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My Prayer for Today

General Superintendent Young

HEAVENLY FATHER, I seek Thee in the morning hour before the rush of daily schedule clouds my vision of Thee. Above all my needs, I seek Thee for Thy very Self. May the light of Thy countenance, the purity of Thy presence cleanse my very prayers until I shall ask for nothing amiss. Daily life's accommodations crowd upon me like the grime from the soot-laden air of this busy city. Let me not wait for heaven to bar from me that which defiles or makes a lie. Keep me clean. May there be on my pilgrim's path Thy light shining. If Thou wilt walk with me, then I shall see the beauty of holiness and be satisfied.

But I cannot make it through today without Thee. Thou knowest my assignments. Men with confused minds, broken lives are seeking me. My wits will not do; Thy wisdom I crave. Some have used sharp words, and I must face them today. Give me the answer that destroys wrath and dispels confusion.

Some who are dearer to me than life itself will today face temptation, both subtle and fierce. I cannot speak, but Thou art near. Light up their pathway by Thy Word and mark well those pitfalls standing by. Remember those who seem to forget Thee, who admire Thy truth but shun Thy cross. Some are so kind and friendly to me personally, but let me not be satisfied until Thou hast won their hearts and changed them inwardly. Use me as Thou wilt. When this day is done, bring me again to this quiet place. "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Psalms 27:8). In His worthy name. Amen!

October 9, 1950

"The Mid-Century Crusade for Souls"

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"

TELEGRAM

Springfield, Illinois—Organized new Eastside Church, Decatur, Illinois, September 19, with twenty-one members. Prospect very promising. Starting new church building this week. Rev. G. H. Harmon and Westside Church most co-operative.—W. S. PURINTON, *Superintendent of Illinois District.*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Ira Meyer, who has been at Richland Center, Wisconsin, for eight years, has resigned to accept a call to the church in Marseilles, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Crabtree has completed four years at Olivet Nazarene College, and is now giving full time to the field of evangelism.

Evangelist H. G. Bohannon is leaving the field to accept a call to the pastorate of the church in Vernon, Texas.

Pastor E. L. Looman sends word that the "Maine Street Church, Enid, Oklahoma, is in the midst of the greatest revival of its history, with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. Capacity crowds for the first time, and glorious altar services."

"General Superintendent D. I. Vanderpool appreciated for soul-stirring sermons; \$10,000 raised for home missions on district; Rev. W. T. Johnson re-elected on first ballot; seven new churches organized; increases in finance and membership reported. Southwest Oklahoma District faces the future with faith."—Reporter.

Rev. Norman R. Oke, director of Christian Service Training of the Department of Church Schools, will be the special speaker in the Western Ohio District Sunday-school tour, October 9 through 19, visiting nine zones.

"Denver First Church (Colorado) closed greatest revival known in many years. Evangelist Harold W. Gretzinger mightily used to lead the campaign. Great crowds attended; many anointed for healing; altars lined with seekers. Seventy-six people present in all-night prayer meeting. New day has dawned for Denver First Church."—J. B. Miller, Pastor.

Jesus walked in front and tried to lead sinners to repentance; He never got in behind and tried to push them into salvation.—WM. H. COATS.

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NOW, EVERYONE, BOOST!

A pastor writes:

"I have before me the September 11 special issue of the HERALD OF HOLINESS. To say that I am pleased with it is putting it mildly. It is wonderful. I took a copy to our local newspaper office today. When the editor saw it, she exclaimed, 'How beautiful! What a nice cover and such fine printing! May I keep it?' . . . The pastor of a church of another denomination near here ordered 50 copies to distribute among his people. He is a regular subscriber."—H. G., Kansas.

Doesn't it make you feel good when people express the way they like something you do? Of course the above letter made Dr. White and all of us here at the Publishing House happy. And it seems as though everybody liked it—we are thrilled. We want to do this great part of the work of God's kingdom in the very best way that is possible.

We have a great church; its influence is being felt around the world. Every effort such as this special issue helps to enlarge that sphere of influence and adds force to the impact.

The Nebraska District is planning an all-out campaign for subscriptions November 1 to 30. They have adopted a goal of 1,250. James L. Hull of Arnold, Nebraska, is the campaign chairman. L. A. Ogden is the district superintendent.

The Kansas City District has set November 1 through December 4 as their campaign dates. Their goal is 3,243. The newly-elected district N.Y. P.S. president, Ross W. Hayslip, of Carthage, Missouri, will direct the drive. Dr. Jarrette Aycock is the district superintendent.

We shall be watching these districts through November. Both have adopted goals that will mean a big boost in subscriptions if they reach them. It will take a lot of work and co-operation. We are sure they can do it!

OVER THE TOP

These churches have recently reported that they have achieved a standing with that group whose subscription list equals or exceeds two-thirds of their membership. We commend them. The percentage ratio of subscriptions to membership is given:

Kellogg, Idaho—140 per cent

THAINE F. SANFORD
Sales Promotion Manager

"Thou Shalt See, and Flow Together"

By H. Orton Wiley*

THIS STATEMENT of Isaiah the prophet has reference to the character of the Pentecostal experience. He says, "Thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged" (Isaiah 60:5). Here again the prophet compares spiritual light to the sun in the tropics. In the far north, the rays of the sun are long and slanting, and seem to lose much of the actinic power so potent in the tropics. There is light, but not the intensity of heat accompanying it. The prophet therefore, under the figure of the tropical sun, speaks of the brilliancy of light accompanied by that intensity of heat which melts and molds the people of God into the unity of the Spirit. Dr. P. F. Bresee commonly characterized the sanctified life as one of "liquid glory"—the people of God being melted into one common mass of brilliancy and power. The term is unique, but I never have heard a more expressive substitute for it.

Dr. Bresee illustrated this thought of "liquid glory" by the early practice of molding bullets from scraps of lead and pewter. He said: "We gathered together all the scraps possible and poured them into the ladle and held it over the fire. In that ladle there were small pieces of metal which lay close to the bottom; then there would be slugs of more-or-less proportions; and on top, corkscrew-like trimmings which stood up in all their crookedness. But we did not fuss about the contents of the ladle; we merely continued to hold it steadily over the fire. Those pieces which were close to the bottom were the first to melt and take on a new brilliancy; then the heavier slugs began to flatten out; and last of all, those old crooked fellows began slowly to unwind, until finally all were melted together into one, and the whole mass glowed with the brilliancy of molten silver."

Likewise in the spiritual realm, there is but one thing necessary to the unity of the Church—the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire which cleanses from all sin, eradicates carnality, and melts the people of God into the unity of "liquid glory." Then shall we see, or understand, the purpose of God, and flow together in holy brilliancy. It was this deep sense of the importance of the baptism with the Holy Spirit that led the early Nazarenes to pray so fervently that God would send forth young men and women "like red-hot streams of lava" compassing sea and land, until the gospel of full salvation should be preached to the ends of the earth. Let us ever be true to this holy vision.

But there is another aspect of this experience also. The prophet says, "Thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged." Not only is there a corporate

experience in which the intensity of spiritual light and life causes the holy people to flow together like "liquid glory," but the prophet also defines this experience in terms of the individual. Two things stand out clearly here.

I

Thine heart shall fear: that is, it shall bow in holy reverence before God. Throughout the vast confines of the soul, there will be nothing in opposition to the Lord of the domain—no secret enemies, no rebellious passions, no cross purposes, no idolatrous hindrances. Holiness in God is light, and in Him "is no darkness at all"; that is, down to the depths of His infinite being there is nothing undiscovered, nothing unfulfilled, nothing which needs to be brought to perfection. Holiness in man is derived, not absolute, but it is of the same nature. Holiness consists in the possession of the soul by God—having been cleansed from sin and indwelt by the Holy Spirit, it is therefore fully set apart and devoted to His service.

II

Thine heart shall . . . be enlarged: This refers to the infilling of divine love which follows as a consequence of the indwelling Holy Spirit. St. John declares that "there is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." Here it is evident that there is a mixed experience—love mixed with fear. It is further evident that there is an experience beyond this in which perfect love casts out fear. The fear which is cast out by perfect love is not that fear which is a natural protective instinct, or even the fear of timidity which may be a temperamental characteristic, but the fear which hath torment—the fear of doubt and distrust. But it must ever be kept in mind that love does not cast out fear by mere growth and expansion; it is the sanctifying act of the Holy Spirit which cleanses the heart from all sin and therefore makes possible the perfection of love in the soul of the believer.

The natural consequence of this divine love filling the heart is next set forth by the prophet as the basis of all genuine Christian service: "The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Love is the most potent force in the universe. We love Him because He first loved us; and we win others to Christ because we love them with a divine yearning born of the Spirit. The deepest and highest thing in our holy religion is divine love—a love which not only wins souls, but which also accepts into fellowship those whom God has converted and sanctified.

In seeking fair adjustment, when our own sacrifices for God seem too heavy, we need only stop momentarily to consider the weight of the Cross.—MARY SANDERS.

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Distinctions—with a Tremendous Difference

VI. Divine Leading and Satanic Driving (Part Two)

By Harry E. Jessop*

As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (Rom. 8:14).

IN THE earlier part of this article published in a previous issue, we noted the expression, *sons of God*, in contrast with the words, *children of God*, as found in Rom. 8:14-17, the word *sons* being seen to indicate a stage of development beyond that of spiritual childhood. These *sons* are declared to be *led by the Spirit of God*. The distinction between the leading of the Holy Spirit and the driving by satanic powers was also considered. We now take up the thought of the Spirit's leading in more detailed consideration.

There have been, of course, occasional methods such as dreams, visions, and audible voices, as many scripture passages will show. For us, however, God has provided methods which, though less spectacular, are more steadfast and sure to the soul willing to walk humbly and carefully with God. There is no quick way to get sure guidance. The perilous business of opening the Bible at random and taking as divine direction whatever first meets the eye will not be indulged in by any intelligent person in these enlightened days. It is *divine intelligence* that guides, and to it *our intelligence* must respond. Only a careful cultivation of divine companionship and a restful listening in the divine presence can assure the divine word to our hearts and guard us against the subtle traps and trips of a crafty foe.

1. *The basis of our guidance is to be the written Word.* Peter calls it a *sure word* and reminds us that to it we shall *do well to take heed*. Paul reminds us, through his second letter to Timothy, that this word "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim. 3:16-17).

This *sure word* was not intended by God to be a cheap lottery box out of which any irresponsible individual could draw guidance just when he might choose to turn for a few minutes from his worldly ways. The soul desiring to be guided through the Word must know the Word, live in the enjoyment of its general teaching, and be so sensitive to the presence of its Author that He can apply that suitable portion to the heart when in His good pleasure He may choose to speak.

2. *The medium of our guidance is to be the indwelling Spirit.* He, and He alone, can communicate to us the mind of God. The *inner voice* can be very real to the soul who will cultivate the constant divine fellowship and will take care to

test the spirits, whether they be of God. To rely upon such a method of guidance *alone*, however, is dangerous, the danger coming not from the Spirit's voice within but from human urges and satanic imitations which may be mistaken by the unwary soul for the voice of God.

3. *The outlet for our guidance is the providential opening.* It will save us from much disappointment and confusion if we recognize that God in His wisdom will never press us against some providential *door* which refuses to open to us. He is the One who openeth and no man shutteth, and who shutteth and no man openeth.

He is not likely to press a mother with a husband and a family of small children against a closed door which she thinks should lead out into the evangelistic field, nor to demand of an invalid that which is beyond his strength. God is always wise in His appointments and reasonable in His demands.

4. *The check upon our guidance is the divine restraint.* Acts 16:6-7 and Lamentations 3:7 will help us here. It would save us from many blunders if we could remember that there is a *pull* as well as a *push* in the leading of the Holy Ghost.

We must learn to recognize the divine restraints upon the soul, and to watch for the *stop signs* which God in His wisdom places along the way for us to observe.

When you feel *held back* from some course of action, it is seldom wise to *break through* until in the quiet of the prayer chamber you have laid the matter very definitely before the Lord. In periods of uncertainty it is always best to wait and be sure.

5. *The further check upon our guidance is our sanctified common sense.* God does not usually lead contrary to enlightened reason. To outrage the common sense of God's best people is not generally likely to be the leading of the Lord. A circumstance is not necessarily of divine origin just because it happens to appear extraordinary in its character.

The nearer we live to God, the more will our minds be permeated with that divine wisdom which discerns and detects. It is surely no sin to have brains and to use them, if the little gray matter we do possess is under the domination of the Holy Ghost.

6. *An unexpected method God sometimes uses for our guidance is other people.* Read the story related in Acts 23:12-22. It is apparently a very

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ordinary incident in which the persons concerned had no idea they were being divinely used at all, yet God was at work all the time.

It is well, too, for any soul who has trusted Christian friends who know God and are acquainted with His ways, to call them together for prayer on any vital issue, and to take serious heed to their reactions after waiting on God. It is usually safer to take the united opinion of a spiritual group than to insist on what may turn out to be a fanatical notion of our own.

In conclusion let us ever remember: The Holy Spirit will never lead us into actions which are mean or shady. He will never lead us to say things which are unkind concerning others. He will never lead us to pass a critical opinion when we are not acquainted with the full facts of the case. He will never lead us to question another person's sincerity until we know something about his inner life.

