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SO^UND the TRUMPET

The GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY YEAR of our church . . . 1958 . . . is past. Most of the goals for this memorable year were reached or surpassed. What each of us did is now history. It is too late to do more in 1958.

We received more people into the church the calendar year of 1958, organized more churches, witnessed to more people, raised more money, and gave more to world-wide evangelism than in any other year of our history. Those who know our people best believe that definite spiritual progress has been made throughout the church.

The activities of the year have highlighted the true value of earnest prayers . . . stirred hearts . . . united efforts . . . and accepted goals. All of the above were used as open channels for the Holy Spirit's operation during our Golden Anniversary year.

Within the reach of the Watchman's binoculars march the bristling, "cocksure" followers of "Materialism," while not far away "Formalism" and her devotees reach their icy fingers to chill the church. There are in view also the "Skeptical Would-be Intellectuals" who are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of THE TRUTH," and who would deliberately steal the sacred promises which brought comfort and assurance to the old saints and dying martyrs in centuries past. These fingerprinted enemies of the Kingdom grow strong in the ease and comfort of a lukewarm church. A loud, clear trumpet blast must be sounded by the Watchman, alerting all of our people to the approach of enemies and calling the church to arms.

Our safety and usefulness lie in our being a spiritual church. Revival fires must be builded everywhere until a fervency of spirit grips our people.

Clear, fearless preaching of full salvation is a **MUST** in this war. God's call for sacrificial, aggressive, world-wide advance is ever the same. Soul passion and sound judgment challenge us to use gospel songs, the printed page, and every other possible means for the spread of the gospel and its power to change men.

The weapons of the church are not carnal, but they are powerful in tearing down the strongholds of Satan. Earnest prayer, faithful works, appropriating faith, and joy in service are powerful weapons that can make this year our greatest. What we do for this generation, we must do in a hurry. **PLEASE, BLESSED SPIRIT,** sound a trumpet that will awaken us all to our opportunities and responsibilities as we enter this new year.

D. I. Vanderpool, General Superintendent



Pastor Paul Dumas sends word from San Francisco, California: "First Church property sold; congregation moved to temporary quarters January 4, with plans to begin building in the near future on the beautiful 3 1/2-acre site near center of city. God's blessings manifest in these transition days."

Evangelist Thurman Oren writes that he has left the field to accept the pastorate of the church at Gaston, Indiana.

Rev. Ralph H. Mattingly is now in the third year of his pastorate with the church at Kinston, North Carolina, which was organized about four years ago. After having served as vice-president of the Ministerial Association last year, he was recently elected president for the year 1959. There are thirty-five active churches in the Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Moore, of Panama City Florida, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 21. On Sunday morning they renewed their wedding vows with their pastor, Rev. Wallace Bell, officiating; in the afternoon they had open house. The Moores came to Panama City from Nashville, Tennessee, several years ago; he is a retired businessman, and Mrs. Moore is a nurse at Tundall Air Force Base. They have three daughters, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

Rev. Ed. Murphey has resigned as pastor of Fairmount Church in Kansas City, Missouri, to accept the pastorate of the church in North Long Beach, California.

Rev. Gilbert Jackson, now attending Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City, has been called to pastor the Fairmount Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dr. and Mrs. John L. Brasher celebrated their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary on December 21, 1958. Dr. Brasher is now 90 years old, and his wife will be 86 on February 13. He writes they observed their anniversary "quietly, but thankfully." Their home address is R.F.D. 2, Attalla, Alabama.

Rev. F. Lincicome, whose articles have appeared at various times in the columns of the *Herald of Holiness*, will be eighty years old on February 2. He is now confined to his home and, the

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greater part of the time, to his bed. His address is 412 Jefferson Street, Gary, Indiana. Brother Lincicome has been preaching holiness for more than fifty years.

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart" (Psalms 119:1-2).

I Love God's House

By NORMAN C. SCHLICHTER

*I love God's house, His house of prayer,
The fellowshiping with Him there;
And with our brothers as we bow
And solemnly renew our vow
To love and honor, trust, obey
His will for us from day to day.*

*I love God's house, where all our days
We seek for light upon our ways,
And wish each other's cares to bear;
To love, as He loves, everywhere.*

*I love God's house, in which His Word
Exalted is; its reading heard
By reverent ears, and souls in awe
Of His pure truth, His final law.*

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prepared minister . . . The spirit of the faculty and my fellow students is that which I appreciate most. The spiritual atmosphere is conducive to Christian growth and encouragement in striving for a better grasp of truth. The atmosphere is one of constant victory and praise, for which I especially am thankful."

So wrote Duane E. Herron, a new student at Nazarene Theological Seminary this fall, coming from Eastern Nazarene College. While in college Duane served as college N.Y.P.S. president, society chaplain, and Ministerial Association vice-president.

A Retrospective Glance ... and a Forward Look



By Arch Edwards

Production Manager, Nazarene Publishing House

THIRTY-NINE YEARS AGO a tousled headed, knickerbockered, timid member of a family of ten children presented himself at the desk of Mr. M. Lunn (then assistant manager of the Nazarene Publishing House) seeking employment.

The next day he became a member of a staff of twenty-five or thirty employees working nine hours a day, six days a week. He was thrilled with the opportunity of serving the church (and thereby also aiding his family), a thrill which remains undiminished to this day. The church was twelve years old, and he, fourteen.

We were then operating three hand-fed presses of uncertain vintage. (Today we have sixteen modern, high-speed automatic presses, some on two-shift operation.) Then we had two linotype machines. (Today we operate six linotypes on two shifts.) Approximately eight to ten tons of paper were consumed each month in that day. (Our monthly consumption of paper today is eighty-five tons.) All other functions of our organization have enjoyed a growth commensurate with those mentioned above. Such have been the material gains and services of your Publishing House over the thirty-nine years of our association with it. Material progress however has meaning only as such gains relate to spiritual advancement. The content of our message has value only as the message is Spirit-filled.

While I was considering this truth, a penetrating line of thought persistently kept me awake during the early hours of this morning. How are our lives and work to be judged in God's great and final day? I was disturbed by a picture of a great filter through which God was pouring out our lives. The filter retained only that which had value in light of the Judgment. This residue was measured against an image of God's expectancy of our lives. I was led to some serious reflection.

One of the great dangers of our day is to be found in the possibility of drowning our spiritual values in a sea of material success. We are grateful to Almighty God for His help and guidance in

the material and spiritual growth of our organizations. Both are important to the accomplishment of our assigned task.

The final filtering processes, however, will have to do with spiritual gains. Material success only increases our spiritual responsibility. What were we thirty-nine years ago? What are we today? As all of the endeavors, motives, ambitions, and qualities of our lives pass through God's exacting filter, what will be left? And how will it compare to God's image of expectancy for us?

As we look in retrospect, we recall that we carried a time-consuming, knee-calousing burden for the lost in those early days of our church. Times of great revival came after weeks of importunate prayer. Giving, of any consequence, meant sacrificial giving, for salaries were small.

There was a certain stigma attached to membership in a holiness organization, for we had a high regard for our doctrines and our standards. We stood by them and were not ashamed. There was a constantly growing concern in the hearts of our leaders that we maintain the reason for our existence, "the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout the entire world," and in our case "by the printed page."

The success of any "past" is reflected in the mirror of its "future." We are today the direct result of the successes and failures of past activity, guidance, and leadership. What are we today? And what shall we leave to our children?

We are sure that we face in these days an enemy more greedy, more subtle, and more merciless than at any time in the existence of man. The tensions of the atomic age coupled with the demands of a materialistic idea of success are making appalling inroads on the spirit of man.

Is our House, its leadership and its people, spiritually equipped to meet the rugged issues of the day? Do we have the strength, stamina, faith, and purpose to stand by our doctrines and principles in the face of the pressures of the day?

These were some of the thoughts which penetrated so persistently the early hours of my morning, and a quiet voice said, "Be still, and know that I am God." And again as to Elijah, "Yet have I left me seven thousand . . . which have not bowed . . . unto Baal." (I remembered with a glow of righteous pride a recent series of prayer meetings conducted by teen-agers of our local church, wherein a revival was literally prayed down as a result of their spiritual battle.)

I allowed my thoughts to dwell on the caliber of our men and women in leadership positions

today and on our great host of wonderful, loyal, Spirit-filled Nazarenes, young and old, and I took courage.

There is no conscious compromise on the part of our leadership and we have a staunch and fearless laity. Your Publishing House does and will continue to publish the message of holiness because God wills it so and His will is still our command. Our banner still reads, "Holiness unto the Lord." Our motto, "The Full Gospel to the Whole World by the Printed Page," and evermore it shall be so! Glory to His matchless name!

I WILL GUIDE THEE

By **Janet I. Stiefel**

Pastor's wife, Norwood, Mass.

I MARVEL at the beautiful way God has led, and at the exhibited great patience of the Holy Spirit. How different things would have been had not Someone been guiding my life!

I was raised by wonderful parents, but they knew little of vital salvation. Miraculously I was won to Christ as a teen-ager when I was conducting a youth service in a modernist church. How faithful God is!

The Lord called me to full-time Christian service and provided a scholarship at National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City, Missouri. At that time Miss Mary Latham contacted me for secretarial help, and through her I was introduced to the Nazarene Publishing House (and also to a young ministerial student . . . "Al" Stiefel).

On many occasions I have thanked God for my associations with the Publishing House and the contributions it has made to my life. I had been saved, but knew so little of real Christian living and was far from holiness. The consistent witness of those sanctified Christians with whom I worked surely bore fruit. They showed me how vital and

appealing holiness really is . . . so I plunged in and, praise the Lord, I'm still "in"! I joined the Church of the Nazarene, and what a joy to serve God through our church these seven years!

As the divine plan unfolded, I found it to include a lovely little adopted daughter, many wonderful friends as we served the Nazarene churches in Massapequa Park and Beacon, New York, and now Norwood, Massachusetts, and some precious souls won to Him.

I praise God for His goodness in allowing me to do that thing which I most wanted to do. As a pastor's wife there have been many challenging and many rewarding experiences, and I have found the element of my peace in the testimony that I am working for His glory.

