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10,000 Miles of Sunday Schools

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Three districts were asking for help with their Sunday school programs. We plan church school board conferences and regional conventions for the districts at home. It seemed only fair to give some time overseas. From June 16 to July 27, I worked on the British Isles North and South districts and in West Germany.

In Britain the assignment was a continuation of the work begun on a visit there in 1958. Because two-thirds of our churches united with us from other holiness groups, prior to the 1958 visit they were not acquainted with Nazarene Sunday school materials and program. After seeing the materials, sixty-five of the churches began to use our own literature, and this number was maintained over the intervening four years.

My assignment this time was to contact the churches not yet using our materials; also in some cases to help make a better selection of the literature being ordered. During three and one-half weeks I held services in twenty-four of our British churches. We had pastors and/or teachers from more than seventy of the ninety-six congregations on the two districts.

In Britain the age of Sunday school pupils has paralleled public education more than in America.



The Cover . . .

Home, church, and school symbolize three centers of interest for the family. National

Christian Education or Sunday School Week is September 30—October 7 this year. It is being annually observed with increasing emphasis on the importance of religious instruction for the young. The continuous moral decline throughout the Western world but heightens the need for Christian preaching and teaching. Unlike many other special weeks, this should not be merely a time to nod in appreciation of work being done. It should be a time of spiritual advance and Christian witness.

Therefore it has been customary for the pupil to leave Sunday school at twelve or fourteen years of age, when he finishes his elementary education. I encouraged our people to begin to think of Sunday school as a Bible study ministry of the church from which Nazarenes graduate only when God calls us from this earth.

I also encouraged them to consider moving their traditional Sunday school hour from Sunday afternoon to a time adjacent to the Sunday morning service—either before or after. This I felt would make it (1) easier to maintain the interest of the entire congregation in the Sunday school, (2) easier to recruit teachers, and (3) easier to organize and maintain Bible study classes for young people and adults. At least one-third of the churches, especially in Scotland, had already established Sunday morning schools, so that this proposal was simply encouraging them to move ahead in directions in which they were already going.

Two weeks were spent in Belfast, Ireland, at the World Institute on Christian Education. It was a time of spiritual enrichment with 350 delegates from 87 countries. We met in small groups two or three hours daily for Bible study and discussion of common problems. In my own group we had a missionary from Camaroons, a youth leader from Burma, a curriculum specialist from the U.S., the president of a teachers' college in Finland, a pastor from Portugal, the president of the Irish Sabbath School Society from Belfast, a Sunday school field worker from the Church of England, a Welsh missionary to India, a youth leader from Jamaica, a veteran missionary from Bolivia, a writer of Sunday school lessons from Denmark, a pastor from Glasgow, Scotland, and a Sunday school executive from Australia.

The Institute closed at 5:00 p.m., July 20, and I left at 7:15 for Frankfurt, Germany. My assignment there was to encourage our new German and Danish Nazarenes to make plans for an effective teaching ministry in our churches.

In both countries there is a state church which makes possible three hours of religious instruction each week in the elementary schools. For that reason almost no provision is made for Christian teaching in the churches themselves. There are few classrooms and very little Sunday school literature.

After a full day of conference with our district superintendent, Rev. Jerry Johnson, we drew up plans for a local and district Sunday school organization. The next day we began a tour to meet and

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Our Canadian Nazarenes

THE LAST of the 1962 district assemblies in Canada recently adjourned. Each one of them witnessed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The loyalty of the pastors and people to the church is proved by their participation in its world-wide evangelistic efforts. Two of the four districts have given 10 per cent of their total income for world evangelism. The others are pushing toward that mark. The international spirit of our Canadian Nazarenes is demonstrated by the fact they have sent many able leaders across the boundary to serve as pastors, district superintendents, and general officers, and they have more than filled their quota of missionaries to many lands.

The unity of the church in Canada is evidenced by the unanimity with which they have elected their district superintendents. Two were elected this year for extended terms with a total of one negative vote for each. The other two are serving extended terms which were approved almost unanimously.

The aggressive spirit of the leaders is witnessed by a consistent drive to establish a Church of the Nazarene within reach of all the populace. The success of the venture at St. John's, Newfoundland, has sparked another opening at Stephenville. This means that all provinces of the dominion have been entered and a foothold has been gained at Whitehorse and Fort Smith in Yukon and Northwest territories. A recent breakthrough among French-speaking people of Montreal gives a ray of hope that the door may soon open in the great metropolis of Quebec.

In 4 districts we now have 6,500 members in 140 churches. But Canada is a country of vast expanse and uncalculated resources. The population has increased by more than 50 per cent in the last twenty years. This rate of growth can continue for a century, for Canada is one of the five largest countries of this planet.

To accelerate the progress of the church in Canada the General Assembly of 1960 approved the request of the districts east and west to set up an All-Canada Educational Zone with a college in a central location to serve the entire

dominion. Winnipeg, Manitoba, was chosen as the site. For decades Canadian Nazarene College at Red Deer, Alberta, had served the western districts. One year ago it moved to Winnipeg.

Dr. Arnold E. Airhart is the able president. He has the enthusiastic support of Canadian Nazarenes, east and west. They have increased and paid their educational budgets and raised unprecedented sums of money for advance. The move to Winnipeg has been accomplished successfully. The temporary campus and buildings are acceptable and adequate. Enrollment for the first year was about as expected. It will probably increase steadily. Dr. Airhart reported that, of the nine years he has served the college as professor or president, this last one was by

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far the best. Already two churches in Winnipeg have received new life and strength. The reception by the community for the college has been cordial. Winnipeg will become a strong center for the Church of the Nazarene.

As soon as the financial outlook will justify the undertaking, a permanent campus in the vicinity of the University of Manitoba is planned. It is believed that an interchange of credits can eventually be arranged with the provincial university to accommodate students pursuing degrees in arts and sciences.

It is the prayer of all persons concerned that Canadian Nazarene College will send forth, in ever-increasing numbers, qualified Christian workers to lead the Church of the Nazarene in a mighty crusade for souls in Canada. Let all their fellow churchmen around the world reinforce their Canadian brethren with prayer and faith.

Telegrams . . .

Orange, Texas—Houston District Assembly, August 22 and 23, enjoyed veritable camp meeting spirit. The Biblical preaching of Dr. G. B. Williamson and excellent musical program were used by the Holy Spirit to bring great blessing. District Superintendent W. Raymond McClung reported record giving of over \$500,000 and 10.45 per cent for world evangelism. Home mission message by Dr. I. C. Mathis presented great challenge; home mission revolving fund now over \$50,000. Church membership 3,398; Sunday school average attendance 3,750. New district parsonage and office completed. One-thousand-dollar love offering for the McClungs, who are greatly loved by all.—C. Kenneth Sparks, Reporter.

Kirkwood, Missouri—Missouri District Assembly closed with the spirit of harmony. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided in his unique and gracious manner. Members received on profession of faith, 364; record giving to all purposes, \$862,432; general interests, \$79,431; property evaluation record, \$3,490,028. Love offering given to wonderful leaders, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Simpson, Coy Presson, T. A. Wilhelm, Don Heitman, and Robert Seal ordained. Gracious spirit prevails, and Missouri marches forward.—J. B. Cook, Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. John L. Stockett have resigned the church in Gilroy, and have been assigned to pastor the San Francisco (California) Chinese Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. George T. Lampkin, retired Nazarene elder of Northeast Oklahoma District, died August 17; he was a member of the West Tulsa Church. He is survived by his wife, Edna; a son, George; and a daughter, Mrs. M. Ransom.

Rev. Mrs. Nettie C. Riley, retired Nazarene elder of Natural Bridge Station, Virginia, died in August. She is survived by a son of the home address, and a daughter living in California.

Rev. L. J. Dunham has resigned as pastor of First Church in Pontiac, Illinois, and is now in the field of full-time evangelism.

Mrs. Knox writes from Portsmouth, Ohio: "My husband, Rev. Bernard W. Knox, pastor of First Church here, suffered a heart attack on August 18 while we were on vacation in New York. He

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was in the hospital there for a while, and doctors say he must have several weeks of complete rest. Please pray for him."

Pastor John D. Rhame sends word from Sikeston, Missouri: "First Church recently closed one of the most effective evangelistic campaigns of its history, with Rev. Paul J. Stewart as the evangelist. One of the largest crowds in years enjoyed the recently air-conditioned sanctuary, and there was not a barren altar service."

Prayer is requested for Mrs. Dorothy Pellow, wife of Rev. Wm. J. Pellow, of Polk, Pennsylvania, who underwent major surgery on August 3.

After two years with the Palmer Heights Church in Colorado Springs, Rev. W. C. Keith has resigned to accept a call to pastor the Sunny View Church in Greeley, Colorado.

After five years as pastor of the Atwater, Ohio, church, Akron District, Rev. Russell F. Metcalfe, Jr., has resigned to accept a call to pastor the Butler, New Jersey, church, on the New York District.

After pastoring the church at Deshler, Ohio, Rev. Paul J. Miller has resigned to accept a call to the church in Coldwater, Ohio, on the Northwestern Ohio District.

After pastoring the church in Avon Park for more than four years, Rev. W. E. Spurlock has accepted the pastorate of the Forest Hills Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Rev. Oscar Hudson and wife (Nettie) recently celebrated their sixty-fourth wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Meguiar, of Altadena, California, entertained a small group of family members at a dinner party in honor of her parents (her mother is eighty-three and her father eighty-eight). There are also two other daughters: Mrs. Venus Floyd, of Los Angeles; and Mrs. Edward Revenaugh, of San Jose; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Rev. and Mrs. Hudson were pioneer home missionary evangelists, conducting revivals in school buildings, halls, and tents throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Georgia. The Hudsons now live at the Rayphel Guest Home on Mar Vista Street, Altadena, California.



TO PREPARE . . . *Fast and Pray!*

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Executive Secretary, Department of Evangelism*

THE TIMES in which we live make great demands upon our families. They demand close, clear, earnest thinking on the part of each member of the family group.

They demand, at times, sacrificial action; for many families are carrying burdens beyond their strength. They demand a new strength, for the problems and perplexities of the modern family are too serious to be solved by them alone.

