowed before the sacred tombs of its forebears and then with wet eyes and firm jaw faced anew the heart-crushing responsibilities of this Sputnik age.

And the music! The choir under the baton of Ray Moore; the orchestra directed by Bob Stringfield; the organ, piano, special after special—God-anointed, heart-warming. Melody from sanctified lips and cleansed hearts became the wings which carried the message to the innermost recesses of the listening hearts. One thing we knew: "Holiness Evangelism" will be sung as well as preached among people called Nazarenes.

Such a gathering came not by accident. The

architect and spade man—Dr. V. H. Lewis, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. He stood back of the curtains much of the time while members of the Department of Evangelism mastered the ceremonies from session to session, but Dr. Lewis had a hand of direction on things throughout. And what a contribution he made!

Thousands of visitors—ministers and laymen—went away impressed, rejoicing, inwardly strengthened. Here were some impressions I obtained—

After fifty years we are not forsaking the dwellings of our fathers. We are modernizing the canvas, lengthening the cords, and strengthening the stakes. This we did, but the “tent” still stands!

The trumpet sound was clear. Evangelism has made us, we have no mood to muffle the sound. *Evangelize we will.*

Those who might have felt they had to go elsewhere to engage in rugged holiness evangelism went away feeling, Here I have room to work and tools to work with. Many people will be heartened by our fresh statement of purpose and will join the ranks.

And those who might have desired the Nazarenes to liberalize their position and their policies of evangelism heard the death knell to their hopes. Such dubious souls who feel that our course is too inflexible may turn away.

The Church of the Nazarene has declared herself for another half century. The tent pegs have been tightened, the slack in the ropes has been taken up. The Church of the Nazarene faces its next fifty years with a sense of direction and a mood of unity.

Those who attended will say, “Thank God, I was there when Nazarenes tightened the tent pegs.” And I can’t help but feel that the old-timers from Pilot Point cheered us from the balconies of heaven.

—NORMAN R. OKE

NEWS in PICTURE



THREE THOUSAND NAZARENES AT THE CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM held in Kansas City's Municipal Music Hall. *The presence of God was felt in every service.*



SPECIAL FEATURES AT THE CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM were a large choir, directed by Ray Moore, and a church orchestra, conducted by R. W. Stringfield. *Dr. G. B. Williamson is pictured speaking to a capacity crowd on the last night. The other general superintendents are shown at the right. Behind the speaker, from left to right, are Dr. V. H. Lewis, Rev. Gene Stowe, and Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Hawkins.*

WATCH and PRAY

By F. W. DAVIS

*We should never be reluctant
In our service for the Lord,
For the things that now are happening
Are fulfillment of His Word.
Let's be watchful, with all diligence,
Live by faith and constant prayer,*

*Look to Jesus, our Salvation—
Till we see Him over there.*

*Time is short for us to labor
For our God, His truth and right.
Clouds obscure the eastern horizon—
Clouds of war, and dismal night.
I'm so glad we need not worry,
Tho' the future looks so dim.
God will never, never fail us
If we put our trust in Him.*

by
Justa Lee
Allen



God Is a Graceful Giver

Because the Scriptures lay so much stress upon giving, and because Jesus taught that "it is more blessed to give than to receive," it is assumed by many Christians that nothing but happiness can come from one's giving. While giving was intended to bring happiness to both the giver and the recipient, the act of giving, under certain circumstances, can be hurtful to the giver and to others. This fact a young registered nurse and an elderly woman discovered.

The nurse, who served on special cases in a large city hospital, found joy in giving free help when she could and wherever needed. She was a sincere Christian young woman and the joy she experienced when helping someone without pay was stimulating to see. But her great joy in giving her services to those in need blinded her to the fact that she might be robbing someone else of the joy of sharing in her giving.

When she responded to the challenge of refusing calls at the hospital that she might care for a man who preferred her services—though unable to pay for them—she so revelled in the help she was giving and in the expressed appreciation of the

man's friends that she failed to see that to be a good giver she must take her turn, too, in being a willing receiver of help. In other words, like all other good things we are blessed with, we must willingly share the joy of giving, too.

When the patient's elderly aunt, who was his only close living relative, longed to be near her nephew yet could not, out of appreciation of what the nurse was doing, she rejoiced that she could at least send some money, as a token of appreciation to the nurse, and to help offset the nurse's losses at the hospital, which she could ill afford. But in her all-consuming joy of giving, the nurse refused the proffered money, saying her service was her own gift. In this decision she was robbing the elderly woman—who was left feeling useless—of her only chance of the joy of helping her nephew, for whom she felt responsible.

Someone of experience has wisely said, "It is just as important to *accept* gracefully services from others as it is to give them." And, we might add, it is often more difficult to accept favors from others than it is to give them. That probably was what the late Bishop Quayle had in mind when he once

Hide thyself by the brook Cherith, . . . thou shalt drink of the brook; . . . And it came to pass . . . that the brook dried up, . . . (I Kings 17:3-7).

Not Always in Green Pastures

*A prophet went to Cherith Brook to hide
According to Jehovah's firm command.
Refreshed and filled, he rested there with faith
When drought and famine wasted all the land.*

*But soon, alas, the brook began to fail!
What thought the prophet then? Did he despair,
Or did he quote the promises of God,
And trust the mighty Arm that led him there?*

*Sometimes we, like Elijah, must be sent
To wait beside some Cherith till we see
How, when it seems God's purposes have failed,
Far greater miracles are yet to be.*

*Not always in green pastures does He lead,
Or by still waters, but in desert ways
We follow on where grows no lovely thing,
But there the heart is tuned to deeper praise.*

*Our God has many means to meet man's need,
Grace all unmerited—a vast supply.
He still has brooklets to bestir our faith—
And other rivers that will not go dry!*

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

said: "When I am mistreated, I know exactly what to do. It is when people are nice to me that I am helpless."