How I long to grow deeper in Him, to bear more of the fruits of the disciplined life! Oh, the shortcomings, but God knows that beneath them is a heart that loves Him supremely and longs to do His will.

Since I was a little girl this poem has been my confidence for the future. I'm thankful that God has as many plans for men as He has men . . . and that He had a plan for me!

*I know not what awaits me;
God kindly veils my eyes,
And o'er each step of my onward way
He makes new scenes to rise.*

*So on I go, not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God
Than go alone by sight!*

*Where He may lead I'll follow,
My trust in Him repose;
And every hour in perfect peace
I'll sing, "He knows, God knows."*

AND IT WORKS!

The Layman's WITNESS



By **Al Ramquist**

Director of Sales
Nazarene Publishing House

The layman's witness for Christ is rarely dramatic, yet when Spirit-directed, the fruits of his testimony may well reach around the world. His witness may simply be the constancy of his Christian life or it may be a well-placed comment or question in a casual conversation which will prove to be the "sword of the Spirit."

The Christian's Smile—

"You always come in with a smile, as if you had just come into a good fortune," said the waitress after the book-keeper had seated himself at a table in the corner.

"Well, thanks. I wasn't aware of it. I certainly haven't inherited a million dollars." He chuckled.

The waitress took the order, served the meal, and then returned for the dessert selection.

"Really, I'm serious," she said. "You have been eating your lunch here for weeks and you always appear cheerful, as if you were looking forward to a pleasant surprise. I serve other guests but most of them are either sober, sour, or irritable. I can't help noticing the difference."

The businessman tried to ignore the compliment. "I guess I'm just plainly contented with my family, my job—and my church," he said.

THE HIDDEN SONG

(Romans 8:28)

*All Christians belong to that blessed throng;
To whatever comes, therein is a song.*

*They can always trust their Father on high
To send them a song instead of a sigh.
In this vale below the sorrows must come.
The "all things" we know before we reach home;
But plenteous grace He giveth His child
When life's clouds oppress and tempests run wild.*

*Always in the storm there is hidden a song
Though our way is dark, the road bleak and long.
In time we shall see how His guiding hand
Has always led on to that happy land!
As we travel on from this earth below
We know that He guides, our way He doth know.
And as He leads us to our home on high
Our privilege is to sing and not sigh.*

By **JESSIE WHITESIDE FINKS**

"Church? Which church do you attend?"

"It's one of the liveliest, happiest, and most aggressive churches in town—the Church of the Nazarene."

The waitress slipped away to wait on other guests and then was back with the dessert.

"What do Nazarenes teach?" she asked.

"Just about all the basic beliefs of Christianity, especially emphasizing that people can be happy and contented through a personal surrender to Jesus Christ."

"When I was a girl in Iowa, we lived close to a Nazarene family," the waitress remembered. "They were wonderful people and I don't think they missed a single service at their church. They were always helping some neighbor. Come to think of it, they too were always happy."

An Unusual Question—

A Hollywood business executive accidentally ran into an old army "buddy" with whom he had served in France during World War II. Many years had passed. Recovering from the sudden meeting, he asked, "Joe, what are you doing for yourself?"

"You'll be surprised but I'm a guard at the penitentiary. By the way, Paul, do you remember those drunken brawls we used to have in Paris? What a time we had!"

"Yeah, Joe, I remember but I wish I could forget them." Then with almost abrupt seriousness, Paul looked squarely into Joe's eyes and asked, "How are you fixed with insurance?"

"Insurance? Man, I'm insured up to my chin. I'm carrying \$20,000 of life insurance besides car insurance, fire insurance, health insurance, and mortgage insurance."

"But, Joe, do you carry soul insurance?"

"Soul insurance? Are you kidding?"

"I was never more serious in my life," Paul replied. "Just what would happen to your soul if you should die tonight?"

"Your guess is as good as mine," he answered.

"A few years ago I came face to face with my Maker," related Paul. "I prayed one prayer and made one decision that made a new man of me. I have given myself to Christ, Joe. Forgive the pun about insurance, but I wish you could experience the peace and joy that I have found."

After a few parting words, Paul pulled from his pocket his own New Testament and asked Joe to read it while on duty. His friend promised he would.

Not many days passed before Paul received a letter written on penitentiary stationery which read in part as follows: "I took your advice. I started reading the little Testament but it all seemed strange until I came to a verse I had heard before. It was the sixteenth verse of the third chapter of John. Paul, this may come as a shock to you, but I knelt right there in my room. I prayed and believed. Jesus Christ came to me and I am a new man. Now I know what you mean by soul insurance."

Christian friend, pray for guidance, then take that first step in witnessing—identify yourself as a Christian.

the Singing of the Sanctified

THE PEOPLE at the little mission were happy, rejoicing . . . victorious! Their leader, a dark-complexioned man of middle age, average build, and with a face that revealed a spirit of kindness, was a lay minister. My parents were attracted to the services and with them I was carried to make my first acquaintance with the folk called Nazarenes.

I remember very little about the services of that day but I shall never forget the singing, for the people sang and praised God with great freedom. By their songs they gave expression to an inward joy that was spontaneous and jubilant. There were songs of saving grace and sanctifying power, and often they sang of spiritual conquests and victories. "Canaan" was a favorite theme and it seems that I can still hear the people and feel the wonderful freedom of their spirit as they sang:

*"I'm over the Jordan tide;
The waters did there divide.
I'm in the land of Canaan,
Abundantly satisfied."*

They did not neglect the grand old hymns of the Church, but the distinctive music of these happy Christians was that which lifted the cry of "HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD!"

The little mission hall could not contain these good people long, and the community soon felt the impact of their spiritual activities. A church was established—a church that has blessed multiplied thousands of people and has sent ministers and missionaries to labor effectively in many fields.

Now there are thousands of Nazarene congregations, many of them having had their beginnings in little mission halls. Heaven-blest music has had an important part in this movement. Many things have changed with the changing times but the genius of our singing remains unchanged. There is nothing in our services that has a greater attraction for those we are striving to win than the

joyful singing of the sanctified. There is no power that can defeat or discourage a band of Spirit-filled, singing Christians. All of this is difficult to describe and impossible to explain by any form of music analysis, but it is recognized in the local congregations and in the district and general assemblies of the church. It is the dominant inspiration of our camp meetings and conventions. Its absence gives cause for concern and for calls to prayer for revival. It is the result of the Pentecostal enduement.

Down at the little mission they sang:

*"I've crossed over Jordan to Canaan's fair land,
And this is like heaven to me."*

This music is still ringing in my ears and I believe it will echo and re-echo upon the hillsides of the Glory-land.

—FLOYD W. HAWKINS

Music Editor
Nazarene Publishing House



I Like Our Visitors

By Twila Byler

An interview with Norman R. Oke

Miss Byler, will you tell us something about your work as tour-hostess for the Nazarene Publishing House?

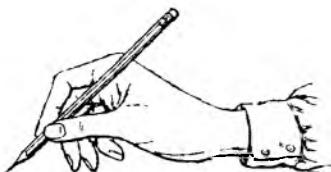
Escorting groups through our Publishing House is not my full work, but I confess it has been one of the happiest privileges I have had during these years. I have been tour-hostess for about fourteen years and in that time have guided approximately fifteen thousand people through our plant. As I spend nearly an hour on each tour, you can see that I have had many, many hours of personal enjoyment.

Will you tell us something about our visitors?

Well, for one thing sure, the whole world seems to have come trekking to our doors. Their speech and accent let me know that they come from north, east, west, and south. And as they register I note that they come from all parts of the United States, from Canada, Great Britain, Australia, and many other countries. They represent nearly all walks of life: farmers, students, homemakers, professional vocations, and of course ministers and missionaries.

"Jesus did not arrive suddenly at His ability to say, 'Get thee hence, Satan.' He had taken the arduous and patient path that all Christians must take—the path of daily discipline and complete obedience to His Heavenly Father."—Dr. Glenn D. Fraser.

By Georgia M.
Anderson



EXAMINING THE PROOFS

As copy editor and head proofreader it is my privilege to be probably the widest and most thorough reader of current Nazarene literature—"widest" because every one of our forty-two periodicals, each of the some fifty books printed annually, and hundreds of smaller jobs cross my desk; "most thorough" because I must scrutinize every "jot and tittle" from the top of the first page to the bottom of the last one.

But I find myself seeing far more than typographical proofs alone. As you examine the latest proofs from your photographer to select the best likeness, so I see in the printed page pictures of God, of the church, and even of myself. The seventy-one district assembly min-

utes bring familiarity with the personnel of my fellow Nazarenes. Departmental literature gives me a comprehensive view of the Sunday school, home and foreign missions, and evangelism. My heart is thrilled at the challenges and accomplishments; it is stirred by the perils. Prayer requests pierce their way into my private devotions and sometimes leave me feeling I must help to hold the ropes during the intervening days or weeks until news of the need reaches the Nazarene public. The *Herald* articles inform, inspire, and often search me. If some articles in the *Preacher's Magazine* and Dr. Wiley's books are beyond my mental depth and leave me gasping, I still hope they will be near enough error-free that our theologians will profit by them.

For about six years I wished, but scarcely hoped, for the privilege of being a proofreader at the Nazarene Publishing House. Now for eleven years that privilege has been mine, and I appreciate it more than ever. After the authors have written, and the editors have worked and planned, we proofreaders stand as the last "watchdogs" before the printed page is released to carry "the full gospel to the whole world."

Friends from other denominations and other publishing houses also come to visit.

What has impressed you most about these people?

I think I must say their deep sincerity. Our Nazarenes come to visit *their* Publishing House and express themselves in words of sincerest enthusiasm. They seem to especially enjoy seeing the *Herald* printed, folded, and addressed. I have also been impressed by the fact that, regardless of where they come from, their spirit is essentially the same; there is a strong unity among Nazarenes everywhere.

Then there is the high moment on each tour when the visitors meet M. Lunn in his office. They chat just a moment, catch his contagious enthusiasm as he speaks of his forty-four years of service. His concluding remark, "The Lord has been good to us," is never forgotten.