The times in which we live have brought many changes in family life. We are no longer families isolated in communities. We think in terms of continents today, and I believe this larger scale of thinking has come to stay.

Family life is being tested on a colossal scale today as never before. It is a tragedy that so few families have made room for the presence, personality, and leadership of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Families have thought that they could plan, work, and scheme without any regard whatever for God and the hereafter. The result has been that while we have so-called Christian families in our civilization, much of family life today is simply veneered paganism and nothing better.

There are many national, religious, and educational leaders in our day who tell us that the family life of this twentieth century has failed. It has not been for want of intellect! There were never greater opportunities for training or education for our families than there are today. It has not failed through want of economic or material comfort. We have perhaps more at the disposal of our families today than ever in history. But the family life of our nation is sick, spiritually and morally.

Why? Too many of our families have failed through the absence of a rich, glowing, triumphant, infectious faith in God. The only thing that can meet the great need of our families today is a tremendous reinforcement of spirituality. By that I mean the enthronement of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of every family and every home.

This is the reason the Church of the Nazarene is placing the "Evangelism First" emphasis this year on family evangelism. We need a revival of fam-

ily evangelism during the "Operation Doorbell" emphasis, October 1 to 14.

We believe that such a revival can be precipitated by fasting and prayer! It is our conviction that fasting and prayer will restore to us all a burning passion for the salvation of families. Fasting and prayer will banish our spirit of lethargy, and send us out seeking the salvation of families. Fasting and prayer will roll back the invasion of pagan ideals that has already reached into many families in our communities, and is trying to reach into our own families.

By many precepts, exhortations, and illustrations the Holy Bible proves that fasting and prayer brings spiritual results.

Fasting and prayer was taught in the example of our Lord prior to His public ministry. It is recorded that He fasted and prayed for forty days in the wilderness. Paul fasted and the church at Antioch fasted. There is a definite pattern of fasting and prayer recorded in the Holy Bible.

Fasting and prayer is one of the highest ways of communion possible between God and man. Early-day holiness people were marked as people of fasting and prayer. It was said of them that "they prayed through." Have we allowed fasting and prayer to lapse in our church today? *A fundamental condition for a visitation from God is still "Fast and Pray!"*

A holiness veteran told me recently that whenever he felt the battle dragging or the enemy gaining ground he called for a night of fasting and prayer. Everywhere our people are crying for a revival of family evangelism! There is a spirit of expectancy in our church that many families may be won to God during our fall emphasis. But there is no secret way to a revival of family evangelism.

Years ago during the great Welsh revival, Evan Roberts was visited by some men who had traveled a long distance to discover the secret of that revival. Mr. Roberts is reputed to have said to them, "There is no secret. 'Ask, and ye shall receive.'" Jesus himself said, "This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).

With these truths before us, your Department

of Evangelism asks that we shall give ourselves on Wednesday, September 26, 1962, to one complete day of sincere fasting and earnest prayer for a mighty outpouring of the Spirit of God through family evangelism.

We urge that Wednesday, September 26, be our day of preparation by fasting and prayer for a great surge of family evangelism during October, November, and December of this year.

Fasting and prayer are powerful and effective weapons in true family evangelism. The lack of fasting and prayer causes spiritual inertia. We whose families are saved must have our hearts endowed with the love of God and fired with zeal through prayer and fasting to go out and witness and win unchurched families.

They wait for our coming! They wait for our testimony! They wait for our Christ! Let Wednesday, September 26, be given to preparation through fasting and prayer, asking that God might send us even as He sent His beloved Son, our Saviour.

My heart prays, Lord, send a revival, and let that revival issue in a great work of family evangelism!

Holiness TRIUMPHANT

By C. WARREN JONES

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PENTECOST has become a reality. One hundred and twenty simple folks have been baptized with the Holy Ghost. Holiness has become their watchword. The prophecies of Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Joel have been fulfilled.

The 120 are aroused, thrilled, and mightily moved upon. Their enthusiasm knows no bounds. They have lost their fear of man. They move into action. They get the attention of all Jerusalem.

Every man and woman in the city is amazed, shocked, and confounded. The unusual has happened. The Early Church cannot be stopped. Its people hit the city like a tornado. They fill Jerusalem with their doctrine. A religious revolution sweeps the city. They overrun Judea, Samaria, and give the gospel to the known world. They have either a revival or a riot. They often land in jail. This was holiness immediately following Pentecost.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the

Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:1-4). Keep in mind that they were united. The Holy Ghost came with lightning speed "as of a rushing mighty wind." The Upper Room was filled with the presence of God. The fire fell upon each of them, laymen as well as the ministry. They were filled—not partially, but all were completely filled with the Holy Ghost.

The result of Pentecost was a revival. Immediately they had a street meeting. Peter climbed upon a soapbox and preached the first sermon, and in that first service 3,000 people were saved. Glorious victory! They opened the doors of the Church and took in 3,000 members. This gave them in the Jerusalem Church 3,120 members. Peter pronounced the benediction and the place was shaken.

The next day Peter and John went up to the Temple to pray. They found a lame man at the gate of the Temple, asking for alms. This man had never walked. No doubt he was trying to collect enough coins so that he could get a sandwich for dinner. He expected something from these two disciples. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:6).

Something happened! That poor beggar was healed immediately. He stood up and walked and began to leap and shout. He entered into the Temple with Peter and John, walking and leaping and praising God. Peter had more than one sermon. He preached again and stirred the wrath of the Sadducees. These two disciples spent the night in jail, but before they went to sleep, the multitude was so convicted that 5,000 men believed.

The revival swept Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria like a Texas cyclone. The disciples rushed to the end of the earth. Wherever they went revivals broke out: Thomas to India; Mark to Egypt; and Paul to Macedonia, Rome, and the regions beyond. Nearly all of them headed for a martyr's grave, but they rejoiced and thanked God that it was their privilege to suffer for Jesus' sake.

God has not changed. Holiness as an experience is the same now as it was then. Not only so, but humanity and sin have not changed. When Jesus Christ ascended on high, the need of the Church was Pentecost. That is still the need of the Church today.

A holiness church with the mighty presence of God on the membership will succeed today. In spite of the devil, the people will keep a revival atmosphere in the church, get men and women to an altar of prayer, and see the salvation of the lost.

Holiness refuses to make excuses, laughs at impossibilities, overrides all obstacles, makes the necessary sacrifice, and goes all out at home and abroad to snatch souls from the burning and land them on the hillsides of eternal deliverance.



INSPIRED AMATEURS

By **GLENN R. EVANS**
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THE WORDS "personal evangelism" frighten many laymen. They may think they have to be apostles or prophets. They may envision breast beating, kneeling with brimming eyes before a "prospect," theological training, or a "hitting the sawdust trail" approach; so they shun and shy away from one of the most rewarding and happy experiences of life. It's just being yourself and telling others, through example and in your own words, "I believe in the Lord, in His teaching, and I want to walk in His steps."

The book is called "Acts of the Apostles," and it is just that. It might have easily been called "Acts of the Laymen," for it is that also. The unnamed laymen of our story highlight the rapid spread of the Early Church by rank amateurs. They were merchants, soldiers, craftsmen, the average people of their day, who traveled the seas and the streets. They met and talked with people just like themselves. They gave all the strength and devotion they could spare from their vocations to tell others about Christ.

The most priceless gift that can come to our church is a singleheartedness in the amateurs who make up the ranks; for as a national average, laymen outnumber our ministers by about forty to one. Much power is potential in the devotion of ordinary people. It may be on the street or over the back fence, in conversation with the man next to you at work, on a train, over a cup of coffee, during any of the unspectacular experiences of life, that God would use this devotion.

The early amateurs didn't know any better. Nobody told them they were not supposed to talk about Christ to the Greeks. They had recently witnessed the stoning of Stephen because he dared preach something new. Frankly, they didn't give a care about circumcision or uncircumcision, Jew or gentile, or the minute definitions of Jewish lore or law. They had a message to tell. Today, they wouldn't be stopped by creeds, doctrines, dogmas, theological or ecclesiastical divisions, or microscopic interpretations. These men knew the grace of God as it appeared to them in Jesus Christ.

Many of the great achievements of Christian history have been brought about by folks who didn't

know any better, who didn't know the rules, had forgotten them, or just didn't care about them. Such men had a blind and complete ignorance about what couldn't be done, so they did it. These men formed the church at Antioch, the third largest city in the world, a bad place, a dark spot even in the Roman Empire. Many laymen would hesitate to talk about Christ in a city of saints, let alone a place like this. Here in this city they made a start, for Christ's disciples were first called Christians in this city. That name which we should proudly honor and cherish is a heritage from an anonymous group of laymen who loved Jesus and who could do no other than preach Christ wherever they went to all whom they met. The scripture says the hand of the Lord was with them and many turned unto the Lord.

Here was a little pebble tossed into the stream of life. These were untrained laymen just like you, and the whole course of history was changed. The tidings of the work of these laymen came to the church at Jerusalem. They sent Barnabas to make an investigation. When he saw the situation he was glad, and many people were won to the church.

Barnabas began a talent hunt for the one who was to become the "most valuable preacher" for Christianity. When he had found Paul, he brought him to Antioch, where they stayed for a year. There was glory for all. They all preached Christ, the laymen as well as the clergy. They did all things to the glory of God, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them.

The task ahead of us in "personal evangelism" is never as great as the power behind us in a faith in Christ. What does it really mean to deserve the name of Christian and not be a Christian in name only? The Spirit of Christ must so take possession of our minds that our thoughts and actions evidence Christian qualities. There must be no half-way allegiance. Then the problems of my fellow man in sin become personal, for it is so intolerable to me that I must do something to avert the dreadful consequences.

Ours is the task of preparing the way of the

Lord. There can be no harvest where no seed is planted. Ours is the responsibility of scattering or planting the seed. In God's time and nurture comes the real harvest. "But does one person count?" is often the cry or feeling that prevails.