God is a graceful Giver. He so loved the world that He gave, that the world might not die but live. But God does not selfishly retain all the joy of giving for himself. His Son, Jesus, the Saviour, shares in the joy of that work of salvation. And God shares with us, His people, the joys of giving as He accepts from us every bit of help we are willing to give for the same cause.

The Bible emphasizes that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." But it also implies that, for everyone who gives, there must be some person or cause to receive the gift.

The only way for every person to share in the superior joys of giving is for every person to take his or her turn in gracefully accepting the secondary blessing of receiving.

Lessons from a Siege of Sickness

1. "And It Came to Pass . . ."

By **GEORGE W. PRIVETT, Jr.**

Pastor, Donalsonville, Georgia

I was well. Then I was sick—very sick. This sudden experience appeared to me at first in a ghastly garb, chilling me with frightful mien. At the last, however, it has been transformed by Christ into an angel of unspeakable beauty, administering grace to the soul. A poem by Robert Hamilton sent me by a dear friend expresses very forcibly what I wish to say:

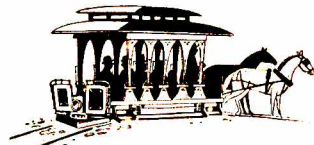
*I walked a mile with Pleasure,
She chattered all the way,
But left me none the wiser
For all she had to say.*

*I walked a mile with Sorrow,
And ne'er a word said she;
But, oh, the things I learned from her
When Sorrow walked with me!*

During the first part of my illness I snuggled the Bible close to my side, for I knew it to be a friend in time of trouble. How I longed one morning for a waterbrook, for a stream of blessing in my desert of pain! I opened the blessed Book yearning for some good word of encouragement. The first part of Acts 21:1—"And it came to pass . . ."—stood before my mind illuminated. Eureka! I had found the inspiration desired and my heart sang.

These words gave me a timely boost because I was reminded of an old Negro minister's comments concerning them. This sainted preacher

THOUGHTS



from
the

"Old-timers"

We cannot be truly thankful unless we are truly contented. To a contented soul every new gift is a thankful surprise. Thankfulness and contentment are as inseparable as godliness and contentment and there is a fortune in these twins.—DR. P. F. BRESEE (Nov. 22, 1906, *the Nazarene Messenger*).

During the new year we are not to send somebody for us, but to go and give ourselves for Jesus' sake for rescuing immortal souls.—W. A. MILLAR (Jan. 3, 1907, *the Nazarene Messenger*).

The way some Christians pray for a clean heart, reminds one of a tramp looking for work and praying not to find it.—FRED J. BUZZELL (Jan. 12, 1907, *Beulah Christian*).

Don't try to argue a soul into holiness. When one is not really hungering and thirsting after righteousness, it is not a "second definite work of grace," that is his conscious need, but God.—C. A. MCCONNELL (November, 1899, from *Texas Holiness Banner*).

Conversion ties the tongue from wagging falsely; sanctification frees the tongue to teach and testify truly.—E. F. WALKER (May 8, 1912, *Herald of Holiness*).

When we start to judge other people, if we think soberly of what we are and do with our light, it takes much of the wind out of our sails, and our judgment becomes more mild and intelligent.—J. N. SHORT (June 5, 1912, *Herald of Holiness*).

asked a friend of his, William H. Ridgeway, of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, what he regarded the most comforting verse in the Bible.

Mr. Ridgeway thought a moment. "I don't know, but what is it?"

"'And it came to pass . . .,'" the old man answered.

"But, Uncle Joe," protested Mr. Ridgeway, "that is not a Bible verse; it is only the beginning of one."

"No," said the old Negro, "those are the most comfortingest words in the Bible to me. It didn't come to stay—'it came to pass.'"

And Robert Speer adds, "That may not be very good exegesis, but it is good Christian doctrine."

Yes, through these words the Master indicated that this too would pass away. Sickness teaches us lessons of patience, compassion, and trust. These truths remain, bringing personal enrichment, but the sickness usually leaves.

Peter brought comfort to the persecuted Christians of his day by reminding them of the transi-

toriness of pain. Since the language of the soul is timeless, we may listen with profit to his words: "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:6-7).

Carrying this truth still farther, we are made to realize the immortality of the soul. Were our sickness unto death, we could still triumphantly exclaim, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Corinthians 15:55) The transient cannot permanently harm us if we are linked with the eternal. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:17).

I'm glad I opened His Book that day, for He gave me a heart-to-heart talk to my soul's comfort and joy.

To some people promises are but scraps of paper but . . .

God's Precious Promises Are True!

By CHRISTINE WHITE

Many times news is brought to us by newspaper or radio of the disregard of nations for their pledged word, often followed by the threat of war and all its horrors. Treaties are too often regarded as mere "scraps of paper."

Every community has its divorce problem, every church its quota of backsliders, almost every family its black sheep. The most sacred vows are lightly taken and as readily forgotten. Debts are contracted and collectors stalled off with insincere promises of early settlement. Truly men's promises are brittle as dry twigs, soft as pie crust.

Parents err sometimes by promising children almost anything to keep them quiet. Friends break appointments, betray a confidence; lovers make rash vows "never to change." Like beer cans along the highway, broken promises litter our lives.

"I'll never drink another drop!" swears the sobered alcoholic as he gazes remorsefully at his wife's battered face, victim of his insane rage. But his high resolutions are "gone with the wind" when, a week later, he again fails to resist the lure of the bottle.

In the heat of political battles promises are made and later dismissed as "campaign oratory." Here and there we find a man whose word is as good as his bond, but such examples are far too few.

In contrast to man's failure how brightly shine the precious promises of God! "I will never leave

thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5). "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

There are said to be over three thousand promises in the Bible and 85 per cent of these are promises given to man by God. Just think what we miss when we fail to claim these promises!

More than one-third of all the promises in the Bible are prophetic. "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son" (Isaiah 7:14). And, "Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (65:17).

The psalms contain many precious promises. Psalm thirty-seven has forty-three of these. A favorite is, "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (v. 4).