What are the most frequent remarks made by our visitors?

The most frequent comment is, "I never dreamed it was this large!" Others speak of the cleanness and neatness. Businessmen notice the efficiency—but also the crowded conditions. "Old-timers" recall how they gave an offering to get the Publishing House on its feet financially back in the old days. They rejoice to see it "fully grown up" and walking in full stride.

What has this tour-hostess experience meant to you personally?

It has greatly enriched my personal Christian life. The warm fellowship with such wholesome people has blessed me times beyond count. Their parting words of appreciation have made me say many times, "I'm glad I am a Nazarene, and tour-hostess for my Publishing House."

"SPECIAL DELIVERY"

By **NELSON G. MINK**

Pastor, First Church, Waco, Texas

I heard the door chimes, and as I started for the door, I could look out the front window and see the little blue-and-white mail truck. As I opened the door, the man handed me a special delivery. I was not surprised, nor worried. This had happened so many times. Good Sister Byars is sending in her tithes, and she wants her envelope to be ready for the offering Sunday morning. Often this special letter has reached us on Sunday mornings just before we started to church.

Mrs. Mollie Byars is a widow woman. She operates Peniel Mission, a little holiness work right in the heart of our city of about 120,000 people. She doesn't have very much to turn in, but she takes it seriously, and does it regularly. This, of course, is the type of support that makes the work of the Kingdom go forward.

But why send it by special delivery? Really, I didn't ask this faithful and hard-working soul who visits business establishments with a tambourine in her hand, soliciting finances to feed hungry transients, to take some food to a destitute family, or to give some clothing to someone who is up against it. I think, though, that she sends in her tithe this way because:

First, I think she feels that the matter of supporting the work of God at her own home church is so important that it was just natural to resort to some sure way of seeing that her part of the Lord's work would be on hand at the right time.

Too, I think this way of sending in the tithe is just an index to the way this woman feels about things like this. No haphazard plan of "I'll give if I can" or "I'll try to send something once in a while." No, sir! This little yellow envelope must find its way to the offering plate each week, whether the donor can be there or not. In fact, this donor has not been in a Sunday service in her home church for years, for her work at her mission has made it impossible, but the church must go on.

I ran across this today, an anonymous quotation from a church bulletin: "One who ignores the Church is like a man who builds a house without windows and then blames God because he has to live in the dark." The faithful tither helps keep the lights on in the church. He helps keep the lifelines open at home and around the world. It will also go a long way in making it easier for him when he begins changing worlds.

God Will Be with Thee!

By **FLORA E. BRECK**

*He faced a mountain, dark—dismaying;
Then thought of God—and started praying.
Behold, the steeps became as naught,
For each advance through prayer was wrought.*

*And through the gloom he found God's Son;
Thereafter anguish was unknown
So lonely heights were safely won.
Because no fear was faced alone!*

When LIGHT Broke Through

By **JAY B. BUDD**

Pastor, Williamsburg, Ohio

"God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform." The ways of God are not easily comprehended, but we can be sure that God always understands. He manifests himself as the sunrise following the darkest night. The clouds may be foreboding, the burdens may be heavy; but at the slightest whispering of invitation, and sometimes before we have time to pray, He is by our side.

We are deeply impressed with this realization when we have seen victory in the hour of trial. The following personal experience will illustrate this point.

It was October, 1954. The doctor had looked at me on the hospital bed and informed me that the disease was infectious hepatitis, a liver infection. His instructions included extremely limited activity for six months. It sounded like a bombshell. After minimizing his statement, I was shocked further by his warning that unless the instructions were obeyed other complications could arise—leukemia, encephalitis, heart disease, or other more minor ailments.

As the door closed behind the doctor, Satan whispered, "Now where is your God? He calls you to preach and then sets you aside." Before he completed his insinuations, I was calling upon the God who has promised to "supply all your needs." In that hour the light broke through and He gave me the assurance that His promises were sure.

Pray for Peace

By **E. WAYNE STAHL**

Retired Nazarene Elder, Lowell, Mass.

On the table, just to the left of the typewriter I am using, lies an open book. It is a hymnal. On a front flyleaf I read the name of my godly, maternal grandmother. Below it are the letters and figures, "Nov. 1885." For many years its saintly owner has been singing the "new song" in the paradise of God. I treasure this book more than words can tell.

It is opened toward the latter part of its pages, where I see the title of a hymn, "Prayer for Peace." This is only twenty-one pages from the final spiritual song. To me such a hymn being almost the ultimate one is significant in these "perilous times" when the planet is menaced by destruction through nuclear war.

Vivid in memory is the occasion when I first heard the lines sung. It was at college chapel. News had very recently been flashed over the world of the annihilation of the Russian fleet by the Japanese one, off the coast of Japan, on May 7, 1905, under the command of Admiral Togo in the Russo-Japanese War. That engagement might have been termed one of the "decisive battles of the world," for from it the Land of the Rising Sun emerged as a world power.

At the time of the singing of that song by students and faculty that spring morning, the president of the college called attention to the name of the melody to which it was to be sung. That title was "Russian Hymn"! It seemed a strange coincidence, almost an irony of military history.

That hymn, composed by Henry F. Chorley, is one of the greatest ever written. For majesty and music it is a masterpiece. As we read the beginning lines we seem to hear "the thunder of the captains and the shouting."

God is addressed as the "Omnipotent" (one of His attributes which the people of this present age appear considerably to have forgotten, as well as the fact that He is watching as the mighty Judge of all), who makes "great winds Thy clarions, lightnings Thy sword." Then, in the close of that first stanza, it is realized by the following words that He is also compassionate:

Show forth Thy pity on high, where Thou reignest;

Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.

In the second stanza He is addressed as "the All-merciful," as confession is made that He, the holy One, has been slighted and disobeyed. This stanza, too, ends with a petition for peace.

Next He is addressed as the "All-righteous." This

third stanza states the fact that men have defied Him, yet His Word stands to eternity; and this stanza closes with a prayer for pardon as well as for peace.

Hearing the prayer song "God Bless America," a student of the Bible will not be expectant of any answer so long as this country is wallowing in wickedness. Liquor, lust, greed, Sabbath-breaking, formal religion destitute of any power are some of the situations that will bar an answer.

We indeed need a number of Nehemiahs and Daniels in high governmental and ecclesiastical places who will pray the supplications and make the confessions and ask for mercy as these statesmen and leaders did (Nehemiah 1:4-11; Daniel 9:3-19).

"Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble" as I think what the future may hold for the free nations unless they "pray," and seek God's face and "turn from their wicked ways" (II Chronicles 7:14). If they do this, God has promised healing for us; "healing peace again," as former President Wilson beautifully put it.

The final stanza of Chorley's stately hymn rises to a triumphant and beautiful close as he voices the delivered people's thanksgiving for having been saved "from peril and sword."

Many letters that we receive today have stamped on the envelopes, "Pray for Peace." Such a letter might itself be called a prayer. As we seek to obey this request of God, we would do well as a nation if we used the words of Chorley's mighty singing, and made our works harmonize with our words.

Then it would not be "peace; when there is no peace" (Jeremiah 6:14; 8:11), but the Heaven-sent "lengthening of thy [our] tranquillity" (Daniel 4:27). Just preceding these words of the statesman-seer, we read, "Break off thy sins by righteousness."

PRAYER FOR PEACE

*God, the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest
Great winds Thy clarions, lightnings Thy sword;
Show forth Thy pity on high, where Thou reignest;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord.*

*God, the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken
Thy ways of blessedness, slighted Thy Word.
Bid not Thy wrath in its terror awaken;
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!*

*So shall Thy children with thankful devotion
Praise Him who saved them from peril and sword,
Singing in chorus from ocean to ocean,
Peace to the nations and praise to the Lord.*



DR. A. F. HARPER, EDITOR IN CHIEF OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE, who was instrumental in developing the Beacon Hill "Bible Maps and Charts," presenting to Mr. M. Lunn, manager of the Publishing House, the first set available in a recent service at his local church.

Mr. Lunn has been manager of the Publishing House for thirty-seven years and an active Sunday school worker and teacher for forty years.

It's not what you make, but—

It's What You Save That Counts

By E. E. GALBRAITH

Layman, Austin, Texas

I recognized the man ahead of me as one of the familiar newspaper vendors from the busy downtown streets. As we stood in line in the bank at a teller's window, he was talking about the dismal weather during the week end and the poor sale of papers. On that Monday morning the weather was no better. In an apparent effort to encourage, the cheerful teller remarked, "It isn't always how much you make that matters. It's how much you save that counts."

The more I thought on that bit of business wisdom, the more it grew on me. If it is true in the material realm, it is even more so in that of the spiritual. Sometimes we are tempted to expect most of our compensation for Christian service here on earth. We may keep a spiritual checking account instead of a heavenly savings account. We must not make our contributions to the kingdom of God with the motive of drawing on them here in

such forms as reputation, material gain, praise from others, or any other selfish reason. Such benefits will accrue to the Christian, but they will seem unearned to him.

The principle involved in accumulating spiritual wealth is in sharp contrast to that of the material. The banker would have advised to save by holding on to the material things. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure . . ." (Luke 6:38). The capitalist would say to invest in securities. Jesus said, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal" (Matthew 6:20).

Jesus encouraged us to careful business methods when He said, "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth

the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?" (Luke 14:28) He gave an example of thrift when He fed five thousand people. Although He made food for that large number with seven loaves of bread and a few fish, yet He told the disciples to gather up the fragments, which amounted to twelve baskets. They possibly ate leftovers the next day.

We should save, not selfishly, but that His king-

dom might be promoted to His glory. It is wise to save for the time when our earning power is diminished. But even these things must be on God's altar of consecration. Time that we spend in His service is time saved unto eternal reward. Money put into the kingdom of God becomes eternal investments. Even the "cup of cold water" given in His name adds to the heavenly dividend.