It is easy to reason as follows: My lack of consecration will not be missed in the church. My attendance at Sunday services makes no difference. Nobody knows whether I read the Bible and pray. My tithe and increased giving are not important. What help could I be? I am just one person in telling someone else about Christ and His redeeming love. Let someone who is trained work at the job of "personal evangelism."

But remember, the church at Antioch was started by untrained amateurs just like you, and the course of history was changed.

Conflicts of Peace

By **H. M. von STEIN**
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WE HAD COME from the high mountains to the sea for what we hoped would be a peaceful vacation. Early in the morning we were awakened by swallows, articulate as June brides exclaiming over wedding gifts, hovering around nests tucked under the eaves of our motel cottage.

In this strange environment, the swallows were reassuring; but they were not at peace. They were at war—with the bluebirds, which are themselves practically symbols of peace. It would have been a distracting anomaly except that we knew it happens all the time.

When we went down to the ocean to fish, there was the inexorable tide to reckon with. The fish did, so we had to. People with money hired boats to fish from, but we fished from the rocks. When the tide was right, we found the wind against us—long, snarling billows gnashing their teeth to reach us on our rocks. To escape the forces against us, we sneaked out very early. Then our bait was dragged into crevices in the reefs by crabs, so that we lost lines, hooks, and sinkers.

We found ourselves in a campaign against defeat, and yet it was a most peaceful vacation, and eventually we caught fish. One day everything clicked into focus. Minus tides turned, the wind slept late, and a pair of whales herded the fish inshore for us as though by appointment.

It is increasingly difficult nowadays to try to do what is right in the sense of holiness without being an "ag'iner." This situation will be multiplied

with IBM rapidity as our world becomes more thickly populated, articulate, and prosperous. The difficulty is also multiplied with the universally understood fact that the integrity of a man is emphasized as much by those things he is against as those he stands for.

But the champion "ag'iners" in our time are not God's children, but those who deny the authority and even the existence of God. They are against such acknowledgment as well as laws prohibiting advertising liquor, movie censorship, restrictions against gambling, harlotry, and especially are they against organized Christianity. Their colleges advocate a libertinism of thought and conduct, with the definition of "decency" and "righteousness" relegated back to the committee on theories.

The word "corny," having achieved status in the dictionary, is no longer available among the elite, but its meaning of "old-fashioned; banal; trite" is freely ascribed to attitudes of goodness.

The weakness of the "ag'iners" of this world lies in the fact that they have nothing profitable to offer in place of that which they would destroy. The Christian has; and in the mortal combat with the forces of evil, if he moves in the power of the Holy Spirit, what is in him is stronger than the spirit of this world.

Christianity has never been an "against" religion. The impact for salvation of an entire denomination can be weakened by emphasis upon what it is against rather than what it is for.


When we begin to talk about what we are against, we talk too much. When we begin to talk about what we are for, we talk too little. People are that way. We have a tendency to make a big fuss and go home feeling good, calling it righteousness. Then when it comes to testifying before a sinful world, we seem to be all out of steam.

The truth of the matter is that those of us called the people of God have presented such a weak picture of Jesus and what salvation from sin means that the incisive, practical minds of young people who find the essence of life to be conflict cannot see much to religion. We talk about things we do not seem to demonstrate. We talk about the wonder of prayer, and do not pray; of full commitment to God, and come home to drown the influence of stirring religious worship by turning on the television to some precious program with nothing whatsoever of God in it.

There should be a great difference in the conflicts of life for the Christian and the godless. The conflicts of God's peace are always victorious and those of the worldling never are. We know whom we have believed and he doesn't.

Satan is the chief "ag'iner" of all; but nothing he can do can conquer us unless he can get us to focus our eyes on him instead of Jesus, our King.

In the guest editorial by Dr. Albert F. Harper and the following three articles prepared by members of the staff of the Department of Church Schools, we present material in observance of National Sunday School Week—September 30—October 7.—Editor.



Whither Bound?

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ASTRONAUTS and cosmonauts every day are exploring new dimensions and plotting destinations in the universe. The nations are spending billions to devise and construct the means to reach those destinations and to train the pioneers to live there, after they arrive.

What of the Church of Jesus Christ? What of that branch of the Church, the Church of the Nazarene? What are our destinations? Whither are we bound? What are our means of attaining those destinations? What are we doing to prepare our children and youth—and ourselves—for the life that belongs to our goals?

If the mere omission of a hyphen could destroy a journey to Venus from earth, how important could the neglect of basic elements in our planning be in the eternal destiny of those whom God and the church have put in our charge? It is imperative that we see clearly, think sharply, and act with decision and care in dealing with issues that relate not only to time but to eternity.

Speaking specifically of our task of Christian education, what are our goals? They are laid down in the divine revelation which is our gospel.

First, the goals of the church, and of educational program in the church, are ultimately unitary; they are one goal. Paul clearly states it in his letter to the Colossians:

*"We preach, warning every man,
and teaching every man in all wisdom;
THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN
PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS."*

—Colossians 1:28

The unitary goal is the perfect man in Christ Jesus. The means are various—preaching, warning, teaching. Paul incorporated all these means with consummate skill and power in his ministry. A well-rounded pulpit and pastoral ministry does the same.

The educational program of the church today, as we know it, is designed to supplement and im-

plement specifically the third means, teaching. But the purpose is one: Christian perfection for every man—and woman and boy and girl. To this end we have organized Sunday schools, and classes, and societies for youth, and for missionary study, and Caravans for boys and girls, and vacation Bible schools, and camps, and Christian Service Training, and Christian action groups, and witnessing programs, and prayer meetings. In short, every action and training program designed for Christian growth—all these have been planned and set in motion to contribute to the attainment of that perfection Paul described in Ephesians 4:13—"Unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Laboring toward this goal of nurture in perfection we recognize clearly the crisis aspects of Christian experience. There can be no growth without birth. And Christian perfection requires crisis as well as process, the crisis of the second work of grace. But the teaching ministry of the church is oriented in its function and method to the continuity of life, to process and growth. It begins with infants of a few weeks old. It continues through childhood and youth and maturity to old age. The process finds its consummation, not at any point along the route, but in the presence of Christ at His coming—"That we may *present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*"

To conclude: the teaching program of the church must include these essential elements.

First, Christian teaching must communicate clearly the gospel in its purity and power. Differentiated from preaching, teaching utilizes educational insights and skills, adapting its method of communication to the laws of learning and to the developmental stage of the learner.

Second, Christian education seeks a balanced pattern of growth from infancy. For that reason it seeks to inform and stimulate the mind. But true Christian education deals with more than words and abstract concepts. It seeks to cultivate and inspire the heart. And it aims to motivate and strengthen the will to right decision and fruitful action.


Third, the goal of Christian teaching must include the crises of confronting each individual with the deep and personal issues of the gospel. There is a season of the soul which God best knows, but sensitive teachers can discern when the time is ripe for personal choice and decision. In a sense everything that has gone before and all guidance and

growth thereafter turn about this season of decision. This is as true for the experience of sanctification as for initial conversion. If any teacher feels insufficient for such responsibility—and who but feels this inadequacy?—he may be sure that this is above all God's work, and the Spirit of God is there even before us. We may with confidence rely on His wisdom and power.

Finally, Christian education like the preaching ministry of the church itself, is not content with counting conversions, or even seekers for holiness.

It realizes that its responsibility is lifelong and that the goal is the "man perfect in Christ Jesus." Enrichment of understanding in the Scriptures, deepening of insight and purpose in Christian living, sharpening of skills in Christian service, broadening of vision in world outlook, increase in concern for God's kingdom, and growth in love for God and man—these are elements in the development of holy character. And the Christian teacher grows as he leads the way for others to follow.

Making the Bible the Foundation of Our Faith



By ROBERT D. TROUTMAN
Editor, Young People's Curriculum

that will help us to become better acquainted with and more firmly grounded in God's Word.

Teaching the Word of God is not a marginal matter in the Church of the Nazarene. Without the foundation of a thorough knowledge of God's Word our children will not be won to Christ—our teen-agers will not be established in His way—our adults will not develop Christlike character—our homes will not be effective in teaching the Christian faith.

The church school in the local Church of the Nazarene is directed by the General Assembly to take the initiative in "devout and diligent study and teaching of the Word of God." The Sunday school, the vacation Bible school, Christian Service Training, and Christian family life programs are obligated under God to help our people lay a strong foundation for faith.

However good an activity may seem in itself, if it does not contribute to a growing understanding of God's Word—if it does not contribute to our ultimate aim of bringing each person into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as Saviour and Sanctifier—then it is not worthy of being included in the church school's program. All that we do is tied together by our desire to win our pupils for Christ, draw them into church membership, and help them to become firmly established Christians, always growing in the knowledge and practice of holiness. To do this, church and home must work together to teach God's Word as the foundation of life in Christ.

A basic principle in setting up our program, both in the home and in the church, is our belief in the centrality of God's Word as we have it in the Bible. Here is truth applicable to life today. By studying the Bible the individual can learn how to solve the problems which he faces. From God's Word he learns how to relate himself properly to God, his age mates, other people, and himself. If we are effective in teaching the Bible, it moves out of the realm of dead history and becomes a living Word with practical meaning for life as we live it. All that we do in the church school is geared to this end. For only when the Bible has become the living Word of God can it be a foundation for faith.

"To teach the doctrines of Christianity and the standards of Christian behavior . . . to lay the foundation and begin the development of Christian character in young children . . . to seek the salvation of the unsaved and the entire sanctification of believers . . . to foster a progressive and continuous development of Christlike character, attitudes, habits . . . to help the home become more effective in teaching the Christian faith . . ."

THIS IS, in part, the task of the church school in the Church of the Nazarene. Worthy goals, we'd all agree. But how can we accomplish them? There are many contributing factors—teachers, curriculum, materials, buildings, methods of teaching—but one thing is basic. In the words of the *Manual*: "These objectives are to be accomplished through devout and diligent study and teaching of the word of God—the Bible . . ."