Let us ever remember that He in whom the Holy Spirit dwelt without measure was the perfect Gentleman in all that He did. As that selfsame Spirit dwells in us, He will work according to our measure of yieldedness in making us in all things like unto our Lord.

Forty Years Ago in August!

By Mendell Taylor*

REPORTS:

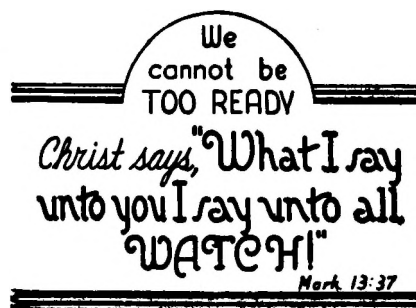
Spokane, Washington—"Praise the Lord, dear reader, with the Nazarenes from the Northwest corner of this great country. The church was dedicated August 14; Rev. Martha Curry preaching the sermon, and Rev. DeLance Wallace, our beloved district superintendent, setting the building apart to our good God who has led us along so marvelously. Last Friday night the 'slide' began, and Sunday was a day of victory, about forty being at the altar."—signed, C. Howard Davis, Pastor.

Surrey, North Dakota—"The first assembly of the Dakotas and Montana District met at Surrey, North Dakota, August 11, 1910, with Rev. H. F. Reynolds, general superintendent, presiding. The statistical report is as follows: Number of churches, 5; membership, 127; church buildings, 2; valuation, \$3,600; pastors' salaries, \$669.16; missions, \$119.27; number of Sunday-school scholars, 125. The preachers have labored under great difficulties and against fierce opposition and prejudice, but it may be seen how the hand of our God has been on us for good."—signed, H. G. Cowan, Secretary.

From the *Beulah Christian*—"Rev. J. N. Speakes, a blessed young man, has been appointed superintendent of our new Kansas District."

Natal, Africa—"The Lord is opening the windows of heaven upon us and pouring out His

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Spirit in power. We have had seven services this week, and a goodly number seeking pardon and a few others purity of heart. Three of the services lasted nearly all night, and confessions were made to 'most all kinds of sins.'—signed, Harmon Schmelzenbach.

THEY WERE SAYING:

Evangelist I. G. Martin—"It is getting so that wherever we go we find Nazarenes, especially if it is where anything is going on, or where there is any prospect of starting anything."

Editorial in Beulah Christian—"What is the average church doing? Keeping cool—except in the kitchen. Where is the Holy Ghost fire that burned in the Apostolic Church? The bare mention of it fills them with holy horror. Between their chattering teeth, in this frigid atmosphere, you hear them gasp, 'excitement, fanaticism,' when the subject of 'revival' is mentioned. What is this religious factory, that calls itself a Christian Church, turning out? Baked beans and fried oyster suppers, ring cakes, prize fishing-ponds, kissing auctions, etc. How is the membership kept up? From the ranks of the unconverted."

Uncle Buddie Robinson—"The devil seems to make his headquarters at San Francisco. Of course I know that he has branches in all the towns and cities of America; and he has his agents all over the western continent, and I have yet to hear the first complaint that a single one of his imps failed to perform his allotted task to the entire satisfaction of the father of lies. When it comes to liquor, lust and graft, gambling, drunkenness and open stealing, I am convinced that 'Frisco is the home of the devil in the United States."

Professor A. S. London, director of music, Arkansas Holiness College: "Music, the most divine of all the arts, strengthens the nation, blesses the home, and helps the individual. Music purifies the imaginations of the heart, opens a world in which exist lofty ideals, great sentiments and elevating thoughts. The enlightening power of music, alone, proves its educational value to the human race and causes it to become a great factor in the building of character."

IN THE SCHOOLS:

Pentecostal Collegiate Institute—"Our present registration is 65; more expected. The value of the trade schools is seen when we find that the proportion of working students is so large that

it would have been impossible to maintain the school if it were not for this department. The Lord always gets things around just in time."

The Nazarene University—"The Nazarene University, Pasadena, California, opened its doors on its new campus, September 19, 1910. It offers full liberal arts courses. Deets' Pacific Bible College, which is connected with the Nazarene University, offers a two years' Christian Workers' Course."

Placid, Texas—"The Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene met in a called session, Tuesday, to consider the question of an independent holiness school at this place. The idea met with universal approval—in fact, there was not a dissenting vote among our people. They all realized it was just what we needed for our children. So we elected a board of directors and decided to use the church building this year and get ready to open school by the first of November."

Peniel, Texas—"School has opened on scheduled time at Texas Holiness University. The enrollment is 152. In the first chapel service, President Ellyson told the students how to make a success of their school activities. After prayer, Professor R. T. Williams gave a brief welcome to the students from the faculty."

Wilmore, Kentucky—"The friends of Asbury, the mother of holiness colleges, and the friends of orthodoxy, will rejoice at the announcement that Dr. H. C. Morrison, editor of the *Pentecostal Herald*, and prince of holiness evangelists, has been elected to the presidency of that institution."

Because this "peace" to which Jesus referred is so miraculously recessed within the depth of the heart, it cannot be seriously affected by any outward turmoil!—MARY SANDERS.

As I Pass By—

By Kathryn Blackburn Peck

*Today, dear Master, near my side
(If I have eyes to see)
Walk many souls in direct need
Who cry not unto Thee.*

*But, hidden down in hearts that bleed,
Too deep for spoken word,
Lie sorrows that my love might heal—
Oh, help me see it, Lord!*

*For multitudes who scan the skies,
And vainly seek a sign,
Give unto me a heart that throbs
Compassionate as Thine!*

*Withholding not a single gift,
Forgetting not to pray—
Oh, let there be more love—more light—
Because I pass this way!*

Trilingual Christianity

By Ross E. Price*

And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS (Luke 23:38).

THE NAME *Christian* is a Greek word with a Hebrew concept and a Latin ending. Greeks, Jews, and Romans were among the first century enemies of Christianity; yet the gospel emanated from the capital of Judea, was preached in the tongue of Athens and diffused throughout the Roman Empire. Three things prepared the way of Christianity: the conquests of the Greek, Alexander the Great, and the diffusion of Greek culture throughout the known world; the rise of the Roman Empire and the building of the famous Roman roads, making communication with all parts of the world possible; and the dispersion of the Jews with their monotheistic inroads on the polytheistic paganism of their time.

Jesus' kingdom is one that touches all three phases of personal living. Hence it was fitting that His title and inscription was written in the three languages of learning (Greek), religion (Hebrew), and law (Latin). His cross became the meeting place of the three great world civilizations; not on the Areopagus of the Greeks, nor on the Forum of the Romans, but on the skull-shaped hill in the land of the Hebrews. The King on that cross bent all three of these civilizations to His one supreme purpose, used their provisions to propagate His kingdom, and called forth witnesses from each to His superior Kingship.

There is only one religion that is king of all religions today—Christianity. There is only one law that is supreme in our moral universe—the law of supreme love to God and equal love for one's fellow. There is only one learning that is superior to all other knowledge—the wisdom that comes from above.

His superscription speaks to us of a Christ who is King of the will in the language of law; King of the intellect in the language of learning; and King of the heart in the language of religion. If we are to be truly Christian in every sense, then we must crown Him King over our emotions, our affections, and our devotions. As the supreme Personality, He must be recognized as King of all other persons. When all other kingdoms have fallen into chaos, His will still endure unshaken and eternal. By means of His cross, He has lodged in the heart of human empires a power which will shatter and remold them after His own holy and spiritual ideal.

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The Anchor of the Soul

(Scripture: Hebrews 6:16-20)

By Evangelist J. H. Parker*

Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil (v. 19).



HOW much it means to be a Christian in times like these! It is an unfriendly world in which we live, and as we approach the closing days of this dispensation the pressure becomes more and more severe. Daily, the mad turmoil of war and hate all about us grows more violent and confused. Things once thought fixed and permanent are toppling and tumbling, and grim despair fills many hearts with fear and foreboding.

It is under conditions such as these that the Christian's faith becomes increasingly meaningful, for it is in the darkness that the light shines most brightly. And in this dark day—these days that one great statesman called “sombre”—the reality of our faith offers a firm foundation for our feet. And, since we are born for this day, since this is our time, even with all its confusion and bewilderment, let us thank God for that which will outride the storm and bring us safely through.

The scripture on which we base our message holds comforting truth. Here in the midst of the crumbling, changing world stands the immutability of God. He is the same “yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Nations rise, flourish, and fall; systems come and go; big and little men alike pass across the scene of action, play their part, and vanish. But He remains untouched by the passing years. And then it is said of Him that it is “impossible for God to lie.” Men lie, men deceive, but God is eternal truth. His word is never broken, and because of this our text says we “have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.” Weymouth's translation states it thus: “We have a mighty encouragement who have hastened to lay hold on the hope set before us.”

A mighty encouragement! A strong consolation! How much there is to discourage, to make the way seem difficult! How many have failed God and given way to sin and Satan! How threatening are the waves that dash and roar! What odds we meet! Yet our encouragement is in the ever-faithful, ever-true, unfailing God. There is

power here—not to make our way less difficult, but to make us strong to endure.

Note the words “have fled for refuge” or “have hastened to lay hold on the hope set before us.” We must “lay hold” upon it. It is not made ours regardless of our attitude; nay, we must choose it, *hasten* to lay hold on it, if we would be saved. We are to flee from the wrath to come, quickly grasp this hope. Here alone is salvation.

The writer says this hope will not fail, for it is of God; an anchor of the soul, “both sure and stedfast.” Weymouth translates it, “an anchor that will not break nor drag.” The wildest storm cannot tear it loose because it is fastened “within the veil”; anchored in heaven, “whither the forerunner is for us entered.” Behold who is looking after the anchor line! Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Indeed, we have a “mighty encouragement,” for our anchor is secure in the eternal Rock of Ages!

Today I feel constrained to speak to the discouraged, the defeated, those who may have at one time known the Lord and have let go the anchor. They have listened to the whisperings of doubt and today they are adrift. Let me urge you to hasten “to lay hold” on that anchor, the one you let drop. Thank God that out of the fog and storm that would engulf you, you can again find safety in Christ Jesus. Again grip the promise, and you will find that it will outride any storm. This is no time to let go; this is the time to hold fast that which is good, and you will find that in the midst of the confusion you can walk in peace.

To you who never have known this way, you who never have felt the touch of Christ, you who never have known the anchor of the soul, may I be given the joy of telling you that this same hope is “set before you”? You have not found one stable or sure thing in all your life—all crumbles and fails; that is inevitable. But there is one thing that will not fail—one hope set before you. Oh, defeated, discouraged man or woman, why not take Christ? If you will let go of the flimsy, fading things you have held onto through the years, and take that which abides forever, you will find that life will change from gloom and despair to light and hope, both for time and for eternity.

The days that lie before us are days of testing beyond anything we have known; there is a

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storm about to break such as men have not yet passed through. Our own strength is not equal to the need; there is only one source of strength to be found. Thank God, it has been provided, and there is "an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast" and reaching "within the veil." Will you "lay hold" upon it? May God help you to do it now!

Glow and Afterglow!

By Jean Leathers Phillips*

THE SUN SET this evening in such a riot of color-glory that I am still breathless, these several hours afterward. A shower had fallen from a squall cloud that moved in from the southwest, off the ocean; then the nimbus, or rain cloud, broke into parts and blew away until only fragments were scattered in the west. From the deep blue of the heavens the color changed gradually downward through lively spring green to become lost in the flame of the setting sun. Those fragments of cloud absorbed enough of the fiery color of the sinking sun to become deep purple with borders of molten gold. Tiny, curly feathers of cirrus clouds and long, thin, veil-like wisps of stratus, caught an apricot coloring, gradually deepening to gold, then rose, as the sun sank. The choppy waters of the ebbing tide seemed as if covered with molten fire that poured from some invisible door in the sun-furnace.

Back from the bay and across the farming and garden lands St. Michael, the Trinity and the Snail were robed with orange, rose, and purple. My scul began to sing, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and, "How beautiful heaven must be!" How beautiful it must be, that the eloquent Isaiah, whose artistry with words is equal to his perception of revelation, flounders for means of expression! "For since the begin-

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W I N G S

By Georgia Moore Eberling

*I never see the gauzy, silken froth
Of insect wings but that I wonder if
The lustrous butterfly and vivid moth
That flutter skyward over vale and cliff
Remember how they crawled. Do they look down
And recollect the past, the garden-ways,
A chrysalis upon a swaying, brown
Tree limb, where once they spent long winter
days?
I hope that reft cocoons make them forget
All other times, remember only wings,
And as they skim and turn and pirouette
Recall but as a dream all other springs.
It may be when our Father dries earth's tears
We too shall soar, forgetting past earth-years!*

ning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isa. 64:4).

But as the sun sank from sight the colors faded first from the water, then darkened to deep crimson and purple on the mountains. The clouds became red, then brown, then slaty again; but the afterglow spread over the western sky long after the sun was gone. It reflected in the water; it reflected on the mountains; it reflected from western windows of homes and stores and high office buildings in the city, dimming gradually, but still visible long after a half-grown moon began to cast shadows, and the lighthouse at the tip of Hill Point to throw out its friendly beams.

Our Christian privilege today is both glow and afterglow. The Son of Man revealed in His person the glow of the love of God for lost humanity. That glow did not die and become an afterglow when He returned to heaven to share His Father's throne until the end of the age. It was and is perpetuated by the Holy Spirit through the generations.