On the other side of the Atlantic it has also been—

A Great Anniversary Year

By **JERALD JOHNSON**



It wasn't exactly the way we had planned on celebrating the Golden Anniversary of our church, but now that we look back on it, we wouldn't have wanted it any other way. We had looked forward to holiness conventions, Sunday school rallies, great missionary offerings, and even dreamed of a trip to Pilot Point. But the call of God and of the church demanded a switch in personal plans. We would now not be reflecting so much upon the past fifty years as we would be dreaming of the next fifty. A foundation as sure as the one laid by our church founders in America fifty years ago must now be laid in Europe. The spirit and zeal of those who moved with courage and determination into unevangelized areas a half century ago must now be duplicated on another continent. The message of "Holiness unto the Lord" must be sounded "now and forever" from another part of the world.

Three-quarters of the anniversary year have been spent in Germany. Here we have had no Nazarene churches and for that reason we have not been privileged to have a holiness convention. But the doctrine that was preached to us from a Nazarene pulpit and the experience that was found while attending a Nazarene college have helped us find the peace and contentment that come from being in the center of God's will.

Because there are no Nazarene churches, likewise then there are no Nazarene Sunday schools, but they are coming! As God opens up places for us to conduct them and as we gain a better use of the language, we shall see them come to pass.

While we have been many miles apart from many of our Nazarene friends "back home," we think that we have sensed the thrill that the whole church has had in the challenge of two great offer-

ings for world evangelism. You do not have to be in a camp meeting to be blessed when your church goes over the million dollar mark.

While Pilot Point was too far away to attend, we were privileged to celebrate the Golden Anniversary week end with our new Nazarene neighbors in the British Isles. We were privileged to visit the mother Church of the Nazarene in England and the mother International Holiness Mission church, which is now a part of the Church of the Nazarene. The devotion of our British Nazarenes to our church is worthy of special commendation. They are wonderful neighbors and did everything for us that you might expect a good neighbor to do (and much more) to make us feel at home on this side of the Atlantic.

We can now say that we do feel at home. It's different. There have been some adjustments. But we like it! We plan to make this our home as long as God wants us here. If He should decide that it must be a lifetime—and if He should grant us another fifty years to live, then we expect to join in the centennial celebration of our church. Perhaps then we shall be privileged to join the pilgrimage to Pilot Point. But—if not to Pilot Point—then perhaps we can make a pilgrimage with European Nazarenes to Frankfurt on the Main, where we shall give our praise to God for the first Church of the Nazarene started in the living room of a preacher's home fifty years before in 1958. For while our beginnings are not spectacular, they are sure! As sure as the promises of God and the reality that the future under God belongs to the Church of the Nazarene!

Yes, 1958—Golden Anniversary year in the Church of the Nazarene—has been a great year for us. We thank God for it.



EDITORIALS

Something New—Everybody Take Note!

We are beginning a series of monthly specials. By this I mean that every month we'll have a special, the major part of which will be prepared by some group in our church. This number is the first of these specials. It was arranged for by the Nazarene Publishing House under the direction of Dr. M. Lunn, manager. General Superintendent Vanderpool, adviser for the House, presents a front page in harmony with the special emphasis. Read these pages (1, 3 through 7); you will like what is there.

Going Beyond the Sun

Russia's cosmic rocket, called Mehta, or Dream, bypassed the moon, and is destined, they tell us, to go into orbit around the sun. Its voice has already ceased. Russia is getting no more secrets from it. Experts tell us that it will finally take a course around the sun between Mars and the earth between 91½ million miles and 122½ million miles from the sun. The first figure is when it will be closest to the sun and the second when it will be farthest away. Certainly man is achieving now what once would have been thought absolutely impossible. Where he will stop, no one can foretell. I am ready to believe almost anything about what man may accomplish in the future, if Jesus carries. Nevertheless, I still say that going beyond the sun is the most important goal; and when I use this statement, I use it figuratively. What men need to do most of all is to go beyond the sun, in the sense that they reject sin and center their hearts on God. It is sin, and not space, that separates us from God. We must go beyond sin if we would come to really know the God of all grace. This is what we need far more than we need to go to the moon, the sun, or on out into the infinite spaces of the material universe.

We talk much about the transcendence of God, the fact that He is far above us, through His natural personal characteristics—His omniscience, omnipotence, unchangeableness, and eternity. But it is not the natural transcendence of God which separates us from Him; it is His moral transcendence. It is the fact that He is holy and we are sinful. God may be all about us, actually, and yet we may not recognize Him. Redemption through Christ is not a space, or distance remover, but a sin remover. It brings us near God ethically. It eliminates the moral transcendence of God and brings Him into contact with our souls, with the spirit of man. If any man willeth to do the will of God "he shall know of the doctrine." He that would come to know God must get rid of sin. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him" (Psalms 25:14), that is, reverence and obey Him. God may be in the world and yet not in us, because sin bars Him from the citadel of our souls.

Finally, I am glad that in this moral universe we have the power to act. The dream rocket that Russia has sent into space has its path and its final orbit, predetermined for it by its speed, aim, and the gravitational traction of the sun and the

earth. Those are caused by forces outside of this dream rocket, but it is not so with you and me. The powers which are outside of us cannot predetermine our lives. We can go beyond the sun; we can go beyond that which is sinful, and fellowship with God—if we will. There is no power in earth or heaven which can or will predetermine where we shall go; that power lies within our wills,

• By *Stephen S. White*

completely. There is no more valid statement of this truth than is found in these words, "Choose *you* this day whom ye will serve" (Joshua 24:15). Life and death are set before us, and we can choose (Deuteronomy 30:19). Are *you* going beyond the sun? Is that *your* choice? When we think and talk about the wonders in the physical universe, let us remember that there are always more worlds within our reach in the spiritual universe, through the grace of God.

A Strange Explanation of Man's Sin

Sin in man according to Reinhold Niebuhr rises out of man's nature as God created him. It comes from the fact that God made him in His own image and at the same time akin to the animal world. This condition inevitably leads to pride or sensuality or both. One of America's most famous religious journalists (now retired) once explained this situation as follows: Niebuhr "finds the ground and explanation of sin in the very constitution of man, that is, in the inevitable imbalance between man's freedom and his finitude."

Such a statement charges God with creating man so that sin is unavoidable. This is contrary to Paul's teaching as to the origin of sin in man. Paul says: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: . . . For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:12-21, from which the preceding verses were taken, connects man's sinning with Adam's sin. Beside this Paul sets the free gift of Jesus Christ, which He made available through His death on the Cross. Without Christ there is no hope, but with Him we can not only have our

own sins forgiven, but we can be cleansed from the sin nature which has been handed down to us from Adam. Paul knew his way around in the world of religion and theology. He was not mistaken in the truth which he gave in Romans 5:12-21.

The person from whom I quote above should have added that Niebuhr has never been sure of his position. He is not certain that his statement as described by the writer fully accounts for what happens when man sins. It puts too much blame on God and too little on man. In more than one place in his writings Niebuhr adds a sequel to his explanation of the coming of sin into the world. He declares that sin presupposes sin, and falls back on the idea that there must have been sin before man fell. There must have been a tempter who added his influence to this natural situation that man was given in creation before it could have resulted in actual transgression. But if this claim is held to consistently, it involves Niebuhr in believing in the eternity of sin. If sin presupposes sin, then this is true of every particular case. If man had to have a devil, a tempter, before he could sin, then the devil must have needed a tempter before he could sin, and the one that tempted him must have needed a tempter before he could sin; and so it goes on without limit. The only logical conclusion that one can arrive at in such reasoning is that sin is as eternal as God. The Bible does not teach this, and besides, such a view, finally, means the limitation of God. It results in a finite God, a God who is not all-powerful and all-wise.

Wonder of Wonders

By PEARL BURNSIDE MCKINNEY

*Creator of a universe,
So vast no eye can see,
Bids darkest storm clouds to disperse
And brings tranquillity.*

*He sees the sparrow in its flight,
The jungle shadows grim;
The stars that twinkle in the night
Are there because of Him.*

*The mountain heights and sea abyss
Are under His control,
But wonder of all wonders this:
Today He touched my soul!*

Four Thrilling Experiences

Although I have been a minister for fifty years, nearly half of that time I have served in a capacity that a layman might have filled. This has brought me many thrilling experiences which some preachers are denied. Among them since I last reported in the *Herald of Holiness* there has been a ten-day revival meeting led by Rev. J. A. McNatt. He preached the gospel of Christ with unction and blessing. The church stood by, under the leadership of Dr. A. Milton Smith, and souls were saved and sanctified. Later there was First Church's anniversary year holiness convention. It began on Sunday and closed the next Sunday, and Dr. D. Shelby Corlett did the preaching. He preached holiness in every message, and his ministry was of the highest order. God heard and answered prayer again and souls were brought, not only into the light of holiness, but also into the blessing itself. It was a thrill to work as a layman in these campaigns. They made an excellent combination and would be a blessing to any holiness church.

The next two thrilling experiences were of a different order. They were preachers' retreats. These gatherings were especially interesting to me because there one meets those leaders—a superintendent and the pastors of the district which he supervises—who are closest to the lay constituency of our church. They feel the heartbeat of our people as no one else does, and upon them and those with whom they work the progress of our church largely depends. Usually these preachers' retreats are annual conventions, and, first of all, time is given to devotional meetings, which often come to a climax in the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Also plans for the coming months are discussed and outlined. There may even be workshops and other types of discussions or activities which deal with various phases of the work of the district and the churches. Along with the above, certain hours are often set aside for recreation and social fellowship. Finally, much of the time of the preachers' retreat is given over to a special worker who speaks from five to ten times during the meeting. It was this last assignment which I filled at the Northwestern Illinois District preachers' retreat late in September and the Canada West District early in December.

The first of these preachers' retreats was held at the district center, Manville, Illinois. It is located in the tall-corn section of the United States and is only a few hundred miles from Kansas City. Dr. Lyle E. Eckley, the district superintendent, and

the pastors stood by and did a lot of listening. They also provided the best of care for me. In this connection it should be said that several of the ministers' wives, with some outside help, saw that we were all well fed. It was a special joy to fellowship again with Rev. and Mrs. Harry Morrow, who live on and care for the grounds. They, and many others on this district, have been wonderful friends to me for many years. The pastor at Streator, Illinois, Rev. Riley Laymon, met me at the train and took me to Manville. He also brought me back after the meeting. At night I stayed in the home of one of our fine farmers who lives near the center—Mr. Clifford Burton. His wife is a daughter of Brother and Sister Morrow. Thanks, Dr. Eckley and pastors, for permitting me to enjoy your preachers' retreat again.