Sounds good, doesn't it? "Devout and diligent study and teaching of the Word of God"—but how? In weekly classes at Sunday school. At home around the family altar, and in just everyday happenings. During vacation Bible school sessions. Through individual Bible study and private devotions. In special Christian Service Training classes. Through all these ways and any others

This kind of study and teaching is more than learning facts about the Bible and its personalities. In the home we must do more than familiarize our children with Bible stories. In the church we must do more than teach Bible facts. This is a part of our task, but we must not think we have succeeded in "devout and diligent study and teaching of the Word of God" when those we teach can recite Bible facts and stories from memory. We have not succeeded in making God's Word a foundation for faith until the individual sees that the Bible deals with situations which men from every age have faced.

This kind of teaching, whether it is done in the home or in the church, requires careful planning and preparation. It calls for imagination and ingenuity. It demands a consideration of problems which have real meaning for the individual, whether he is a preschool child or an adult. It requires a variety of experiences—reading, praying, talking together, singing, listening—and opportunities to put into practice what the Bible teaches. And all of this must be done with a keen personal awareness of the need for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Only with His help can the consecrated teacher and parent fulfill the obligation which is theirs.

When through "devout study and diligent teaching of the Word of God" the individual comes to see that the Bible is a Guidebook for life today, then God's Word will have become a foundation for his faith.

How Can We Share Our Faith?



by
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Editor, Kindergarten Lesson Materials

IN THOSE exciting, wonderful days of walking and talking with Jesus the disciples would have been astounded had anyone even suggested that their Master might leave them to carry on His work. Yet that is exactly what happened! Before He left, Jesus commissioned them for the task: "Go ye . . . and teach all nations, . . . all things whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19).

For this present age we are the ones to whom

those words are addressed. We are the spiritual descendants of those men who, eventually, "turned the world upside down." On us rests squarely the obligation to "teach," to share our faith with others.

How can we share this faith, "more precious than gold"?

Let us say, first of all, that in order to share our faith we must have a faith to share. We must possess a living, vital faith with energy and power. We must know God as our Heavenly Father and trust His love and care; we must know Jesus, God's only begotten Son, as Saviour, Lord, and Friend; the Holy Spirit must dwell within us in His cleansing and sanctifying power. And our Christian faith must be so real, so central in our lives that it decides our goals, our motives, our behavior, and our attitudes.

We can share our faith by possessing a faith whose power motivates and activates our lives.

Jesus said, "Teach." Christian education is a teaching work. But is teaching done only by word-of-mouth communication? No, indeed not. There are other, and important, ways of teaching and sharing our faith. Since they weigh heavily in the final result, let us consider them as answers to our question.

Turning to the Scriptures for guidance, we find running through the New Testament the golden thread of love—Christian love. "Love one another," was the "new commandment" Jesus gave His disciples (John 13:31). "Walk in love," Paul admonished the Christians at Ephesus (Ephesians 5:2).

It is through the love he experiences in the family, at home, that the child may first come to appreciate the reality of God's love and respond to it. In his church he later finds God's love expressed through the love of his Sunday school teacher, his pastor, and other friendly workers, the saints. It is this warm Christian love that reaches out and encompasses the youth, the wayward, the lonely, the stranger, so that they can begin to know and comprehend the seeking love of the Father.

Unkindness, impatience, the harsh, thoughtless word, sins of the disposition, can block our sharing. We can hear the reproving voice of Jesus saying, "Suffer little children to come . . . and forbid them not." Lovelessness is a "forbidding" of the most damaging kind.

We can share our faith by walking in love as Christ has loved us. We must, in fact, share it in that way if we are to share it at all!

A third, and very incisive, answer to our question next comes to us, again through the Scriptures: "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (I Peter 1:15). Our Christian witness can be effective only when our faith is lived out in every department of our lives, in all our behavior: in

the home with the family, in the church, in the community, in daily business, in social contacts with friends and neighbors.

The life of a Christian should never be the frantic affair that the sinner's is apt to be; his life should witness to a calm trust in God's love and care. There is no place for the "little white lie," the careless insincerity, the shady business deal, materialistic goals, "getting ahead." "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be" (1 John 3:2). *Noblesse oblige*. Our spiritual royalty obligates us to live at a higher level than that on which the unbeliever may live if he chooses.

We can, and must, share our faith by holy living.

Lastly, our question brings us face to face with the necessity to share our faith by verbal, overt teaching. In order to teach our faith effectively, we must know what our faith is, what we believe and live by, so surely that we can put it into simple, understandable words and tell it to another. This necessity to *know* must be acknowledged and met by all of us: the parents, the pastor and his assisting ministers, the Sunday school, the Junior Fellowship and Caravan worker, the church board member, the missionary society president, the college professor, the layman in the pew.

Each of us needs to be capable also of "rightly dividing the word of truth" in his teaching. We must know what to say to the little child, the growing boy and girl, the youth, the man without formal education, the sinner with no background of religious training, the maturing Christian.

We need not and should not try to do this teaching alone. College and seminary curriculums have been developed, articles are being written, papers are being published, church school literature is being developed for all ages—all with the purpose of helping us to know how to divide "the word of truth" rightly and teach our faith in the most effective way possible.

We can, and must, share our faith by teaching. And always there is the assurance of divine help and guidance if we let God use and work through us. "Lo, I am with you always," Jesus promised, "even unto the end of the world."

Our heritage of Christian faith is a priceless possession. "By this faith we live; by this faith we die," are words that ring in my mind. They were spoken by my father, a pioneer minister of the Church of the Nazarene. When he spoke them he was a veteran saint, eighty years of age, living with the prescience of his own death soon to come, I now know. He stood beside an open grave, at the last rites for a friend, and he spoke with quiet assurance. He had tried the faith and proved it.

Our Christian faith is, indeed, worth sharing, and we must share it. Let us be up and about our Father's business!

CALM

*All in vain the stormy tempests,
Waves of fear, and hate, and dark,
Break themselves in helpless fury
Pounding on my soul's frail bark.
All in vain the wildest battering
Of the demons' darkest horde.
There is peace within my vessel—
For my Captain is on board!
In the midst of all the fury
Utter peace and sweet repose:
Calm assurance of His presence
Leaves no place for fear of foes.
Thank You, Lord, for blest assurance,
For the power of your Word.
There is peace within my vessel—
For my Captain is on board!*

By LAURA FORINASH

EDITORIALS

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talk Sunday schools with our Nazarenes of the new West German District. There were four services on Sunday—9:30 at Hanau, 11:00 at Frankfurt, 5:00 at Kaiserslautern for the American servicemen's group, and 7:00 with the German congregation.

Monday evening we held a workshop conference in Frankfurt with representatives from four churches. Tuesday there was a workshop at Wuppertal in the Ruhr Valley. Wednesday we drove 200 miles to Hanover and flew another 250 miles to West Berlin for a workshop that evening. We were planning Sunday school work even though the small congregation presently meets in the living room of the pastor's apartment. Thursday, while Superintendent Johnson and the pastor negotiated for the purchase of a lot on which to build a church, I got in four hours on sight-seeing tour—including an hour behind the wall in East Berlin.

At 4:30, Brother Johnson flew back to Hanover to pick up his car and return to Frankfurt. At 6:00, I flew to Copenhagen for a day of planning and an evening workshop with Pastor and Mrs. Kleven and our congregation in Denmark.

It was a steady but a rewarding six weeks of ministry. I invite the prayers of our people for the Sunday school work on the continent of Europe. Pray that God shall give vision and courage to our pastors and people as they try this ministry of Christian teaching that is so new to them. And pray that God shall help us find the best possible solution to providing teaching materials for these workers in the German and Danish languages.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, *Secretary*

Four New Books

We recognize and acknowledge the publication of four books written by our evangelists, and recently released by our Publishing House.

Evangelist Jarrette Aycock, *He Lusted Me*

Evangelist C. T. Corbett, *Ready for the Rapture*

Evangelist Paul Martin, *Good Morning, Lord*

Evangelist Chester D. Plummer, *Temptation and the Sanctified Life*

Any of these may be ordered from the Nazarene Publishing House.

Evangelistic Honor Roll

The districts shown report the following churches as having received the Evangelistic Honor Roll Certificate. This is presented on the basis of members received by profession of faith during the assembly year. The groups and qualification standards are shown as follows:

GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN REQUIRED
I	1-24	4
II	25-74	8
III	75-149	12
IV	150-299	18
V	300 and above	25

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
CANADA ATLANTIC			
Dartmouth	R. Lewis	22	6
St. John, N.B.	A. Lewis	47	12

"Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 14

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
CANADA CENTRAL			
Mount Albert	C. Gelger	14	4
Caledonia	R. Davis	19	9
Brantford	H. Burgess	47	8

"Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 14

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
NEBRASKA			
Lincoln Trinity	R. Lewis	0	4
Broken Bow	K. Van Ostrand	17	6
Norfolk	L. Best	18	6
Gothenburg	R. Rice	25	8
Omaha South	J. Sutherland	48	8
Beatrice	F. Brickley	59	8
York	S. Gerboth	65	8
Falls City	C. Byers	68	8
Scottsbluff	P. Burkhardt	79	12
Omaha Central	J. Nash	96	12
North Platte	G. Mowry	123	13
Hastings	N. Bloom	132	12

"Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 14

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
NORTHEASTERN INDIANA			
Milford	V. Adragna	12	5
Selma	J. Abshear	21	5
Elkhart Grace	R. Ferguson	23	6
Waterloo	R. Scott	41	8
Harris Chapel	R. Wenger	61	8
Muncie Mayfield	R. Sutton	79	14
Goshen	R. Ward	106	15
Anderson First	J. Wine	299	18
Muncie First	A. Woodcook	306	40

"Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 14

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
SOUTHWESTERN OHIO			
Washington C.H.	D. Hough	14	4
Goshen	H. Helton	17	7
Ripley	F. Pennington	23	8

Church	Pastor	Membership at Last Assembly	Gain
Woods Chapel Cincinnati	J. Smith	25	9
Mt. Healthy	P. Roberts	30	10
Day, Rich. Hgts.	F. Roddy	33	13
Hamilton Wmsdale	W. Haggard	42	8
Fairborn First	R. Taylor	56	9
Pisgah Community	E. McKinney	63	12
Dayton Northridge	K. Grandy	65	13
Sardinia	M. Dewey	67	10
Day, Wrightview	R. Nash	196	18
Springdale	L. Watson	266	28
Middletown	P. Theall	270	18
Dayton Central	B. Breese	285	20

"Operation Doorbell," October 1 to 14

Attend Your COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON EVANGELISM

NORTHWEST NAZARENE COLLEGE

Nampa, Idaho

Wed., Thurs., and Fri., September 19, 20, 21, 1962

OLIVET NAZARENE COLLEGE

Kankakee, Illinois

Wed., Thurs., and Fri., September 26, 27, 28, 1962

BETHANY NAZARENE COLLEGE

Bethany, Oklahoma

Tues., Wed., and Thurs., November 27, 28, 29, 1962

Write to the presidents for information and plan now to attend.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

GEORGE COULTER, *Secretary*

Tent Meetings

By DOYLE M. SHEPHERD, *Okinawa*

The first two tent meetings are in history with some very good results. Several new faces have appeared in the church at Mashiki in the high school class. They seem very earnest. Please pray for them. In Amesoko the tent was full to overflowing every night with the children. In the adult service there were about seventy adults, which means a great number of new contacts. Some of these made a profession and we must pray for them.