But the glow would be much less discernible to our human perception and understanding if it were not for the afterglow of great human lives that have partaken of that glow and left behind them an afterglow. A few weeks ago I heard Rev. Cecil Knippers, preaching in a series of services in a neighboring church, tell of standing at the side of the modest stone that marks the grave of the great Dr. Beverly Carradine, in Vicksburg, Mississippi; and also how the afterglow of the Spirit-anointed preaching of that man throughout the South is still a powerful influence for holiness and a blessing to our churches today.

The afterglow of the prophets, the Psalmist, and earlier great men of God was still plainly influential in our Lord's day. He quoted freely from them, as did also His adversaries, at times. He made reference to Noah, and to Jonah, as great lights of their ages.

Paul and the apostles of that age walked in the afterglow of the prophets, also, as well as in the glow of the Son of Man and His Successor, the Holy Spirit. The apostles helped to inspire the heroes of the Middle Ages and of the Reformation; and the works of translators, and of Luther and the Wesleys, still shine in our day though they have long since gone to their eternal reward.

Within the memories of many of us, God has called many of His valiant soldiers of the Cross to their mansions; but the afterglow of Wilson, Bresee, Reynolds, J. G. Morrison, Cornell, and more recently "Uncle Bud" Robinson, Doctors Goodwin, Williams, and Chapman, shines on to light us along the course of this Christian race.

Let us ask ourselves if we in turn shall leave an afterglow which, if the Lord delay, shall help our successors along the road of time. It is our high privilege and our duty to the Lord and those who may follow us.

The Holy Spirit, Our Pillar of Cloud

By Louis McCurdy*

And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night. He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people (Exodus 13:21-22).

IN THE TWENTY-THIRD psalm, David emphasized the fact that God led His people away from lurking dangers into pleasant places. All through the Old Testament period, God directed His people in a number of ways: sometimes an angel would come and talk to them directly; often He spoke to the people through the patriarchs, and later the judges, and still later, the prophets.

In the New Testament period, the Holy Spirit does the work of the Godhead on earth, so that this pillar of the cloud could be a prophetic picture of Him. Next to heart cleansing, the most important work of the Holy Spirit seems to be the task of leading the Christians around the snares and pitfalls and entanglements of the devil. He not only desires to lead them directly into spiritual Canaan, but also tries to lead to a more rapid growth in grace after that experience is reached.

This picture of the cloud to lead the children of Israel to the Promised Land seems to be the true counterpart of the Holy Spirit during the New Testament dispensation. He desires to lead the converted sinner as rapidly as possible into the experience of holiness, and then to lead and guide him into all truth and doctrine.

David likened the ancient people of God to sheep that needed a shepherd. Modern disciples have the same characteristics as had the ancient people of God, and need leadership beyond the human. Our wisdom is weak, but God's grace is strong. When we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, we are wise. The thread of life is so tangled, and the devil has so many snares set for our feet, that it is folly indeed for us to try to pass through life without this divine leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Wise indeed is the youth who turns over the guiding controls of life to this One who can give the proper chart and compass to guarantee a safe passage through the destructive devices of the devil. God, who knows the future as well as the past and present, can, through His Spirit, lead our youth to make the choice of the right companions for life, choose the right occupations, the most spiritual churches and, in general, make their lives more enjoyable and successful. There is no question about the Spirit's superior leadership even for the smallest detail in any life.

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The Spirit comes to a Christian with little warnings when there is danger ahead; maybe a mistake is just ahead. It is time to investigate and try something else. One should wait and listen for the leadings of the Spirit, into whose care the whole of life has been committed. With Him to lead, all pitfalls and all entanglements with the world can be avoided. By a careful and prayerful following of the Holy Spirit, a person can save a lot of time in learning the lessons of life which otherwise could be learned only through the expensive school of experience.

To the sinner back in Egypt this pillar of a cloud was dark with divine conviction and foreboding; but to the saint near Mount Sinai, God gave the blueprint for great spiritual exploits. Let us follow Him who shall lead us into a closer and more useful walk with God.



Scriptures Are Being Circulated In China

AN ESTIMATED circulation of the Scriptures in China, covering the last six-months period to be reported, totaled 578,406 copies, according to a statement issued by Dr. Eric M. North of the American Bible Society. The report, which came from Dr. Ralph Mortensen, the Society's secretary in Shanghai, also stated that sales were said to be improving in all regions except central and northeast China.

There has been some shortage of stock due to the difficulty of securing paper during the blockade, but now locally manufactured paper is available and a full printing program is being taken in hand.

The China Bible House has recently secured as an addition to the staff a promotional secretary who will be engaged in developing distribution and support.

Preparations are being made to issue a Latinxua transliteration of the Gospel of Mark. The Latinxua is a recently developed method of printing Chinese in Roman characters which is being fostered by the government.

And so the work of Bible distribution goes on even in Communist-occupied China. We are helping to carry on this work by the annual offering from our churches. Pastor, if you have not received your American Bible Society offering this year, why not do so this month? Send your church's contribution to Mr. John Stockton, general treasurer, 2923 Troost Ave., Box 527, Kansas City 10, Mo.

—S. T. LUDWIG, American Bible
Society Representative

While I Am on My Knees:

While I am on my knees, I find myself praying a threefold prayer. It is expressed something like this:

O Lord, help me to be susceptible to the Spirit of God; cause me to be exemplary of the Spirit of Christ; and make me challenging to the spirits of men.

As I pray this, I realize that, apart from the Spirit of God, nothing can be accomplished for

eternity; I realize that no methods will prevail apart from the Spirit of Christ; and I grapple with just passing things of earth, unless I reach the spirits of men.

And thus I feel once more the overpowering weight in favor of depending less upon the expedients of human devices and more upon the Spirit himself, who guides into all truth, who strengthens for all service, and who alone reaches the souls of my fellow beings.—PAUL HOORNSTRA, Pastor, Howell, Michigan.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Remiss Rehfeldt, Secretary

Notice

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Fritzlan were appointed by the mission council in India to the coeducational school at Chikhli. Their address therefore has been changed. They may be reached at Chikhli, Berar, C.P., India.

Pattees Land

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Pattee landed at Manila in the Philippine Islands on September 6. They write: "This beautiful country! Baguio is wonderful. There are lots of people and it is a great challenge to get the gospel out. So few know of real salvation!"

Carmelita, Peten, Guatemala

The success of the work goes largely to the credit of a young man who was saved just over two years ago and has been employed as a policeman in this place. His immediate superior has a Christian wife and has become favorable to the gospel. Thus Filipe Sical had been holding services already on Sunday and Thursday and had the whole town ready for our coming. Furthermore, his boss gave him time off to accompany us in personal work most of the time.

This personal work is hard work but pays dividends. We start out with the proposal to stay in a village long enough to talk to the people in every home about their souls. It is a bit slow here where one has to work with people who have no background. We evangelized 137 persons in the week.—EARL D. HUNTER, Guatemala.

African District

This past year we have opened five new churches among the African people here in the gold fields. We have 750,000 Africans in our assigned field. One of our finest African ministers from Gazaland District has helped in pioneering this new work. We now have three buildings, a fine class of probationary members in all five churches; also we have three day

schools. In each school we have African teachers. Our great need is trained Nazarene teachers.

Many of you have asked about used clothing. We can use all the old clothes you can send, especially men's clothing. Some of my teachers' and preachers' families do not have enough to keep them warm here in the dead of winter. We have had one fine African young man called to preach from our district, and next year he will enter our Bible School at Stegi. Do pray for this new work here in the gold fields. The witch doctors, the false cults and heathen darkness can be overcome only by the power of our risen Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Blood has never lost its power.—REV. AND MRS. MORRIS CHALFANT, Africa.

Another Quarterly Meeting On Barbados

Sunday, August 13, marked another red letter day on Barbados. We baptized 27 and received 25 into mem-

bership, making 70 in the last four months. To Him be all the glory! Some were hindered from taking baptism because of sickness but will be baptized and received at our next quarterly meeting.

Nine months of intensive evangelism have seen many at our altars for salvation, reclamation, and sanctification, as well as spiritual instruction and help in their Christian lives. Real Holy Ghost evangelism not only gets the unsaved to the Lord, backsliders restored, and believers sanctified, but it strengthens, establishes, and builds up the saints in the most holy faith. *We must evangelize or die.* Where there is a real tide of Holy Ghost evangelism there is progress, and where there is no real evangelism the work languishes, whether at home or on the mission fields. *Let us evangelize!* Thank God, it can be done if we are willing to pay the price in sweat, prayers, tears, and blood if need be. Our national pastors have co-operated beautifully, and much of the credit belongs to them. God bless our faithful pastors, licensed ministers, deaconesses, and all our good people. Please pray for them and for this needy mission field.—A. O. HENDRICKS, Barbados.

THE QUESTION BOX

Conducted by Stephen S. White

Q. Would you write something in the HERALD OF HOLINESS about how young people should behave in church? Our young folks—especially four or five of them—are disturbing our services. What can be done to help this situation and at the same time not drive the young people away?

A. I am thankful that we have a lot of young people—teen-agers and older—who do behave in our church services. They respect what is going on in the house of God. Again, some of those who do misbehave in our services do it because they were never taught to behave when they were children. Their parents are to blame for this—they are only reaping what they sowed. Further, others misbe-

have because the older people in the church set the wrong example. We are careless and irreverent toward the sanctuary—often in the name of religion—and some of our young people follow in our footsteps. Still, misconduct on the part of the young or the old in the house of God is inexcusable.

What can be done as to the few young people who persist in being careless in their behavior in our religious services? Pray for them. Get them into a genuine experience of religion. Make your services as spiritual and interesting as possible. I used to teach classes which were crowded with large numbers of Freshmen and Sophomores in college, and sometimes

a few Juniors and Seniors in high school. I found that I could nearly always solve my disciplinary problems by going to classes so well prepared that I could make every minute of the hour worth while. It took me a long time to learn this, but I know it helped. Give the young people as much to do as possible in connection with the churches, both when the services are on and when they are not. This will increase their interest in and respect for the services. Finally, if it has to be done, the pastor should talk to each individual privately—not publicly—after having prayed earnestly for the Lord's help as he talks with him. Don't "bawl him out," but talk to him as a friend. More than once I have found this method successful when everything else failed. As a church, we must do everything we can to get young people saved and sanctified and then keep them in the grace of God.

Q. I read the parable of the talents and the parable of the pounds. Will you tell me the difference between the value of the talent and of the pound?

A. According to one authority, the Greek talent was equivalent to sixty Greek pounds. The Greek pound and the Greek talent were used in Palestine during the time when Christ lived and taught.

Q. I know it is wrong to watch dancing and the like on the television, but how about the stories and films shown? Some Christians think that it is wrong to own a television set. We have one, but I am puzzled over what is right to watch. Should one turn off liquor and tobacco ads when they flash on?

A. Some time ago I said some things about television which I believe more strongly now than I did then. I said some Nazarenes would lose their souls over television because they would spend money for it which was needed for something else—the cause of God or the necessities of life. I also said that some Nazarenes would lose their souls over television because, while they might afford television financially, they would watch and listen to programs and advertisements over it which would cause them to backslide. Finally, I stated that some Nazarenes would lose their souls over television because, while they might afford it financially and might select only the worth-while programs, they would go wild over the novelty of it and thus give time to it which should go into the work of God. Since writing the editorial here referred to, I have had letters from some of our best pastors and laymen which con-

vince me of the truth of what I said. Some good people in the Church of the Nazarene have backslidden over television.

I did not mean by my editorial which I have somewhat reviewed here that no one should buy a television set. Television is a great invention, and I would not say that every person who owns or watches television is thereby sure to be a sinner. However, I do mean very definitely that any person who buys a television set today should be sure that he is not sacrificing something else more valuable in order to have it. Second, before getting it he should be certain that he has sense and grace enough to select properly from the programs only those which he and his family should see. There are programs which are definitely religious or educational,

and perhaps some few recreational programs which are not contrary to our Nazarene ideals which can be watched. Only these should be turned on. Third, too much time should not be given to even the best of programs. Some of our people are losing their heads over television and are making it more important than going to church and working for the kingdom of God.

Some say that television is on the same footing as radio. That is not altogether true. There has to be selection in connection with the radio, but there has to be much more with television. Its influence for either good or bad is much more significant than that of the radio, for it appeals not only to the ear, but also to the more effective sense organ—the eye. Television is dangerous—God help us to watch our step!

Religious News and Comments

Edited by Delbert R. Gish

A LETTER from Brother Bronell Greer of India indicates something of the long road ahead before that country comes fully out of heathendom. The government of the new India is reaffirming the Hindu gods by using their likenesses on postage stamps, replacing the imprint formerly used by the British authorities.

A clipping enclosed by Brother Greer describes the great interest shown in Bombay in a Catholic "Statue of Our Lady of Fatima." Thousands of "Hindus, Parsees, Muslims, and Christians" composed the crowd. "Veneration of the statue continued throughout the night; and people, in double rows, patiently waited in long queues, which seemed increasing every few minutes and never ending." Such interest indicates a spiritual hunger in the hearts of the people, a hunger which idolatry in a new form will not assuage. All substitutes for the God who is humanity's real need fail of their purpose.