The second preachers' meeting was held at Banff, Alberta, Canada, in the tall Rocky Mountains instead of the tall corn. Both sights were very interesting to this Texan. We were housed and fed in the School of Fine Arts of the University of Alberta, and the preachers' wives were also present. I had been to western Canada twice for their camp meetings, but never before in the winter. Most of the time, except at night, the women had their own meetings.

Some of the high lights of this preachers' retreat for me were the fellowship with Dr. and Mrs. Edward Lawlor, the leaders of this district for many years; the breath-taking view of the snow-capped Rockies as seen from the window in my room at Banff; the devotional talks given each of the three mornings by Rev. Willard Taylor, president of Canadian Nazarene College; and the sacramental service conducted by Dr. Lawlor at the close of the retreat. Ranking close to these were the open house at the new district parsonage, provided for all of us as we returned from the retreat on Friday afternoon; the meeting with the faculty of Canadian Nazarene College in the home of President and Mrs. Taylor on Friday evening; the privilege of preaching Sunday morning in our First Church in Edmonton and Sunday night in our First Church in Calgary. In the former, Rev. Dwayne Hildie is pastor; and in the latter, Rev. Herman L. G. Smith. And finally, I am thankful for courtesies extended to me by Rev. Drell Allen, pastor of the Canadian Nazarene College Church; Rev. Bernard Seaman, dean of C.N.C.; and Rev. Charles J. Muxworthy, pastor of First Church in Red Deer.—*The Editor.*

Lord, keep the Church of the Nazarene from becoming like—

The Circling Minnow

By EVA V. BEETS

Of all the outdoor sports, I prefer fishing. Just to throw my hook into a black lake of water and watch the cork bob up and down gives me an undescrivable thrill. But to get the feel of a pole bending and watch the splash of a redbelly or catfish as it is brought to the surface is sheer ecstasy.

Standing in one place last summer, I caught forty-five of the beauties with the big, fat, juicy worms I fed them. Now, if only I could catch a big trout, my tall fish tale would speak for itself. But to win my goal I would first have to catch minnows to be used as bait.

It all looked so easy, as thousands of the little fellows came swimming into the clear water, next to the bank where I threw piece after piece of bread I had brought along in my lunch. A quick nibble and then they'd dart away, only to circle back for another nibble.

I thought of these little minnows as I sat beside one of the members of a large congregation in one of the bigger churches in New Orleans recently.

"Oh, yes," she said, in answer to my questions. "There's no harm in our social drinking, and we never play cards for high stakes, and even the preacher takes a toddy just for relaxation"

And as I walked out into the smoke-filled vesti-

bule of this beautiful and magnificent building, I thought again of the little minnows going around in circles. Even they liked the good, clear stream with its pink-pebbled bottom, and how I prayed that the Church of the Nazarene would never lower its standards, lest we shrink in size. For just by nibbles at God's Word, we will never enjoy the fullness thereof. To run around in circles is to miss out on the Bread of Life so abundantly rained down upon us from on high.

In St. Paul's own words in speaking to Titus, he warned that "a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate" (Titus 1:7-8); ". . . speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, . . . that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children" (Titus 2: 1-4).

So let us pray that we will walk as children of light, not partaking of the crumbs of life, lest we too become minnows going around in circles.

I believe firmly that

We Should Keep Our Rules

By *Norman E. Anderson*

Our rules, both general and special, should never be changed in our time. They come from the consciences of God-fearing men who saw the trends of their era as well as ours. Each one of these rules is not only the product of great men—it is based upon God's Word.

Rules become necessary when people fall away from God's laws. They reflect the low moral condition of the time in which one lives. Thus, the lower man's morals become, the more numerous and "strict" our rules have to be. The Bible indicates that iniquity in the last days shall abound; children shall disobey their parents, and the love of many shall wax cold.

This situation can become discouraging—especially to the person who keeps his eyes on the evils

of his day constantly. If we are to lift men out of this quagmire of sin, it is not enough to see their deplorable position; we must contact constantly the One who can lift them out. There must be so much of His glory in our lives that when the worldling, floundering around in his sins, makes a comparison of his life and the Christian life it will be evident that his condition is hopeless without Christ. This is the witness he must see.

Thus our rules, though we must have them because of the world in which we live, never were and never should become our "standard." Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, sitting on the right hand of God interceding for the souls of men—He and He alone is our standard. Let us forever lift Him up, that all men may be drawn unto Him.

Servicemen's Corner



NEW ADDRESS—"I have finally reached my new station in Korea. So could you please change my address, so I will still receive the Nazarene literature? I enjoy reading it very much."—PVT. DAVE MESAROSH.

THANKS—"Thank you for sending to me all of the literature of our church. It has been of a great help, and many lonely hours were pleasantly filled by reading some of our Nazarene writers. God bless all of you."—C. C. LAUBE, RM3.

GOING OVERSEAS—"I am writing to let you know that I am going overseas. I also want to thank you for all of the literature you have sent me. Now that I am going back to Guam, where there is no Church of the Nazarene, my family and I will be looking forward to the papers that you send us. I love the Lord and He is the Head of our home, and we are trusting that God will help us in the next two years."—S/SGT. PAUL R. KLEIN.

IN APPRECIATION—"I have received the literature, and enjoy it very much, and get a lot of help from it. I truly thank the Lord for the Church of the Nazarene and the work it does. The Lord has truly been with me through my training and I know He will continue to be with me. Through my prayers and the prayers of many Nazarenes back home, I have drawn much

closer to the Lord than ever before, since I have been in the service. Thank you for the reading material . . . I don't know where I could find better reading anywhere."—PVT. RICHARD L. KARR.

A CHAPLAIN REPORTS—"This is my first full report from the Marine Corps Recruit Depot. It offers unlimited contact with the men. I have been assigned as the chaplain for the First Battalion; this gives me responsibility for the spiritual guidance of fifteen hundred to three thousand men. . . . It has been a thrill to be able to lead at least one man to Christ in my office since reporting here. We have one thousand to two thousand men present in chapel; we also have an hour of Bible classes on Sunday. This is a volunteer thing, and it is a thrill to see the men respond to learn more of the Word of God. There are no restrictions on us as to what we can preach or teach. We have the freedom of our convictions and the emphasis of our church. Pray that God will not let us fail in this hour of opportunity."—CHAPLAIN LEONARD W. DODSON.

Chaplain Dodson has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Congratulations!

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Overseas Addresses

Requests are received frequently for the addresses of our district superintendents and pastors in the overseas home mission districts. We are glad to list them and suggest that those who are interested should cut out and keep this information for future reference. Only the ministers from the United States and Canada are listed here, with the exception of district superintendents. The Department of Home Missions will be glad to furnish the addresses of any other overseas pastors upon request.

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Whitehorse Beginning

Rev. S. Trueman Shelton, who pioneered our church at Sitka, Alaska, is now in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, with his family. This is a booming frontier center on the Alcan Highway to Alaska. All prices are greatly inflated, so that living costs are high. A hall has been found for services and the opening service was held December 28, 1958. There is one Nazarene family now in Whitehorse and others are interested in our church. Budget for the opening of this work was provided by the home missions portion of the one million dollar offering for missions last Easter.

This is a needy field and a great opportunity. The prayers of our people for the success of the work and the salvation of souls will be appreciated.

1960. The World Council of Churches, which is the main voluntary agency in the field of refugee work, has declared 1959 as "Refugee Year" in hope that the refugee problem of the past ten years may be more permanently solved. It has already resettled more than 200,000 refugees.

The first conference of its kind ever called was recently held in Hong Kong to deal with the various aspects of Christian medical work in east Asia. Approximately fifty delegates from fourteen Asian countries, the United States, and Germany were present.

Pressure currently is being applied by the United States Department of State to gain the release of sixty-seven-year-old Bishop Walsh of Cumberland, Maryland, who is being held in Shanghai by Red China. The bishop is the first U.S. citizen to be arrested by the Reds since ambassadorial talks between the two countries began three years ago in Warsaw. Senator J. Glenn Beal of Maryland has been particularly vocal about the ineffectiveness of the State Department in this matter to date.

The last contingent of sixty Youth for Christ leaders, pastors, and musicians took off by air for Madras, India, on New Year's Day—by faith! Not until a day later did Prime Minister Nehru's personal intervention in the Indian internal disorder release visas to the traveling clergy and other Christian workers. The group plans to hold "giant youth rallies" in Madras and other major cities before launching a series of evangelistic campaigns throughout the country.



By LESLIE PARROTT

For the fifth straight year the Associated Press has published a list of the ten most significant religious news stories of the year. The compiler again this year is the religious news specialist Richard Sutcliffe, a religious news broadcaster, and a member of the United Lutheran Church of America.

First in the list of significant news stories is the death of Pope Pius XII and the election and coronation of Pope John XXIII. For the first time in history, most of the world's 430 million Catholics had a front row seat in St. Peter's square for what Sutcliffe calls their "story of a decade."

Second in significance was the demand by Protestants that all Roman Catholic candidates for the U.S. presidency and vice-presidency make public stands on their religious philosophies.

Third was the gradual emergence in the South of what the editors call the "Christian moderate" in the continuing struggle over racial integration in the public schools.

Fourth, in view of the struggle for religious freedom in Italy, was the conviction and subsequent acquittal of the Italian bishop of Prato on charges of defamation of character of a Florence

couple not married in a Roman Catholic church.

Fifth in the Associated Press list was the fight over policy prohibiting dissemination of birth control information to patients in New York hospitals.

Sixth in significance were the stories of the nominations and elevation of twenty-three princes of the Roman Catholic church and enlargement of the sacred college of cardinals.