Greetings from Cape Verde

By CLIFFORD GAY

Cape Verde Islands

Our theme at our annual district assembly was "Be Filled with the Spirit." God was gracious to us and blessed us in a wonderful way. The fellowship, the sense of His presence, the unity of the Spirit were remarkable. It was thrilling to see the altars lined two and three deep with seekers for justification and sanctification.

The delegates from the churches testified to blessing and new vision as they returned to their homes.

Latest Report on David Sayes

By HOWARD SAYES, *Trinidad*

We are writing today to give you the latest report on David:

The doctor here does not feel that David needs any specific treatment at the present other than the one-year examination. He says there is very little to be done right now, and his report was not very hopeful. He seemed quite concerned about the fact that David, being fourteen months old, is not sitting up or moving about as he should. He indicated that he did not feel this was altogether connected with the fact that he was blind but that there is something keeping his muscles from developing as they should. There seems to be no crippling aspect present but it seems that the muscles are just not strong enough to hold David. The doctor feels that there could be some brain damage that is the underlying cause of all his trouble, but that it was only to that part of the brain which affects the muscles and sight. He does not believe there is any hope for sight other than light perception for David.

The doctor said that there is no treatment here that he knows of for him. As long as David's general health is good, he does not believe he will suffer any from being in the tropics for the next couple of years. He said David would be very slow until nearer school age, when he would be able to comprehend things better.

Although this picture does not look very bright, we are not giving up. We do believe God is able to touch David and are praying that, if it is His will, He will heal him completely. We are still holding on to God's promise. We appreciate so much the church's interest and prayers for David. We never cease to praise God for our church.

MINISTERIAL BENEVOLENCE

DEAN WESSELS, *Secretary*

A retired minister seventy-eight years of age and living in a New England state wrote the following wonderful letter. He has given thirty-four years of full-time service to the Church of the Nazarene.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your kind remembrance on my birthday. It will be used and re-

membered down through the years. It is wonderful to be remembered when one gets older. Words cannot express the deep gratitude for the help and kindness which I have received from the church down through the years. The checks each month are the lifeline for us. May God wonderfully enrich and sustain our beloved church, which has meant so much to me. I joined in 1909 and was ordained in 1920.

The check each month, a birthday gift, and Christmas check each year have encouraged this faithful man in his "sunset" years. Your church, by paying its N.M.B.F. apportionment, has made this possible. May the Lord bless you as you continue to provide for the needs of others.

THE N.Y.P.S.

PAUL SKILES, Secretary

Convention reports are pouring into the office. From all points of the church they come. Each has a common denominator—an enthusiasm for making the implications of "HIS" a motivating force in the new year.

Minnesota District's Tom Barr reports the twenty-third annual convention was held July 12 at Mission Farms, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Speaker for the event was Dr. Edward Lawlor, executive secretary of the Department of Evangelism. The convention was saddened at the resignation of President John Bruce. Rev. Ray Buckley of Rochester was elected president. An attitude of unity and devotion prevailed throughout the convention.

"The North Dakota District N.Y.P.S. is marching forward under God for greater achievement," reports H. Ketterling. At their district convention, July 23-24, Rev. Claire W. Kern was re-elected president with an outstanding vote. Other elected officers are: Rev. Don Runyon, vice-president; Mrs. Don Runyon, secretary; and Mrs. Arnold Edinger, treasurer.

A new approach to N.Y.P.S. conventions was founded by the Chicago Central District convention July 23 at Kankakee, Illinois. In place of a special speaker, the eight teen-agers from the district who attended the International Institute spoke throughout the day, giving inspirational reports. They also served as pages for the convention. Reporter Esther Roberts writes that "District President Russell Carlson closed a 3½-year presidency with a request that his name not be presented for another year." Rev. Jay Foster of Lansing was elected president; Arthur Evans, vice-president; Jeanette MacMillan, secretary; and Arland Gould, treasurer. Miss Marian Evans of Danville was awarded a scholarship to Olivet Nazarene College.

Wichita First Church was the scene of the fortieth annual convention of

the Kansas District, August 5. District President Dwight E. Neuenschwander was re-elected in an expression of appreciation and loyalty—receiving 156 votes of 159 ballots cast. Also elected were Rev. Paul Harper, vice-president; Rev. Harold McKellips, secretary; Rev. Bob Fetters, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Merritt, Junior Fellowship director; Rev. Norman Howerton, Teen Fellowship director; and Rev. Marian McKellips, Young Adult Fellowship director. Young adult and teen members at large are, respectively: Mrs. Lee Arnold and Mr. Dwight Sauer, and Donna Hance and Dale Bond. A new promotional plan, "Banner Societies," has been launched by the district.



Are your plans crystallizing for October's membership month? Don't forget these dates:

Sunday, October 7—Junior Fellowship Emphasis

Sunday, October 14—Teen Fellowship Emphasis

Sunday, October 21—Adult Fellowship Emphasis

This is Layman's Sunday—might be well to capitalize on both.

Sunday, October 28—Deadline for reporting to district

REMEMBER—at least 10 per cent increase in membership and the organization of new societies.

FOR CHRISTIAN ACTION

We must not surrender our Sabbath. The observance of one day in seven as a day for rest and worship was instituted by God at the very beginning (Genesis 2:2-3). The fourth commandment says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). In a world that is becoming increasingly hostile to that which is sacred, Christians must protest the trend toward the secularization of the Sabbath.

In an article entitled "Sunday Retailing" (Printer's Ink, March 30, 1962) there is a prediction that Sun-

day shopping will become more popular in America. According to Printer's Ink, "Shopping on Sunday will tend to bring with it carnivals, the circus, miniature golf, bowling, swimming pools, music, entertainment, and recreation centers. Some manufacturers may be staging live shows on Sunday in shopping center malls."

Christians would do well to protest this trend. We must, however, do more than be against the desecration of the Sabbath by others. We must discipline ourselves to keep the Lord's day sacred. We should set the example for others. We must support the legislation that would preserve our Sunday closing laws. When Attorney General Eagleton of the state of Missouri enforced the "Blue Laws," a campaign was started to get rid of these laws. People called them "antiquated" and "ridiculous." But we dare not give up rightful controls of the Lord's day. Christians, too, must make their voices heard in this matter. Support the Sunday closing laws in your state. We must not surrender our Sabbath.

EARL C. WOLF, Secretary
Committee on Public Morals

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Minnesota District Assembly

The twenty-third annual assembly of the Minnesota District was held July 13 and 14 at Mission Farms, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The report of Rev. Roy Stevens (his ninth), as district superintendent, was received with enthusiasm and gratitude by all those present. He was promptly re-elected unanimously, and then the call was extended for three years. His report included the dedication of four new churches—Bloomington, St. Paul Grace, Grand Rapids, and Morhead; and three parsonages—Dawson, Duluth, and Winona.

The ministry of Dr. Hugh C. Benner, presiding general superintendent, was with grace and enthusiasm, and of blessing to all.

In the evening camp meeting services, the Lord used the ministry of Dr. Edward Lawlor and the Roger Kennedys. Every service was crowned with seekers praying through at the altar.

The Spirit of the Lord is at work in the Minnesota District, and a feeling of faith and optimism is evident.—Edward J. Johnson, Reporter.

South Carolina Camps

The summer camps this year on the South Carolina District were indeed mountaintop experiences. Four separate camps were conducted.

The Junior Boys' Camp had an attendance of seventy-eight, with Rev. H. H. Haynes as director, and Rev. J. D. Parker as chaplain-preacher. The Junior Girls' Camp had eighty-three enrolled, with Mrs. Jack Myers, director, and Rev. Mrs. Connie Swisher as chaplain-preacher. These workers were all from our district, and they were assisted by

many counselors and instructors. Both of these camps made a significant spiritual impact.

Youth Camp reached a new high enrollment of 124. Rev. D. Moody Gunter, district N.Y.P.S. president, was the director, with Rev. John Hancock, pastor at Dunbar, West Virginia, and our South-eastern Zone representative on the General N.Y.P.S. Council, serving as camp evangelist. Fourteen other men and women served effectively as counselors and instructors. While this was a youth camp, nevertheless it was indeed a camp meeting. I have never witnessed a more effective youth camp than this one.

The workers for our district camp were Evangelist J. C. Crabtree; Rev. Ernest Armstrong, pastor of Central Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Singer Paul Qualls. The attendance was very good, and our hearts were refreshed as the anointing of God rested upon our workers. Capacity crowds for the tabernacle were on hand for July 4 and on the closing Sunday.

In all of the camps there were excellent altar services, with many souls finding definite spiritual help from God. We praise God for His special blessings on our camp season, feeling that camp weeks may well be among the most significant endeavors of the year.—OTTO SUTCKI, *District Superintendent*.

Northwestern Ohio District Assembly

The third annual assembly of the Northwestern Ohio District was held July 11 and 12 at the District Center, St. Marys, Ohio, with General Superintendent Vanderpool presiding. The humble ministry and considerate, thoughtful direction of Dr. D. I. Vanderpool were greatly appreciated.