Jesus gave us many promises. "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matthew 7:7). And the last promise in the Bible: "Surely I come quickly" (Revelation 22:20).

Trusting in man's word may bring disappointment and heartache. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35).

True, the Christian must endure blood, sweat, and tears, but beyond the black of midnight lies the pearly dawn—beyond the cross, the crown. Let us hold fast to the promises. God never fails!

I Am Traveling Home

By Evangelist Melza H. Brown

Recently at the close of an evangelistic campaign we were driving through God's beautiful country headed for home. It was autumn and nature was at its best. The mountains and valleys were arrayed in gorgeous colors of brilliant yellow, deep red, and dark green. The air was crisp and clear. The mountain peaks at times were tinted with a blue or purple haze.

The deer were on the move, for the hunters dressed in their colorful garb were visible ever and anon. Great herds of cattle, home from their summer mountain pastures, fed in the valleys. The smoke from the ranch houses curled slowly and gracefully upward in winding spirals of blue.

At times the highway stretched out in long avenues of beauty between farms and homes, while again it wound up and down the curving grades of the mountainsides or through wooded valleys of splendor. Beauty everywhere. Surely God made the autumn.

Added to the joy of the scenery was the fact we were going home. What other word is so heart-warming as "home"!

Life has its autumn season also. Many people dread or fear the latter years of life. Some even try to deny the reality of age. Cannot the God who makes the autumn of nature so beautiful also make the life of His children an increasing experience of beauty and joy?

There is truly much in life that becomes more splendid as we journey onward. Life's fellowships become richer. Friends are indeed a blessing. The seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord are multiplied. The hills and the valleys of experience as we travel onward can be gorgeous in array. It is not by any means all desert as we journey.

And best of all, we are journeying home. Home—the wonderful and eternal home! What a thrill

Last year alcoholism caused 30 per cent more deaths in France than did tuberculosis. Consumption of alcohol and its corollary, cirrhosis of the liver, took 17,400. Tuberculosis killed 13,300.—The *Sunday Guardian*, May-August, 1957.

should come to the soul of the Christian as he contemplates arriving at that home Jesus has gone to prepare for His own!

Let us truly anticipate the glorious reality of the home of the soul, but let us not forget to enjoy the beauty of the journey as we travel God's highway. It is always better farther on, so travel with interest and a happy heart. Though you may at times be weary, remember, friend, we shall soon be home.

Eternal Life

*Eternity goes far beyond
Our simple, finite mind,
And yet its Ruler is the same
As He who made mankind.
We think of hours, and days, and years;
We live with passing things,
Like money, health, or homes, or friends,
Or even sufferings.*

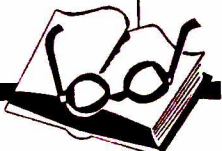
*Our morning sun shines but a day,
Then goes beyond our sight;
And swiftly pass the fleeting hours
That make the longest night.
Eternity is neither long
Nor short, nor fast nor slow;
For it is constant, always was,
And will no ending know.*

*The Father has created man
For all eternity;
And then He sent His only Son
To rugged Calvary
That you and I might know His plan;
And when earth's day shall cease,
If we know Jesus, we shall know
Eternal, constant peace!*

By PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
February 16

The Preaching Ministry of the Church

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:14-17; I Corinthians 1:18-31; Ephesians 3:7-19
(Printed: same)

GOLDEN TEXT: *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17).*

What was the genius of expansion in the early New Testament Church? The rich, the poor, the educated, the uneducated—all shared a common dedication. And they were, as James S. Stewart expressed it, "a church that knows its Lord and is possessed by its Gospel." Not in a few dedicated men, but in the many—each disciple accepted the authority of the Word, declared it with joy, and "went every where preaching the word." This was the genius of expansion!

However, when the zeal for spreading the gospel is limited to a few, the flame of heart compassion soon flickers in the church, only to be extinguished by the cares of this life. This is exactly what happened. Through the centuries this zeal for preaching the Word waned, and the Christian religion was reduced to a mere pagan round of forms and ceremonies, pilgrimages and penances. During the Reformation, however, the Word of God was once again exalted above all other authorities. With new force it was proclaimed from the pulpit and the common man received the Word gladly.

Are we willing in this generation to accept the full responsibility of the Great Commission? Does it not devolve upon all to preach the Word? Have we narrowed the concept of the preaching ministry and thus excluded the laymen? In the larger sense each Christian is called to preach the Word. All of us, to be mighty instruments in the hand of the Lord, must surrender our lips, too, to the power and direction of the Holy Spirit.

To make the ministry of our lives more effective let us be guided by these principles:

1. The ground of our faith must be

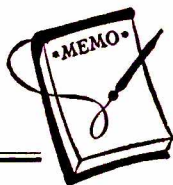
the Word of God. This is our beginning, God's Word, for "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

2. The power of our preaching must be the "cross of Christ." By choice and dedication we seek to exalt our Lord and Saviour, knowing "that no flesh should glory in his presence" (I Corinthians 1:18, 29).

3. The mark of our character must be true humility. With deep realization that I am nothing except by the grace of God, the door is opened to know and declare the "unsearchable riches of Christ" (Ephesians 3:8).