Seventh was the public debate precipitated when the World Order Study Commission of the National Council of Churches advocated U.S. recognition of Red China.

Eighth according to Sutcliffe was the temperate discussion of religious affiliations of political candidates in the November national elections.

Ninth was a report on alcoholism made by the Protestant Episcopal church's study commission in which moderate social drinking was not condemned.

And *tenth* in importance was the merger of the United Presbyterian Church of North America with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

A campaign has been launched to close the European refugee camps by

The Sunday School Lesson

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Topic for
February 8:

Death Is Not the End

SCRIPTURE: Luke 20:27-40 (Printed: Luke 20:27-38)

GOLDEN TEXT: *He is not a God of the dead, but of the living; for all live unto him* (Luke 20:38).

The Questioning Sadducees: The Sadducees were the aristocratic party of the Jews. They tried to figure everything out by reason. In their program of critical investigation they tossed out all of the Old Testament except the Pentateuch, the first five books ascribed to Moses. The logic of the Sadducees went so far that such basic beliefs as the resurrection, angels, and the world of

the Spirit were renounced. Any truth that could not be explained by the mind was utterly rejected. They accepted nothing that did not conform to the rigid standards of calculating reason.

The membership of the party was small, but by virtue of their wealth they controlled the purse strings of the nation. They were also powerful in the Temple system because they dominated the Sanhedrin, the highest lawmaking body among the Jews.

The Sadducees noticed that everyone had failed to trap Jesus during interview periods, so they agreed among themselves that they would present Him an unanswerable question.

The Queer Situation: The Sadducees intended for their story to make the idea of a resurrection seem silly. The case history they presented was centered around one woman and seven brothers. The oldest brother married the woman; then after his death the next brother married her. This succession continued until all seven brothers had joined in wedlock to the same woman. The question to be settled was this: If there is a bodily resurrection, and the future life is one of perfect happiness, what will happen when all these men claim the same wife?

The Quieting Saviour: The buzz session, with its undercurrents of confusion, was soon quieted by the Saviour. His calming influence was exerted and the waves of intellectual turbulence soon subsided. The Sadducees thought, if life continued beyond death, the same conditions would prevail in that sphere as in the present age. Jesus brushed this aside, and indicated that life on the purely spiritualized level will be totally different from physical experiences. When we cease being creatures of the moment and become citizens of eternity, we will operate in a higher dimension than bodily functions. When we stop operating as "children of this world, and are accounted worthy to obtain that world," we will be elevated to the plane of living like immortals.

The Questing Spirit: The spirit of man longs to live and live forever. The soul of man hungers to learn and learn forever. The heart of man yearns to love and love forever. These innate longings cannot be satisfied in the limitations imposed by time, space, and earthly existence. The completion program can be worked out only on a scale that transcends time and participates in eternity. Since God alone is eternal, we must relate our present and our future to Him. Then, "as God of the living, and with all living unto Him," we shall behold the panoramic unfolding of His agenda for those who plan to spend an eternity with Him.

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the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Suppose a farmer had cut his hay on Saturday, expecting fair weather over the week end. But on Sunday there was every indication of heavy rain, which, if it came, would ruin his hay crop. Would he be justified in taking his hay in on that day?

The only answer I could give to your question is, "No!" That is the way I was taught as I grew up, and that's the teaching I have had in the holiness movement for fifty years. In my home town in Texas there was a farmer in the holiness group, and he would no more have thought of doing what is suggested in this question than he would have thought of smoking or drinking liquor.

He had almost all kinds of sickness in his family, and just about every misfortune with his crops, but he refused to compromise with the devil. John Dewey, one of America's greatest thinkers, says in one of his books that a Christian would rather die than to sin. He didn't believe in Christianity, but he knew that it was a religion which placed right above everything else.

Some time ago five personal questions were asked as to entire sanctification. They are elementary and were intended to obtain answers from many people as a part of an investigation on this subject. I am now answering those questions for myself, hoping that they will help some of the readers of the "Herald of Holiness."

What caused you to want or seek this experience?

I received teaching on entire sanctification through my mother and in some tent meetings which came to our town when I was a boy. Then I went to a holiness college, where I was given more instruction on this subject. I was also convinced that those who professed this experience lived better Christian lives, as a rule, than those who did not. Then

I became hungry for this blessing—I wanted it, and some months later sought and obtained it. Since then I have been in many different kinds of religious environments, but I have never doubted what happened to me when I was sanctified, and I have never ceased to believe in its value.

How long did you seek, wait, and pray for this blessing?

Something like six months.

What were the conditions to be met?

For me, it was chiefly a matter of consecration. I had to get to the place where I was sure that I was willing to do anything that God wanted me to do. Two things seemed to hold me back most. One was that I felt that I would have to be a preacher if I went all the way with God, and the other was to go back home from college and identify myself with the holiness people in my home town and before the young people with whom I had been reared. Of course I had to finally accept the work

of entire sanctification or, in other words, believe that God really did it for me. However, this never bothered me much. I felt that God would surely do the work for me if I really gave my all to Him—was willing to do anything which He demanded, especially those two things mentioned above. I was confident from the first that as soon as I consecrated my all it would be easy for me to trust, to believe that God did it.

What were the results in your life after having received the experience?

The immediate result was a peace such as I had never had before. Conflict within had ceased; I had yielded my all to God for time and eternity. Added to this was a steadiness, or fixedness. My heart, as the Psalmist says, was fixed. Since then (and that has been a good many years ago) there have

been suggestions to turn back, but I can honestly say that they have not been entertained, much less yielded to. Further, day by day I have been more ready and willing to meet what I have conceived to be the everyday requirements of Christian living.

If this experience can be lost, how can it be kept?

I certainly believe it can be lost. In other words, I am sure that a sanctified person can backslide. On the other hand, this experience can be preserved by keeping up one's private devotions, by keeping personally in touch with one's Sanctifier. This means that keeping sanctified is, first of all, the individual's own responsibility. Second, and

just as important, is attending the means of grace as provided by the church. We must not only be members of the church; we must be active in it. There can be no exception to this rule except in the case of absolute physical impossibility. Religion has group as well as individual responsibilities.

Thought for the Day



by BERTHA MUNRO

"The Stability of Truth"

Monday:

"The mind can only repose on the stability of truth"—a profound insight of that grand old thinker, Samuel Johnson. *Selah.* "Stop and think it over," gratefully, the miracle of dependable, coherent truth. "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." "The word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." "The foundation of God standeth sure." (Psalms 119:89; I Peter 1:23; II Timothy 2:19.)

Tuesday:

Again, from Johnson: "The morality of an action depends on the motive from which we act." These two sayings of his set us off on an exploration. There are said to be four levels of possible justifiable motives for right action: in ascending order of quality, fear, hope of reward, duty, love. One evidence of the stability of Christ's truth is that it has room for all these motives, fitting every level of moral stature, but renders

them all workable as the lower are finally motivated by the highest.

Wednesday:

Fear. "Fear him which is able to destroy . . . in hell." The gift of moral choice is a fear-inspiring responsibility. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." "After this the judgment." "Cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness." (Matthew 10:28; Hebrews 10:31; 9:27; Matthew 25:30.)

Thursday:

Reward. "Blessed are those servants whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching." "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." "There is no man that hath left house, or parents. . . for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne." (Luke 12:37; Revelation 22:12; 2:10; Luke 18:29-30; Revelation 3:21.)

Friday:

Duty. "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." "Render therefore to all their dues." "We ought to obey God rather than men." "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." "When ye shall have done all . . . unprofitable servants." He gave "to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch." (Ecclesiastes 12:1;

Exodus 20:7-8; Romans 13:7; Acts 5:29; I Corinthians 4:2; Luke 17:10; Mark 13:34.)

Saturday:

Love. "I have called you friends." "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you." "We love him, because he first loved us." "If ye love me, keep my commandments." "This is my commandment, That ye love one another." "I say unto you, Love your enemies." "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: . . . and I will cause you to walk in my statutes." "Love [charity] worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love [charity] is the fulfilling of the law." "Love [charity] suffereth long, and is kind; love [charity] envieth not." "Love [charity] never faileth." (John 15:9, 15; I John 4:19; John 14:15; 15:12; Matthew 5:44; Ezekiel 36: 26; Romans 15:10; I Corinthians 13:4, 8.)

Sunday:

All motives harmonize in the truth as Christ revealed it. Here is the perfect equilibrium of truth. "Give an answer . . . of the hope that is in you." Here it is. The "right reason" of the theologian: come at the gospel from whatever angle you please, you find it sound. Of course! By definition the will of God is eternal rightness. (I Peter 3:15.)

And back to the words of another very great thinker, four centuries before Christ—Aristotle defined virtue as "rejoicing and hating and loving aright." He did not know that this truth and the power to respond to it would be Christ's gift to us.



Foreign Missions

Ground-breaking in Okinawa

God made the way possible to have the ground-breaking for the Headquarters and the Headquarters Church for our Okinawa mission on November 22, 1958. Praise His holy name! In conjunction with this meeting we received the Thanksgiving offering for world evangelism. There were present representatives from the four places of worship, plus servicemen and their families, and a teacher from the Naha school. Our total Thanksgiving offering was \$75.31.—DOYLE SHEPHERD, Okinawa.

A Good Year

This has been a good year on the African field, for me. God has blessed my soul in a special way and has helped me in every avenue of the work. I feel that my understanding of the African and his needs has increased; God has helped me with the language study,

REMISS REHFELDT, *Secretary*

and the future looks hopeful and bright. The more I see of the work of our great church, the more thankful I am that I'm a part of it.—FRANCES LIVELY, *Swaziland, Africa.*

Missionaries on the Move

Our missionaries in Korea, Rev. and Mrs. Donald Owens and Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Cornett, have a new address to which parcels, magazines, pamphlets, and such mail should be sent. This address is:

Church of the Nazarene Mission
I.P.O. Box 1327
Seoul, Korea

Letters may continue to go to their APO address, but send ALL OTHER MAIL except letters, to the above address, using either missionary's name.

Miss Esther Howard has returned to India for her second term of service.