Characteristic of our time: The National Union of Christian Schools has lately announced the opening of nine new Christian schools, most of them teaching the first eight grades.

President Truman gave his endorsement to the special religious education week which was the last week in September. The theme was "Religious Teaching—Vital to the Nation." The President said in a letter that "we must strengthen the religious and spiritual foundations of our daily lives

if we are to meet successfully the many and complex problems which confront the nation."

Under the "It Can Be Done" heading we note: In Minnesota, members of the Greenleafton Reformed Church made nine trips to Rochester, about forty miles away, to the Mayo Clinic, and gave enough blood to raise \$10,000 toward their new church building. \$25 per pint was paid, and most of them gave a pint every third month.

At the First Church of the Nazarene at Kansas City on Sunday, September 17, two splendid missionary addresses were heard. At 2:30 p.m. Nazarenes from a wide area and friends from the community packed the auditorium to hear the Reverend Robert Chung tell the thrilling story of his escape from Korea. Just a few minutes ahead of Communist invaders he and his family escaped from their home city of Seoul in their car but with little else except the clothing they were wearing. He described the difficult trip to the coast, and told of many tense moments when answers to prayer came at the moment of extreme crisis. Almost miraculously he and his family were able to remain together, and got to Pusan, where American officials gave them free passage on August 22 on a troop ship to America. His expressions of profound gratitude to God and to those who had helped him moved the audience to like gratitude and tears. At

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Why I Believe in God

IN MY childhood home there was no doubt as to the existence of a personal God. My parents believed in God, my brothers and sisters believed in Him. The Bible was read and revered; and every page of it takes God's existence for granted. Therefore, as I grew up, I never knew anything else but to believe in God.

There were several churches in the small town in which I was reared, and I was taught to respect them and their pastors. My father and mother were Methodists, and I went to church and Sunday school, and often, to prayer meeting. My parents tithed their income, and thus helped to support the work of God. Preachers were often entertained in our home. Most of the time we had a spare room, even though our family was larger than most families are today, and no one was more welcome to occupy this room than ministers. We entertained our Methodist preachers mostly, but at times had other ministers in our home. They were usually fed, as well as housed. When a preacher was in our home, my mother often made hot biscuits and fried chicken for him, even for breakfast. He was always considered an honored guest because he represented belief in God and religion. If we had anything especially nice to eat, we often shared it with the preacher's family, since we lived just across the street from the parsonage for many years. This constant contact with the church and preachers during my early years contributed to my belief in God.

Almost all of the people of my home community believed in God. The faith of many of these believers was not so vital as it might have been, but even those in this group were always ready to take issue with anyone who attempted to cast doubt on belief in a personal God. Atheism was decidedly unpopular where I was reared. It was easy for one whose childhood and teen-age years were spent in such an environment to believe in God.

THE TEACHERS in the public schools which I attended did not hesitate to read the Bible and pray in the classroom. They did not preach sermons nor argue religion, but they let us know that they believed in God and respected religion. I thank God that this was the case! This is exactly what our forefathers had in mind when they provided in the constitution for freedom of religion. They gave their lives—many of them—in order to establish a republic where men could worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. They had no idea of establishing a government to protect people in their determination not to believe in God or religion. Too many people today think that our constitution was written to guard the rights of the people who do

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not believe in God and religion rather than those who do. Such an interpretation of the basic principles of our nation is an insult to our forefathers and the tremendous sacrifices which they made. I am glad that I went to a public school when and where they made a place for belief in God and the Bible. No doubt such an attitude enhanced my belief in God.

When I went away to college, I enrolled in an institution which made God and religion its central emphasis. Every class opened with a prayer; there was a daily chapel service which each student had to attend; and grace preceded every meal in the college dining hall. At 6:00 p.m. there was a brief religious service under the direction of the students, which I often attended; and on Sunday there were four services, which I almost always attended. In fact, two of these Sunday services were compulsory. Every evening there were family prayers in the private home where I roomed; and not only the members of the family, but also all who lodged there were urged to be present.

These religious activities were not stale or formal, and they did not become obnoxious to me. They mightily stimulated my faith in God, and I shall never cease to be grateful to my parents, who made it possible for me to spend four years in such an educational institution—Peniel College, Peniel, Texas (now Bethany-Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma).

MY HOME, the churches in my home town, my home community, the public schools, and Peniel College influenced my belief in God because of the people connected with them. In the last analysis, it was personalities who built up in me the confidence that there is a personal God. Some of these people had only a general faith in God, while others gave evidence of living in daily contact with Him. I could not escape the impact of their lives.

Recently a well-known writer told of his return to faith in the reality of God. As a physician, he watched some Welsh villagers when several of their number were entombed in a mine. The rescuers, as they came near them, heard them singing, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"; and as the rescued were brought to the surface, a thousand voices joined with them in singing this hymn. The physician could not get away from this manifestation of faith in God. Also, there was the faith of a district nurse in Monmouthshire who labored long hours, day after day, for many years without adequate pay. The physician

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talked with her about the situation, but he found no complaint. She was interested only in God's knowing what she was worth. The faith-manifesting devotion of these Welshmen and this nurse to God moved this physician and writer as I and many others have been influenced by the belief of those about us.

WHEN I began graduate study, my faith in God was challenged. I faced teachers who did not believe in a personal God. This made it necessary for me to ground my faith in reason as I had not done before. I thank God that, after somewhat of a struggle, I found out that there are rational proofs for belief in a personal God. These arguments for the existence of God will now be presented briefly.

NOT LONG ago it was my privilege to drive across the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge. It is a masterpiece of engineering marked by order, complexity, beauty, and usefulness. The matter in this structure could not have just happened, much less the complete bridge itself. No thing could have made it, and no animal intelligence could have conceived and constructed it. Only a living creature with intelligence above the average man, a capacity for conscious foresight and purpose, and assisted by physical power which such a being alone could harness and control, was equal to the task of building this bridge.

If this San Francisco-Oakland Bridge demands a personal maker, how much more true this is as to the earth upon which we live! Its wide-extended plains, fertile valleys, mighty rivers, towering mountains, rich mineral deposits, and many other types of wonder and utility could not have come into existence by chance. The earth with its vast resources has too much meaning and significance for man to have been created by anything less than mind. Further, this creative intelligence would have to be as much greater than man's mind as the earth is greater than the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge.

But the earth is just a small part of a solar system which is an infinitesimal speck in a galaxy, or collection, of sun systems matched by thousands—if not millions—of other galaxies. Here our minds begin to reel, for the telescopes have revealed a universe so big that the very thought of it staggers the human imagination. If the San Francisco-Oakland Bridge is matter marked by order, complexity, beauty, and usefulness, the universe is matter characterized by all of these

raised to a much higher degree, plus incredible vastness. Only a person who is all-wise and all-powerful could have created such a universe.

The human body, with its sense organs and its procreative functions; its brain, heart, lungs, and liver; its nervous, circulatory, and digestive systems; its glands and literally hundreds of other parts, far surpasses anything previously mentioned, except in size. Truly, man is fearfully and wonderfully made, merely from the standpoint of his body. The creation of a physical man demands a greater God than the creation of the physical universe does.

There is the living world, with which matter, however intricately organized, cannot compare. Above this stands the animal kingdom, which is far outclassed by the human order, where we have man with intelligence, free will, and conscience. Man! Man the emotionalist, man the thinker, man the controller, man the worshiper! Could he have come into existence by accident? Could a creature who is less than infinite in wisdom, power, and goodness have created him? No! I believe in God!

THE FINAL proof for my belief in a personal God is my own experience. Before I went away to college I was saved, but backslid not too long afterward. During my first year in college I was reclaimed and, several months later in that school year, sanctified. Something happened to me in both of these experiences which I was unable to explain except on the basis of a personal power outside of and beyond myself. These experiences and the life of prayer and communion which has followed have really been the chief source of my faith in God. In fact, they have constantly and mightily strengthened the belief in God which has come to me through the influence of personalities and the power of reason. I believe in God!

The "Herald of Holiness" Family

AT THE CLOSE of the summer there were more than 101,000 subscriptions to the HERALD OF HOLINESS. The summer months are our slow season, and, therefore, we are delighted that the subscriptions have held up so well. The district campaigns for the HERALD OF HOLINESS are beginning now, and let us all work together to boost the subscription list. The special issue, of which 900,000 have already been printed, will help to circulate the HERALD OF HOLINESS while it is contributing to the Crusade for Souls.

I like to think of the HERALD OF HOLINESS readers as constituting one big family. It is estimated that there are at least 300,000 readers of the HERALD OF HOLINESS each week. This makes a big family indeed. I wish I could meet all of you personally, but of course this is impossible. However, I do get to become personally acquainted with some of you as I travel about over the church.

Further, through correspondence with many of you, I feel that I come to know you almost personally. Anyway, I often think of and pray for the HERALD OF HOLINESS family. Many of you write in and tell of your problems, trials, and

needs; and I want you to know that I do pray definitely for you. We all need to pray more for one another. I am very conscious of my need of your prayers. Please remember me and the HERALD OF HOLINESS in your prayers.

Home Missions and Evangelism

Roy J. Smee, Secretary

LAST WEEK (September 6) I completed a very profitable tour on the Iowa District with District Superintendent Gene Phillips. We covered all nine zones of the district with week-night meetings, preaching in Creston and Chariton churches on the one Sunday that we were on the district. I enjoyed the gracious Christian spirit of Brother Phillips. Our fellowship was stimulating. I doubt if I ever toured a district where there was a higher percentage of pastors and churches that showed a deep interest in home missions. Almost every pastor on the district attended the rally in his zone and brought his people with him. This afforded us good crowds and showed a marked loyalty to their district superintendent and the program of home missions.

The Lord was with us. The services were characterized by a spirit of freedom tempered by sanctified good sense; and when the appeal for finances was presented, the response was most encouraging. They gave in cash and pledges for home missions \$15,000.

Iowa is a fertile field for the Church of the Nazarene. There are many people there who have heard holiness preached in years gone by. The seed of heart holiness has been planted. I predict that under the leadership of Brother Gene Phillips and the unanimous backing of his pastors and people, we will see a wonderful harvest in Iowa.

At this writing (September 15) I am concluding a tour of the Eastern Michigan District with Dr. W. M. McGuire. The weather has been bad so far and has hindered getting as large crowds as we would have had otherwise. We are visiting each zone in this district also. Eastern Michigan is just beginning to get her bearings for the drive forward since the division of the state into two districts. I have not met a pastor so far who is not 100 per cent back of the district superintendent and his program. Plans are being laid for a tremendous advance.

The primary purpose of this tour was not the raising of large funds, but rather to encourage and stimulate the home missionary spirit until zones

and pastors and people will seek out home missionary opportunities within and adjacent to their fields and go in to plan a new church under their own initiative. Already new prospective fields are opening.

During the tour we have presented the one-dollar membership to the district's Home Missions Reserve Army. The goal is to secure 3,000 members who will send in one dollar or more every time a new church is started. The money is to be used solely for purchase of property and become a capital investment in home missions. This is the most painless and practical method to secure funds I know. Think of it! If everyone responds, there will be \$3,000 each time a call is made. This insures a decent place of worship. And give me a decent place of worship and a decent preacher and I can put a Church of the Nazarene in any decent community. Who wouldn't give a dollar to start a Church of the Nazarene! God bless Eastern Michigan and her fine district superintendent.

Arkansas Home Missions

During the past assembly year three new churches have been organized on the Arkansas District. District Superintendent W. H. Johnson held a meeting in the Round Mountain community, which resulted in a new church with thirty-eight charter members. A new church at Ashdown was made possible by the work of the pastors and people of the zone. The third church was organized at Van.

There is a real home missionary spirit throughout the district. Zones are making plans to start new churches. A home missions tour of the district was authorized, with a goal of \$12,000 to be raised this year. This is considerably above the home missions budget that has been set. The district superintendent carries a great burden for the unreached communities of the state and is pushing home missions all during the year.

Wisconsin District Home Missions

Many districts have developed a new interest in home missions during this quadrennium. Everywhere I find

superintendents, pastors, and evangelists pressing for new churches. Home missions costs money, but it is the best *invested* dollar in the church. New churches cannot be started unless there is an assurance that there will be money coming in regularly to keep them going until they can get on their feet.

Wisconsin Nazarenes, as one example, are getting solidly behind their home missionary program, ably led by District Superintendent Charles A. Gibson. They are seeing results from their home missionary money. At their recent assembly they took another forward move by adopting a home missions budget for the first time on this district. This will eliminate haphazard guesswork in setting up the home missionary program for the year and bring in a steady flow of money for new churches.

Religious News and Comments

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present Brother Chung is continuing on a missionary tour of the Kansas City District.

At 6:30 p.m. Dr. Orpha Speicher gave a Christian medical doctor's view of the women of India. Her hearers had glimpses of the darkness of heathendom and of the glorious power of the gospel to bring light. In spite of the progress of the new India, Indian women have not attained a freedom even approaching that of Indian men.

Dr. Speicher will be in Kansas City for some months to conduct a class entitled "Christian Missions in India" at the Nazarene Theological Seminary. Persons in and near Kansas City who are interested in this class may inquire at the Seminary. It is scheduled for Monday evenings, and begins at 7:30 p.m.