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT



	December, '56	December, '57	No. Increase
CENTRAL ZONE			
Indianapolis	9,071	12,847	3,776
Central Ohio	13,863	14,702	839
Northeastern Indiana	9,851	10,594	743
Eastern Michigan	8,917	9,273	356
Illinois	8,843	9,186	343
Iowa	6,508*	6,821	313
Northwestern Illinois	5,235	5,513	278
Chicago Central	5,552*	5,764	212
Western Ohio	14,687	14,856	169
Michigan	8,787	8,552	-235
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Wisconsin, Southwest Indiana, Northwestern Illinois, Missouri			
SOUTHEAST ZONE			
Tennessee	3,966	8,012	4,046
West Virginia	10,705	11,295	590
Florida	8,316	8,863	547
Kentucky	5,654	6,076	422
Mississippi	2,767	2,938	171
Virginia	3,315	3,375	60
North Carolina	3,829	3,718	-111
East Tennessee	5,930	5,711	-219
Alabama	7,158	6,800	-358
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Eastern Kentucky, Georgia, South Carolina			
EASTERN ZONE			
Akron	11,397	12,449	1,052
Pittsburgh	8,470	8,956	486
New York	2,085	2,201	116
Washington		5,455	
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Albany, Philadelphia, New England			
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH			
Canada Central	1,943	2,208	265
Canada Pacific	1,035	1,168	133
Maritime	941	1,012	71
Canada West	4,256	4,217	-39
British Isles South	3,363	3,073	-290
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Australia, British Isles North			
SOUTHERN ZONE			
Abilene	5,396	5,769	376
Southwest Oklahoma	5,645	5,843	198
Northeast Oklahoma	3,925	4,060	135
Joplin	4,273*	4,312	69
North Arkansas	3,555	3,608	53
Kansas	8,213	8,258	45
Northwest Oklahoma	5,714	5,744	30
Kansas City	5,081*	5,088	7
Louisiana	3,458*	3,391	-67
Dallas	4,860	4,780	-80

District	December, '56	December, '57	No. Increase
Nebraska	2,983	2,812	-171
San Antonio	3,833	3,579	-254
<i>Districts not reporting:</i> Houston, Southeast Oklahoma, South Arkansas			
SOUTHWEST ZONE			
Los Angeles	10,379	10,613	613
Southern California	11,844	12,367	523
New Mexico	3,117*	3,336	219
Northern California	15,070	15,228	158
Arizona	3,885	4,017	132
Hawaii	763	775	12
Colorado	6,728	6,724	-4
NORTHWEST ZONE			
Washington Pacific	5,519	5,748	229
Oregon Pacific	7,842	8,035	193
Nevada-Utah	948	1,031	83
Rocky Mountain	2,427	2,473	46
Alaska	681	685	4
South Dakota	813	797	-16
Northwest	7,275	7,234	-41
North Dakota	1,726	1,562	-164
Idaho-Oregon	6,119	5,769	-350
<i>District not reporting:</i> Minnesota			
<i>Estimated average for December, 1957</i>		405,688	
<i>Increase over average for December, 1956</i>		3,763	
<i>Percentage of increase</i>		.94	

ERWIN G. BENSON, *Field Secretary*

*Average attendance last assembly year.



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

New Missionaries Appointed

The General Board in its annual session in January, 1958, appointed the following new missionaries:

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Gates of Avon Lake, Ohio, to Brazil

Rev. and Mrs. George Rench of Kansas City, Missouri, general appointment

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Wissbroecker of Watonga, Oklahoma, to Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Ed. Cairns of Boston, Massachusetts, to British Honduras

Dr. and Mrs. James Springer of Randle, Washington, to Peru

Miss Carol Dimbath of Dayton, Ohio, general appointment

Miss Evelyn Mewes of Kansas City, Missouri, to Portuguese East Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Henck of Plattsburgh, New York, to Cape Verde Islands

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Alexander of Montreal, Canada, to Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gray of Placer-ville, California, to Peru

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Davis of Rumford, Rhode Island, general appointment

Rev. and Mrs. Umsted Pitts of Port Acres, Texas, general appointment

Miss Ina Smith of Nampa, Idaho, to British Honduras

Rev. William Bromley of Australia, to New Guinea

Appointees who were given general appointments last January were assigned as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lowry, to Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Seely, to Bolivia

Rev. and Mrs. Norman Zurcher, to Africa

Rev. and Mrs. Allen Wilson, to Guatemala

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson, to Philippine Islands

Africa Missionary Council Reports

This has been a wonderful year under the gracious leadership of our much-loved district superintendent, Rev. C. S. Jenkins. In bringing his report to the council he highlighted many contributory causes for this year's blessing. Besides the opening up of two new sections of the country, the memorable visit of our general president, Mrs. L. Robinson Chapman, and the revival in the Coloured Bible School figured largely.

A special cause for thanksgiving was the enrollment of 91 students (highest ever recorded) in our Bible schools. A net gain of 770 members brings our

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total membership to 10,804. New goals were set for the period extending to April, 1961, which include a membership of 15,000, over-all giving of 15,000 pounds, and 25 self-supporting churches.

Dr. W. C. Esselstyn, who was recently honored in receiving his doctorate from our Eastern Nazarene College, was elected to the office of superintendent on his return to the field.

There are battles ahead—problems and barriers stride our pathway like giants. We cannot gain the victory alone. But our hearts are on fire. We believe that the flames from burning hearts, fanned by the Spirit of God, will sweep throughout every African Church of the Nazarene and we will see the revival we need.—BETTY EMSLIE, *Reporter*.

Lebanon

The work in the village of Munseph is still going along well. We are filling the little place in which we worship. It holds about forty-five adults. Most of those who come are young people. Two weeks ago four young men about twenty years old prayed for salvation. It is the first real move we have had, but I am sure it is only the beginning.—DONALD REED, *Lebanon*.

Puerto Rico Greetings

It is a pleasure to send greetings to you from the Ninth Annual District Assembly of the Puerto Rican Mission District.

Dr. Hugh C. Benner presided in the sessions and his direction was a blessing and inspiration to all those present. His messages gave us a new vision of what we can and should do in our work for the church. Good reports were given and progressive goals were set for the coming year. Two new churches were organized this year and district-wide Sunday school attendance increased more than 250.

We feel this has been one of our best assemblies. God is blessing the leadership of our new district superintendent, Rev. Lyle Prescott.

Our slogan for the coming year is "A Revival This Year." We know that very much depends on this, and we want you to help us pray for a real revival in our churches this year.—MARIA A. GILLET, *District Secretary, Puerto Rico*.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The Crusade for Souls Commission is continuing the publishing of the list of churches, by district, who qualified during their last assembly year for the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. The group qualification standards were published in the November 13 issue of the *Herald*.