Her address is Basim, Akola District, Bombay State, India.

Rev. and Mrs. Ardee Coolidge's new address in Argentina is:

D'Orbigny 1622
Villa Sanchez Elias
Bahia Blanca, Argentina

Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Alexander are now living at P.O. Cottondale, Eastern Transvaal, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Pope have moved to P.O. Idalia, via Piet Retief, Transvaal, South Africa.

Rev. and Mrs. Cleve James's address in India is Mission House, Basim, Akola District, Bombay State, India.

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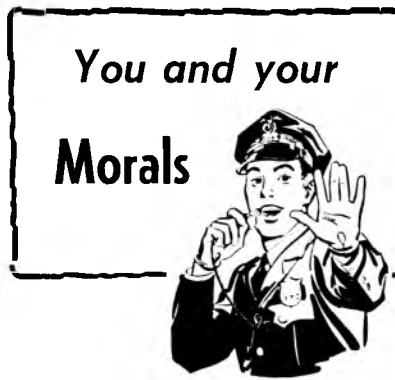
One day a young woman who had been facing a very severe trial came to me very discouraged. With tears in her eyes she told me of her problems. After a few words of encouragement we had prayer together, and how precious the presence of Jesus was at that time! Because of Him she left encouraged, and has been living a victorious life.

We visited one of our national workers who was very ill. As I looked at his

pale face I knew that he was in need of God's help. He too had other needs. After reading to him some promises from God's Word, and reminding him that God had not forgotten His servant, we felt that God helped us to pray as we presented his needs before our Great Helper. Because of Christ's presence he was encouraged, and has been improving in health.

A woman was near death in one home we visited. She was lying in a poorly furnished room in which we could see many needs. However, because she had met Christ, she had victory in that hour. We received a blessing as she raised her hand and said, "*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*"

For several months we have been observing how confidence in Christ has helped one of our workers as he has been passing through very severe trials. During one of his darkest trials he came to our home, and with tears in his eyes he told of some of his struggles. His wife had been very ill and at that time was facing a very difficult treatment. Along with these problems and others he had a great need of God's help. Again Christ came our souls to bless. The worker left encouraged. Truly Christ satisfies every need of the human heart.—MAYME ALEXANDER, Guatemala.



An article by T. F. James in a recent issue of "Cosmopolitan" magazine states that according to current estimates Americans gamble "an unbelievable 30 billion dollars" each year. No other nation approaches this. In Britain, where gambling is the seventh largest industry, the money wagered annually is only 1.8 billion.

The estimated profits from the 30 billion dollars gambled yearly, in

America, is 6 billion dollars. This is more than the profits made by the one hundred largest manufacturing companies combined!!

Gambling interests are expending large sums to get state gambling laws rescinded. New York and Idaho have recently seen the prowess of these interests. It was front-page news the other day that they had allocated \$100,000 for lobbying to get Missouri's law changed, so that they may construct a race track at the edge of Kansas City.

Not only so, but a bill (HR 3520) to legalize a national lottery was introduced in the 85th Congress by Congressman Paul Fino of New York. It died in committee; but Mr. Fino was recently returned to his seat, and will probably introduce a similar bill to the 86th Congress.

Let us write our own congressmen and our senators, letting them know what we think about this crippling craze to get gain by chance.

**J. KENNETH GRIDER
for the Committee on Public Morals**

NEWS of the Churches



Evangelist and Mrs. L. B. Mathews report: "As we write this report on the last day of 1958, we rejoice in the rich blessings of God upon our work during the fall. We have labored with some of the best pastors and people in the church, on six different districts. In every meeting God has given seekers, and we have seen many of these unite with our church. In the providence of God, our slate for the first part of 1960 is shaping up for the West Coast and the Rocky Mountain section; we still have some open time however that we would be glad to slate in those sections. As we close the Golden Anniversary year, we love the Lord and the Church of the Nazarene more than ever, and count it a privilege to labor in His vineyard. Write us, 514 West 15th Street, Columbia, Tennessee."

Flint, Michigan—First Church made another step forward on Sunday, January 11, when District Superintendent W. M. McGuire dedicated the new parsonage recently acquired by the congregation. For thirty-five years pastors have lived in the cinder-block dwelling built with donated labor by the founders of the church. Real estate assets of the church have increased since 1950 from

approximately \$35,000 to well over \$250,000 today. Mortgage on the church and parsonage is \$61,000. Pastor Leslie Parrott will soon begin his seventh year with this congregation.—LOYD CROSS, Reporter.

Evangelist H. G. Purkhiser writes that he has "a couple of open dates between now and June 1." Write him, 4531 Marcellus Street, N.W., Canton 8, Ohio.

Evangelist Joe Glyn Cordell writes: "Between August 13 and December 21 we conducted one five-day holiness convention and eight revival meetings, on seven districts, extending from Alabama to Wisconsin. Pastors and people were wonderful to us; God honored us with His presence; over two hundred seekers bowed at the altar of prayer; and some forty people united with the church. After much prayer we have accepted the pastorate of our First Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. We shall be happy to contact service personnel stationed at Barksdale Field. Our address is 237 Columbia Street, Shreveport."

Seymour, Indiana—The Golden Anniversary year was a very profitable one for First Church. It all began with the

watch-night service, when our people got a real burden to work with God and their leader. They began to work for the Sunday school and our enrollment shows a gain of over three hundred during the year, with the average attendance increased by sixty per Sunday over last year. Also God has given about four hundred seekers at the altar in the regular services, with nearly fifty members uniting with the church on profession of faith. Many of the members have said that 1958 was the greatest year of progress in the church's history. We are in our fourth assembly year with increases evident in every department, and more than 10 per cent giving for missions. For several months now the Sunday school has averaged near four hundred, and the midweek prayer meeting about one hundred and twenty-five. We appreciate our fine district and the godly leadership of Superintendent Leo C. Davis.—ROY M. VAUGHN, Pastor.

Chicago, Illinois—"Smith Day" was celebrated in the Emerald Avenue Church on Sunday, November 30. It was the twelfth anniversary of Rev. Alvin T. Smith as our pastor. Appropriate history, newspaper clippings, and other items were used throughout the day to tell the story of the progress of

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the church during these twelve years. Under the ministry of Brother Smith, 170 were received into church membership, 106 by profession of faith; financially, the giving has increased from \$6,500 annually to over \$30,000. During these years the old building on South Perry was crowded out, and in 1951 we moved to our present location. In 1955 a new \$25,000 parsonage was built, the basement of which is being used every Sunday to care for the overflow of church and Sunday school. This fall 123 feet of ground was contracted for, north of our present property, these lots to be used for parking when the new unit of the church is completed. Plans are complete for this new church unit and bids are being taken; the estimated cost is around \$80,000. In 1946 our assets were around \$10,000; today our property is worth \$120,000 with an indebtedness of only \$23,000. These have been twelve happy and united years for both pastor and people. Brother Smith concluded his ministry with us on December 7 to accept the call to pastor the Chicago Austin Church.—*Reporter.*

Walnut, Illinois—In November this church enjoyed one of the best revivals of its five-year history. On Sunday evening, November 23, following the appointed preaching of Rev. Glenn Rodefer, God came upon the altar service in an old-fashioned way with several men and one woman praying through to definite victory. Three weeks later, District Su-

perintendent L. E. Eckley was with us and preached on holiness. One young man was sanctified, and three men and one lady united with the church. We give God praise for all that has been accomplished.—*ROBERT PRIOR, Pastor.*

Evangelist C. M. Whitley and wife report: "During 1958 we traveled about twenty-four thousand miles—through Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois, and California. We have enjoyed working with our fine pastors and good people. We saw more than two hundred people pray through, definitely, with a number uniting with the church. Also God helped us to raise love offerings for the pastors, as well as to get some salary increases for them. We appreciate our pastors. We enter 1959 with a good start and in good health. We have some open time in the spring and also in the fall. Write us, c/o P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. London report: "A Sunday school tour of the Eastern District of the Pilgrim Holiness church took us through Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. District Superintendent Abbott and Promotional Secretary Paul Dieter made the tour with us. We have now labored with twenty-two different denominations in the work of Sunday school evangelism. We found these Pilgrim brethren devout, responsive, appreciative, and co-operative,

with a real desire to see their Sunday schools go forward. As many as forty people in one service offered their services for teaching or visitation work."

Evangelist Joe Bishop writes: "The year of 1958 was a good one. God kept me busy; in fact, it was one of the busiest years I have had in my eight and one-half years in the field. I conducted meetings in Lincoln, Arkansas; then to Louisiana for three short meetings, at Natchitoches, Shreveport North Side, and Bossier City; at First Church in Lawton, Oklahoma; back to Louisiana for a meeting at Queensboro Church in Shreveport; and to Eldorado, Oklahoma. Then I went to Hutchinson, Kansas; Canton, Illinois; Goshen and Fort Smith, Arkansas; to Winnsboro, Louisiana; Tahlequah, Oklahoma; and back to Springhill, Louisiana. From there I went to Lawton, Oklahoma; to Alabama for two meetings—Beulah church and Mt. Zion; and to Brighton and Memphis First in Tennessee. Following my district assembly, I went to Hooker, Oklahoma; Brookfield, Missouri; Richland, Oklahoma; and to Georgia for meetings at Jackson and Manassas; and on to Jackson, Mississippi; Memphis North Side Church in Tennessee; and closed my year's work on December 17 at Oklahoma City. God blessed and gave several hundred souls praying through at the altar. I have a few dates open for 1959, and pledge God and the church my all as I do my best to preach the gospel in its fullness. Write me, Box 47, Yukon, Oklahoma."

Evangelist Andrew Johnson reports sixteen revival meetings during 1958. He writes: "I just recently closed a good revival in the Ellington church, second church founded in the state of Michigan. Rev. J. W. Van Amberg is the active and faithful pastor. From January 14 to 25, I will be in a meeting with Rev. John Salver in Inez, Kentucky. Write me, Wilmore, Kentucky."