Rev. Carl B. Clendenen, entering the second year of a three-year call as district superintendent, reported 4 new churches—Archbold, Marysville, Rising-sun, and West Milton; 4,761 members, an increase of 151, with 322 received by profession of faith; Sunday school average attendance of 5,976, an increase of 92; \$646,944 raised for all purposes, with \$66,571 for General Budget and specials, making the district "10.29 per cent" in general giving. Also he reported 1,700 subscriptions to the *Herald of Holiness*, 2,530 for the *Other Sheep*, and 1,334 for *Conquest*.

In a special home mission service on Wednesday evening, Superintendent Clendenen introduced a new program, "New Church Investors," with a goal of one thousand participants to aid in the financing of new home mission churches.

Twenty-one churches gave "10 per cent" or more for General Budget and specials; eleven churches were on the Evangelistic Honor Roll.

Floyd A. Suman and his brother, Harold E. Suman, were ordained, and the credentials of Glenn O. Spackey were recognized, in an impressive service on Thursday evening.

In the pre-assembly missionary convention, Mrs. Clendenen was re-elected district N.F.M.S. president. Miss Mary Scott was the special speaker in the convention.

In appreciation of the Clendenens a generous love offering of \$1,100 was received for them, which is to be applied on a new car.

The goals and objectives set by the assembly and conventions, the challenges presented by General Superintendent Vanderpool, and the program presented by our district superintendent will demand earnest efforts and prayers on the part of all Northwestern Ohio Nazarenes.—PAUL G. BASSITT, *Reporter*.

Florida District Camp

Outstanding victories were won in the annual Florida District camp meeting held at Suwannee campgrounds the last week of July.

Dr. John L. Knight, now in his seventeenth year as district superintendent, presided at each service. A great spirit of fervent faith and anticipation prevailed in each service throughout the camp.

Rev. Fred Thomas and Rev. James Crabtree, evangelists, preached under the anointing of the Spirit and in perfect harmony. Great preaching!

The Dummies, gospel singers and musicians, were in charge of the singing. A choir of one hundred teenagers thrilled our hearts in their singing of the gospel.

A finer group of workers than Fred Thomas, James Crabtree, and Ralph and Joann Dummire would be hard to find. They have been slated again for the near future.

The long mourners' bench across the front of the tabernacle was filled again and again. Camp meeting attendance was greater than ever, with the tabernacle packed out on the closing day. Meals served in the dining hall were of the highest quality. Every available room was rented.

Florida Nazarenes still enjoy an old-fashioned, holiness camp meeting!—J. DONALD FRIESE, *Reporter*.

Wisconsin District

Following a successful evangelistic crusade, with Evangelist Charles D. Ide, we organized the Church of the Nazarene in Marshfield, Wisconsin, a city of fifteen thousand population. Rev. James Mellish, recent graduate of Nazarene Theological Seminary, was appointed as pastor. God has performed a miracle in giving us a large tract of land in the heart of a growing residential district.

This church is the first of three to be organized on our district during a three-month period. The next two are scheduled for Marquette, Michigan, and Hudson, Wisconsin.—D. J. GIBSON, *District Superintendent*.

Oregon Pacific District Assembly

The presence of the Holy Spirit permeated every part of the nineteenth annual assembly of the Oregon Pacific District, held at the District Center in Clackamas, Oregon, July 18 and 19. Dr. Samuel Young, presiding general superintendent, spoke with feeling and his own unique humor; and his Spirit-anointed messages challenged our hearts.

Dr. W. D. McGraw, district superintendent serving on an extended call, gave an outstanding report, including:

Thirty-four churches on the district "10 per cent" or more in their general giving, so the entire district is "10 per cent" for world evangelism. Thirteen churches made the "Evangelistic Honor Roll," and eight churches reached both goals.

The total raised for all purposes was \$981,780, with \$98,183 given for world missions. A net increase of 200 church members raised the total to 6,724. There was an increase in Sunday school enrollment to 13,931, with an average attendance of 8,018. The N.Y.P.S. showed a good gain of 209 in membership, and the N.F.M.S. a gain of 77. With several new church buildings and other improvements, value of churches and parsonages increased by \$546,000, while indebtedness increased only \$160,000.

In appreciation of their splendid work and leadership a generous love offering was given to Dr. and Mrs. McGraw.

Victor Flaegle and John Wright were ordained as elders in the Thursday evening service.

Elected to the advisory board were—Vernon Wilcox and Harold Sanner, ministers; Gordon Olsen and Roy Edwards, laymen. Rev. Bertrand Peterson was elected for the twenty-eighth year as district secretary, and Paul Knapp as treasurer for the twenty-ninth year.—HAROLD LITTLE, *Reporter*.

Central Ohio District Camp Meeting

The Central Ohio District camp meeting, July 20 to 29, at the District Center, Columbus, opened with a note of victory, and the spiritual tide continued to rise. It was a time of blessed fellowship and victory.

The messages of Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell and Rev. Charles Hastings Smith, evangelists, were anointed of God and filled with inspiration and challenge. It was a delight to have Dr. Hardy C. Powers as guest evangelist for the first week end.

In service after service the congregational singing under the able leadership of Professor Warnie Tippitt, music director, was punctuated with shouts of holy joy. His special messages in song were a great blessing, and the choir also, under his direction, made a great contribution to the evening services.

The ministry of Dr. John Corner of Olivet Nazarene College, youth worker, assisted by the Olivetan Quartet, was well received by the host of young people who attended the services. Rev. W. E. Zimmerman as prayer director, and Mrs. H. C. Little, children's worker, reported a good response.

Because of the large crowds attending night after night, and the overflow crowd of one thousand or more each week end, plans have been completed for the construction of a new Arceo Steel tabernacle to be completed and ready for use in the next year's camp.

Under the able leadership of Dr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Galloway, Central Ohio District marches on.—W. R. MOORE, *Secretary*.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Evangelist C. E. Fleshman writes that he has an open date, November 28 to December 9, and would like to slate this time in the Midwest. Write him, 139 S. Park Ave., Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Rev. J. W. Swarengen writes: "I have accepted the call as pastor of our First Church in Peoria, Illinois. My work as field secretary for our Olivet Nazarene College terminated on August 31. The nine years of wonderful association with Dr. Harold W. Reed, president, the faculty and staff, along with district superintendents, pastors, and laymen, was most enjoyable."

Evangelist Joe Norton writes: "The past assembly year was filled with labors abundant, and I was privileged to work on nine districts in twenty-two meetings. God blessed and gave some wonderful victories as a result of the prayer and fasting of His people. I have an open date in September which I shall be glad to slate as the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 143, Hamlin, Texas."

Evangelists C. W. and Esther Brockmueller write: "This has been a busy year thus far and God has blessed our labors. We have witnessed some blessed revivals, and we give God praise for the souls won for the Kingdom. It has been a real joy to labor with some of our finest pastors and people. Due to a change of our slate of a group of meetings on a district, we now have a period of open time, November 1 to December 23. We would like to schedule this time with some of our churches in the Northwest, West Coast, or west central states, if possible; we will go anywhere. We preach, sing, play, and use our Real-felto scenes. Write us, 908 Fifteenth Avenue, South, Nampa, Idaho."

Vancouver (Grandview), B.C., Canada—Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Spittal have retired as pastors of the Grandview Church after two years of rich ministry—a total of thirty-eight years in the Nazarene ministry. At the recent district assembly they were granted retirement relationship. This church has been built up and the mortgage paid off, leaving the church clear of debt, with new members received. A farewell banquet was held for Brother and Sister Spittal, with 117 present, following which there was a program given in the form of "This Is Your Life." A real surprise, which brought much joy to the occasion, was a late visitor who came for the banquet—their only son, David (whom they had not seen for three years), who flew in by jet from Indiana, U.S.A. A love offering was given at the close of a real spiritual gathering. Our new pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Warren Brower, will receive the love and support of a group of loyal Nazarenes.—Reporter.

Gadsden, Alabama—In July the Wal-

nut Park Church enjoyed a wonderful revival with Rev. Thomas Hayes as the evangelist. He is a man of God who preaches old-time religion without fear. God met with us, under Brother Hayes's ministry, and souls were saved, sanctified, and reclaimed, and some were healed. Brother Hayes was assisted by two consecrated young men; Brother Jim Lee, a fine musician and singer; and Brother John Warren, whose humble spirit was of much blessing to our young people. We greatly appreciated the ministry of these workers.—J. A. EMERSON, *Pastor*.

Rev. R. H. Stoner writes: "After three years with our church in Tuscola, Illinois, we accepted the work here in

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"SHOWERS of BLESSING" Program Schedule

September 23—"Building Your House of Life," by Dallas Baggett

September 30—"Is Christ Coming Soon?—Part I," by Dallas Baggett

October 7—"Is Christ Coming Soon?—Part II," by Dallas Baggett

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Columbia, Missouri, where we have found a united people who love God and the church. God has been blessing and giving a nice increase in all departments of the work. If you have friends here, in school or elsewhere, write me (1 Third Avenue), and we'll be glad to contact them."

Beaverton, Michigan—Within recent months our church has had two good revivals. In the late spring our people witnessed a wonderful, soul-stirring youth revival with Rev. Franklin Ward, pastor of Saginaw Central Church, as the evangelist, and the Melodaires teenage quartet as singers. All the services were climaxed with souls praying through, and in the closing service we witnessed a great moving of the Spirit, with some "hard cases" finding God. This was one of the best meetings this church had had in years. The revival tide carried over to the regular spring revival with Evangelist Dewey Mounts and wife as special workers. Their sound gospel preaching and singing did much to build up our church in the faith. Since we came here two years ago, the Lord has blessed with an increase of thirteen in church membership, and more than a 10 per cent gain in Sunday school attendance and enrollment. Both prayer meeting and Sunday evening attendance is increasing, and the church is moving up the road spiritually and financially. Also God has blessed with a wonderful youth program. These good people have given us a good vote of confidence for another year.—DELMAR R. DRAVENSTATT, *Pastor*.