Religious News Service reports that the Salvation Army has been outlawed by the Czech government for alleged "subversive" activities. Property of the Army there has been confiscated and many of the officers imprisoned. They carry on in jail, however, in spite of persecution.

Jesus is the Prince of Peace! Then His followers should be careful to "keep the peace" among themselves. —WM. H. COATS.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Conducted by Grace Ramquist

God Took Charge:

P.K.'S IN TEXAS:

By Mary E. Cove

Bayside, Texas

6. The Lame Walk And the Lost Found

MRS. EDITH WHITESIDES and I had been traveling together for some time. God had wonderfully answered our prayers. But when upon arriving in Luseland, Saskatchewan, we found everything tied up with an epidemic of measles, we were indeed dismayed. Even the young woman preacher, Miss Opal Good, was afraid we could not reach the people. Her father met us at the train, explained the situation, and said that if we wished to go on the church would understand. But we did not have money to go far, so we stayed. Before long it looked as if Luseland were one of God's appointments for us.

Upon reaching the young pastor's house, we found her sister in bed with the measles and her mother very ill with inflammatory rheumatism. The mother had not walked for some time, and had to be lifted from chair to chair. As Sister Whitesides visited a bit, she felt a special need for prayer. We all knelt and called upon God.

Suddenly the little invalid lady began to praise the Lord. In a few moments she arose from her chair and walked back and forth, weeping and shouting for joy. Her daughter, the young preacher, was the new president of the district W.F.M.S. and she had much to do with developing the new work in that country.

In spite of the measles scare, people came out to the services, and God met us in every one.

Just a few weeks previous to this appointment, Mrs. Whitesides and I had been burdened for a fine-looking young man who had attended the district assembly in Morse. He told us later on that we both prayed so earnestly for him that at first he thought we were a "little bit off." But God had a grip on this young man and a great work for him to do. For two nights he struggled at the altar, but finally yielded his will and his life to God.

The sister of Opal Good, of Luseland, married the young man for whom we had prayed, and today they are working together in the Warren Avenue Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Ohio.

One day my father counted up the days we were to have before we were supposed to be at our next camp meeting. When he had figured it all out, he found we had three days to spare.

Mr. and Mrs. Tetrick, old-time friends of my father and mother, lived at Bayside, Texas, at that time; so it was decided we would go there for a rest.

The Tetricks lived right across the road from the Bay. Early the first morning our family decided to go fishing. We fished most of the morning. When it became hot, I took off my little blouse which I wore under a jumper—at least that is what they are called today; we called them guimpe dresses.

The sun didn't look like it was shining, but it was. By the time noon came around, I had a heavy coat of red all over my shoulders, arms, and face. By morning of the next day, great white blisters had come out all over my sunburn.

The day arrived when we had to go to the next meeting—all too soon for me, for I was sick with that sunburn. The first night out, we drove into a schoolhouse yard which was on rather low ground. We spread out our canvas cover and our quilts, then settled down for a nice rest. But no sooner had we settled ourselves than we heard a humming around our heads.

We had not realized that we were in the rice fields of southern Texas! What little sleep we got that night was not good sleep. Those nasty little mosquitoes bit us every time we paused in our slapping processes.

The mosquitoes even bit over my poor sunburned shoulders and arms. Soon I was scratching, and before more than two days had passed I had a boil and then two, and before the next meeting was over I had fourteen boils. I still have scars showing the exact location and reminding me of the sunburn, the mosquitoes, the boils, and the first knowledge of rice fields.

Ever since that day, sunburn, mosquitoes, boils, rice fields, and schoolhouses run around together in my mind. I've often thought how I could have spared myself all that pain if only I had not been so ignorant. If I had known the sun was just playing

like it was hidden, or if I had known that in the rice fields where water stands most of the time there are lots of mosquitoes, or even if I had known that if I scratched those mosquito bites my shoulders and arms would become infected and thus cause me to have boils, I could have saved myself weeks of discomfort. But I didn't know.

I was excused for my ignorance, although I was not saved the results of my ignorance. Next time you get to excusing yourself because of your ignorance—stop! Get busy right then and learn what you should know!

Ignorance is a good excuse for mistakes made in your life, but it doesn't save you from suffering because of your mistakes! Stop, look, and listen before you do something about which you are ignorant!

Your Part and God's Part

Don't confound the renouncing of sin with the power of saving yourself from it. If you renounce it, Jesus will come and save you from it. Like the man with the withered hand—Jesus intended to heal that man. Where was the power to come from to heal him? From Jesus, of course. The benevolence, the love that prompted that healing, all came from Jesus; but Jesus wanted a condition. What was it? The response of the man's will. And so He said, "Stretch forth thine hand."

If he had been like some of you, he would have said: "What an unreasonable command! You know I cannot do it—I cannot." Some of you say that; but I say you can, and you will have to do it, or you will be lost.

What did Jesus want? He wanted that, "I will, Lord," inside the man—the response of his will. He wanted him to say, "Yes, Lord"; and the moment he said that, Jesus supplied strength, and he stretched forth his hand—and you know what happened.—CATHERINE BOOTH.

There is a saying that "it never rains but that it pours." Untrue, because sometimes rain is as fine as spray and falls as gently. It falls on the just and the unjust alike. It helps the crops, but sometimes spoils the harvest. Good Christians receive the gentle rain with thanks, the downpour with fortitude. Sinners receive the one without thanks, and the other with curses.—WM. H. COATS.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

Minneapolis, Minnesota—First Church recently signed the contract on the purchase of a church with a seating capacity of 800 and ample Sunday-school room. This very well-located brick church is being purchased for the sum of \$35,000. In a recent service, Pastor William F. Clay presented the need for money to apply on this purchase, and received in cash and pledges \$13,260; the pledges are to be paid in six months. Minneapolis First Church is seeing the best days of its entire history under the dynamic leadership of Pastor Clay. Recently the church called their pastor with a unanimous vote for three years.—Arthur C. Morgan, District Superintendent.

Evangelists Robert and Helen Long write: "We are now entering our seventeenth year of active ministry in our beloved Zion; this is also the beginning of our tenth year of full-time evangelism. During these seventeen years, our work has taken us into every state of the Union east of the Rockies, and also Canada and Mexico. We praise God for seven years of pastoral experience which has, we believe, helped us to be better qualified for the field of evangelism. We have seen thousands seek God both for pardon and purity, and today we have several people in the full-time ministry who were converted or sanctified in our revivals. For all His many blessings we give God praise. We are now in the third revival since our district assembly; first was with Pastor Kirkpatrick and his fine people at Alexander, Arkansas; then with Pastor King and the good church at Claytonia, Pennsylvania; and now with Williamsdale Church at Hamilton, Ohio, with Pastor Moore. We go next to Wilmington, Delaware, for our sixth revival with Pastor Way and the second with the Wilmington church. Our slate is good, and we have only one desire—that God may give us real revivals. Our address is 514 W. Penn Street, Butler, Pennsylvania."

Greenville, Ohio—Recently our church enjoyed a feast of deep, spiritual, soul-searching messages given by that veteran of the Cross, Rev. W. W. Loveless. (This dear man was our pastor when we were in high school in Chillicothe, and he is like a "father in Israel" to us.) His forty years as an evangelist and pastor has given him a rich heritage to pass on to us as young pastors and our people. Our people were enriched and deepened in their spiritual lives as a result of this campaign. Rev. William and Doris Abersold of Kansas City added much to the campaign with their excellent music and beautiful messages in song. The future of Greenville church looks bright to us.—Glenn Evans, Pastor.

Salisbury, North Carolina—August 27 marked the close of a heart-searching revival at First Church; it was a wonderful refreshing from the Holy Spirit under the evangelistic preaching of Rev. C. G. Braley. The Word was faithfully preached; the Holy Ghost honored; sinners were saved, backsliders reclaimed, and believers sanctified. Our hearts rejoiced to see children seeking and finding God. Edward and Lydia Stevenson had charge of the special music, which added much to the revival. They are fine musicians, filled with the Spirit, and brought some great messages in song. Also, the singing of Shirley Ann, their seven-year-old daughter, was greatly enjoyed. We give God praise for this good revival. We surely appreciated the ministry of all these fine workers.—Mrs. E. D. Riddle, Reporter.

Connersville, Indiana—The annual missionary convention conducted by the Virginia Avenue Church was outstanding in every respect. Mrs. Norah Heslop, former missionary to Korea, was the special speaker. In her characteristic manner, under the anointing of God, she brought burning messages on missions, with special emphasis on the work in Korea. Our people co-operated to the fullest extent, and a large crowd attended the mass meeting on Sunday afternoon. Our total budget for the year was oversubscribed by more than \$200; also a splendid offering was given the speaker; and the church board, by unanimous vote, gave the pastor a \$10-per-week increase in salary. Following the Sunday night message a fine

group of young people bowed at the altar offering their lives in service to God as He might direct; back of them came an enthusiastic group of Spirit-filled men and women offering their support to those called to Christian service. The glory of God has hovered over this people since we started the work; in ten months they have raised more than \$7,000. We greatly appreciated the ministry of Sister Heslop with us.—Marvin S. Cooper, Pastor.

Evangelist S. T. Moore writes that, due to a change in pastors, he has an open date early in October. Write him, Box 777, Lafayette, Indiana.

Ceres, California—It has been a privilege to have Evangelist Arthur W. Gould with us for a revival meeting. This man of God gave of his time, coming from Chicago especially for this home mission meeting, and received only his traveling expenses. His Spirit-filled ministry in both sermon and song was a great blessing. We especially appreciated his old-fashioned, definite holiness preaching which stirred, enlightened, and united our people. There were a goodly number of seekers and victories around the altar. On the closing Sunday of the meeting, District Superintendent George Coulter organized the church with seventeen charter members. Immediately following the organization, Brother Gould brought a most stirring, never-to-be-forgotten message. The revival spirit is manifest in the building program now in progress, as well as in the Sunday school, which has increased from 49 to 71. We thank God for His blessings on this new church.—Kurt G. Kobernik, Pastor.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON

By Norman R. Oke

Topic for October 22: Growing Through Prayer

Scripture: Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 11:9-13; Phil. 1:3-11

GOLDEN TEXT: *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you (Luke 11:9).*

In one well-loved verse, Jesus outlines the school of prayer.

Ask: Here we have the grade school of prayer. Requests are many, and persistence is not prominent. Like a child, if the attention can be diverted, the desire goes. This type of prayer is common to new-found converts, but it should be only a passing phase of a genuine prayer life.

Seek: This is the high school of prayer. There is a greater earnestness, and the list of requests has

narrowed down. Concentration of purpose now is apparent, and the first signs of intercession appear. This is as far as most Christians ever go.

Knock: This is the top rung, the university of prayer. Here distractions are ignored and the saint has narrowed his effort down to one great yearning desire—he is majoring on one thing in the university of prayer. Even as he has narrowed down his interests, he has intensified his fervency, and shouts, "I will not be denied." The university of prayer is not crowded!

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Evangelist Harold W. Gretzinger writes: "Rev. Peter G. Jurich, of Pasadena, has joined me to form the Gretzinger Evangelistic Party. Brother Jurich will have charge of the prayer program of the revival—6:30 and 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. prayer services, prayer-and-fasting program, and all-nights of prayer. Our address is 1115 E. New York Street, Long Beach, California."

Mt. Carmel, Illinois—In September we had a two-week revival with Rev. I. Tillman Wright and sons as the evangelist and singers. On Sunday, September 17, we broke every attendance record in the history of the Sunday school, with 144 present. The previous "high" was seven or eight years ago, with 134 present.—G. A. Smith, Pastor.

On September 3, East Flint (Michigan) church closed a tent meeting with Rev. Paul Stewart as evangelist, and Rev. Keith King as song evangelist. Each message during the twelve nights was of the highest type, promoting deep spirituality, and resulted in deep conviction which lined the altars each evening with seeking souls. Scores of men and women who knew nothing about God or the church wept their way through to complete victory. On the closing Sunday morning, 83 kneeled at the altar. The saints shouted and souls prayed through to praise God for deliverance from sin. In the evening service, after a powerful message, amid the hallowed presence of the Holy Ghost, 21 more souls prayed through (these were not "repeaters"). Ten members were added to the church, making 39 new members since we came as pastors fifteen months ago. Prior to the revival, cottage prayer meetings were

held; in these services, one hundred calls, tremendous burdens, prayers, and tears were forerunners to this great tent meeting. Brother King and his music were a great help to the meeting. Never have we met a more godly, co-operative, self-sacrificing, and humble man than Brother Paul Stewart.—Harvey and Ruth Carpenter, Pastors.

Litchfield, Minnesota—This church recently gave their pastor a three-year call, and the people state there is a camp-meeting tide on in the services. They are in a debt-destruction campaign, with a goal to retire their entire \$12,000 debt in three years. Rev. J. M. Anderson is leading the people on to wonderful victories.—Arthur C. Morgan, District Superintendent.