We congratulate the following, who have obtained certificates:

Church	Pastor	Present		Church	Pastor	Present	
		Membership	Gain			Membership	Gain
AKRON							
Canaan Hill	L. F. Huff	26	11	Wren	H. Suman	20	20
Windham	P. S. Brown	30	10	Hamilton Fifth	J. Dozier	21	5
Youngstown Boardman	J. L. McClung	42	23	Dayton Kettering	W. Fightmaster	21	10
Cleveland Central	C. R. Stouffer	45	9	South Lebanon	H. L. Oney	26	16
Ashtabula Edgewood	H. L. Harris	54	11	Wauseon	D. W. Hough	29	9
Warren Meadowbrook	R. M. England	85	12	Cincinnati Eastside	C. Keel	42	11
Massillon	J. W. Eppler	100	31	Cedarville	B. Modesitt	45	13
East Liberty	R. L. Moulton	102	26	Cincinnati Brighton	C. Wilson	53	12
Columbiana	L. A. Baltz	109	14	Cincinnati Calvary	W. E. Haggard	70	9
Alliance	J. A. Rodgers	125	13	Manchester	D. Lewis	81	10
Toronto	O. L. Benedum	128	18	Dayton Knollwood	H. Frye	87	18
Power Point	H. L. Applegate	147	13	Miamisburg	J. G. Wells	92	31
Akron Kenmore	M. L. Bunker	145	18	Hamilton Tuley Road	G. Moorman	98	34
East Palestine	R. L. Shoff	162	18	Toledo Douglas Road	H. S. Sylvia	104	13
Akron First	K. H. Pearsall	287	23	Dayton Wrightview	R. J. Nash	109	14
AUSTRALIA							
Quilpie	J. E. Strow	11	6	Toledo East Broadway	V. E. McCoy	147	13
Gowler	S. Lavender	18	7	St. Marys	R. L. Ellis	151	24
Coorparoo	J. N. White	44	16	Springdale	L. S. Watson	201	18
BRITISH ISLES SOUTH							
Bath	P. W. Gentry	12	5	Dayton Central	G. B. Breese	275	25
Rotherham	J. B. Reid	25	12	Trenton	A. M. Wilson	297	25
Birmingham				Lima First	M. E. Clay	310	29
(Smallheath)	D. W. Dixon	31	10	Middletown	L. P. Rossman	338	28
Oldham	D. F. A. McCulloch	79	13	WEST VIRGINIA			
HAWAII							
Hilo	B. Cook	23	7	Vintondale-Huntington	I. Ratcliff	8	8
MISSOURI							
Telegraph	F. Ferguson	16	12	Fairview	B. Boyers	16	6
Vandalia	P. R. Bynum	21	11	Cairo	B. W. Murphy	17	17
St. Louis Florissant	W. Leezer	21	6	Hinton	R. C. Belcher	19	18
Jefferson City	R. Axtell	29	9	Wiley Ford	R. C. Carpenter	23	5
Kyles	D. J. Nichols	33	9	Hooverson Heights	M. Lucas	23	17
De Soto	H. B. Wiley	38	10	Prosperity	J. W. Hadlock	24	24
Matthews	H. Lake	46	12	St. Marys	G. E. Wilson	27	10
Mexico	V. R. Clarke	53	9	Webster Springs	L. Johnson	29	15
St. Louis Ferguson	U. G. Moss	76	14	New Martinsville	R. E. Whiteman	30	9
St. Louis N. Side	G. M. Pace	84	24	Burnwell	L. Shinn	33	19
Malden	J. G. Rushing	99	14	Point Pleasant	J. S. Brannon	36	10
Kirksville	T. D. Williams	120	14	Alderson	A. Williams, Jr.	52	11
Hannibal	A. L. Roach	121	13	Grafton	N. Sullivan	53	11
Esther	F. Hartman	160	21	Nitro	I. L. Hemmings	60	9
NORTH ARKANSAS							
Round Mountain	W. F. Carter	30	9	Elkins	J. Archer	83	16
Ft. Smith South Side	R. Miller	63	14	S. Chas. Grace	H. Runyan	91	28
Ft. Smith Central	T. D. Tompkins	81	17	Parkersburg, S.S.	I. E. Fowler	117	18
Rogers	R. E. Hulsey	101	21	Beckley	O. F. Haynes	120	16
Batesville	R. F. Lindley	132	22	Chas. Davis Creek	D. Baggett	295	30
Blytheville	W. R. Donaldson	160	18	WISCONSIN			
				Boscobel	F. Everhart	10	8
				Ironwood	C. T. Cook	21	5
				St. Croix Falls	C. E. Royse	24	5
				Monroe	A. Pemble	28	11
				Eau Claire	J. H. Ranum	54	11

Servicemen's Corner



A CHAPLAIN OF ANOTHER DENOMINATION—"The men of this institution and myself wish to take this opportunity to thank you very much for all that you have done in this past year for the welfare of each one of them. Your publication, the *Herald of Holiness*, has been a source of much joy to many of these men. Your total co-operation during the year contributed much to the peace of mind of many of these men."—REV. S. B. HANNAH, Office of the Chaplain, Florence, Arizona.

FROM A PASTOR—"I have just finished the second year of touring the 27th Air Division (DEF) with Chaplain Penrod in preaching missions. The Lord blessed at each site with wonderful response. Many of the men accepted Christ. Chaplain Penrod will give you the actual figures of this mission. He is doing a great job. He certainly is a top chaplain."—FRANK WATKINS.

FROM GEORGIA—"I have been receiving your literature for some time, and find it hard to express in words just how much help it has been to me. I have been in service for over six years, and I have found that receiving these monthly allowances of Christian literature has helped both me and many of my fellow troopers. As you know, our life is a stress, and having things like the *Herald of Holiness* and *Conquest* helps to bolster

our morale. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the service you have rendered to us. Please keep up the good work."—CHARLES R. KRAMER, SP3/C.