Evangelists Billy and Helen Smith write: "Recently we closed another wonderful year in the field of evan-

gelism. We have two open dates for the fall, one in October and one in November. We plan to be in Florida, January through March, and would be glad to hear from any church interested in a youth revival or week-end meeting. We take charge of the music, preaching, and children's work, and will be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write us, 816 McKinley Avenue, Cambridge, Ohio."

Rev. Walter C. Morris writes: "After serving as pastor in a number of our churches in the central states, and in the West, Wife and I have resigned as pastors at Phoenix, Oregon, and have moved to 519 Villa Road, Newberg Oregon. We are now ready to serve as evangelists and/or as pulpit supply. We shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead."

Rev. O. F. Zachary writes: "After serving the church and people of Mt. Greenwood, Chicago, Illinois, for the past four years, I am leaving to accept a call to our College Park Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana. God has honored our ministry in Mt. Greenwood in many ways. The giving has almost doubled, and with the help of the Lord and these good people we have built a beautiful new sanctuary, also purchased an organ and a grand piano."

Evangelist Betty Wagner writes: "During these five months that I have been back in the evangelistic field, God has given me some wonderful revivals, with a number of souls saved and sanctified. Also God has blessed my own soul in an unusual way. I am now making up my fall slate and have some choice open dates which I shall be glad to slate with any of our pastors. Write me, c/o our Publishing House, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 41, Missouri."

Sanford, Florida—Our church recently had a wonderful revival, with Rev. Ellis Blythe as the evangelist. The Spirit of the Lord was present each night, and many victories were won. On the closing day a very effective children's rally was held, with Brother Blythe presenting a dummy, "Johnny Gospel," with a testimony, songs, and musical selections that were inspiring both to young and old. We are encouraged by this good revival to press on for God under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. Paul Bickes.—DAVID MATHES, *Reporter*.

Rev. Dwight F. Steinger writes: "Sixteen months ago we accepted the pastorate of our church in Portland, Indiana. We found some of God's choice people, and they have been most gracious to us. Though the people have given us a good recall, we feel that God is directing us back to the evangelistic field, where we have labored for twenty-four years. We closed our work with the Portland church on Sunday, September 16. Besides my preaching ministry, I will be using my chalk art work, with the variegated lighting effects. I shall be happy to serve in

churches and camps where the art work may not be needed. I shall be glad to go as the Lord may lead. Write me, General Delivery, Nashville, Indiana."

THE BIBLE LESSON

By ARNOLD E. AIRHART

Topic for September 23:

A Call to Spiritual Renewal

SCRIPTURE: Malachi (Printed: Malachi 2:1-2, 4-9; 3:1-4)

GOLDEN TEXT: *Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?* (Malachi 2:10)

With Malachi, whose ministry was well followed that of Ezra and Nehemiah, the voice of Old Testament prophecy was stilled, and the silence, stretching out for four hundred years, was broken only by John the Baptist.

Once re-established in Jerusalem, the Jews never did return to idolatrous worship. Nevertheless a cold, heartless, empty, merely external formalism settled upon their Temple worship. Heart-breaking it must have been to Malachi and to the remnant who sought and delighted in the Lord. In the words with which Malachi begins, "I have loved you, saith the Lord," there quivers the heartbreak of God, too.

Problem: Backsliding Church

G. Campbell Morgan thought that none of the Minor Prophets speaks to our day so well as Malachi. The prophet's condemnation of empty form and boring ritual in worship is reminiscent of much of Jesus' preaching about religion in His day.

The truth about worship and service to God which is demonstrated above all others is the absolute failure of all other motives except love. Duty, or fear, or reward, or pleasure—all such motives are insufficient in the service of God. Only love will stand the test.

Malachi's question-and-answer method shows how people, having lost their love for God, lose also their reverence. They do not hesitate to brazenly argue with God. Without love themselves, they question His love. "What a weariness!" they say about His service, and thus question His goodness. It is only a step to impeach His justice and deny His judgment. Their words are "stout against" God.

Denial follows argument. Although guilty of Temple defilement, neglect, failure in stewardship, Sabbathbreaking, and marital unfaithfulness, they can deny it all. They are strangely like the Laodicean church—"Thou sayest, . . . and knowest not."

Solution: Holiness Revival

Such a spiritual impasse can be broken only by seeking and finding help from heaven. "The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." He is the Messenger (and Mediator) of a new covenant, by which the law shall be written in the hearts of men. By His crucifixion and resurrection He accomplishes judgment upon sin. Calvary's remedy is "like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap." It cleanses

deeper than the stain has gone. Christ's is the work of refining and purifying. This purging of all sin in the hearts of His people is their hope of heaven and the remedy for backsliding.

Malachi's glorious message of Messiah's advent sets no date. Christ came "suddenly to his temple." His second advent is likewise undated, and therefore imminent.

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D. I. VANDERPOOL: _____

HUGH C. BENNER: _____
North Arkansas September 26 and 27

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District Assembly Information

NORTH ARKANSAS, September 26 and 27, at First Church, Faulkner & Scott, Conway, Arkansas. General Superintendent Benner. (N.F.M.S. convention, September 24-25.)

NEW YORK, September 28 and 29, at Church of the Nazarene, 70 Hudson St., Dover, New Jersey. Rev. Jay Patton, pastor. General Superintendent Williamson.

Deaths

REV. WILLIAM J. BENSON

William J. Benson was born September 15, 1900, in Montague County, Texas, and died July 27, 1962, at Hillsboro, Texas. In November of 1919 he was married to Ada L. Sparks. To this union were born two sons and one daughter. Brother Benson began his ministry at County Line, Oklahoma, in 1930, and then served at Kingfisher and Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, before coming to Texas, where he served as pastor at Lamesa, Fort Worth, and at Hillsboro, where he pastored at the time of his death. He was senior member of the Abilene District Advisory Board, where he had served for about fifteen years. He is survived by his wife; two sons: Wm. J., Jr., of Norco, California; and L. L., of Lakewood, California; and a daughter, Mrs. W. R. Bohannon, of Fort Worth; also five brothers, J. R., D. O., H. N., H. F., and J. W., all of Texas; and two sisters, Mrs. B. E. Malone and Mrs. C. E. Sparks. Funeral service was conducted at Fort Worth First Church, with District Superintendent Raymond W. Hurn in charge, assisted by Rev. Milton Poole, Rev. A. R. Meador, Rev. Austin Moore, and Rev. D. M. Duke. Special music was furnished by Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Gash and Rev. and Mrs. Dee Freeborn. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Fort Worth.

REV. LILLIAN (HARRISON) DUNCAN

Lillian Harrison Duncan was born July 2, 1884, and died in a hospital in Augusta, Georgia, on June 17, 1962. She was converted and called to preach at an early age, and graduated from Bible school in 1901. She was married to Rev. Wm. L. Duncan in 1910. They came to Georgia in 1918, and together they pastored churches and were instrumental in starting Emanuel Nazarene Camp, now the Georgia District Camp. She is survived by her husband, one son, and three daughters. Funeral service and interment were held at Harden's Chapel, near Lyons, Georgia, with Rev. H. J. Eason and Rev. E. Curtis Drake in charge.

REV. ELSA M. (FISHER) HIPPLE

Elsa M. Fisher was born at Milford, Nebraska, August 28, 1884, and died May 17, 1962. Converted early in life, she soon came into contact with the Nazarene work under the pastoral ministry of Revs. Theodore and Minnie E. Ludwig. Later she was sanctified and soon became a member of the Church of the Nazarene. In 1924 she was married to Rev. Albert L. Hipple, serving as a faithful pastor's wife and fellow minister. She was licensed to preach by the Nebraska District, where she pastored for a time and was ordained in 1925. She also labored in many revival and camp meetings, singing and playing the piano. She is survived by her husband,

Rev. A. L. Hipple, of Denver, Colorado; a daughter, Mrs. Marian E. Bickel, of San Diego, California; a sister, Lula M. Fisher; and a brother, Harry D. Fisher. Officiating at the funeral service was her pastor, Rev. M. A. Palmquist; Rev. E. L. Cornelison, district superintendent; Rev. C. B. Mylander; and Dr. S. T. Ludwig, of Kansas City, who brought the memorial message. Interment was at Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver.

REV. JOHN WALTER HUNT

John Walter Hunt, age eighty-nine, died at his home in Ottumwa, Iowa, on May 30, 1962; he had been in failing health for some time. He was born February 19, 1873, on a farm south of Ottumwa. On March 11, 1894, he was married to Margaret Ann Houk. At the age of thirty-one he was definitely converted, and later sanctified. The definiteness of these experiences never left him, and he gave clear testimony up to the time of his death. He was ordained an elder in the Church of the Nazarene at Nampa, Idaho, in 1916. He served in the ministry in Idaho, California, and Iowa, and was on the Board of Governors at N.N.C. in its early days. He helped to build and establish the Nazarene work at Fairview, Iowa. He was a vital force for good down through the years. He is survived by his wife; three sons: Wesley, of Hawthorne, California; Ray, of Boise, Idaho; and Archie, of Orange, California; and four daughters: Mrs. Zeldia Newey, of Ogden, Utah; Mrs. Mary Lineberry, of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Lois Overturf, and Rachel, of Ottumwa.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION

I wish to recommend Rev. Willard Prouse, a commissioned evangelist on our district, to all who wish an evangelist who carries a real soul burden, and preaches the Bible out of many years' experience in the pastoral and evangelistic ministry. He will accept calls to any church, large or small, and will be a real blessing. Give him a call. Address him, R.D. 2, Stewartstown, Pennsylvania.—Ernest E. Grosse, Superintendent of Washington District.

WEDDING BELLS

Margaret Louise France of Modoc and Jerry Lee Ellis of Scott City, Kansas, were united in marriage on August 18 at the Sunnyside Church of the Nazarene, Marienthal, Kansas, with the local pastor, Rev. Russel R. McCollom, officiating.

Miss Lois Nees of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. A. Roy Smith of Chicago, Illinois, were united in marriage on August 17 at First Church of the Nazarene, Los Angeles, with the pastor, Dr. L. Guy Nees, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. T. Smith, father of the groom, and pastor of Chicago Austin Church.