Pastor Ben C. Johnson reports from Ventura, California: "Coming to this church after serving five years at Covina, we have found a very loyal and co-operative group of Nazarenes led by Rev. Frank Watkins. We thank God that the Sunday school has kept climbing through the summer months, with an average of 119 for July, 120 for August, and meeting our goal of 125 for September. Our midsummer rally attendance on the closing day of the revival was 170. Evangelist Arthur Atkins was mightily used of God in our summer revival. His Spirit-anointed ministry and sincere spirit gave earnest seekers and happy finders. A fine class of four were added to the church membership, by profession of faith. There was great rejoicing on September 10 as \$1,045 was laid on the altar during a hallelujah march. This meant sacrificial giving on the part of all the people, but in so doing we are now shouting the victory and

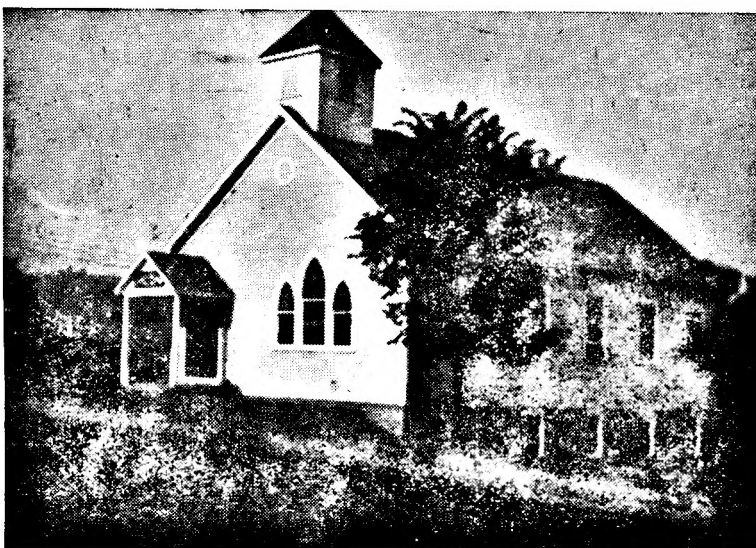
the church debt is paid in full. Beginning September 17, we broadcast our complete morning service over Station KVVU, Ventura, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you have friends in or near Ventura, send me their addresses (to 461 S. Seaward Avenue, Ventura, California), and we'll do our best to contact them."

East Liverpool, Ohio—We are now closing our second year as pastor of First Church. The God who led us here has been abundantly near and has given many marks of progress to this good people. Our new \$240,000 building is nearing completion; it is of brick and stone, completely fire-proof construction. The educational unit interior is of glazed tile. The sanctuary will seat 943, and with a future wing to be constructed as an educational wing, an additional 200 can be seated. The entire building, when completed, will have complete departments with rooms for a Sunday school of 1,100. The hope is to move into the main unit for Christmas, since all that remains to be completed is the interior finishing work and the furnishings. We have just closed an outstanding six-day convention with Mrs. Eva Gardner. God used her messages to bring a new vision to the church, and results are showing with new people and new victories in each service. For the past two Sundays, with no rally, our Sunday-school attendance has averaged 579. We give God all praise.—C. L. Rodda, Pastor.

By all means contend for the truth, but do so in the spirit of love and tenderness. Many a time has the cause of scriptural holiness suffered through the display of a bitter spirit.—Exchange.

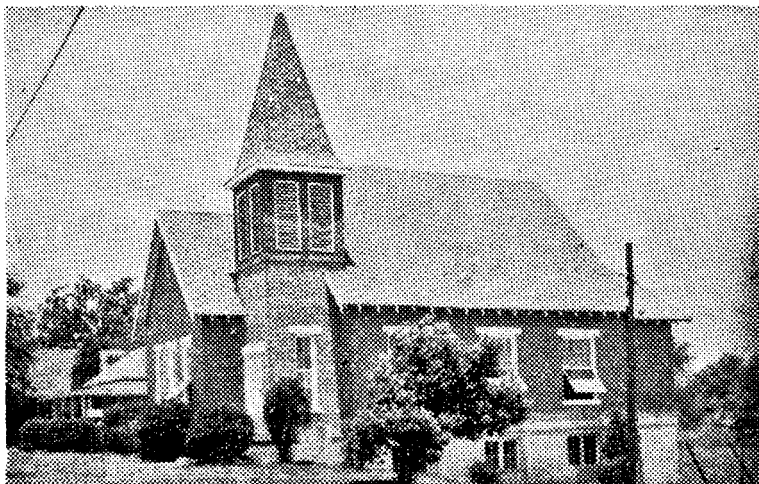
Atlasburg, Pennsylvania

On November 20, 1949, this congregation dedicated their new church building with District Superintendent R. F. Heinlen bringing a stirring message, at the conclusion of which some \$1,700 was raised in cash and pledges toward the new building. The edifice is an attractive village church, 30 x 50 feet, with a four-room parsonage built within the structure. Howard Corbett, a member of the Knox church, did fine work as bricklayer and carpenter; also much credit goes to the loyal men of the church and community who donated time and talent to make such a project possible. Because of the faith and vision of our people, because of the genuine interest of our good district superintendent and the advisory board, and, most of all, because we have a God who answers prayer, we have vacated a one-room boarding house church and moved into a beautiful building valued conservatively at \$15,000. For all this we give God



the praise. Church and pastor are challenged to go in and possess the land in this new assembly year.—George Emmit, Pastor.

First Church, Pensacola, Florida



First Church, Pensacola, on the Alabama District, burned the mortgage on their valuable property, Sunday morning, September 17. Dr. Samuel Young was the guest speaker. Rev. L. L. Mathis has served as pastor just a little more than one year; and, in addition to liquidating the debt,

Brother Mathis has received twenty-nine members into the church. They also own a nice parsonage, free of debt. The church has called Brother Mathis for three years. Progress is the word for our Pensacola Nazarenes.—Otto Stucki, District Superintendent.

Evangelists Harold and Flossie Richardson report: "We have just closed a very busy year—one of the best in all our ministry. We have conducted nineteen revival meetings, and one city-wide campaign, working on nine districts and in six states. Time after time during the year we saw God come on the scene, and altars filled with seekers who became happy finders of full salvation. Our fall slate is full, but we do have some open dates after Christmas and in the spring of '51. We carry the entire revival program, and also have Scene-o-felt pictures. Write us, Route 4, Muncie, Indiana."

Sioux City, Iowa—First Church recently closed one of the best years in its history. Rev. R. E. Hodgson came to us in August of '49, and under his inspired leadership, and with the guidance of God, great strides have been made in the advancement of God's kingdom here. Our Sunday-school attendance is taxing the capacity of our present building, the average for the year being 215, an increase of 29 per Sunday over the previous year. Church membership showed a net increase of 25, and this in spite of the fact that 16 members were transferred to form a new Church of the Nazarene. Also, we feel that God has blessed in calling the pastor for the new church from our membership. The high point of the year was the Sunday when over \$12,000 was received in pledges for church expansion, following an inspiring message by District Superintendent Gene Phillips. Having

outgrown our present church structure, we look forward to the erection of a new church building in the near future.—C. Delbert Bennett, Reporter.

Evangelist Thomas Hayes writes: "I have three open dates before Christmas, and also a little time after Christmas. We close at Ottumwa, Iowa, on October 29; then have October 31 to November 12 open; also November 14 to 26, and November 28 to December 10. My son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Little, will be with me as singers and music directors; they are fine young people, play the horn, accordion, and piano. Write us, P.O. Box 527, Kansas City 10, Missouri."

Western Ohio District Assembly

The Western Ohio District Assembly was held in the First Church of God, Springfield, Ohio, August 30 to September 1, with Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presiding. His messages stirred the hearts of the people and, together with his ability as a presiding officer, won him many friends on our district.

Rev. W. E. Albea, our progressive and spiritual district superintendent, was re-elected by a vote of 284 out of 288 ballots. Under his leadership this year the district had a net gain of 509, making the total membership now 8,404. Six churches were organized—Dayton Pleasant Valley, DeGraff, Delta, Georgetown, Hicksville, and Springfield Erie Avenue; \$53,399 paid on General Budget, and the grand total of giving was \$837,573.

Dr. Orpha Speicher, missionary from India, spoke during the W.F.M.S. convention; Mrs. W. E. Albea was unanimously re-elected as the district president. Dr. V. Carmichael spoke on Wednesday evening, presenting the work of the church school; and Rev. W. B. Walker, now pastor of Dayton First Church, spoke Thursday evening on the challenge of home missions. Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, along with Field Representative Charles Ide and the Viking Quartet, presented the activities and needs of Olivet College.

Rev. O. A. Singleton, district church school board chairman, reported that our district now holds second place in average Sunday-school attendance in the denomination, and had thirty-eight "four-star" churches this past year. Rev. M. E. Clay was credited for directing the first district boys' and girls' camps, and Rev. Wesley Poole the first youth institute, at the district center; around one hundred sought God in these camps.

Luther Stanley Watson and Moody Spurgeon Johnson were ordained in an impressive service on Friday morning.

We are grateful to God for His manifest blessings on the work of our district.

PAUL G. BASSETT, Reporter

Minnesota District

From July 10 to 14 we had our first boys' and girls' camp, under the able leadership of Rev. J. Paul Alexander; there were 105 boys and girls in attendance. Mrs. E. M. Culbertson ably directed the girls' activities. The camp was carried on in an orderly way, and there were a number of good altar services, resulting in an almost unanimous decision for Christ. This camp is right at the top among our district activities, and plans are being made for a bigger and better camp next year.

The N.Y.P.S. Institute, July 17 to 21, under the direction of Mr. Glendon Fisher, district president, was very well attended. Our guest speaker was Rev. J. George Taylorson of Spokane, Washington. He rendered outstanding service, and several times there were splendid altar services. Minnesota is fortunate in having a wonderful group of young people who are helping to build the district. The N.Y.P.S. Convention, with Dr. Roy F. Smee as the special speaker, was the best since I have been in Minnesota.

The first Minnesota District Camp Meeting was held at Buffalo, Minnesota, with Rev. C. William Fisher as the evangelist. The attendance was not large, but the camp was outstanding in that there were some great altar services. The preaching of Brother Fisher was of the very best, and under the anointing of God he poured out truth that struck home to hearts. We are planning for another camp next year.

ARTHUR C. MORGAN
District Superintendent

Northwest Indiana District Assembly

The eighth annual assembly of the Northwest Indiana District was held at the district center, near San Pierre, Indiana. The attendance at all of our district gatherings at the center was greater this year than ever before; this bespeaks the splendid progress we are making by the help of the Lord. This year we enjoyed some outstanding improvements and additions to these fine grounds and facilities that reflect the fine leadership God has given us.

Dr. D. I. Vanderpool, who presided with ease and efficiency, endeared himself to the hearts of all by his Spirit-anointed messages and exhortations which greatly blessed and stirred us, and by his unusual spirit and interest in the business sessions. We also appreciated the manner in which he took time to emphasize the importance of certain matters sometimes taken merely as a matter of course.

Dr. George J. Franklin, district superintendent, was re-elected by a good majority on the nominating ballot, after giving his sixth annual report, which was his best. Four new churches were organized in the past year, with others in the making; the goal for new churches was set higher than ever before as an objective for the new year. We exceeded our General Budget apportionment by 33 1/3 per cent; reported a net increase in church membership of 550; and our church schools department, under the able leadership of Rev. Wm.

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D. Eckel, reported some outstanding gains, among which are facts and figures which place us in a very high position in our movement for our number of "four-star" Sunday schools.

Mrs. George J. Franklin was re-elected as the district W.F.M.S. president almost unanimously; her outstanding ability as a missionary leader is appreciated. It was again a distinct pleasure to have "our own" Mary Scott with us in the convention and assembly. Her ministry and presence were greatly enjoyed by our people.

In a very impressive and deeply spiritual service conducted by Dr. Vanderpool, the following were ordained as elders: Elias Wamsley, William Buesching, Orville Shrout, and John Young.

Olivet Nazarene College was represented by President Harold W. Reed, Professor R. L. Lunsford, and the Apollo Quartet; they conducted a very fine Olivet service, also took part very acceptably in other services.

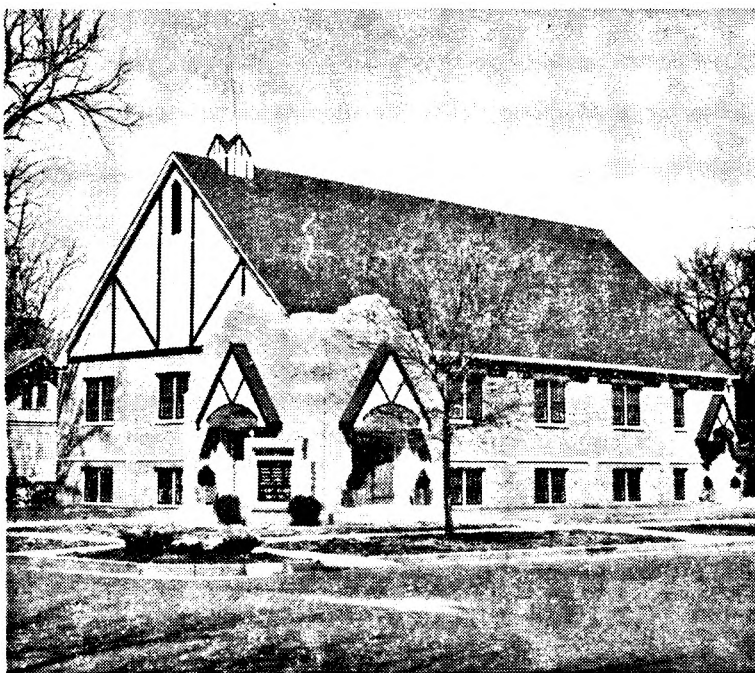
Northwest Indiana District has set its sights for greater things, and we praise the Lord that the perspective is highly encouraging.