FROM THE CANAL ZONE—"Through the personal evangelism of another serviceman I was made acquainted with our Church of the Nazarene here in Ancon, Canal Zone. I really thank God for our home mission churches that have given the servicemen 'a home away from home.' Under the ministry of Rev. Elmer Nelson I have continued to serve God and to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

"It was through Mr. Nelson that I learned of our Servicemen's Commission and the free literature that it supplied to all servicemen. This certainly is a wonderful project and it has been a blessing to me as I have served here in the Canal Zone. As I am leaving in a few days to return to the United States, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and concern."—SP3 JACK B. SMITHWICK.

NAZARENE SERVICEMEN'S COMMISSION
London W. Gilliland DIRECTOR



Religious News & Comments

Presbyterians, U.S.A. Try New Budget Plan

Surprising results of a unique experiment in denominational financing have been reported by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Under the leadership of Dr. John Peters, secretary of Stewardship and Promotion, an "open end" budget was adopted in 1950. Each year the denomination adopted a "basic program" budget which maintained the current program. At the same time an "advance program" was planned showing what would be done if more than a basic budget was received. The advance program for 1958 calls for expanded foreign missionary work in 34 countries, an ambitious home missionary program, and funds to strengthen the

By R. L. LUNSFORD

faculty for the church's 41 colleges. The three-million-member denomination increased its general budget giving from 100 million dollars to 220 million in the last seven years and expects to double the present giving by 1962.

Missions by Mail Paying Off

Approximately eight years ago a correspondence course in the Bible was inaugurated to concentrate on students in mission areas. Called the Light of Life Correspondence Course, the program has expanded from 1 country to 50, from 1 language to 39, and has a present enrollment of 700,000 students, with an average of 12,000 new students being reached each month. Already hundreds of testimonies of conversions have been recorded.

Bolivia Turns Religious Education Over to the Vatican

For the first time in history the government of Bolivia has entered into a contract with the Roman Catholic church, giving her the right to supervise religious instruction in the public schools. Due to run for ten years, the agreement also promises government aid to certain other phases of the work of the church. Since the pact does not give exclusive right to the Roman church it is not anticipated that Protestant missionary activity will be seriously curtailed. Symptomatic of the growing pressure of Roman Catholics in Latin America, however, was the banning last month of evangelistic meetings being held in the coliseum at Lima, Peru, by Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of the People's Church, Toronto, Canada.

Disturbing Figures

Figures don't lie but at times they can be terribly disturbing. For a number of years the Church of the Nazarene was known as the fastest growing

and highest per capita giving denomination among those reporting to the United Stewardship Council. In per capita giving she now finds herself outstripped by seven or eight sister denominations. With a 1957 record of \$133.77 per capita (up from \$129.94 in 1956) she was bested in giving by 66.2 per cent by the Seventh-Day Adventists, who had a record of \$202.02 per capita. One of our sister holiness denominations, the Wesleyan Methodist church, also topped us by nearly 50 per cent, with a record of \$197.43 per capita. The Church of the Nazarene was cited last month by two national magazines (*Christian Herald* and *Reader's Digest*) as one of the denominations who support their program by storhouse tithing.

In membership growth the Nazarenes showed a gain of 1.5 per cent as compared with a general increase of 4.2 per cent among all Protestant denominations. These figures underscore our need for an increased emphasis on home missions and evangelism during our Golden Anniversary year.

You and your

Morals



Last year nearly 41,000 died on our streets and highways—victims of traffic accidents. A new record! There are many reasons for these accidents which result in deaths. But mainly people are careless—careless about having their brakes fixed, careless about walking out between cars, careless with the speed law, and most of all, careless about mixing drinking with driving.

The full support of every church member is needed to bring a safety campaign into every community. These accidents are sending into eternity many souls that could otherwise be saved. Write for a copy of the special "Back the Attack" issue of *Public Safety*. The address is: The National Safety Council, 425 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Illinois.

KENNETH S. RICE, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals



"By all means save some"

OPEN TO ALL

Regional Church School Conventions

February 17-18, 1958, College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho

February 20-21, 1958, First Church of the Nazarene, S.W. 12th Avenue and Main Street, Portland, Oregon

February 24-25, 1958, Sacramento, California, State Fairgrounds, Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Special Speaker

February 27-28, 1958, San Bernardino, California, Municipal Auditorium; Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Special Speaker

April 9-10, 1958, Fergus Falls, Minnesota

April 14-15, 1958, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

April, 1958, Great Falls, Montana, and Riverton, Wyoming

Watch for announcements of conventions to be held in the fall of 1958 and the spring of 1959.

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN APPRAISE REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

The Waco convention has given our district a direct contact with the detailed program of the Department of Church Schools. It enabled our district church school board members to take hold of the local and district interpretation of our task.

Fletcher Spruce
Dallas District

As far as I am concerned the convention was a success and very profitable. It brought the program of the Department of Church Schools before us, which makes it easier for us to promote our own district program.

Hadley Hall
Kentucky District

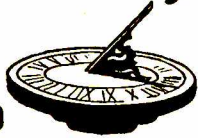
The regional conventions have great value. They give our teachers and workers at the grass-roots level a feeling of belonging to a strong holiness organization. They offer our local and district workers the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the latest techniques in Sunday school implementation. They permit our workers to hear the best in top-level administrative personnel. Moreover, they grant to our workers a share in the spiritual fellowship of a larger group. Last, they offer the opportunity for idea-sharing and planning for better organization and methods.

Dr. Lawrence B. Hicks
Former Chairman, Eastern Kentucky

The convention revealed possibilities of the church schools in reaching the lost around us and inspiring our people to greater achievements in building bigger and better church schools.

Amos R. Meador
Abilene District

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

Our God

(Isaiah 6:11)

Monday:

"God is Alpha and Omega in the great world; endeavor to make Him so in the little world."—Francis Quarles.