Miss Elsie Lou Walker of Danville, Illinois, and Donald C. Morey of Flint, Michigan, were united in marriage on August 5 at First Church of the Nazarene in Danville with the pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, officiating, assisted by Rev. Al. Frank.

Esther Fern Boyce of Roberts, Montana, and Milton James Franklin of Nampa, Idaho, were united in marriage on July 28 at First Church of the Nazarene in Billings, Montana, with Rev. George B. Ronnekamp, pastor, officiating.

BORN

—to Dr. Samuel and Joyce (Rose) Henck of Sacramento, California, a daughter, Darlene Joy, on August 17.

—to Tom and Rebekah (Holstein) Nyhus of Hammond, Indiana, a daughter, Renee Elise, on August 16.

—to Rev. and Mrs. W. Percy Winkle of Quincy, Washington, a daughter, Dawnita Marilyn, on August 1.

—to James W. and Kaye Ann (South) Mallory of Gary, Indiana, a daughter, Brenda Kaye, on July 22.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED

—for a Nazarene pastor in Ohio who, while on vacation in the East during August, suffered a heart attack and was confined to the hospital for several weeks;

—by a Nazarene lady in California, recently moved to a town which has no Nazarene work, that God may direct her in finding a place of worship; also requests prayer for her husband;

—by a Nazarene in Illinois that God may undertake for a sister who is being treated very unkindly, and work out the entire situation for the good of all;

—by a friend in Pennsylvania for a special urgent request—only God can work it out;

—by a Christian widow in Illinois for her teen-age son to get back to the ways of God and the church and be saved;

—by a Christian friend in California for a friend who has lost his father, that he may return to the Lord and follow His will; also that God will touch and heal her body.



Cautions Substitution of Anti-Communism for Gospel

PORTLAND, ORE. (EP)—GOVERNOR Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon has warned that some church people are substituting the gospel of anti-communism for the Christian gospel.

Directing his remarks to delegates of the international convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League here, Hatfield said: "Activist groups are siphoning off the interest of sincere Christians with their radical ideas."

He called for a "spiritual renaissance" in America, which, he said, must be brought about by transforming individuals, not by any mass attempt to change institutions. He said laymen must "get out of their pews" and "witness to their Christian" faith in all areas of life, including the political.

Church Leaders Regard Europe As a Prime Mission Field

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNS)—Evangelical missionary leaders now regard Europe as a prime mission field despite the fact that it was the continent which launched the great world missionary movement of the last century. According to a survey which was conducted by *Christianity Today*, a leading evangelical journal, there are more missionaries in Hong Kong than in all of Europe.

This survey of religion in Europe indicates that the continent is ripe for missionary work. Materialism holds sway among great segments of the population and millions are indifferent to the established churches. An estimated 250,000 towns do not have a single Protestant church.

Protestant Children Expelled from School for Refusal to Attend Mass in Colombia

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA (CNS)—Three Protestant school children were expelled recently from their public school in Sylvania, Colombia, for refusing to attend mass. The expulsion order, dated May 30, 1962, was signed by the local parish priest, who is also chairman of the board of education and the district school superintendent, according to a report from the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia.

The order specifically accuses the three youngsters, aged twelve, eight, and seven, of not attending the weekly flag-raising ceremony and a Mother's Day program. The flag-raising ceremony is held on Sunday in the yard of the priest's house following mass. The Mother's Day program was also held in the priest's house following mass.

the Answer corner

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

I have a Bible commentary which says that there is no proof of who the writer of the Book of Hebrews was, or when and to whom it was written. I have always thought Paul was the author. What can you give me as an answer?

Well, settle it first in your mind that any uncertainty on these questions in no way limits the value or inspiration of Hebrews. It is the word of God through an inspired pen, whoever the penman might have been.

Most Bible scholars would agree with your commentary. The name of the author is not given in the book itself, as is the case with all the letters of Paul, and the title which appears in our Bibles was added four centuries after the book was written. Dr. H. Orton Wiley in his masterful commentary on the book says, "Probably most scholars still feel as did Origen when in the third century he said, 'As to who wrote the Epistle, God

alone knows the truth'" (page 18).

All we really know about the author, time, or destination of the book must be reasoned out from the book itself. This seems to add up to a second-generation Christian (2:3) closely associated with Paul (13:23), writing to a group of converted Jews (7:1-5) living in Rome on the eve of the bitter persecution begun by Nero in A.D. 64 (12:3-4), who were in danger of turning back to Judaism for political and religious asylum. The whole volume revolves around the basic choice faced by the people of God in every age: on to perfection (6:1) or back to perdition (10:39).

What do you think about carnal man in space travel? Does the Bible say anything against this or in favor of it?

I know of nothing in the Bible which would directly speak to the propriety of man's travel in space. Indirectly, the statement that God made man to have dominion over the works of His hands (Psalms 8:6) could indicate that more than this planet is included, although Hebrews 2:8 seems to imply that the fact of sin has limited and marred that dominion. Psalms 115:16 says, "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath he given to the children of men."

It should still be borne in mind that the whole created universe is under God's sovereign rule. If and when men travel to the moon or to some of the

planets, they will still be subject to God's moral law. It is far more important how we live on earth than how far we go into space.

Let no one forget the stately words of the Psalmist: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me" (Psalms 139:7-11).

The other Sunday in our Bible class the subject came up about the Holy Spirit's abode in the heart. One said He does not come at all until you are sanctified. Another held that He comes in regeneration or the new birth to a degree, but in full when sanctified. Both quoted scriptures to substantiate their views. Which was correct?

In the light of what Paul said in Romans 8:9, "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his," and in the light of the words of Jesus in John 14:17, "Even the Spirit of truth: whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," it is hard for me to imagine what scripture could have been quoted to substantiate the view that the Holy Spirit does not come until entire sanctification.

Perhaps the term "abode" is the key word here. As it is used in the Bible, it means "a settled and constant" state. Certainly we must never forget that conviction (John 16:8), the new birth (John 3:3, 7), assurance (Romans 8:16), guidance (Romans 8:14)—in fact, all we experience in the Christian life at any stage—is the work of the Holy Spirit. Yet those born of the Spirit need still to be baptized with the Spirit (Acts 1:5), and those who have the Spirit need to be "filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).



The completely renovated Church of the Nazarene in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, was dedicated by District Superintendent Robert Woods, who brought a challenging and inspirational message on "My Church." God has blessed the faithfulness and hard work of a small but growing congregation. Twelve new members were added this past year, and giving increased by \$2,400 over the preceding year. Rev. Ray Lewis is the pastor.

The South Central Business Association of Kansas City, Missouri, recently honored the Nazarene Publishing House during one of its weekly luncheons. The Publishing House documentary film, "Doers of the Word," was shown to a group of nearly two hundred businessmen. Several church leaders were present, including those pictured here from left to right: Dr. H. T. Reza, Dr. M. Lunn, M. A. (Bud) Lunn, Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Rev. Dean Wessels, Dr. T. W. Willingham, Dr. John Stockton, Rev. Maurice Hall, and Dr. Norman Oke.

Mr. M. Mellish, district treasurer of the Canada Atlantic District, handed Dr. Arnold Airhart, president of Canadian Nazarene College, a check covering the entire educational budget of the district for a year in advance. The presentation took place at the District Assembly in Moncton, New Brunswick. Left to right are Mr. Mellish, General Superintendent William-



son, the presiding officer at the assembly, Dr. Airhart, and Rev. Robert F. Woods, district superintendent.

Recently the Far East Church of the Nazarene celebrated its second anniversary. Left to right are Rev. Jerry Bohall, pastor; S Sgt. Lee Folks, Sunday school superintendent; and Dr. William A. Eckel, mission field superintendent. The church is the result of the vision of American servicemen in the Tokyo area in Japan. It is an English-speaking congregation organized as part of the Japan District. All members, including the pastor, are members of the armed forces on active duty.

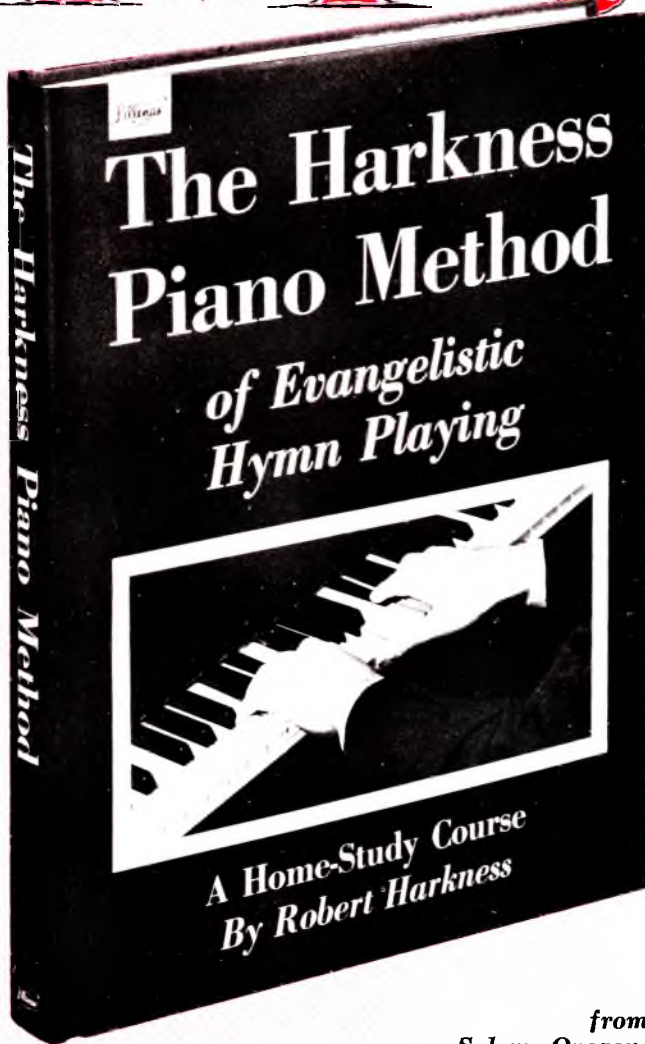


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