ARTHUR P. FISHER, Reporter

The electric stove has replaced the iron, coal-burning stove. Airplanes and cars have replaced wagons and sleighs. But the old-fashioned religion of Jesus Christ cannot be replaced. There is nothing better!—DOROTHY B. KIDNEY.

Winfield, Kansas

Pictured here is our new church, dedicated last April 16 by Dr. Hardy C. Powers, assisted by Rev. Ray Hance, district superintendent. The church was organized in 1934, with Rev. Herbert Lilly the first pastor; in 1945, the lovely brick basement was constructed under the able leadership of Rev. Clifton Norell. Work on the superstructure was begun in September of 1949, and completed in seven months. Our people have worked hard and given sacrificially; surely this structure is a monument to their faith and prayers. Starting with only \$2,000 and a great faith in God, the church edifice was built at a cost of \$21,500—with only \$12,750 of that indebtedness now remaining. A competent appraiser has listed the total value at \$50,000. For all of this we praise God. The building is of modified colonial architecture—blond brick trimmed in white native stone; the stuccoed gable ends, with matching porticos, together with a fourteen-foot mock steeple of copper, add to the colonial appearance. The church is equipped with all new furnishings, and the basement has been redecorated, with several new Sunday-school rooms being added. Our main auditorium will seat 275 comfortably—with 350 being its capacity. Most of all, we rejoice in the fact that our



people are catching a new vision of the work, and God is consistently

blessing in our regular services.—Harold B. Hoyt, Pastor.



Bethany College Church Gives \$5,500

Bethany, Oklahoma—At the invitation of Rev. E. S. Phillips and the church board of the Bethany Church, President Benner presented the Seminary Advance appeal on September 24, and a total of \$5,500 was subscribed. The family of Rev. H. B. Macrory, who went to his reward recently, provided a \$500 memorial unit, which will place his name on the Seminary Chapel Memorial Roll.

Pastor Phillips and Dr. Roy Cantrell, president of Bethany-Peniel College, gave their full endorsement to the offering and both made generous personal pledges.

On the same day, the Eastside Church of Bethany contributed more than \$1,100. Rev. J. T. Gassett is the aggressive pastor of this newer church.

These churches are on the Northwest Oklahoma District, of which Rev. Mark Moore is the able superintendent. District Superintendent Moore is giving the Seminary Offering enthusiastic support.

Just a Reminder!

A gift of \$500 or more will provide a highly significant memorial to a loved one or a beloved church leader, placing the name on the Memorial Roll of the new Seminary Chapel.

Oregon Pacific Young People's Institute and Convention

Monday, August 28, found Nazarene young people from the banks of the Columbia to the California line and from the rolling Pacific to the prairies of central Oregon converging like a mighty arm upon White Branch Camp, high in the Cascade Three Sisters mountains, and near the refreshing waters of the McKenzie River. This year's institute and convention surpassed the mountain peaks of inspiration of other years.

Rev. Lawrence H. Bone, district president and camp director, presided graciously in all the services. His devoted leadership was felt keenly in the wonderful spirit of co-operation and fellowship that prevailed among the workers and young people alike.

Our district was highly honored to have Dr. L. J. Du Bois, general N.Y. P.S. secretary, as our camp and convention speaker. The hearts of all

present were challenged again and again by the very practical note sounded in each of his messages. Many hearts bowed at the altar seeking God for pardon and cleansing, and everyone found himself dedicating his heart to a closer walk with God.

Rev. Leslie Parrott very ably filled a vital place as institute and convention song leader.

The Oregon Pacific young people appreciate the friends they have in their district superintendent and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Weaver Hess, who were present for most of the time.

In the Monday morning session, Brother Bone was re-elected as the district president.

The accumulative registration reached well over the two hundred mark, and every camper returned home feeling a new and better day was ahead for the Oregon Pacific N.Y.P.S.

ROBERT HEMPEL, Reporter

Kentucky District Assembly

The forty-second annual assembly of the Kentucky District convened August 9 at the district campgrounds at Summersville. In the absence of Dr. Orval J. Nease, who was unable to come because of illness, Dr. C. Warren Jones presided with ease and poise. Kentucky Nazarenes appreciate the splendid way in which Dr. Jones conducted the assembly. Of special interest were the messages he gave on various phases of his recent world tour.

The assembly was preceded on Tuesday by the Church Schools Convention, under the able leadership of the district church school board chairman, Rev. R. L. Ihrig. Reports of local Sunday-school superintendents showed splendid gains in nearly every church on the district; the gain in average attendance was more than 1,200 per Sunday.

Reports of pastors to the assembly never were better; all over the district is a great wave of enthusiasm and determination to take advantage of the splendid opportunity we have in these days to win men to God and the church. Every department of the church work showed good gains for the year, with a net gain of 400 in church membership—the best in years.

The high light of the assembly came when Dr. L. T. Wells, district superintendent, gave his report, and was re-elected on the nominating ballot to serve his twenty-fifth year. These many years of service on the Kentucky District indicate the ability and stature of this man of God. Kentucky believes that he has made a record that never will be excelled. A good love offering was given Dr. and Mrs. Wells in an old-fashioned march.

An interesting program was presented in the interest of Trevecca Nazarene College by Dr. A. B. Mackey, president; Rev. Clifford Keys, field representative; and the Evangelaires Quartet.

Kentucky is doing her part in getting the one thousand new churches

during this quadrennium. This past year seven churches and one mission were organized. We plan to go out this year with an intensive drive to bring the quadrennium to a thrilling climax.

H. B. DEAN, District Secretary

Akron District Boys' and Girls' Camps

The fourth annual Akron District boys' and girls' camps were held July 17 to August 12, at Camp Chibiabos, Doylestown, Ohio. A total of nearly two hundred were enrolled for the consecutive weeks of Indian Braves, Maidens, Trailblazer, and Pathfinder camps.

The daily schedule included devotions, evangelistic chapel services, recreation, swimming, classes in Indian life by Chief Ho-To-Pi, and the campfire services.

Our major joy, however, was in the large percentage who prayed through to definite experiences of divine grace. Genuine repentance and sincere consecration were in evidence, followed by the witness of the Holy Spirit to these youthful seekers. At the senior boys' camp, in a beautiful service at the lake, fourteen boys and one counselor were baptized.

We are firmly convinced that such camps are a great help both to our boys and girls and to our church. We appreciated our good counselors—both ministers and laymen who co-operated with us so well in this work.

A. E. WOODCOOK AND WIFE, Directors

Camp Meeting Washington-Philadelphia District

The year of 1950 marks a spiritual high-water mark for this great camp meeting in the East. District Superintendent E. E. Grosse efficiently directed the services, and Evangelist Harold Volk and Rev. R. N. Raycroft gave us the "best in camp-meeting preaching." The afternoon services were under the direction of our youth council, who presented as their speaker Rev. Estelle Crutcher, outstanding lady evangelist from Miami, Florida.

With every tent, cottage, and dormitory room filled to capacity, the attendance at the day services was unusually large, and a note of victory prevailed throughout the camp, with tremendous altar services every day.

The Charles M. Steiff Company of Baltimore, Maryland, furnished us a Hammond organ; and Miss Grace Sweigert, Collingdale church pianist, thrilled the camp with her original interpretations of gospel songs. Piano accompaniment was provided by Rev. Chester Williams and Mrs. Dorothy Chamberlain. Professor Earl Snyder visited the camp and gave organ recitals between services. The camp soloist was Miss Edna Winsch, a talented, spiritual song evangelist.

Through the co-operation of pastors and churches, and the efficient management of Boyd Long and H. E. Heckert, treasurer, this camp has grown in size and influence, con-

tributing much to the building of the Kingdom and the salvation of many souls. For the spiritual treat of a lifetime, plan to spend ten days in North East, Maryland. The camp always opens the first Friday in August.

F. D. KETNER, *Secretary*

Meeting of Regents Northwest Nazarene College

The Board of Regents of Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho, met on September 20. All members except one were present, and the board had a very fine session, with a wonderful spirit of harmony and co-operation.

Dr. Lewis T. Corlett, president of the college, gave a very excellent report of the work and progress of the college. The faculty has been strengthened by the addition of several new members and by the scholastic advance of several former members. The enrollment for the year is holding up to that of last year, with a large Freshman class in the college department.

L. Wesley Johnson, business administrator, also gave an excellent report of the finances of the institution.

While the world situation of today creates some real problems for schools, Northwest Nazarene College faces the future with courage, optimism, and faith.

Two of the lay members of the board, Mr. T. S. Wiley and Mr. Gordon Olsen, spoke in chapel the day of the meeting and the day following.

Dr. B. V. Seals was re-elected chairman of the board; Rev. Melza Brown, secretary. Rev. E. E. Zachary was elected vice-chairman, and Rev. William Deitz treasurer.

The board was privileged to attend the service of the opening convention at night and enjoy the ministry of Evangelist C. Hastings Smith.

The Board of Regents of Northwest Nazarene College are enthusiastic and unanimous in their loyalty to the college and its administration.

MELZA H. BROWN, *Secretary*

Nebraska District Church Schools

Rev. Lyle K. Potter of South Gate, California, inspired and challenged the Nebraska Sunday schools during a tour sponsored by the district church school board, September 5 to 13. His messages were intensely interesting and filled with "down-to-earth," practical information. Many said that this tour was the best and most helpful of any we had had. Those in the touring party were Rev. Lyle K. Potter, District Superintendent L. A. Ogden, and the writer, chairman of the district church school board.

A. A. SCHNEIDER, *Chairman*

Boys' and Girls' Camp Southwest Indiana District

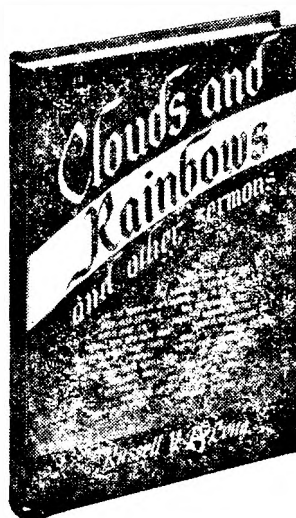
The first boys' and girls' camp on the Southwest Indiana District was held August 14 through 18, at Camp Na-Wa-Kwa, McCormick's Creek State Park. This was a combined camp for the boys and girls, with an enrollment of 115, and 36 workers—a total of 151.

The camp was a real success due to the fine co-operation of our entire staff of workers, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. David Krick, camp directors. Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Bohannon were the efficient camp pastor and wife, and gave fine leadership.

The evening evangelistic services were conducted by Rev. William

Luallen, a chalk artist. Night after night the altar was lined with boys and girls seeking God either for the forgiveness of their sins or for sanctification. It was a sight to behold as the children got under the burden for the services and led their "pals" to the altar, and there prayed like veterans until the victory came. We had a "clean sweep" for Jesus at the camp; every boy and girl gave a ringing testimony for Jesus before they left camp.

One of the most impressive services was that of the Communion service. The boys and girls were so quiet and reverent during the serving of the bread and wine; for many this was their first experience to partici-



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pate in such a service. Surely, the Lord manifested himself in this precious, never-to-be-forgotten service.

We who had the privilege to serve as workers feel that this camp was a great forward move for our district. For many of our boys and girls shall someday fill responsible places as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and teachers, if Jesus tarries—because they found the Lord at an altar in one of our denomination's boys' and girls' camps. Already plans are being laid for another camp next year. Real enthusiasm was shown by all who attended the camp, and the hour of departure was one of reluctance.

CAROL CALLAHAN, Reporter

Kansas City District Young People's Convention

The annual Kansas City District N.Y.P.S. convention was held on Monday, September 4, at the district center, Overland Park, Kansas, with Rev. Robert Nielson, district president, in charge.

Enthusiastic reports indicated progress spiritually, numerically, and financially. A substantial net gain in membership and other phases of the work was the net result of much work by local society leaders in harmony with the district leaders.

After four years of efficient service, Brother Nielson asked that he not be considered for the next year. Rev. Ross Hayslip, pastor at Carthage, Missouri, was elected president.

An evening service with Dr. Oscar J. Finch as special speaker closed the convention. We look forward to continued success under the able leadership of Dr. Jarrette Aycock, district superintendent, and Rev. Ross Hayslip, the new district president.

HAROLD SHROUT, Reporter

Alabama District Assembly

The forty-second annual assembly of the Alabama District was held at First Church in Birmingham, with Rev. Dallas Baggett as host pastor.

Dr. Samuel Young, presiding officer, endeared himself to the district with his stirring, challenging messages. The business of the assembly was expedited with ease and there never was a dull moment during the entire proceedings.

Rev. Otto Stucki, district superintendent, submitted his third report, and definite gains were revealed in all departments. He was re-elected as superintendent by an overwhelming majority, and the total number of ballots cast was the largest in the history of the district. Two new churches were organized. The Alabama District is wholeheartedly with our efficient superintendent. The HERALD OF HOLINESS subscriptions stand at an all-time high of 2,517.

Dr. Remiss Rehfeldt was the guest speaker at the W.F.M.S. and Sunday-school convention. His messages were informative and inspiring. Surely we

will do more in these departments after having heard these messages.