"He loseth nothing who loseth not God."—George Herbert.

(Genesis 1:1; Revelation 21:6-7; Leviticus 19:2.)

Tuesday:

"God never made mouth but [that]

He made meat."—Thomas Bacon, 1560.

"God strikes not with both hands, for to the sea He made heavens, and to rivers fords."—George Herbert. (Psalms 145:16; 103:5; 104:27.)

Wednesday:

"God's mouth knows not how to utter falsehood."—Aeschylus.

*Too wise to be mistaken still,
Too good to be unkind.*—Samuel Medley.

"I fear God, but am not afraid of Him."—Sir Thomas Browne.

(Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2; Isaiah 55:8-11.)

Thursday:

"A God all mercy is a God unjust."—Edward Young.

"God is clever, but not dishonest."—Einstein.

An' you've got to git up airy

Ef you want to take in God.—Lowell, *Biglow Papers*.

(Romans 2:6-11.)

Friday:

"God gives His wrath by weight, and without weight His mercy."—George Herbert.

"Though God have iron hands which

when they strike pay home, yet hath He leaden feet when they pursue the sinner."—John Lyly.

(Hosea 11:8; Ezekiel 18:31; II Peter 3:9.)

Saturday:

Cast your life upon the deep

And sleep: I AM. Said of Brahm—true of our God.

"Whom God will help nae man can hinder."—Scottish proverb.

(Psalms 121:4; Psalms 118:6.)

Sunday:

"To complete the design [of God] we have to put a stitch here and there."—George Moore.

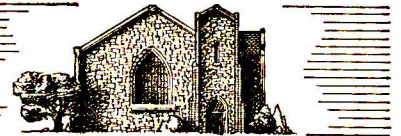
"If man folds his arms, God will go to sleep."—Unamuno.

"Beware of the man whose God is in the skies [only]."—G. Bernard Shaw.

(Matthew 21:3; Philippians 2:12-13.)

*God's might to direct me,
God's power to protect me,
God's wisdom for learning,
God's eye for discerning,
God's ear for my hearing,
God's word for my clearing.*
—Oldest Gaelic Christian hymn
(Psalms 48:14.)

NEWS of the Churches



General N.F.M.S. Council Meeting

The General Nazarene Foreign Missionary Council met at the International Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, January 2 to 4. All members of the council were present.

Dr. Samuel Young, our sponsor, opened the first session with a very inspiring message, reminding us that we are a holiness church with a world vision. Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt, foreign missions secretary, also challenged us as he gave us a vision of the great need of our various fields and the inadequate supply to meet those needs.

Mrs. Louise R. Chapman, our beloved general president, recently returned from a trip to Africa, melted our hearts as she pictured to us the tremendous needs in that great field. She also gave us a very wonderful report as to what the gospel had accomplished in the many places visited. God blessed her ministry wherever she went among missionaries, national workers, and the great group of needy souls that were added to the fold.

The reports given by council members showed that good progress had been made this past year. There is a great future as we go all out to reach our Golden Anniversary year goals. We are expecting God to give us the greatest

year in the history of our church.

Much time was spent in prayer, seeking God's way for the effective working of all our departments.

Will you pray with us that God will place a greater sense of urgency upon our people everywhere, to speed the gospel around the world? "Up! This Is the Day of Exploits!"—MRS. PAUL UPDIKE, *council member, reporting.*

Rev. Buddie May writes that he is now working full time in the evangelistic field, and has some open time between now and April 1. Write him, 217 Third Street, Ashland, Kentucky.

Rev. Lyle and Lois Potter report: "Our travels in Sunday school tour and convention work during 1957 have been confined to the western section of the United States. While on the Idaho-Oregon, Northwest, Oregon Pacific, Washington Pacific, Colorado, Northern California, Southern California, and Los Angeles districts we enjoyed rich fellowship and received much inspiration and blessing in our association with the district leaders and pastors. The devotion and enthusiasm of our wonderful laymen speak well for the realization of our Sunday school goals during this Golden Anniversary year. It has been our privilege to see many hundreds vol-

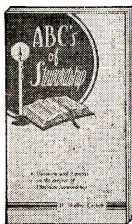
unteer to assume places of specific service which we trust will mean greater activity for God and souls through the Sunday school. Truly this has been a wonderful year for us; how we appreciate the host of friends who remember to pray for us! During 1958 we will tour and hold conventions on fifteen of our districts. We are happy in our place of service."

Richmond, Kentucky—These are days of great blessing in our Rosemont Church. Our new building was started last May 14 and it is now practically completed. We have seen a constant increase in Sunday school and church services. In November we had a wonderful revival with Evangelist C. C. Burton, with God's blessings on the services. On December 15, District Superintendent D. S. Somerville came and dedicated our new building, also conducted the pastoral recall. Our good and well-loved pastor, Rev. A. A. Frederick, was given a unanimous one-year call, and then the call was extended for three years. Our Sunday school is now averaging 113 in attendance, in comparison to 91 for last year; also we have received 5 new members on profession of faith. Our property is valued at \$20,000 with a debt of \$10,500. We give God praise for His blessings.—LUCILLE MOODY, *Secretary.*

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February—Stewardship Month



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My Gold and God

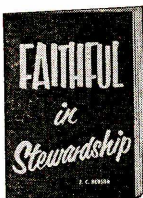
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Deaths

REV. STEPHEN HENRY OWENS, pioneer preacher in the Southwest, died December 1, 1957, at the age of eighty-four. He was converted at an early age in Texas, and was instrumental in the supervision and organization of many of the churches in the state of Oklahoma. He devoted over a half-century in the preaching of the gospel, serving a number of churches as pastor, including Altus, Bethany First Church, Muskogee, Collinsville, Davenport, and Boswell, Oklahoma. He served as superintendent of the Oklahoma District and later of the Eastern Oklahoma District. For the past several years Brother Owens had been retired, and lived in the same block as First Church of the Nazarene in Ada, Oklahoma. He attended regularly the means of grace and was a faithful booster of his pastor and superintendent. He is survived by four children: Mattie A. Keasler, George E., and Pauline Ethel Smiley, all of Oklahoma City; and Walter B., of Baldwin Park, California. Funeral service was conducted in First Church, Bethany, by the district superintendent, Rev. Glen Jones, Rev. H. M. Curtis, and Rev. L. A. Richardson.