Rev. C. C. Rinebarger writes: "We are leaving the pastorate at Rolla and moving to the district center. Mrs. Rinebarger and I plan on doing evangelistic work, and we would especially like to conduct some short holiness conventions. Write us, Star Route, Saco, Missouri."

Watska, Illinois—This has been the best year of our ministry in this pastorate of nearly five years. God has been good and the people co-operative to make the records revealed at the close of the anniversary year. Beginning the year with thirty-eight members, and a goal of a 25 per cent increase, we closed the year with fifty-one members—nearly a 30 per cent gain; ten of these were received on profession of faith. The high point of the year was our anniversary revival, October 8 to 19, with Rev. and Mrs. Dwight Steininger as special workers. Truly this was a Pentecostal visitation, with seekers at the altar in every service except one. On the

Cypress, California



The Cypress church welcomed its new pastor, Rev. G. W. Abersold, who arrived from Florida late in June of '58. He found the people making plans to build a sanctuary on a spacious new site in the community. In just exactly five months the plans were completed, permits secured, and the building dedicated, with over 400 in attendance at the dedication service, on the afternoon of November 23, with Rev. Nicholas A. Hull, district superintendent, as the main speaker.

The building will seat 450 people and has splendidly appointed office and Sunday school facilities besides. In the past five months the Sunday school has set a new attendance record of 525, with an average of 377 for November—a good gain over last year's average of 246. This new sanctuary is one of the most beautiful anywhere, and the Cypress church is united and dedicated to fill it with people each Sunday.—*B. EDGAR JOHNSON, District Secretary.*

closing Sunday morning sixteen people prayed through to victory. Also it was my special privilege to receive a class of members, which included the fiftieth member of the local church. I cannot speak too highly of the depth and spirit of Brother Steininger's preaching, and the beauty and drawing power of his chalk artistry. Many visitors attended the services. We have a good church plant with sufficient room for normal growth, an excellent parsonage, and finances are stable—best of all, God is with us.—**JOSEPH (JOE) L. BRIGHT, Pastor.**

Bentonville, Arkansas—The Golden Anniversary was celebrated here last July at Summit Schoolhouse, with services conducted by Rev. S. R. Brannon, who held revival meetings here twenty-five years ago which helped to organize the Church of the Nazarene at Bentonville. All Brother Brannon's family (now grown) came from a distance to help in the anniversary celebration, also to have a family reunion. Evangelists Paul and Hallie Smith, Brother Brannon's daughter and son-in-law, were co-workers in the revival; also Mr. Johnson and family, as singers. Pastor Bogart and the membership were faithful to help, also Pastor Hulsey and his people from Rogers. Souls were won for God, also some were healed. It was a wonderful old-fashioned meeting, with much rejoicing and praising God, as we sang the old songs of heaven.—**MRS. FRANKIE LOUGHLIN, Reporter.**

Ottumwa, Iowa—We have enjoyed our five-year ministry with First Church here. God has helped us to build a new addition to the present church building, with other improvement to about \$25,000. Our people did a good share of the work, and have stood by loyally with their finance and prayers. During this time we have received thirty-eight members, most of whom came in by profession of faith. God has helped us to increase our giving each year to district and general interests, and last year for the first time the church gave more than \$2,000 on General Budget—12 per cent of our total giving. This year promises to be even better, with a record-breaking Thanksgiving offering of \$1,262, just a little less than our total General Budget. We have enjoyed the ministry of many of our best evangelistic workers—the Jantz Singers, Helen Greenlee, the Treble Tone Trio of Olivet Nazarene College, Rev. Joe Edwards, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Foster, Rev. James Crabtree, Rev. George Brannon, Rev. T. P. Dunn, Rev. Ponder Gilliland, and our beloved district superintendent, Dr. Gene Phillips.—**HAROLD HENRY, Pastor.**

Worland, Wyoming—We came here last August 1, and from that date through December 31 our Sunday school average attendance was thirty, and we have received seven into church membership, so we now have seventeen members. God has blessed and given forty-five seekers at the altar. We have a missionary society of twelve members, and a young people's society of eighteen members.—**GEORGE R. SHAFFER, Pastor.**

Rev. J. E. Bates



J. E. Bates was born September 27, 1879; there were twelve children in the family, five of whom are still living. He was married to Mary Mahard in 1899; they had fifty-nine years together. To this union were born two sons, twin girls, and another girl; all died at birth except Pauline.

J. E. Bates was ordained to the ministry and joined the Church of the Nazarene, spending forty-eight years in the ministry. He served as pastor of Peniel (Texas) College Church; First Church and University Avenue Church in San Diego, California; and Central Church at Seattle, Washington. He also served as superintendent of North Dakota District, Southern California District before it was divided, Washington and Oregon districts together, and Arizona District. He was sent by the

church, as missionary superintendent of the Orient, to Hawaii, China, and Japan in 1926, where he served for one year. While serving as superintendent of the Southern California District, he was given an honorary doctorate degree by Pasadena College. He had served on the board of trustees for all the Nazarene colleges except one. When not pastoring a church or serving as district superintendent, he was doing evangelistic work. He traveled and preached in every state in the U.S., with the exception of two or three; also preached in Canada and Mexico. He gave his life to his work and his family.

He moved to California in 1919, making that his headquarters after that time. Because of declining years and ill health he retired from the ministry in 1945. He suffered a heart attack in November of 1957, followed by others, but was not bedfast until October 1 of 1958. He died December 3. He was a man of such dynamic and conscientious feelings and thoughts that he had a few enemies, which was his one life sorrow, but they all learned to love him because of his deep convictions. He leaves his family with a wealth of memories of his love for them, devotion to his work, and kindness to his friends and enemies. He is survived by his wife, and daughter, Mrs. Loren Sutton.

Funeral service was in charge of Rev. J. W. Ellis, assisted by Dr. H. B. Wallin, with active pallbearers—A. E. Sanner, E. G. Anderson, Albert J. Schocke, Raymond Reid, Paul Culbertson, and Walter McEachern.

Announcements

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. Phil Williams of Winona, Minnesota, a son, Paul Lewis, on December 31.

—to Mr. Guy and Mrs. (Sharon Franklin) Willard of Dunkirk, Indiana, a son, Marc Alan, on December 17.

—to William (Bud) and Nella (Whittaker) Polston of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Sandra Dee, on December 11.

—to Phillip and Deletta (Mosley) Washburn of Orange, Texas, a son, Gregory Earl, on December 5.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Bernice Motley and Wayne E. Jones were united in marriage on November 29 at First Church of the Nazarene in Detroit, Michigan, with the groom's father, Rev. J. Y. Jones, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Nazarene brother in Iowa, suffered a nervous breakdown three years ago, and still not able to attend many church services—"If the Lord will heal me, I will testify to it and give Him the praise"; by a Christian mother in Georgia for her son to be healed without an operation—doctors do not seem to help and he is unable to work and support his family; by a lady in Pennsylvania that wants to get saved that God will give her a real godly sorrow for sin, that she may truly repent and be saved—she feels she is lost unless God deals with her in a special way, and urgently requests prayer of all Christians everywhere;

by a Christian brother that God will give them a mighty revival at their church in Pennsylvania, and that he may be fully dedicated to the Lord; and by a Christian lady in Ohio in a very serious condition, physically—doctors say they cannot help her—that she may be assured she is ready to meet God in peace, and then for physical healing if it is God's will;

by a lady in Ohio for complete healing of her body if it is God's will, and for special help in the salvation of loved ones;

by a Nazarene minister in California for his wife, also a minister, who is seriously ill, now in a rest home and suffers day and night, that God may undertake for her in a special way.

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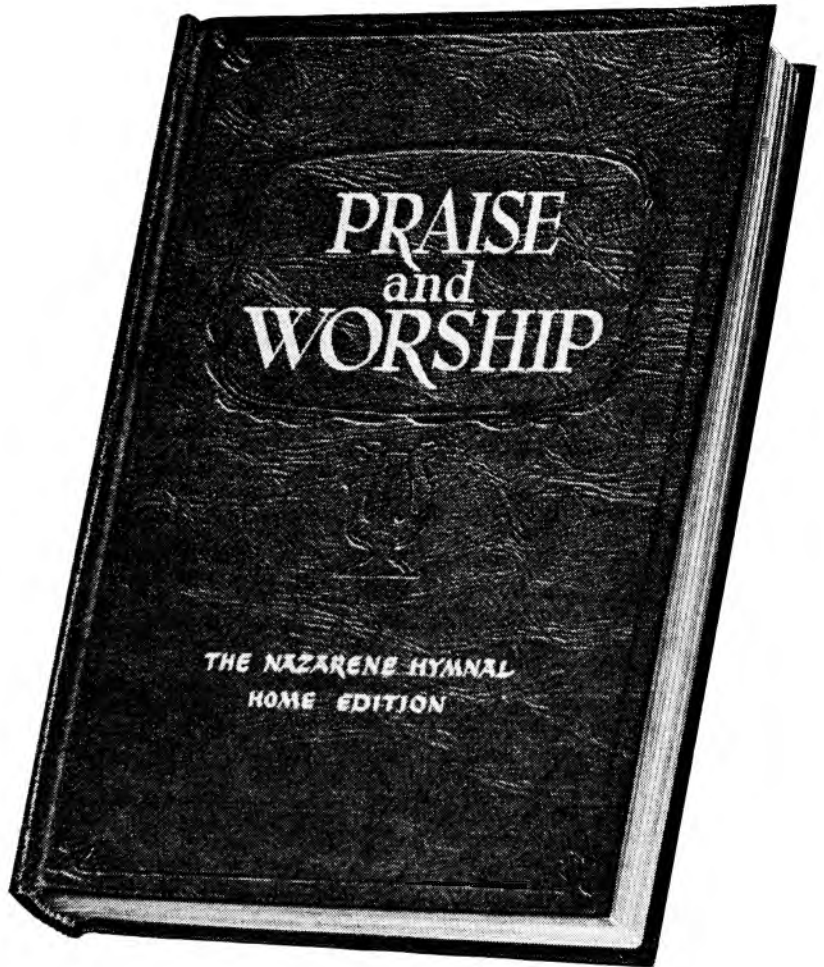
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