Rev. Clifford Keys, field representative, presented the work of our Trevecca Nazarene College.

Mrs. R. L. Anderson was re-elected as the district W.F.M.S. president. Several of the churches reported 10 per cent for missions, and others are striving to join the growing list.

Rev. A. J. Gunter was re-elected as the district church schools chairman. In this department there was a gain of 508 in enrollment, and 421 in average attendance.

On Thursday evening, Dr. Young conducted a most impressive ordination service with the following receiving elder's orders: William A. Sarenthus, Wilson Douglas, and J. F. Dunlap.

A. J. GUNTER, Reporter



DEATHS

FRANK MEGUIAR, Jr., was born in Springfield, Tennessee, in 1879, and died July 14, 1950, at his home in Pasadena, California. Prior to coming to California he lived in Evansville, Indiana, where he was used of the Lord in organizing a holiness work out of which came our First Church of the Nazarene in Evansville. He was chairman of the committee that purchased the fine church property now occupied by First Church of the Nazarene in Pasadena. He is survived by his companion Grace, twelve children, two brothers, and one sister. Funeral service was held in Pasadena First Church, with Dr. Henry B. Wallin, Dr. D. Shelby Corlett, and Rev. Russell C. Gray officiating. Rev. U. E. Harding could not be present, but sent a fine message by means of tape recording.

JAMES EARL BARNELL was born January 18, 1881, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and died August 15, 1950, in a hospital in Glendale, California. He resided in San Luis Obispo for twenty years, moving to Grover City, California, six years ago. He was a member of the Grover City Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife Ida K., also one brother and one sister. Funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. E. Bebout, assisted by Rev. Marian Hammond.

MRS. DOROTHY M. KING, wife of Rev. L. W. King, died July 31, 1950, at Clinton Campground, Pennsylvania. She was born December 20, 1888, saved in 1916, and sanctified later in the same year. She lived a consistent Christian life, and kept the faith. She is survived by her husband and eight children, two of whom are Nazarene pastors; she will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. James Ritchey, assisted by Rev. Nelson Douglass, Rev. O. O. Ireland, Rev. L. T. Wells, and Rev. Edward Patzel.

MRS. DORA JONES was born September 24, 1872, in Montgomery County, Indiana, and died April 11, 1950, at her home in Miami, Florida. She was converted, later sanctified, and was an active member of Central Church of the Nazarene in Miami for many years. She is survived by her husband, James B. Jones, and a sister, Miss Nora Hicks. She was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

ANCIL L. TAYLOR died August 22, 1950, at Fullerton, California, at the age of seventy-three years. His life was lived after the pattern of Christ in the home, business, and church. In the year of 1909, in the west plains of Texas, he joined the ranks of the holiness people, and opened his house to be used as a place of worship. He joined the Church of the Nazarene in Durant, Oklahoma, in 1914. He lived for the church and God without deviation; his passing was peaceful and victorious. He is survived by his widow Minnie C. Taylor, and three daughters: Mrs. Eva Phillips, Mrs. L. I. Weaver, and Mrs. Wilford Presson. Funeral service was conducted in the Fullerton church, with Dr. Mendell L. Taylor, his nephew, officiating.

CLYDE L. GARWOOD was born February 23, 1882, at Mansfield, Ohio, and died June 2, 1950, at Amarillo, Texas. He was converted as a young man. In the early days of the holiness movement he heard and accepted holiness, and has been an active layman in Nazarene work in Amarillo since 1919. When he and Mrs. Martha Garwood, who survives him, were converted thirty-five years ago, they started a family altar that never was broken. In 1928 he helped to found the San Jacinto Church of the Nazarene in Amarillo. During recent years he was best known for his active support of the North American Indian work. Retiring from business four years ago, because of ill health, he devoted all his time to sponsoring different phases of help for the Nazarene Indian work. His home ever was open to missionaries passing through Amarillo. Funeral service was conducted in the new building of the San Jacinto church—the first funeral conducted in the building, in the erection of which he had had an active part. The pastor, Rev. J. V. Langford, conducted the service, and interment was made in Memorial Park Cemetery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICES

I have just learned that Dr. Basil Miller is available for revivals, Sunday-school or missionary conventions. For ten years Dr. Miller was kept from the active ministry due to his health, although he has carried on a heavy writing schedule. He feels definitely that the Lord has healed him and he is now re-entering the active ministerial field. He is a strong gospel preacher and has a challenging message for young people and Sunday-school workers. His missionary books written in late years give him splendid background for missionary messages, and his wide travels a rich fund of information in the area of world evangelism. Address him at his home, 86 E. Loma Alta Drive, Altadena, California.—S. T. Ludwig, General Church Secretary.

Mrs. Syble Anne Steelman, 953 N. Wilson, Pasadena 6, California, is a licensed minister on our district, a graduate of Pasadena College, and is now ready and anxious to evangelize anywhere there is opportunity to serve. She will go anywhere, finances not a consideration, to work in any needy or neglected points. Associated with her is Mrs. Mattie McCoy, who leads singing and conducts children's meetings.—A. E. Sanner, Superintendent of Los Angeles District.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Rev. Chester A. Newcome, of 457 Garfield Avenue, Newark, Ohio, is entering the evangelistic field immediately. He has successfully pastored several churches on the Ohio District and more recently on our district. He is a good preacher and has a fine attitude and spirit. Mrs. Newcome will accompany him and assist in the music. I commend these good people to our pastors and churches.—Harvey S. Galloway, Superintendent of Central Ohio District.

This is to recommend Rev. Elmer E. Michael, an elder and commissioned evangelist on our district. Brother Michael is an effective evangelist, and we recommend him to our churches and pastors.—Otto Stucki, Superintendent of Alabama District.

This is to recommend a fine young man on our district, Rev. J. C. Crabtree, 335 S. Plum Street, Springfield, Ohio. He is a fine young man, saved and sanctified, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene College, licensed by his district, and an excellent preacher and soul winner. He will give any church a good revival.

Give him a call. His plan is full-time evangelism.
—W. E. Albea, Superintendent of Western Ohio District.

BORN—to Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Humrich of Columbus, Georgia, a daughter, Rhunette Dell, on September 23.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Maurice D. Laurie of Dover, New Jersey, a son, Robert Richard, on September 7.

—to Rev. and Mrs. Louis McMahon of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, a daughter, Carolyn Ruth, on September 9.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Jackson of Memphis, Tennessee, a daughter, Carolyn Lee, on August 19.

—to Mr. and Mrs. Orland D. Gould of Kankakee, Illinois, a son, David C., on September 21.

ADOPTED—by Rev. and Mrs. S. Frank Moss of Dallas, Texas, a son, Stephen Franklin, on August 26.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Gladys Kirby of Everett and Mr. Roy Andrew of Malden, Massachusetts, were united in marriage on September 1, at the home of the bride, with the pastor, Rev. Richard S. Taylor, officiating.

Miss Mary Alyce Miller and Chester O. Galloway, both of Kalama, Washington, were united in marriage on September 1, at the Kalama Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Herman A. Fisher, pastor of the Astoria church, officiating.

Wanda Barnes and Floyd G. Keen, both of Gridley, California, were united in marriage on September 1, at the parsonage of the Oroville Church of the Nazarene, Oroville, California, with Rev. Doyle Dorrance officiating.

Miss Arlene Aynes and Mr. Otis Eugene Keith, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, were united in marriage on September 2, at the Nazarene parsonage in Stillwater, Oklahoma, with the pastor, Rev. Ellis L. Teasdale, officiating.

Ruth Cassady and Hoyet Martin were united in marriage on September 10, in the Church of the Nazarene, Pensacola, Florida, with the pastor, Rev. L. L. Mathis, officiating.

Miss Dorothy Naylor and Mr. Charles Staggs of Newton, Kansas, were united in marriage on September 14, at Newton, with Rev. Earl W. Powell, Nazarene pastor, officiating.

Miss Elvera Overholt and Mr. Robert Gaede of Newton, Kansas, were united in marriage on September 15, at the Newton Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. Earl W. Powell, officiating.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a mother in Illinois, for her son, a twenty-year-old soldier, sentenced for black marketing, that he may find peace with God;

by a lady who has received word that her nephew has been "lost in action in Korea";

by a young woman in Texas for the salvation of her brother and his wife, also for her mother and invalid grandmother (bedfast for three years), that the Lord may undertake and help them both;

by a Christian brother in Missouri for his wife, who is seriously ill, that God may heal her;

by a man in Pennsylvania, that he may be restored to the joy of the Lord.

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The Miracle of Answered Prayer!

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Mastering the Keys of Prayer

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION: *Praying always with all prayer and supplication . . .* (Eph. 6:18).

"Prayer is so mighty an instrument that no one ever thoroughly masters its keys," said Hugh Miller. Through the centuries lofty men of prayer have been mountain peaks in the march of the Church. Some, like John Welch, son-in-law of John Knox, have raised the dead through prayer. Others, like Livingstone and Hudson Taylor, have opened mission fields through prayer. A few, like Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, D. L. Moody, have swept the nations with revivals through prayer. Others, like George Mueller, Thomas Barnardo, and Pastor Harms, have fed thousands of orphans through prayer. Many have been so humble in their petitions they made no ripples in the waters of time, but their prayers have played upon the great instrument of God. Yet none has completely mastered all the keys on the heavenly instrument of prayer.

Practice all the scales and use all the keys of prayer.

Quoting Hugh Miller once more, "They [prayers] sweep along the infinite scale of man's wants and God's goodness." The possible avenues of prayer are as innumerable as man's needs and God's ability to supply. The Master has promised that "all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

Then let us use the scales and the keys of prayer, however small the petition or great the urgency—be it the healing of your body, the redemption of loved ones, the salvation of a lost world, the opening of a mission field, the praying in of finance to support a missionary, to build a church. Whatever the petition or request sent heavenward, practice all the scales and use all the keys of prayer. God honors the man or woman who will ask constantly, petition largely, pray on a mighty sweep.

Small prayers, coldly sent up the ladder to the heavenly regions, receive scant attention before God. Massive prayers made with demanding importunity literally hear from God. God has said that we can command Him what He shall give unto us. This requires practice until we become masters on the instrument of prayer. When we have thus mastered all of the keys, we can command God, and He will lay His finger upon the swirling worlds and stop them in their courses, if need be, to send an angel quickly carrying the answer to our petitions.

Prayer is the heartbeat of a renewed soul.

As one places his finger upon the pulse and reads the regularity of the heartbeat, so should he be able to feel the constant pulse of prayer as it pumps spiritual life through the renewed soul. The pump of prayer should send out its pulsations with such regularity of beat and measure that it is a vibrant coursing of petitions between the individual and the throne of God. There must be no irregularity or cessation in that beat.

When one's heartbeat slackens and the pulse is faint, he approaches death; so when the pulse of prayer beats faintly, the soul dies, and there is no spiritual

life. Let the pulse of your prayer life beat regularly, course with constancy, pound in the breast with urgency and great feeling; then God will answer.

Only the man who thus masters the keys of prayer, prays regularly, prays constantly, petitions God for small requests, cries to Him in the crises of life, will hear from heaven with a veritable stream of answers.

Ask God relentlessly; pray without ceasing. Let every breath be one of conscious prayer. Renew your mornings with audible prayer. Open the day as the sun bursts upon the skies with a sublime petition to God, and He will hear.

Everette Howard, in writing to his brother, a Southern California minister, said, "Bill, the man who is not on his knees by sunup need expect little from God. And rest assured, little will he get from Him."

Pray daily in the opening hours of dawn. Pray definitely through the night, with all-nights of prayer. Pray in church, at the altar, in early morning sessions, sunrise prayer meetings, all-night prayer meetings. Pray in the closet of petition. Pray riding the tractor, on the truck, in the automobile, behind the locomotive, as a clerk, as a stenographer. Pray as a banker, a lawyer. Enter into no relationships of life without vital prayer. Let the pulse of your prayer life beat firmly. Thus you will master the keys and the scales of prayer.

Prayers are ships sent forth to be laden with God's answers.

Prayers are ships sent to no uncertain port. They are destined for the throne of grace. While they carry a cargo of vital supplications from us, they come back great argosies laden with the riches of divine grace. He who sends no prayer schooners sailing to the ports of God's grace of supply will have no ships coming back laden with answers.

The man that dares not pray mightily, send out the ships of golden petition, constantly set a-sail with the breezes of the spiritual life, with the breath of devout prayer, will have no surprises when his ships come back in. For they will be empty, voidly unladen. But when we send them out with clocklike regularity, when we blow them heavenward with the breath of life toward God's throne, they will come back overflowing loaded with all types of magnificent answers.

There will be finances for the heavenly kingdom. There will be missionaries called into God's work. There will be new churches organized around the world. The banner of Christ will triumphantly march with revival power. The gracious glories of God will so attend our pathway that our hearts and lives will be dynamically moved, and thus move others.

Master the keys, practice the scales of prayer, until God Almighty will sound the alarm and angels will arise as your petitions arrive at His throne of supply. Prayers may linger long in the heavenlies. But on returning, as they shall, you will find them heavily laden with answers.

Credo for today: As a concert pianist perfects his technique with hours spent daily at his instrument, so will I master the keys of prayer.

*Nazarene Elder, Altadena, California