REV. THOMAS E. SNIDER, age fifty, highly respected and much-loved pastor of Faith Church of the Nazarene, Lawrenceville, Illinois, was drowned in a hunting accident, December 6, 1957. Brother Snider began his pastoral work at Paris, Illinois, in 1934 prior to his graduation from (old) Olivet College. He pastored churches at Pekin, Taylorville, Mt. Vernon, Olney, Herrin, Morrisville, and Lawrenceville, all in Illinois. He served the church faithfully for more than twenty years, and was a warrior in every respect; he was never happy when God's cause moved slowly. He is survived by his wife, Daisy, and seven children, also four brothers and five sisters. Funeral service was held at First Church in Vincennes, Indiana, with Rev. George Reader, pastor at Georgetown, Illinois, officiating. He was assisted by Rev. Wm. B. Kelley, Rev. Edward Carter, and Rev. Sylvester Smith. Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were made up of the nearly fifty fellow ministers who attended the service.

REV. ERNEST G. JOHNSON died at his home in Altadena, California, October 26, 1957, at the age of sixty-seven. From 1918 until 1942—when he was forced to inactive duty due to a heart condition—he had pastored churches in Massachusetts, California, Oregon, Louisiana, and Iowa. Although limited physically, he continued to work in the Master's vineyard until the end as teacher of the largest Sunday school class at his home church, Bresee Avenue in Pasadena. His friendly smile, his kindly spirit, his deep devotion to God and his church were an inspiration to all who knew him. His exemplary life, an effective testimony for the Church of the Nazarene, is a great loss to the denomination he loved so much. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; a brother, Carl, and a sister, Mrs. Alice Carlson, both of Providence,

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Rhode Island. Funeral service was held in Breese Avenue Church, conducted by his pastor, Rev. George Taylorson, assisted by Dr. H. Orton Wiley, Rev. Shelburne Brown, Rev. I. W. Young, and Rev. Jack Frost. Interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Altadena.

REV. GEORGE ROBERT WILLIAMS was born March 8, 1876, in Birmingham, Alabama, and died October 22, 1957, in a hospital in Okemah, Oklahoma, at the age of eighty-one. He had been ill for several months and in the hospital for three days. He was an active Nazarene minister for forty years, having retired about ten years ago. He was a charter member of the Church of the Nazarene in Okemah. He came to the Buckeye community in Okfuskee County in 1909, and had lived in Castle since 1943. He is survived by four sons: R. H., of Okemah, Oklahoma; Prages, Edgar and Herman, of Tulsa; two daughters: Mrs. Loyd Patrick, of Ashland, Kansas; and Mrs. Bertha Shelton, of Honeydew, California; also one brother, Marion Williams, of Double Springs, Alabama. He was victorious in his faith to the very last.

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WEDDING BELLS

Miss Jerry Ann Hardy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mr. David L. Brown of Rock Island, Illinois, were united in marriage on December 28, in First Church of the Nazarene, Oklahoma City, with the pastor, Rev. R. T. Williams, officiating, assisted by the father of the groom, Rev. J. W. Brown, of Rock Island.

Rev. C. J. Garrett and Mrs. Grace Carter, both of Olathe, Kansas, were united in marriage on January 1, at the Nazarene parsonage in Olathe, with the pastor, Rev. Bill Burch, officiating.

BORN—To Kermit and Naomi (Newton) Clingerman of Poland, Ohio, a daughter, Melanie Anne, on December 31.

—To Lt. J. g. and Mrs. Charles Robert Mandly of Croft Point, Indiana, a son, Charles Robert, Jr., on December 31.

—To Rev. and Mrs. Richard E. Phelps of Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania, a daughter, Terri Sue, on December 30.

—To Robert and Clarice (Pratt) Jobe of Garden Grove, California, a son, Daniel Ross, on December 17.

—To Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Salisbury of Decatur, Michigan, a son, Arvid Ray, on December 16.

—To Mr. and Mrs. Hadrian Lechner of North Chili, New York, a son, Jonathan Blair, on December 11.

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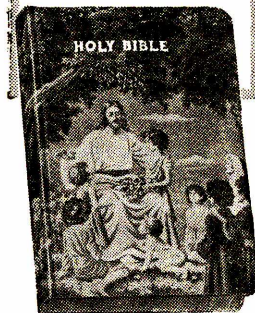
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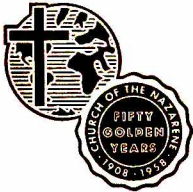
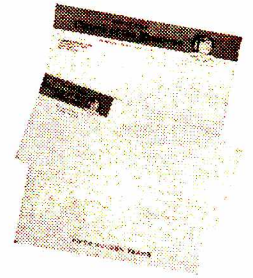
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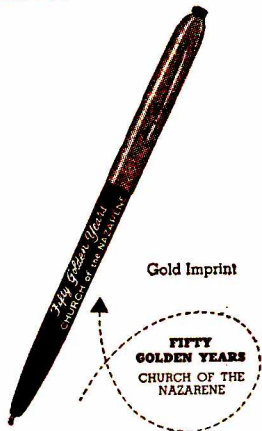
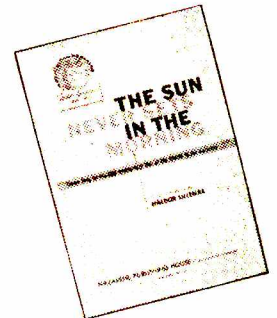
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